Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: THE DIRECTOR

FROM: A. ROSEN

DATE: 8/7/58

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 [redacted] 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] asked if he knew Robert Kennedy and was informed by [redacted] that he had known the Kennedy family for years. 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.
The Department of Justice made public today the following letter:

September 14, 1958

Mr. Robert Kennedy, Chief Counsel
101 Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

"In view of the fact that you have been kept continuously informed of the progress of the investigation and analysis of the allegations of perjury which have been referred to the Department of Justice by the Senate Committee of which you are counsel, I was surprised to read in today's newspapers that your Committee has ceased to refer cases to the Department 'because no action has been taken in any case.' I understand now that you have stated that these remarks attributed to you in direct quotes were not made and that you have issued a retraction. It is inconceivable to me why you would make the other remarks attributed to you on the eve of the presentation of two such cases to a grand jury, especially since on Friday, prior to your press conference, you were asked to be a witness in one of these cases and declined for personal reasons.

"As you are well aware, the Criminal Division has had an experienced trial lawyer in attendance at the hearings of your Committee. We have received and studied the testimony of all witnesses and we have initiated investigation in a number of cases in addition to the fourteen which your Committee has referred for possible prosecution for perjury. All of the cases in each group have been thoroughly investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the results have been subjected to careful and painstaking analysis by Departmental attorneys and, where the information warranted, by the United States Attorney and members of his staff.

"Of the fourteen cases which the Committee referred to the Department as involving perjury, eight have been disposed of after investigation and study because the evidence failed to substantiate the allegations. The Committee was formally notified of this action, together with the reasons for such action, by letters dated October 15, 1957, March 12 and 24, 1958 and April 25, 1958. As you well know, it takes a good deal more evidence than just a conflict of testimony to develop a legal basis for perjury prosecutions. Six cases remain under investigation and study, two of which I have referred to above."
"All of the foregoing facts, including the current status of each case, have been made known to you through our established liaison, or by me or Mr. Hundley, the Chief of our Organized Crime and Racketeering Section. The men in the Criminal Division, I believe, have established an outstanding record of convictions against labor racketeers and I know they are sincerely dedicated to success in this field.

"There is nothing in the law enforcement work which is more destructive and mischievous than public spectacles of persons engaged in such work putting themselves on the back to the press and at the same time, for added emphasis, criticizing other persons in law enforcement who are working just as conscientiously for the same worthy objectives.

"All of us in the Department have supported and actively cooperated with the Committee and staff in every possible way. The investigations which the Committee under the Chairmanship of Senator John McClellan have conducted have been effective and in the public interest. Knowing the friendly relationship and cooperative effort that have existed between the Department and the Committee, I can hardly believe that your remarks were authorized.

"The Department has stood and today stands ready to do everything possible with the legal weapons at our command to convict labor racketeers and perjurers. From the time the Hobbs Act (under which labor extortion is prosecuted) was enacted in July, 1946, until January, 1953, only three indictments were returned. From January, 1953 to date, the Departmental records show that 114 labor racketeers were convicted. Vigorous prosecution has been, is, and will continue to be our policy."

Very truly yours,

/s/ Malcolm Anderson
Assistant Attorney General
March 4, 1959

Memorandum for Messrs. Telson, Belmont, Delauney, Feeney, Mohr, Tamms

Assistant Attorney General Malcolm Anderson commented to the effect that Senator McClellan has sent letters to all State Attorneys General suggesting the formation of a National Crime Commission and that he, Mr. Anderson, has ascertained that this suggestion has not been viewed with any great favor by the State's Attorney General. Mr. Anderson stated that he felt it was an unwise idea but believed that it had been sent out by Senator McClellan in view of the fact that the McClellan Committee has come up with very few specific criminal cases and they now only have two alternatives, either criticize the Department for not obtaining convictions in the cases referred to the Department by the McClellan Committee and/or suggest a continuing National Crime Commission which would then take the heat off of the McClellan Committee. Mr. Anderson commented that the reason the Department had not been successful in prosecuting cases referred to it by the McClellan Committee was due to the inept investigation conducted by the Chief Counsel of the Committee, Mr. Robert Kennedy. The Attorney General stated he did not desire to get into any argument with the McClellan Committee and, more particularly, he did not want to have any argument with Mr. Kennedy. The Attorney General indicated that he believed Senator McClellan would not tolerate any direct attack upon the Department by Kennedy as Mr. Anderson seemed to feel was forthcoming.

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DATE: March 16, 1959

TO: THE DIRECTOR

FROM: A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: REPORTED THREATS AGAINST CHILDREN OF ROBERT KENNEDY

With reference to the news comment this morning that Robert Kennedy, Counsel for the McClellan Committee, had received threats against his family which he didn't report to anyone and that these threats were in the nature of intention to throw acid in his children's faces, we have no record of such information ever having been brought to our attention.

However, he may have embellished the information which was brought to our attention on August 7, 1958, by the Washington Field Office which is as follows.

Washington Field Office advised that a Bureau Agent on the morning of August 7, 1958, interviewed [redacted] and said he had been contacted the previous day by [redacted] who is known as an "angle man" around Washington who they consider definitely not reliable.

[redacted] asked [redacted] if he knew Robert Kennedy and was informed by [redacted] 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 was 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 or any other information.

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Memorandum for the Director

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

ACTION TAKEN

Upon receipt of the above information, it was determined Robert Kennedy was in the Caucus Room at the time in connection with Senate 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 subsequently called C. A. Evans 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 previously been informed by [Redacted]. Kennedy said his father is presently traveling in France but that he would insure that his father was properly advised concerning this matter.
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77-S1807 - Not recorded mail dated 5/4/59
September 11, 1959

PERSONAL

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

Dear Bob:

I was indeed sorry to learn that you have
resigned as Chief Counsel of the Select Committee on Improper
Activities in the Labor or Management Field.

In this connection, however, I want to express
my heartiest congratulations upon the outstanding accomplish-
ments you made while serving in this important assignment.
Certainly, the work of the committee under your leadership
stands as a shining example of what can be achieved by
perseverance and determination. I feel that your efforts have
contributed materially to the security of our country and to
great progress and advancement in this field. You have my
best wishes for every possible success in your future endeavors.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

EDGAR
Kennedy Quits
As Counsel to
Racket Probers

United Press International

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

In a letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), Kennedy said the purpose for which the committee was created in 1937 had been "fruitfully realized" with the recent passage of the labor reform bill.

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

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

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

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

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

SUBJECT: ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY
FORMER CHIEF COUNSEL OF
MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT TO SEE DIRECTOR

DATE: 9-19-59

PURPOSE:

To summarize available background and file information re Robert Francis Kennedy of Massachusetts, who resigned on September 10, 1959, as Chief Counsel of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field.

