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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: MERTON R. ANDERSON
Date: January 27, 1969

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 161-1369

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee's education at University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, verified where appointee graduated June 17, 1948, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Employment verified. Reference recommends. Appointee is member in good standing of California State Bar Association since January 9, 1952. No credit or arrest record located for appointee and wife. Appointee's mother maintains satisfactory credit record in Los Angeles, California.

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DETAILS:EDUCATION

University of California at
Los Angeles (UCLA)
Los Angeles, California
1948

On January 23, 1969, [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, UCLA, made available the scholastic record of JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN to SA JOHN E. BEAMER. This record revealed that the appointee entered UCLA in September, 1942, and attended until April 20, 1943, when he withdrew for military service. He re-entered in October, 1945, and attended until June 17, 1948, when he graduated and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts

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degree in Political Science. He maintained a grade average of "B plus". The record listed his date of birth as March 20, 1925, at Tacoma, Washington, and his residence as 220 San Vicente Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. The record contains only favorable information.

[REDACTED] reviewed the appointee's record and advised that in view of the passage of time since the appointee's attendance, she is unable to suggest any former instructor or fellow student who would recall EHRlichman. b6

EMPLOYMENT

Edgeman Dairy
Santa Monica, California
(while attending college)

On January 23, 1969, [REDACTED] Edgeman Farms, 346 Rosa Avenue, Venice, California, advised SA JOHN E. BEAMER that her personnel records reveal the following concerning JOHN DANIEL EHRlichman: He was employed as a temporary salesman in the retail sales department from June 20, 1949, to August 27, 1950. He resigned to accept a better position. His Social Security Number is 454-40-4064. His date of birth is recorded in the records as March 20, 1925, at Tacoma, Washington. He is eligible for rehire. b6

[REDACTED] advised that she is not acquainted with EHRlichman. b6

On January 23, 1969, [REDACTED] Retail Sales Department, Edgeman Farms, both advised SA BEAMER that they have been employed there for 25 years, and neither is able to recall JOHN DANIEL EHRlichman. b6

REFERENCE

On January 24, 1969, Mr. NAT S. ROGERS, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Van Waters and Rogers, Inc., Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his residence, 46383 Amethyst Drive, Palm Desert, California, by SA MERTON R. ANDERSON. He advised that he has known the appointee, JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN, for approximately twenty or twenty-five years. He said that he is not professionally acquainted, however, he is socially acquainted with the appointee and his wife, JEANNE EHRLICHMAN. He said that he is aware that the appointee "graduated high in his class" at UCLA and that based on this he was admitted to Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, where he obtained his law degree.

Mr. ROGERS continued that he considers the appointee to be exceptionally capable in the legal field, and particularly so in zoning laws. He characterized EHRLICHMAN as a very personable, intelligent and aggressive individual who meets the public with ease. He said that Mr. EHRLICHMAN is a religious individual and he is regular in his church attendance. He is entirely loyal to the United States and completely trustworthy. Mr. ROGERS added that he knows nothing unfavorable concerning the character, associates, reputation or patriotism of the appointee and his family. He highly recommended the appointee to a position involving trust and responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP IN BAR ASSOCIATIONS

On January 23, 1969, [REDACTED] Records Section, California State Bar Association, 1330 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California, advised SA MERTON R. ANDERSON that her records reveal that JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN became a member of the California State Bar Association on January 9, 1952. He is a member in good standing. Her records contain no record of any grievances against EHRLICHMAN.

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On January 23, 1969, [REDACTED] b6
Records Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association,
606 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, California, ad-
vised SA MERTON R. ANDERSON that her records reveal that
JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN is not a member of that bar
association.

CREDIT AND ARREST

The appointee has listed the following relatives
who formerly resided or who presently reside in the Los
Angeles, California area:

Wife	JEANNE FISHER EHRLICHMAN, 330 Chesapeake Drive, Great Falls, Virginia.
Father	RUDOLPH I. EHRLICHMAN, deceased
Mother	LILLIAN C. EHRLICHMAN, 6052 Colgate, Los Angeles, California

On the dates indicated the files of the
following agencies were caused to be reviewed, by the
listed individuals, and no record was located for the
appointee and his wife, JEANNE FISHER EHRLICHMAN:

Retail Merchants' Credit Association
Los Angeles, California
(Checked on January 23, 1969, by
IC BERNARD PL BLAIS)

Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California
(Checked on January 24, 1969, by
IC MILLARD T. ANDERSON)

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
Los Angeles, California
(Checked on January 23, 1969, by
IC MERTON R. ANDERSON, JR.)

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SA ERLE L. NORTON, JR.
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Title:

JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee received presidential appointment and was commissioned Counsel to the President. Employment with Office of President Elect Transition verified. Associates recommend. No record appointee The Credit Bureau, Incorporated. No record appointee or spouse police departments. No record CSC, HCUA, Secret Service, or Bar Associations. No record Washington Daily News library. No unfavorable information Washington Evening Star library. Passport information set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS.