SYNOPSIS:

Kennedy born 11-20-25 Boston, Massachusetts, son of Joseph P. Kennedy and brother of Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Massachusetts), married, father of seven children last being girl born this month. Kennedy previously saw Director 1-28-54, 2-15-54, 11-3-55 and 4-26-56. Kennedy has corresponded with Director on several occasions since 1956 and has congratulated Bureau upon investigative achievements and assistance rendered his Committee. By letter 9-11-59 Director congratulated Kennedy upon achievements of his Committee after Kennedy announced resignation as Chief Counsel. Bureau investigated Kennedy in 9-51 as Departmental applicant (attorney). Investigation highly favorable. Kennedy and wife had social contact in 1955 with a Soviet Embassy Counselor. Bureau enjoyed very favorable relations with Kennedy during his tenure as Chief Counsel of Senator McClellan's Committee, including period covering Hoffa trial. In 8-58 and 3-59 nonspecific threats against Kennedy's children and father transmitted by Bureau to Kennedy. In 3-54 former Assistant to Director Nichols suggested circumspection in conversation with Kennedy and later during Harry Lev military cap testimony before Kennedy Committee Director noted Kennedy uncooperative until all publicity taken. Director autographed copy of "The FBI Story" for Kennedy 3-57. In 5-59 Mrs. Kennedy contacted Bureau re security check on family employee applicant. In 8-59 re Committee hearings on United Auto Workers, assistant to Senator McClellan commented that Kennedy and his brother Senator Kennedy were close to Joseph L. Rauh, Walter Reuther's Washington Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

PRIOR CONTACT WITH DIRECTOR

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

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

Kennedy and Senator John L. McClellan were scheduled to call at the Bureau on September 11, 1956, to discuss with the Director activities of the Committee on Government Operations, particularly with regard to ways to curb Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa. In view of traveling commitments, however, a mutually convenient time could not be worked out, and this meeting did not take place. (62-98810-756)
Jones to DeLoach memorandum

CORRESPONDENCE WITH DIRECTOR:

Kennedy sent a note dated 8-31-56 to the Director congratulating Bureau on achievements in the Brinks, Weinberger and Riesel cases. By letter of 9-7-56 Director thanked Kennedy. (77-51387-27)

By letter of 1-6-58 the Director replied to a note sent him by Kennedy wherein Kennedy expressed deep appreciation for help supplied by the FBI to his Committee. He added New Year's greetings. Director's reply assured Kennedy the Bureau was pleased to be of service. By letter of 4-22-58 Director congratulated Kennedy upon Kennedy's receipt of the 1958 Lantern Award. (62-103771-71)

By a letter 6-25-59 Director replied to another note sent to him by Kennedy wherein Kennedy praised the Bureau for the assistance rendered his Committee. Kennedy specifically commended Inspector Courtney A. Evans and the Chicago Office. Director's reply acknowledged Kennedy's good words. (62-103771-1454)

By letter of 9-11-59 Director expressed regret to Kennedy on learning the news that Kennedy had resigned as Chief Counsel of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field. In this regard, the Director congratulated Kennedy upon his outstanding accomplishments and wished him every future success. (77-51387-33)

BUREAU INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY:

In September, 1951, the Bureau conducted a Departmental applicant investigation of Kennedy in connection with a position as attorney in the Criminal Division. The investigation was favorable and individuals contacted recommended him highly.
Jones to DeLoach memorandum

CONTACT WITH KENNEDY AS CHIEF COUNSEL OF MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE:

In September, 1956, Kennedy and Senator John L. McClellan desired to consult with the Director to insure that the activities of their Committee which was investigating labor racketeering did not interfere with any FBI investigations and so that the Bureau would know exactly what their Committee was planning to do. As previously noted, however, the meeting between the Director and Kennedy and McClellan did not take place. (62-98810-756)

On July 22, 1958, the Director informed Assistant Attorney General Malcom Anderson that the Bureau’s relations with Kennedy and his Committee had been most cordial and that Kennedy and Senator McClellan had frequently stated that a considerable amount of their success had been due to material furnished by the Bureau to the Department for possible transmittal to Senator McClellan’s Committee. Assistant Attorney General Anderson felt that relations with Kennedy had become less friendly. The Director pointed out that a number of memoranda prepared by the Bureau for Kennedy’s Committee had not been cleared by the Department and that Kennedy’s attitude possibly resulted because of the Department’s refusal to accede to requests made by Kennedy’s Committee for information. (62-98810-793)

On September 14, 1958, comments made by Kennedy appeared in local newspapers to the effect that Kennedy’s Committee had ceased to refer cases to the Department of Justice because no action had been taken in any case. Kennedy partially disclaimed these statements and the Department of Justice issued a press release quoting a letter to Kennedy by Assistant Attorney General Malcom Anderson setting forth cases being prosecuted by the Department based on information developed by his Committee’s hearings. (77-51387)

CONTACT DURING HOFFA CASE:

Just prior to the arrest of James Riddle Hoffa, subject of the Bureau’s Bribery and Obstruction of Justice—Conspiracy case, Kennedy expressed a desire to be present when Hoffa was arrested. He was not permitted to do so and following the arrest informed a representative of the Bureau that he then realized the rashness of such a request and hoped it would not be held against him. He commented most favorably upon the invaluable assistance afforded his Committee by the Bureau. (58-4044-195)

Following the acquittal of Hoffa in July, 1957, Kennedy informed a Bureau representative of how upset he was at the outcome of the trial and stated he felt the Bureau had done a superb job in investigating this case. (58-4044-795)
Jones to DeLoach memorandum

THREATS AGAINST KENNEDY'S FAMILY:

On August 7, 1958, the Bureau received information of a nonspecific nature relative to possible physical attacks against Kennedy's children and his father, Joseph Kennedy. This information was immediately furnished to Kennedy who was most appreciative. A news comment on March 16, 1959, to the effect that Kennedy had received threats that acid would be thrown in his children's faces was traced back to the previously mentioned August, 1958, information. It was determined that no new or specific threats had been received by Kennedy. (62-98810-804) (77-51387-32)

MISCELLANEOUS:

In March, 1954, Mr. Nichols, former Assistant to the Director, talked with Kennedy concerning testimony in the Annie Lee Moss case and the Director noted, "The attitude of Kennedy in this matter clearly shows need for absolute circumspection in any conversation with him." (121-2900-39)

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

Kennedy was contacted by Bureau Agents regarding the testimony of Harry Lev before Kennedy's Subcommittee in connection with the manufacture of military hats and caps. Kennedy was uncooperative and advised he would prefer waiting until testimony was completed. The Director noted, in part, "Kennedy was completely uncooperative until after he had squeezed all the publicity out of the matter he could." (46-23395-107)

Kennedy, as Chief Counsel for Senate Committee on Government Operations, sent a letter to the Bureau dated December 20, 1955, requesting examination of two documents to determine whether they were prepared on the same typewriter. One document dated June 27, 1955, was on the letterhead of A. C. Clothing Manufacturing Company, Atlantic City, New Jersey, signed by Herman P. Kravitz, which was addressed to Kennedy. Letter advised Kennedy that no improper demands had been made by personnel of A. C. Clothing Manufacturing Company for the award of contracts. The other document was a typewritten note with wording similar to letter signed by Kravitz; however, the second document had been torn into several pieces giving the appearance it had been retrieved from a wastebasket. Laboratory examination revealed both documents were prepared on same typewriter. Bufiles reflect Herman Kravitz was found guilty in U. S. District Court, New York City, December 17, 1954, for embezzlement of Government property and sentenced to pay a $5,000 fine. Bufiles also reflect Kravitz is listed as an individual who is prohibited from entering into contractual relationship with the Army. (95-61979-2)
Jones to DeLoach memorandum

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

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

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

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

In August, 1959, the Bureau received information concerning possible McClellan Committee hearings on the United Auto Workers Union, and possible testimony by Richard T. Gosser, Vice President of this union. Republican and Democrat members of the committee were in dispute relative to calling Gosser, and Senator McClellan's Administrative Assistant advised that Republican members of the committee were fearful that if evidence available against Gosser was made known to Kennedy and his brother, Senator John Kennedy, a committee member, it would be immediately leaked to Walter Reuther. McClellan's Administrative Assistant commented that the Republicans might have a point as he felt the Kennedy brothers were close to Joseph L. Rauh, Reuther's Washington attorney. (82-103771-1472)
September 30, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. ROSEN

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Rosen  DATE: March 4, 1960

FROM: A. J. McGrath

SUBJECT: ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S BOOK
          "THE ENEMY WITHIN"
          Book Reviews

Kennedy, the former chief counsel of the Senate Select
Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field,
has authored a book which in the main is devoted to relating
his experiences as chief counsel of the Committee, as well as
those of the Committee members and investigators. He is most
complimentary about the Director in the book; however, he is
critical of the Department.