On January 24, 1969, Mrs. JEAN ROBB, Personnel Officer, WHO, made available the Official Personnel File for the appointee, JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN, which reflected that on January 21, 1969 he received a Presidential appointment (Commissioned) as Counsel to the President. The file contained no additional information.

On January 24, 1969, LAWRENCE DUNN, Staff Assistant, WHO, made available a file for the appointee which reflected that for the period November 7, 1968 to January 21, 1969, the appointee was employed by the Office of President-Elect, Transition, New York City. There was no position recorded. This file contained no additional information.

On January 24, 1969, SA SAUNDERS determined that the payroll records for the Republican National Committee reflected that the appointee was payrolled through the organization, Citizens for NIXON - AGNEW, for the period August 8, 1968 to November 7, 1968. Payroll record contained no additional information.

The following three interviews at WHO were conducted on January 24, 1969.

PETER M. FLANIGAN, Staff Assistant, (temporary) WHO, has known the appointee politically and personally for approximately eight years. FLANIGAN pointed out that the appointee has been very active in the NIXON campaigns and presently holds one of the highest staff positions in the White House. He described the appointee as an extremely intelligent, capable and responsible person. FLANIGAN

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stated that to his knowledge, the appointee is residing with his wife and five children at his present address in Great Falls, Virginia. He believes EHRLICHMAN to be a decent, respectable person who is completely devoted to his wife and family. His comments were extremely favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Miss ROSE MARY WOODS, Personal Secretary to the President, has known the appointee approximately twelve years through EHRLICHMAN's association with the President. She pointed out that EHRLICHMAN has been very active in the various NIXON campaigns and has also been a close advisor to him. She described him as a very competent, intelligent, capable person of great capacity. She believes him to be a respectable person and devoted family man. Her comments were extremely favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN, Special Assistant to the President has known the appointee since approximately 1962 on a co-worker basis during the periods that have been associated with the NIXON campaigns. He also knows him socially and is acquainted with his wife. He described the appointee as a fine, decent, respectable person who is completely devoted to his wife and family. He further described the appointee as a very able attorney who is completely devoted to the President. He believes the appointee to be a person of excellent character, associates, reputation, a loyal American citizen and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

The following interviews conducted at WHO were conducted on January 27, 1969.

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HARRY S. FLEMING, Special Assistant to the President, has known the appointee approximately two years on a political basis in connection with their work with the NIXON campaigns and has had close professional and social contact with him since the Republican Convention in August, 1968. He described the appointee as a very able, conscientious and intelligent person and stated that his comments would "be of the highest in all respects". He has never heard or observed anything of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee. He believes EHREICHMAN to be a person of excellent character, associates, reputation, a loyal American citizen and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

BRYCE N. HARLOW, Assistant to the President, has known the appointee for approximately three or four months on a close co-worker basis as co-members of the President NIXON staff. In this short time he has been very favorably impressed with the appointee; has found him to be extremely capable, intelligent, responsible and completely devoted to the President. He has no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

JOHN C. WHITAKER, Secretary to the Cabinet, has known the appointee approximately eight years having first become acquainted with him and President NIXON's Presidential Cabinet in 1960. He has since had close professional and personal contact with him to the present. He described the appointee as a very reliable, responsible and conscientious person. He believes him to be a fine, decent person who is completely devoted to his wife and family. His comments were favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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Washington Senators

On January 27, 1969, Senator HENRY M. JACKSON advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR. he knows the appointee by his professional reputation as an attorney in Seattle, Washington. He does not know him personally and could not recall having any personal contact with him nor with the members of his firm; HULLIN, EHRLICHMAN, ROBERTS, and HODGE. He considered him to be an expert with regard to land-use law. He said he enjoys an excellent professional reputation as does his firm. He knew of no reason which would cause him to question his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He said he would interpose no objection to his nomination to a post involving trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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Representative PAUL N. MC CLOSKY, JR. (California) furnished the following information to SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR. on January 27, 1969. He has known the appointee since 1950, when he and the appointee were law students at Stanford University, where they had frequent contact with each other in connection with their law studies. Both participated extensively in moot court activities. He considered him to be among his close personal friends having maintained frequent contact with each other since law school days.

Representative MC CLOSKY recently visited the appointee's home at 330 Chesapeake Drive, Great Falls, Virginia, where he renewed his former acquaintance with the appointee's wife, JEANNE FISHER EHRLICHMAN, and the appointee's children, JAN, THOMAS, JODY, and ROBERT EHRLICHMAN, who reside with the appointee and his wife. The appointee's eldest son, PETER EHRLICHMAN, is currently a student at Stanford University. He said the appointee's wife and children have always maintained good reputations within the community.

Representative MC CLOSKY said the appointee's mode of living, orientation and loyalty to the United States is above reproach. He has maintained an excellent reputation as a member of the bar. He knew of no information which would cause him to question the appointee's character, sense of dedication, nor his choice of associates. He recommended him without hesitation or qualification to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SE JOHN W. SULLIVAN caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on January 24, 1969, that the files contained no record for the appointee.

On January 24, 1969, IC KENNETH SHAFFER determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee or his spouse, JEANNE FISHER EHRLICHMAN.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On January 24, 1969, IC WILLIAM H. LYERLY, JR., searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee or his spouse.

IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on January 28, 1969, that no record was found concerning the appointee or his spouse.

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SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on January 27, 1969, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on January 27, 1969, by SE CARL H. PETERSON, and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

IC THOMAS S. HARRELL caused a search to be made of the files of the U. S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on January 27, 1969, that no record was located for the appointee.

On January 24, 1969, IC KENNETH SHAFFER caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

Committee on Admissions and Grievances, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia (USDCCD).

Lawyers Register, USDCCD.

Supreme Court of the U. S.

On January 27, 1969, SA TRAINOR caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

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District of Columbia Bar Association.

Federal Bar Association:

On January 27, 1969, SA TRAINOR caused a search to be made of the files of the Washington Daily News library and was advised no record could be found for the appointee.

On January 24, 1969, IC KENNETH SHAFFER caused a search to be made of the files of the Washington Evening Star library, and was furnished several newspaper clippings which contain information relative to the appointee's association with the President and of his appointment as a Presidential Counsel by the President. The file contained no unfavorable information.

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed January 28, 1969, by SA JEROME E. VEIGLE disclosed a passport was issued to JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN on April 26, 1966, for proposed travel to Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, East Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and England for a period of three weeks business.

A birth certificate, seen and returned, revealed his birth as March 20, 1925 at Tacoma, Washington.

Another passport was issued to EHRLICHMAN on August 12, 1958 for proposed travel to El Salvador and possibly Guatemala for a period of one week on business.

US Treasury Department

Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date: January 28, 1969 | In reply refer to: CP:C:D



Taxpayer: John Daniel Ehrlichman
330 Chesapeake Drive
Great Falls, Virginia

Years: 1965, 1966, and 1967

Our records show that income tax returns were timely filed. There is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

This completes our report.

No dissemination should be made of Internal Revenue Service Information outside the White House, Department of Justice and employing agency.

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Date: 1/30/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5300) (RUC)

JOHN DANIEL EHRLICHMAN
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Re WFO report 1/29/69.

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SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY, JR. caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised on 1/30/69 that _____

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Special Agent in Charge

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ACQUAINTANCES

On January 28, 1969, ROBERT ELLSWORTH, Assistant to the President, advised that he has known the appointee JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN for approximately one year on a political-professional basis only. He pointed out that EHRLICHMAN is one of the President's Top Assistant's and is very highly regarded by NIXON. ELLSWORTH has always found the appointee to be an extremely conscientious, capable, intelligent person. His comments were extremely favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

H. R. HALDEMAN, Assistant to the President was not contacted because of his personal request that he be not interviewed on White House personnel investigations.

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On January 30, 1969, HERBERT G. KLEIN, Director of Communications for the Executive Branch, White House Office, advised SA SAUNDERS that he has known JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN since approximately 1960, when they worked together on the NIXON Presidential campaign. Since that time he has had intermittent political contact with him in connection with Mr. NIXON's various campaigns through the recent Presidential election. KLEIN pointed out that EHRLICHMAN is very highly regarded by the President and is one of President NIXON's top assistants. KLEIN considers EHRLICHMAN to be an outstanding person in every respect who is completely dedicated to the President. His comments were extremely favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he highly recommended EHRLICHMAN for a position of trust and confidence.

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CALIFORNIA SENATOR

On January 29, 1969, GERALD B. GRINSTEIN, Administrative Assistant to Senator WARREN G. MAGNUSON (Washington), advised SA TAYLOR the Senator is not presently available for interview. He was authorized to say in his behalf that the Senator knows the appointee in a professional capacity only. His knowledge of him results from his outstanding reputation as an Attorney in Seattle, Washington. He does not know him personally and is unaware of the identity of the appointee's family members and his outside activities. The Senator has no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Boeger

February 4, 1969

BY LIAISON

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On January 22, 1969, a request was received from the White House for a background investigation concerning the Honorable John D. Ehrlichman. Enclosed herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of that investigation.