The first part of his book, almost in its entirety,
deals with the exposes of the graft, corruption and crookedness
that have prevailed within the Teamsters Union. Kennedy recounts
many of his encounters with Jimmie Hoffa and goes into detail
regarding the events leading up to Hoffa's arrest for bribery
of John Cye Cheasty, Committee employee. The latter part of
his book is devoted to resumes of the actual work of some of
the investigators of the Committee in inquiring into other unions
and organized crime generally.

In his acknowledgments Kennedy makes special mention
of the Director for the assistance and advice given to him.

On another occasion in his book Kennedy makes the
statement that "during the whole life of the Committee the advice
and help that J. Edgar Hoover gave to me personally and to the
Committee were absolutely invaluable."

On several occasions throughout his book Kennedy is
very critical of the Department's handling of cases which arose
during the Committee's operations.

For instance, relative to the bribery case against
Hoffa here in the District, Kennedy relates that although he
was convinced the FBI had given the Government an air-tight case,
he credited Hoffa's acquittal as being due to the effective work
of Hoffa's attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, together with "the
unpreparedness and ineffectiveness of the Government attorneys
who prosecuted the case."
Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Kennedy comments, speaking about the Department, that the lack of action by the Justice Department was disappointing. He states some of the cases handled by the Department were lost "through incompetence." In this regard he cites that Senator McClellan, who was a witness at the perjury trial of James Cross (president of the Bakers Union, who was indicted for perjurious testimony before the Committee and acquitted) made no secret of the fact he was highly critical of the way Government attorneys presented the case.

With respect to the Hoffa wire tapping case, which was tried in New York City, Kennedy claims Carmine Bellino, Committee investigator, had furnished the U. S. Attorney handling the case information as to Hoffa's whereabouts which was pertinent to the trial of the case. He states that he asked the U. S. Attorney after the trial why (with the help of Bellino's memorandum) he had not been able to get his dates and places straight. The U. S. Attorney allegedly made the admission that he had not read Bellino's memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is furnished for informational purposes.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

FROM: J. F. Malone

DATE: 3-10-60

SUBJECT: "THE ENEMY WITHIN"
ROBERT F. KENNEDY
COUNSEL FOR THE McCLELLAN COMMITTEE

The book "The Enemy Within" written by Robert F. Kennedy, brother of Senator John Kennedy, and former counsel for Senator McClellan's Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field, has been published by Harper Brothers of New York.

A copy was secured from the Library of Congress and reviewed. The review was reported in the memorandum of Mr. [redacted] to Assistant Director Rosen dated 3/4/60. The book is critical of the Department of Justice handling various cases and of Government Attorneys and reports considerable information regarding James Hoffa. It is felt that a copy of the book should be available for ready reference.

RECOMMENDATION:

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach
FROM: M. Jones

DATE: 11/7/60

SUBJECT: ROBERT KENNEDY
MEET THE PRESS
6:00 P.M., 11/6/60

Robert Kennedy, brother of Presidential Candidate John Kennedy, appeared on the nationwide television program "Meet The Press" at 6:00 p.m. yesterday. During the course of a discussion growing out of his comments with regard to the gangsters and racketeers associated with Jimmy Hoffa, Robert Kennedy stated that something must be done about organized crime. He mentioned that 60 of the Nation's top hoodlums met at Apalachin and yet not one Federal agency was aware of the meeting. Kennedy commented that organized crime should be afforded the same type coverage as is presently afforded communism. There was no mention of FBI, a Federal clearing house for crime or National Crime Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: M. J. Jones

DATE: 11-17-60

SUBJECT: JOHN SIGGENTHALER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Robert F. Kennedy

The 11-21-60 issue of "Newsweek" magazine listed a number of individuals who will be active in the Administration of President-elect Kennedy. Included in this list was John Siggenthaler, "a Tennessee reporter" who is now Robert F. Kennedy's administrative assistant.

INFORMATION IN BUSFILES:

There is no information in Busfiles identifiable with Siggenthaler. A review of "Who's Who" and other reference works failed to disclose any information concerning Siggenthaler.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information.

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77-51337-41
Memorandum

TO: MR. PARSONS

FROM: A. ROSEN

DATE: January 3, 1961

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY-GENERAL DESIGNATE
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

In talking with Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant
to the President-elect, today on other matters, he advised that
Robert Kennedy contemplated returning to Washington and on
Wednesday, January 4, 1961, is to set up an office in the Justice
Building. This office will be in Room 3143.
ASAC Alexander of Los Angeles called this afternoon to advise captioned article had just appeared in the Los Angeles Mirror. The article pointed out that Parker has been mentioned as a possible head of a new national crime commission and Parker is quoted extensively regarding his position with respect to such a proposed commission. Parker said he was sure the FBI still opposed any such proposal and pointed out specifically that as far back as 1952 Mr. Hoover had come out strongly in opposition to a crime commission of this nature. Parker was further quoted as saying something has to be done about the rising crime problem and said he was "all for it." Further along in the article, Parker admitted to the Mirror reporter that he had been in touch with Robert Kennedy in Washington. He denied he had been offered the job as head of such a commission.

Parker is also quoted as saying that although Mr. Hoover has definite feelings that such a commission is not necessary, he issues grave warnings that the crime problem is constantly increasing. He also said that while the FBI shows great interest when stolen property is taken interstate, it shows no interest when major mobsters move interstate. Parker added that he holds the Director and the FBI in high regard and said, "The FBI are fine firemen but the house is burning down." In this article Parker also refers to the work of the Los Angeles Intelligence Squad and concludes with the remark he feels Mr. Hoover will continue to oppose a national crime commission.

Two copies of this article are being forwarded Air Mail Special Delivery by Los Angeles.
DeLoach to Mohr

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DeLoach
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH

DATE: January 9, 1961

SUBJECT: ROBERT KENNEDY
INCOMING ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the information of the Bureau, ROBERT KENNEDY, the incoming Attorney General will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the American Football Coaches Association, next Wednesday, January 11, 1961, at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh.

BCB/POWJ

51 JAN 13 1961
January 9, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Room 3143
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob Kennedy,

Enclosed is a copy of the January, 1961, edition of "The Investigator," a publication issued by the FBI Recreation Association for FBI employees. We are especially proud of this issue, and I thought you might like to see a copy of it.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

NOTE: Delivered by C. A. Evans
Date: 1-10-61

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: Mr. K. Jones

DATE: January 5, 1961

SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPH OF HONORABLE ROBERT F. KENNEDY

In connection with the tour exhibit and the February issue of "The Investigator," this Division needs very badly a copy of the photograph of the Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, the new Attorney General. The tour exhibit, of course, can wait if necessary until January 20, when Mr. Kennedy takes office but the dummy of the February issue of "The Investigator" (for release on or around February 1st) is in the advanced stage of preparation at the present time and the photograph is urgently needed.

It is our understanding that Mr. Kennedy has a temporary office in the building and Inspector Courtney Evans has indicated that there would be no difficulty at all in obtaining a suitable photograph.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Inspector Evans request a photograph at this time, explaining why such photograph is needed.

1. Mr. Rosen
2. Mr. Bowers
3. Mr. Stapleton

MAJ:jo:ejr

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Memorandum

TO: MR. PARSONS

FROM: A. ROSEN

DATE: January 4, 1961

SUBJECT: ROBERT F. KENNEDY

The mail which had accumulated for Mr. Kennedy while he was out of the city was given to him this morning in his new temporary office in the Justice Building. Kennedy was most cordial and appreciative. He said he was just getting his staff set up but that since his personal secretary, Miss Angela Novello, would be in the Justice Building from now on, mail for him could most logically be sent to him at the office in the Justice Building.

In addition to Miss Novello, on whom a memorandum has previously been submitted, Kennedy has assisting him at this time as an administrative assistant, Walter James Sheridan, a former Bureau Agent. Sheridan entered on duty as a Bureau Agent on December 4, 1950. After training school, he was assigned to the Milwaukee, Philadelphia and New York City Divisions. He submitted his voluntary resignation on October 22, 1954. His services were satisfactory. Sheridan met Bob Kennedy while employed as an investigator for the McClellan Committee. He also assisted the Kennedy forces during the campaign working principally in Pennsylvania, although Sheridan is a native of upstate New York. Sheridan's position in the Attorney General's office has not been finalized although he probably will be an Executive Assistant.

In addition to Sheridan, the new Attorney General will probably have attached to his office in a capacity as yet not finalized, David Hackett, an old personal friend. It was also indicated that the press officer for the Department of Justice will undoubtedly be John Seigenthaler, a reporter who has been employed by the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily newspaper in Nashville. Seigenthaler worked closely with Bob Kennedy during the course of the McClellan Committee inquiry into Teamster Union conditions in Tennessee. Seigenthaler is flying to Washington, arriving tonight, and will see Robert Kennedy tomorrow morning.

We are checking Bureau files with regard to Hackett and Seigenthaler.
January 9, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Room 2143
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob: Kennedy

The enclosed memorandum briefly summarizes the general investigative functions of the Bureau.

I thought you might be interested in having this memorandum.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

NOTE COVER MEMO A. ROSEN TO PARSONS 1/9/61 RJG:ige

Delivered by C. A. Evans. Date: 1-10-61

51 JAN 16 1961
January 12, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Room 3145
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed information concerning current intelligence developments. Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

A copy of this letter and a copy of its enclosure are being furnished to the Honorable Byron R. White. A copy of the enclosure is also being furnished to the Honorable Dean Rusk.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosure

1 - Honorable Byron R. White - Enclosure

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Sullivan to Belmont dated 1-11-61, captioned "Current Intelligence Analysis (Cinal), Central Research Matter"; JFC:ala.

Delivered by C.A. Evans,
to Kennedy
date 1-12-61

to White
date 1-12-61

JFC:ala (10)
January 12, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Room 3143
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which was delivered this date to Senator James O. Eastland.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

NOTE: See letter to Senator James O. Eastland, same date.

JK: jag (b)

1-12-61

MAIL ROOM □ TELETYPE UNIT □
January 12, 1961

Honorable James O. Eastland
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy has requested that I furnish you a letter concerning any pertinent data which may be in the files of this Bureau regarding him.

Our files reflect we conducted an applicant-type investigation of him when he was being considered for a legal position in the Department of Justice in 1951. The results of this investigation were very favorable and our files contain no information which reflects on his character, reputation or integrity.

Sincerely yours,

Inspector Courtney A. Evans

NOTE: At 1:45 p.m. today, (1-12-61) Robert F. Kennedy, the Attorney General Designate called Inspector C. A. Evans and asked that the Director send a letter to Senator Eastland of the Senate Judiciary Committee giving him any derogatory data in Bufiles re Kennedy. If there is no derogatory data, the letter should so state.
New Philadelphia
Jan 8th/61

Honorable F.B.I. I Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I enclosed find clipping which shocked many citizens and law enforcement in the F.B.I.

Many approach me and say, I told you so long ago but you refused to believe it; you had to learn the hard way. Love your husband and you life at stake then nuclear operated wide open city state and now we learn the F.B.I. law enforcement they too were not concerned they based how Robert Kennedy will shake up the F.B.I. they insist I write to them for help which I will not do regardless I was campaigning for Buckley and I will not offend...
to the Kennedy's for help.
I do sincerely hope the Democrats will not get a chance to crack down and get the honors I do feel so sorry for our beloved President Mr.
Eisenhower he gave his all.
Just a few moments ago some one called me and said we have many letters ready to be mailed to Robert Kennedy to clean up our city and we would like a letter from you to send along which I said no the Dem want the honors to clean up New Philadelphia and make the Rep party look small a jury of broken laws
Our Mayor and the called and took up the issue of our home over then ask the Police Chief to cut he refused to do so the Mayor
told the atty. I gun and do not have the brains to take care of a case so shocking as this case, he said it will take the best brains in the nation the present Mayor is a pedant and a very fine character the former Sen. Mayor failed to do his duty he saw the water situation here and also the acid all through the house I nearly froze to death during the cold weather I fell down the cellar steps while carrying water and injured my spine and ankle and the back of my head,

very sincerely,

[signature]

As of Tuesday please do all in your power to prevent the remedy from getting the Havana to clean up any city the Rep. Would never hear the last of it.
HOW THE Kennedy Cabinet TOUCHES YOU

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, 35-year-old brother of the president-elect, comes to the new Cabinet as attorney general with more fame for investigative work than for the usual legal career. As chief counsel for the Senate labor racketeering subcommittee, he directed investigation into the nefarious activities of gypsy and goon. And he managed his brother’s campaign for the nomination and the election. As attorney general, he will be top man over the FBI, Immigration, federal prisons, and, more significantly to some people, prosecution of income tax evasion cases.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Parsons

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: January 12, 1961

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION

Robert Kennedy, the Attorney General-designate, telephoned. He advised that he is to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow in connection with his appointment as Attorney General. He asked that the Director forward a letter to Senator Eastland advising the Senator whether or not there is any derogatory information in the files of the FBI concerning Robert Kennedy and, if there is any derogatory information, this, of course, should be furnished to the Senator. Since the hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, this is being afforded immediate attention.

Mr. Kennedy also requested that he be furnished with copies of the summaries of investigations conducted on Byron White, the Deputy Attorney General-designate, and Archibald Cox, the Solicitor General-designate. These investigations have previously been handled in line with the request of Lawrence O'Brien, and copies will be furnished to Mr. Kennedy.

CAE: jh
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Scatterday

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63 JAN 19 1961 EX-113
Memorandum

TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

DATE: 1-11-61

SUSJET: The Congressional Record

Pages A165-A166, Congressman Pelly, (R) Washington, extended his remarks concerning the appointment of Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General. He included a letter he received from a person in Owings Mills, Maryland, objecting to this appointment. Mr. Pelly stated "The letter itself is being forwarded to Senator Dirksen, because I firmly believe the Republicans, in the overall national interest, have a responsibility to challenge the qualifications of this Robert Kennedy to appointment as Attorney General."

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.
MR. MOHR:

Senator Eastland called at 6:30 p.m., 1-12-61. He stated he received the Director's letter regarding the fact there was no derogatory information in our files concerning the Attorney General-designate. The Senator mentioned that this came about as a result of the fact he had personally told the Attorney General-designate that such a letter should be sent up inasmuch as all other appointees were definitely being investigated by the FBI. The Senator stated that while he was favorably disposed toward the new Attorney General, at the same time he felt that he was no better than anyone else.

Senator Eastland inquired as to whether the letters were coming up concerning the Deputy Attorney General and the Solicitor General. I told him we had received no such requests. He stated he had issued instructions to the Attorney General-designate to also have letters come up for Messrs. White and Cox. He stressed the fact, however, that we should not mention this to the Attorney General-designate unless he specifically brought it to our attention.

It might be a good idea for Mr. Evans to mention this to Mr. Kennedy.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Jones

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MR. MOHR:

"PARKER TAKES SWIPE AT FBI"
LOS ANGELES MIRROR ARTICLE, 12-22-60
LOS ANGELES EXAMINER ARTICLE, 12-23-60

At 12:25 p.m. today ASAC Alexander of Los Angeles called with respect to the above and Wick talked to him. He said the Los Angeles Examiner issue of today has an article quoting Parker as denying reports he had been offered the job to head a National Crime Commission. The article states it was learned in Washington that no steps have been taken to form such a Commission. The reporter on his own goes on to say that presumably Robert Kennedy would consult with J. Edgar Hoover before planning such a Commission to which, it is known, Mr. Hoover is very much opposed. "No such consultation has been held between Kennedy and Hoover it was learned," the article states.