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The Internal Revenue Service has advised that income tax returns were timely filed by Mr. Ehrlichman for the years 1965, 1966, and 1967, and there is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

The investigation of Mr. Ehrlichman covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, ability, and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours, REC 13

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NOTE: Mr. Ehrlichman, aged 43, has been appointed Legal Counsel to the President; Investigation complete and favorable.

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JOHN DANIEL EHRlichman SUMMARY CARD

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Ehrlichman was born on March 20, 1925, in Tacoma, Washington. 230 CHICAGO ST. DALLAS TEXAS

Education

VIRGINIA

Mr. Ehrlichman attended the University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, from September, 1942, to April 20, 1943, when he entered the United States Army Air Corps. He returned to the University of California at Los Angeles in October, 1945, and continued in attendance until June 17, 1948, when he received a B.A. degree;

Mr. Ehrlichman attended Stanford University, Stanford, California, from September, 1948, to June, 1951. He received an LL.B. degree from Stanford University on June 17, 1951.

Employment

From 1948 to 1951, while attending college, Mr. Ehrlichman worked part time as a teaching assistant and a milkman in Stanford and Santa Monica, California.

During the period of July, 1951, to September, 1952, Mr. Ehrlichman was employed in the legal department of the Union Pacific Insurance Company, Seattle, Washington.

During the period of September, 1952, to June, 1968, Mr. Ehrlichman was a partner in the law firm of Hullin, Ehrlichman, Roberts, and Hodge, Seattle, Washington.

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Mr. Ehrlichman was associated with the Nixon - Agnew Campaign as tour director from June 1, 1968, to November 5, 1968, and with the Presidential Transition Committee for President-elect Richard M. Nixon from November 5, 1968, to January 20, 1969.

Since January 21, 1969, Mr. Ehrlichman has served as Legal Counsel to the President.

Marital Status

Mr. Ehrlichman, his wife, Jeanne, and four of their five children, Jan, Thomas, Jody, and Robert, reside at 330 Chesapeake Drive, Great Falls, Virginia.

Military Service

Mr. Ehrlichman entered on active duty with the United States Army Air Corps on April 24, 1943. He was released to inactive duty as a first lieutenant on October 3, 1945. He was on terminal leave during the period October 3, 1945, to November 22, 1945. Mr. Ehrlichman served in the United States Air Force Reserve from November 23, 1945, to April 1, 1953, when he was honorably discharged by reason of his declination of an indefinite term appointment. Mr. Ehrlichman was the recipient of several medals in connection with his military service, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. His service record is clear.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

Henry M. Jackson, United States Senator from Washington, informed that although he does not know Mr. Ehrlichman personally, he knows Mr. Ehrlichman by his professional reputation as an attorney in Seattle, Washington. He said Mr. Ehrlichman enjoys an excellent professional reputation, and said he considers Mr. Ehrlichman to be an expert with regard to land use law. He stated he knows of no information which would cause him to question Mr. Ehrlichman's character, reputation, associates, or loyalty. He said he would interpose no objection to the nomination of Mr. Ehrlichman to a position involving trust and confidence in the Government.

John Daniel Ehrlichman

Gerald B. Grinstein, Administrative Assistant to Warren G. Magnuson, United States Senator from Washington, advised Senator Magnuson is not presently available for interview. He said he was authorized to state on behalf of Senator Magnuson that the Senator knows Mr. Ehrlichman by his professional reputation as an attorney in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Grinstein said Senator Magnuson has no unfavorable information concerning Mr. Ehrlichman's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty, and said he would recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility in the Government.

Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., United States Representative from California, stated he has known Mr. Ehrlichman since 1950 when both he and Mr. Ehrlichman were students at Stanford University. He said Mr. Ehrlichman enjoys an excellent professional reputation. He said Mr. Ehrlichman's character and reputation are above reproach, and said he considers Mr. Ehrlichman to be a loyal American citizen. He stated he would highly recommend Mr. Ehrlichman for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Jack E. Hullin, Partner, Hullin, Ehrlichman, Roberts and Hodge, Seattle, Washington, stated he has known Mr. Ehrlichman for approximately twenty years, and has been associated with him as a law partner in the above firm since September, 1952. Mr. Hullin described Mr. Ehrlichman as an excellent attorney who is an authority in the field of land use and zoning. He said Mr. Ehrlichman is aggressive, hardworking, intelligent, and said he is beyond reproach as to his honesty, trustworthiness, and discretion. He said Mr. Ehrlichman is a loyal American citizen, and said he would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Carl B. Birkenmeyer, President, Union Pacific Insurance Company, Tacoma, Washington, advised he first met Mr. Ehrlichman in 1950 when he, Mr. Birkenmeyer, was Vice President of the Seattle branch of the above company, and Mr. Ehrlichman was employed in the legal department of that company. He described Mr. Ehrlichman as a personable, friendly, mature, stable, responsible, and intelligent individual. He said Mr. Ehrlichman was outstanding in