Parker is quoted as stating that he conferred with one of Kennedy's assistants recently and the Crime Commission matter was just briefly mentioned. Parker is quoted further as saying that Kennedy has advocated the idea of a Crime Commission and Mr. Hoover has opposed it over the years beginning in 1952 before the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

ASAC Alexander says that after Parker learned of the Mirror story yesterday, Parker called in radio and television people telling them he had not been offered the job to head the Crime Commission. He then pretty much reiterated his remarks which appear in the Los Angeles Examiner today. He amplifies these, however, to point out that the FBI since 1952 has fought a resolution before the IACP for a Crime Commission. He said the Director has always been opposed to a Crime Commission and he, Parker, has been for it and still is.

On one of the television stations last night, George Putnam, newscaster, had Parker as his guest. Parker was queried by Putnam as to his views which Parker freely expressed. In conjunction with the television cast, Putnam showed a filmed clip presumably taken from "Meet the Press" during the Kennedy campaign for President wherein Robert Kennedy is shown stating that with respect to the Apalachin meeting no one knew anything about it but if 60 communists get together the Government knows about it at once. Parker said he certainly agreed with Kennedy's observation, that both he and Kennedy believed in a National Crime Commission, that he, Parker, had presented a resolution before the IACP recently which Mr. Hoover opposed and defeated.
Informal DeLoach to Mohr  12-23-60
Re: "Parker Takes Swipt at FBI"
Los Angeles Mirror, 12-22-60
Los Angeles Examiner 12-23-60

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

RESPECTFULLY,

[Signature]

C. D. DE LOACH

ADDENDUM:(CDD:sak) 12-23-60:

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: Mr. Jones

DATE: 12-24-60

SUBJECT: ARTICLE IN "LOS ANGELES MIRROR" ON 12-21-60 BY ART WHITE

By airtel dated 12-21-60 marked to your attention, SAC Los Angeles forwarded Art White's article entitled "Robert Kennedy Vs. FBI Chief?" which appeared in the "Los Angeles Mirror" on 12-21-60.

SAC, Los Angeles sent further information known to the Los Angeles Office concerning Art White, who, in his article, inferred that there will be dissention between the Director and future Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Los Angeles supervisory personnel have been cautioned to be most circumspect in any contacts by him with the Los Angeles Office.

RECOMMENDATION:
None. For information.
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Washington Parade: They Make Great Team

By DAVID SENTNER

WASHINGTON: A great team is in the making to fight communism on the home front and throughout the world as it has never been hit before.

It will be composed of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Attorney General Robert Kennedy and his brother President Kennedy.

Contrary to wistful thinking by left-wingers in the Democratic Party, Attorney General-elect Bobby Kennedy and FBI Director Hoover see eye-to-eye.

In fact, Hoover is very much pleased to have Bobby Kennedy as the Attorney General.

And here is one that the Harrisons over the White House told me:

If Hoover hadn't felt he should become Attorney General and the two couldn't work hand in hand against crime and communism, Bobby would not have taken the job.

In the past, the fight by Congressional investigation committees against the inroads of Communist subversive activities has been slowed down by this vital factor:

The Executive, including the White House and Cabinet heads, refused to supply Congressional committees with essential information on personnel relating to Communists or security risks.

Now, President-elect Kennedy has promised complete cooperation with Congressional committees seeking to clean house in government agencies of all security risks. This means, of course, that he will open government agency files to the committees if national security appears to be in jeopardy.

Others Sat on Hands

Certain former Attorney Generals under pressure from leftist segments of their party and from do-gooders who serve the cause of Moscow civil rights, have sat on their hands when it came to prosecuting subversive cases brought to light by Congressional committees.

There was one Attorney General, pressured by the left-wing Lawyers Guild, who tried to investigate the FBI itself.

In this upcoming Kennedy-to-Hoover-to-Kennedy infeld defense against the Big Brother Attorney General Bobby Kennedy is all set to collaborate to the fullest.

President-elect Kennedy realizes, more than any President since his predecessor, that the Moscow-directed subversive drive inside the U.S. is very much a part of the global Cold War.

He is reported considerably upset at learning in his current briefings from intelligence sources that our major government agencies are permeated with security risks in the form of homosexuals. These sex deviates, many of them in sensitive and top official positions, are open to blackmailing by Moscow agents.

Unless pressures from left-wing sources abate, the program, the Senate Security Committee in the new session will begin a full-scale probe of homosexual personnel in the State Department and other government agencies.

It will start with the case of a high diplomat who has succeeded in shaping policy favorable to Moscow.

This investigation should blow the lid on many matters which have been swept under the rug.

[Signature]

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The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star
New York Herald Tribune
New York Journal-American
New York Mirror
New York Daily News
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The New York Times
The Worker
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FEB 57 1961
January 10, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Room 5143
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed information concerning current intelligence developments. This analysis is prepared each week and, in order that you may be informed of developments, I shall be most happy to furnish you future copies of this analysis. Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

A copy of this letter and a copy of its enclosure are being furnished to the Honorable Byron R. White. A copy of the enclosure is also being furnished to the Honorable Dean Rusk.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosure

1 - Honorable Byron R. White - Enclosure

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Sullivan to Belmont dated 1-19-61, captioned "Current Intelligence Analysis (Cinal), Central Research Matter"; JFC:meh

Delivered by C. A. Evans, to Kennedy
Date 1/23/61
JFC:meh
Robert F. Kennedy is congratulated by his old boss, Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark.), after the nomination of Kennedy as Attorney General in his brother's Administration had been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Kennedy worked as chief counsel with the Senate Rackets Committee that was headed by McClellan.

Robert said later in the day that he was a "legal scholar" and "an outstanding lawyer," and that his appointment to the Attorney General's position was a "very important" one. He also stressed the need for "legal" thinking in government service.

The appointment was confirmed by the Senate, and Kennedy was sworn in as Attorney General on the same day. He served in this position for two years, during which time he took a hard line on organized crime and was known for his tough stance on civil rights issues.

The Washington Post and
Times Herald
The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star
New York Herald Tribune
New York Journal-American
January 17, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Room 2143
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I am enclosing as a matter of possible interest to you some examples of the inroads which the hoodlum element has made into some police departments.

While it is true that corruption does not exist in all police departments, the instances detailed in the enclosed material do indicate that there are many situations where the hoodlum element has succeeded in perpetuating its illegal activities through payoffs to local enforcement officers.

A copy of this material is being made available to the Honorable Byron R. White.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosure

1. Honorable Byron R. White (Enclosure)
2. The Director
3. Mr. Hoodson
4. Mr. Heisch

Delivered by C. A. Evans, Rm. 5710

Date: January 17, 1961

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January 23, 1961

Robert F. Kennedy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On January 13, 1961, I saw the Attorney General and presented to him the mounted badge of the FBI making him an honorary Special Agent.

The Attorney General was most appreciative of this honor which had been conferred upon him.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Memorandum

TO: The Director
FROM: N. P. Callahan
SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

DATE: 1-12-61

Page 544. Senator Eastland, (D) Mississippi, announced that a public hearing has been scheduled for Friday, January 13, 1961, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2226 New Senate Office Building, before the Judiciary Committee on the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General.

[Handwritten note: 6-6-66, 10:30 a.m.]

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.
Memorandum

TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page D19. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved, on January 15, 1961, the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General. This nomination now goes before the Senate for action.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Friday, Jan 13, 1961, was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.
MEMORANDUM

TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 956-992 contain the discussion on the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General. Pages 957-959 Senator Allott, (R) Colorado, spoke in opposition to the confirmation of this nomination. Mr. Allott included excerpts from the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the above nomination. The excerpts included the following quote by Mr. Kennedy regarding his experience: "The connections that I have had with various members of the committee, the direct relationship I had with the Department of Justice for a long period of time when I was counsel of that committee, with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons of which you are particularly interested, all of these matters, with Mr. Bennett, with Mr. Hoover, with Mr. Anslinger, I have had a great deal of experience in that field." This nomination was confirmed by the Senate on January 21, 1961.

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Saturday, Jan. 21, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau files or subject matter files.

G. J.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Malone
FROM: Mr. Edward

DATE: 1/25/61

SUBJECT: PHYSICAL CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE (PHOTOGRAPH OF ATTORNEY GENERAL)

Quantico will need a photograph of Attorney General Kennedy to replace the one of Attorney General Rogers now hanging in the recreation room. The frame at Quantico measures 21 1/2" x 25 1/2". The inside measurement of the frame is 19 1/2" x 23 1/2".

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be routed to the Crime Records Division in order that a photograph of Attorney General Kennedy may be transmitted to Quantico.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

FROM: R. DeMeheberger

DATE: February 1, 1961

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY

At approximately 2:33 p.m. today, the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General White, with their wives, got off the Attorney General's private elevator in the basement which is located at the corner of Tenth and Constitution Avenue. They proceeded East on the one corridor and our employees were on their afternoon break period, which is between 2:30 and 2:40.

As the Attorney General passed our Printing Section, he stopped and introduced himself to quite a number of them but did not introduce Mr. White nor their wives. Further down the East corridor, and in front of our Photostat room, the employees therein were on their break and the Attorney General stopped, introduced himself and the rest of his party to these employees and shook hands with each of them.

He was observed at about 2:43 p.m. after our employees had returned to their work, returning along the one corridor toward his private elevator.

62 FEB 7 1961
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Parsons

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: February 1, 1961

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

On the evening of January 31, 1961, at 7:15 p.m. an unidentified man called the Bureau Information Operator to ask for the extension in the Justice Department Gymnasium. He insisted that he wanted the Justice Department Gymnasium and was referred to the Justice Department. In about five minutes he called back through the Justice Department Operator and asked for the room number of "your gymnasium." He was told how to locate the Gymnasium and given the telephone extension.

At about 7:40 p.m. an unidentified man called and asked to speak with someone in Security that could let him into the Gymnasium; upon inquiry the caller identified himself as, "I'm calling for Kennedy, the Attorney General." The operator initially called the Supervisor on duty in the Domestic Intelligence Division and was referred to Mr. H. L. Edwards. When she returned to the line to obtain the name of the calling party a charforce employee advised that the Attorney General had been at the Gymnasium door but left word that everything was all right; he would return tomorrow. The operator then advised Mr. DeLoach and this matter was referred to this Division at 9:15 p.m.

A check was immediately made with Mr. John Siegenthaler, Assistant to the Attorney General. Advice was received that Mr. Kennedy and Deputy Attorney General White had been making a tour of the basement area of the Justice Department Building. It is understood that the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General had desired to see the Gymnasium. He facetiously remarked that they might play a game of "touch football." It was explained to Siegenthaler that our Gymnasium was not quite large enough for this but that the facilities were, of course, always available to the Attorney General or to the Deputy Attorney General and we would be glad for them to utilize the Gymnasium any time they desired but that we would appreciate just a little notice should he desire access after hours. Siegenthaler said that he felt that the Attorney General...
Memorandum to Parsons
RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

was just touring the Justice Building and that he would assure him that
the Gymnasium was available to him should he desire to use the facilities.

It appears that the Bureau Operator did everything that was
possible to handle this matter properly, particularly since the caller did
not initially identify himself as the Attorney General. It is noted that
many Bureau Officials were still at the office at the time the Attorney
General made his telephone call and that he could well have secured
appropriate information had he called one of them rather than dealing
with the telephone operator and if he had identified himself in his initial
telephone call.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Parsons
FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: February 1, 1961

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL
USE OF FBI GYM

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

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

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

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

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

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Malone
To: Mr. Callahan

From: R. C. Renneberger

Subject: Attorney General Visit to Mechanical Section Night of January 31, 1961

At 8:30 p.m. January 31, 1961, employee night supervisor in the Printing Unit of the Mechanical Section called me at home stating that the Attorney General had come into the Printing Section at about 8:00 p.m. and introduced himself and Mr. White. Two unidentified men were with him.

The Attorney General hurriedly shook hands with me and proceeded through the Section shaking hands with the other night shift employees.

Just prior to getting a call to me one of the char force employees advised me that the Attorney General had stopped him in the corridor near the gym and requested to be let into the gym. He informed him he did not have a key and the Attorney General made a call to our switchboard from Room B-142.

I immediately called Mr. Mohr who instructed that I call Mr. H. L. Edwards and advise him of the above.
Memorandum

TO: MR. MOHR
FROM: MR. J. F. MALONE
DATE: 2/1/61

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WHITE, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES TO BASEMENT GYMNASIUM

Robert Francis Kennedy

Shortly after 2:30 PM today the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General White, and their wives made an unannounced visit to the basement gymnasium. They were received by Assistant Physical Instructor [redacted] in the absence of [redacted]. They spent approximately 12-15 minutes speaking with [redacted] inquiring about the general physical training program, the various types of apparatus and just looking around. The Attorney General inquired as to whether lockers might be made available for him and the Deputy Attorney General should they desire them, and [redacted] assured them that such could be arranged.

The regular supervisors' physical training program was in progress at the time and on the gymnasium floor there were a number of participants, some of them engaged in a handball contest. [redacted] reported that the Attorney General walked out onto the gymnasium floor and introduced himself to all of the Bureau participants and asked a number of questions about the game of handball.

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

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

ACTION: Unless advised to the contrary, individual lockers will be assigned to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General White. The Attorney General's locker will be B-259, and the Deputy Attorney General's locker will be B-257.

Mr. Ingram 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans 1 - Mr. Meyers 1 - Mr. Malone 1 - Mr. Edwards
February 13, 1961

ROBERT KENNEDY

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

/J.E.H./

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Mr. Ingram

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

FROM : MR. H. L. EDWARDS

DATE: 2/1/61

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

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

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

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Mr. Callahan [1961]
Mr. Evans
Mr. Meyers
Mr. Malone
Mr. H. L. Edwards

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Re: AG's efforts to get into Bureau gym

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

ACTION:

Information.

This certainly proves the point we have been stressing—our employees should always be busy engaging in some work. I was personally instructed that one known when there is a G. may as soon.

All the above.

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Mr. Hooper:

Please send me a copy of the book entitled "The Enemy Within." If you are not able to send this book, please inform me as to where I can obtain it. Cost will be remitted upon receipt of statement if book is sent.

Thank you,

[Name]

Indianapolis 5, Ind.

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Mr. Hoover:

Please send me a copy of the book entitled The Enemy Within. If you are not able to send this book please inform me as to where I can obtain it. Cost will be remitted upon receipt of statement if book is sent.

Thank you,

/s/ [Redacted]

Indianapolis 5, Indiana
February 13, 1961

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter was received on February 7, 1961.

"The Enemy Within," by Robert F. Kennedy, was published by Harper and Brothers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York 16, New York, and retails for $3.95 per copy. If copies cannot be obtained from your local bookstore or library, I feel sure you can secure a copy from the publisher.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: MR. MOHR

FROM: MR. J. F. MALONE

DATE: 2/6/61

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BASEMENT GYMNASIUM

Robert F. Kennedy

At 12:45 PM today, the Attorney General came to the gymnasium. Special Agent [redacted] was in charge and afforded every possible courtesy and personal attention to the Attorney General, who was joined later by David L. Hackett, a member of his staff. They stayed approximately a half hour. The Attorney General worked out on the electric bicycle, used the chest weights, did some push-ups - 10 or 15 times - and then asked to be put in the electric light cabinet bath.

The Attorney General inquired of Special Agent [redacted] as to whether or not we had a training program and whether or not it included calisthenics. Our training program in this respect was described to the Attorney General by Special Agent [redacted].

David Hackett is one of the Executive Assistants to the Attorney General. He is a member of the Attorney General's immediate staff, occupies space in and has a phone in the Attorney General's Office. He has no particular assignment as yet other than the fact that for the past month he has been working on a juvenile delinquency project. He has asked Mr. Edwards if it would be possible to see Special Agent Supervisor [redacted], who is Section Chief of the Crime Reporting Section, at 3:15 this afternoon in regard to some statistics on juvenile delinquency. Mr. Edwards will accompany Mr. Hackett to [redacted] office and remain with him during the conference.

ACTION:

Information. A summary of information in the Bureau's files concerning Hackett is attached.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Ingram
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Meyers
1 - Mr. Daunt

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. A. M. Belmont
FROM: Mr. W. A. Branigan
SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE: 2-12-61

11:15 A.M.

On Saturday, 2-11-61, the Attorney General and an unknown man entered Bureau Space at Room 2256. At this time in this area were [REDACTED] (stenographer), Room 2256, SA [REDACTED] in Room 2258 and SA [REDACTED] in Room 2260. Upon entering, recognized, he was greeted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] stated his name. The Attorney General and his companion walked through Room 2256 to Room 2260 where he was greeted by SA [REDACTED]. He asked the directions to the 2100 Corridor (Constitution Avenue side of building). This was given to him.

ACTION:

None. Foregoing for information.

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Stokes

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February 16, 1961

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Sixty-seventh Session of the FBI National Academy will conclude its twelve-week course with formal graduation exercises on Wednesday, June 7, 1961.

It gives me extreme pleasure to invite you to deliver an address to the class members and to the anticipated audience of approximately 1,500 persons. The ceremonies will be held in the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue, located between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets, Northwest, and will start promptly at 10:30 a.m.

You may recall that the Academy was established by this Bureau twenty-five years ago last July for the purpose of training representatives of state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies as police instructors and police executives. Since 1935, there have been graduated 3,943 officers representing every state in the Union, the territories and several foreign countries.

I can assure you that all of us in the FBI, as well as the members of the graduating class, their families and friends, would consider it a distinct honor to have you with us on this occasion.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
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CALLING. WALD SAID HE IS HOPEFUL THAT THIS IS NOT THE BEGINNING OF A
PATTERN AND IS WORRIED CONCERNING HIS FAMILY. SAYS HE PLANS TO BE IN
WASHINGTON END OF FEBRUARY AT WHICH TIME HE WILL MEET WITH AG,
SECRETARY OF LABOR GOLDBERG, AND POSSIBLY WALTER REUTHER TO EXPLAIN
THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF MAKING THIS AN ANTI LABOR FILM BUT INTENT
IS TO PRESENT A CRUSADING LAWYER'S PERSONAL STORY AND HIS DRAMATIC
STRUGGLE WITH THE RUTHLESS ENEMIES OF CLEAN UNIONS AND HONEST
MANAGEMENT. WALD'S LETTER HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AND ANY FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO THE
BUREAU'S ATTENTION.
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cc: m. de loach
The Attorney General

Director, FBI

JERRY WALD
MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER
TWENTIETH CENTURY-FOX FILM CORPORATION

February 21, 1961

I thought you would want to know that Mr. Jerry Wald directed a letter to our Los Angeles Office dated February 16, 1961, in which he advised he had received a call on February 15, 1961, at the Twentieth Century-Fox Studios from a man who stated, "This is the Wald Lodge family. Are you the S.O.B. who is going to photograph that S.O.B.'s book, 'The Enemy Within'?" When Mr. Wald asked the caller's name, he refused to give it and reiterated that Attorney General Kennedy, Twentieth Century-Fox and Wald were all "S.O.B.'s."

At approximately 10:30 p.m., on the same date, while Mr. Wald was at home, he received another phone call and this person's voice, which sounded like that of a young man in his 20's, inquired if he were Wald. When Mr. Wald replied in the affirmative, the person began a flood of four-letter words about Attorney General Kennedy, Twentieth Century-Fox and Mr. Wald for contemplating the making of a film out of "The Enemy Within." This caller hung up when he was asked to identify himself. Mr. Wald noted that the voice of the second caller did not appear to be the same voice as the person who made the first call.

Mr. Wald has advised that he is hopeful that this is not the beginning of a pattern and that he is worried concerning his family. He says he intends to be in Washington at the end of February when he will meet with Secretary of Labor Goldberg and you, and possibly Walter Reuther, to explain that he has no intention of making this an antilabor film. He intends to depict the film to show a crusading lawyer's personal story and his dramatic struggle with the ruthless enemies of clean unions and honest management.

Any additional information regarding the above situation will immediately be brought to your attention.
Mr. Roosevelt stated "It is my understanding that the Attorney General of the United States, Hon. Robert F. Kennedy, is presently taking the necessary planning steps toward such a proposed White House conference. It is hoped that it might be called for as early as the month of May."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-13-61 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.
The attached clipping from the 2/14/61 issue of the "New York Herald Tribune" reflects that 20th Century Fox Studio has purchased "The Enemy Within," a book by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and will produce it as a motion picture. The book is an outgrowth of Mr. Kennedy's experience as chief counsel for the Senate Rackets Committee, and the author's proceeds go to aid retarded children. Producer Jerry Wald will make the movie and hopes to start production this summer.
The 1-20-59 issue of the "Los Angeles Mirror News" carried an interview with Dalton Trumbo, one of the "Hollywood 10." The article also quoted Wald on the subject of black lists. Wald said he would never hire anyone who had not "cleared himself." Wald stated: "We all make mistakes, but only a stupid man will not admit his own shortcomings. Trumbo is a brilliant guy, but he has done a tremendous injustice to the Screen Writers of Hollywood."

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.
Robert Kennedy Book Bought for Film Production

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 13 (AP) -- The 20th Century-Fox Studio announced today it has purchased "The Enemy Within," a book by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and will produce it as a motion picture. Producer Jerry Wald will make the movie, executive producer Robert Goldstein said. Mr. Wald hopes to start production by summer.

The book was an outgrowth of Mr. Kennedy's experience as chief counsel for the Senate Rackets Committee. The story highlights problems and abuses uncovered by the committee. Mr. Kennedy, a brother of President Kennedy, wrote the book before his appointment as Attorney General. Harper Bros. published it a year ago, with proceeds going to aid of retarded children.
Memorandum

TO: MR. MOHR  
FROM: N. P. CALLAHAN  
DATE: February 20, 1961

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO GET INTO BUREAU GYMNASIUM, TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31, 1961

Attached is John Cramer's column from the Washington Daily News 2-20-61, captioned "This Time the FBI Didn't Get Its Man." Cramer's column is apparently a garbled version of the Attorney General's efforts to get into the Bureau gymnasium on the evening of Tuesday, 1-31-61. The newspaper article indicates that a detail of FBI Agents was assigned to investigate evidence that the gymnasium had had an unauthorized after-hours visitor. The Agents reportedly called upon "the 63 year old Captain of the General Services Administration Guard at the Justice Building." The Guard Captain is the inferred source of Cramer's information that the Attorney General had been admitted to the gymnasium and that when the Agents asked him by what authority he replied that the gymnasium is part of the Justice Building and Mr. Kennedy is boss of the Justice Department.

As you requested, SA [redacted] of my office interviewed [redacted] of the General Services Administration Guard Force at the Justice Building, with whom we have had favorable relations for many years. He stated that he had never been interviewed by FBI Agents as stated in the attached newspaper clipping. He stated that he was unfamiliar with any incident wherein the Attorney General was given the key to the gymnasium. He checked records maintained relative to charging out keys and stated that there was no record of any key ever having been given to the Attorney General so that he could get into the gymnasium. He stated that he was not the source of the story either directly or indirectly and pointed to an inaccuracy in that he is 67 years of age whereas he is referred to in the article as being 63. He stated that Sergeants [redacted] would have been on duty at the time the alleged occurrence took place. These men report for work at 4:00 p.m. and [redacted] will ask them whether they are in any way the source of this story.

The newspaper story is, of course, not at all factual in that on the occasion of the Attorney General's efforts to get into the Bureau gymnasium on the evening of 1-31-61, he did not actually gain access to it. When he found the gymnasium to be locked, he checked with the Bureau switchboard and also stopped in and introduced himself to members of the night force in our Mechanical Section. Copy of memorandum H. L. Edwards to Mr. Mohr 2-1-61 reporting this information is attached for reference purposes.
Memorandum to Mr. Mohr

RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO GET INTO BUREAU GYMNASIUM, TUESDAY EVENING
JANUARY 31, 1961

As mentioned previously, Cramer's story is apparently a garbled version of what actually occurred. Although it is inferred that the story came from the Captain of the General Services Administration Guard Force he has denied it and appears to be sincere and truthful.

RECOMMENDATION:

This matter will be followed up to determine results of his discussion with the Sergeant of the Guard who was on duty on the evening in question and you will be kept advised.
Memorandum

To: Mr. Hoover

From: SAC Auerbach

DATE: February 20, 1961

SUBJECT: EDWIN O. GUTHMAN
INFORMATION OFFICER
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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I had lunch with Ed Guthman today since he and I have been friends for a number of years. He was the reporter from the Seattle afternoon newspaper, "The Seattle Times" and covered the FBI Office while I was there.

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

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

2. He recognizes that the Attorney General has a very unorthodox and direct approach to everything -- including the Bureau -- but notes that "his motivation is good despite his approach." I had no comment to make to this but suggested that the Attorney General's predecessors who were somewhat older than the present Attorney General functioned in a very dignified and sedate manner. Guthman commented that the volume of material coming into the Attorney General's office which necessitated handling was an inducement toward direct action plus the fact that the Attorney General was only 35 years old. He thought that this would "simmer down" as the newness of the situation was overcome.

3. Guthman's main fear is that he will not be on sound ground in some of the material that becomes public and as a consequence is in a constant dilemma to point this up. He showed me a letter from a professor in Colorado to the White House protesting the Department of Defense's utilization of the HCUA film, "Operation Abolition." The letter was dated February 1, was forwarded from the White House on February 16 and here is Guthman still holding it as of today without an idea of what to do about it. I suggested that he talk with Mr. DeLoach to check the professor through our files (as it is quite obvious from the content of the
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that there have always previously been difficulties between the Attorney General and Congress and that he might solicit advice from the Bureau in connection with any handling along this line. Guthman had specific reference to a legislative program which Attorney General Rogers had submitted just before the end of 1960. Mr. Kennedy feels that this was a very weak approach and he is very anxious to get going and to formulate their own program for presentation to Congress.

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

[Signature]

We are not going to insinuate ourselves into any "domination" of the Dept. If one is asked a question then one may answer it.
Memorandum

to: Mr. Mohr

from: Mr. DeLoach

subject: Robert F. Kennedy

At 11:05 today, Mr. Guthman, Director of Public Information Department, called and spoke with [Redacted]. He said that Simon and Schuster are publishing a book which will be called "The First Hundred Days" and will deal with the Kennedy Administration. He said that they had a photographer and that the photographer would photograph the Attorney General and they were considering taking a photograph of the Attorney General working out in the gym.

He said the photographer would like very much to see the gym so that he could plan his lighting, etc.

Mr. Guthman brought the photographer to my office and he was taken to the gymnasium by Special Agent [Redacted] of my Division.

The photographer, whose name was [Redacted] (phonetic) looked over the gym and said that at a later date he would contact us in connection with the possible picture. He indicated he would have to bring in additional lighting. We will follow in this matter and give any possible assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Jones
1 - Mr. Malone
1 - Mr. Callahan
February 16, 1961.

Mr. John Tyler, Manager, 
KFDX T.V. Station, 
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Mr. Tyler:

We want to thank you for showing "The Spy Next Door" last night on your Station. We wish everyone in our Country could see that show. We are hopeful that CBS of which you are the local representative will receive so much favorable comment that they will feel more than justified in going ahead with its showing, after it had been called off once.

We hope the favorable response will be conveyed to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and to Mr. Roman L. Hruska, and to Mr. Francis Walter, to whom among some others we are sending copies of this letter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

KENNEDY

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Verifax Copies
to CBS New York; Armstrong Co.; Senator Hruska; Senator Walter; Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

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Dear Mr. Hoover -

We pray & I mean pray that Bobbie
Kennedy does not put anything in your way. We believe your job would be more productive if Earl Warren is impeached. There is a ground swell growing in our area in favor of doing

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By letter 2-16-61 to the manager of TV station KFDA in Amarillo, Texas, [redacted] thanked him for showing the TV story, "The Spy Next Door." It is indicated that a copy of his letter was also indicated for the Director and on this copy [redacted] penned the following quotation:

"We pray & I mean pray that Bobbie Kennedy does not put anything in your way. We believe your job would be more productive if Earl Warren is impeached. There is a ground swell growing in our area in favor of doing just that."

Files contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] and we have had no previous correspondence with him.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of his uncomplimentary remarks regarding Chief Justice Warren of the Supreme Court and his reference to the Attorney General is not exactly complimentary, no acknowledgement be made to this communication.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

DATE: February 20, 1961

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S APPEARANCE 3-5-61
"THE GREAT CHALLENGE" COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM NETWORK TELEVISION PROGRAM THEME: "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM"

Pursuant to instructions, I delivered the captioned brief to Ed Guthman of the Department on Friday, 2-17-61, at 11:00 a.m. Guthman called me later that afternoon to state he had read the brief and thought it was excellent. He was of the opinion that the Attorney General would be well pleased with this work. I also delivered to Guthman at that time copies of the pamphlets "Expose of Soviet Espionage -- May, 1960," and "Communist Target--Youth."

I again discussed the matter with Guthman on Saturday morning, 2-18-61, and went over the brief thoroughly with him at that time. Guthman stated that the Attorney General would certainly prove to be "an expert" if he digested the material in the brief and pamphlets.

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM: W. C. Sullivan

DATE: February 16, 1961

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SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S APPEARANCE, 3/5/61
"THE GREAT CHALLENGE"
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM NETWORK
TELEVISION PROGRAM
THEME: "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM"

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr dated February 10, 1961, captioned as above, indicating that the Attorney General had requested a "general orienting brief" in order to prepare himself for his appearance on the captioned program. The Director noted: "We should finish it by 2/16/61 so Tolson and I may go over it."

Mr. Tolson instructed that, in preparing this brief, the recent speech by Chief Inspector W. C. Sullivan at Phoenix, Arizona, be used as a guide, and that the brief should be restrained but objective and should indicate the limits to which the Attorney General should go.

The enclosed brief has been prepared in accordance with the above instructions. In line with the suggestion of Ed Guthman, Director of Public Information in the Department, who made the request, the brief discusses both the Communist Party, USA, and communist intelligence and espionage activities.
Memo Sullivan to Belmont
Re: Attorney General's Appearance, 3/5/61

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

This is well prepared. I suggest Deloach furnish it to Sturmman with the two pamphlets.

approved by Deloach also

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[Signature]

M. J. V. McGee

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr  DATE: February 10, 1961
FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL APPEARANCE 3-5-61
"THE GREAT CHALLENGE"
(COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM NETWORK)
TELEVISION PROGRAM
THEME: "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM"

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

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

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

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

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1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
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Re: AG Appearance 3-5-61 "The Great Challenge"
CBS Network TV Program, Theme: "International Communism"

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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