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CHANCELLOR pleaded for leniency and told the court his job was at stake and that his wife was expecting a baby in August. He said he had been drinking and had cut through the alley on his way home when he heard footsteps. He climbed the fire escape because he feared to be seen.

This item further states that police records show that CHANCELLOR was arrested four months previously on the roof of one of the Ambassador Hotels and that he subsequently was discharged from a disorderly conduct charge. Testimony by Policeman [REDACTED], who seized CHANCELLOR, supported CHANCELLOR's story that he had been drinking.

The reference files of "Chicago's American" were checked by SA [REDACTED] on July 30, 1965, and disclosed a clipping from the "Chicago Daily Tribune" identical to that mentioned above, but contained no additional pertinent information regarding CHANCELLOR.

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Confidential informants, who are familiar with some homosexual activities in the Chicago area, were contacted on July 29, 1965, and advised the appointee was unknown to them.



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (161-1203)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

Mr. Tolson	_____
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REBUTEL TO CHICAGO, AUGUST FIVE INSTANT.

COURT RECORDS RE APPOINTEE'S ARREST AUGUST THIRTEEN FORTY NINE NOT LOCATED INSTANT DATE. EFFORTS CONTINUING.

[REDACTED] PARK DEARBORN HOTEL, ONE TWO SIX ZERO N. DEARBORN ST., [REDACTED] RECALLS APPOINTEE AND WIFE RESIDING THAT HOTEL DURING PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE, FIFTY EIGHT. CONSIDERED APPOINTEE AND HIS WIFE EXCELLENT TENANTS.

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[REDACTED] CHICAGO, DOES NOT RECALL ANY ASPECTS RE CHANCELLOR'S ARREST AUGUST THIRTEEN FORTY NINE.

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1148 AM CST URGENT 8-5-65 PAG

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LITTLE ROCK (161-104) 2P

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI, BUDED COB SUGUST FOUR LAST.  
RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, AUGUST FOUR LAST.

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER LITTLE  
ROCK, AND [REDACTED] RECORDS DIVISION, LITTLE ROCK PD,  
ADVISED SA [REDACTED] TODAY RECORDS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE  
OFFICES, INCLUDING RECORDS VICE SQUAD, LITTLE ROCK PD, CONTAIN  
NO RECORD OR RECORD OF ARREST FOR CHANCELLOR. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], RECORDS DIVISION, ASPOL; [REDACTED], LITTLE  
ROCK PD TRAFFIC BUREAU; [REDACTED], RECORDS DIVISION,  
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK., PD; [REDACTED] NORTH  
LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL COURT; AND [REDACTED]  
OFFICER, PULASKI COUNTY SO, ALL ADVISED IC [REDACTED]  
RECORDS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES CONTAIN NO RECORD FOR  
CHANCELLOR. LITTLE ROCK HAS NO INFORMANTS OR SOURCES IN POSITION  
TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING HOMOSEXUALS IN LITTLE ROCK AREA  
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IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. LITTLE ROCK FILES REVEAL CHANCELLOR  
FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT TO BUAGENTS ON SEPTEMBER SIX, NINETEEN  
FIFTYSEVEN, SETTING FORTH HIS OBSERVATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH  
LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL INTEGRATION CRISIS. CONTAINS  
NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. REPORT FOLLOWS. PENDING.

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To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Immediately check records Office of Security,  
State Department, for any pertinent information concerning  
Chancellor.

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- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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- Jandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 8/5/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3222) (RUC)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPI

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ReWFOairtel 8/3/65 and CGtel 8/4/65.

On 8/4/65, Mr. DOUGLAS KIKER, White House Correspondent for the "New York Herald Tribune," advised that he has known the appointee on a close personal and professional basis for three years. He stated that the appointee's character and reputation was impeccable. He advised that he is acquainted with the appointee's family and commented favorably concerning them.

He stated that everything that he would say concerning the appointee would be favorable and highly recommended him for a position of trust.

On 8/5/65, [redacted] to U. S. Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY of New York, advised SA [redacted] that she was authorized to state Senator KENNEDY knows the appointee by reputation only. He has had no personal contact to any extent with the appointee and knows nothing derogatory concerning him. There was no further comment concerning the appointee.

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On 7/30/65, [redacted] (a rectal sodomist) well acquainted with homosexual activities in the vicinity of 12th and New York Avenues, N.W., advised he did not recognize the picture of CHANCELLOR as being one who frequented that area and does not know him.

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Special Agent in Charge

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In reference to CG teletype 8/4/65, WFO is not recontacting [REDACTED] inasmuch as he could recall only one arrest of the appointee and all information concerning his knowledge of this arrest was obtained. Therefore, no further interview will be conducted by WFO, UACB.

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FBI CHICAGO

1241 AM CDST URGENT 8/5/65 RSM

TO: DIRECTOR -

FROM: CHICAGO (161-1203)

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

[REDACTED]

"CHICAGO SUN-TIMES," SAID ON ONE OCCASION WHILE APPOINTEE WAS WORKING AT "CHICAGO SUN -TIMES" A NIGHT CLUB WHICH WAS FREQUENTED BY HOMOSEXUALS WAS RAIDED BY CHICAGO PD AND LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE ARRESTED. STATED WHILE SOME OF PERSONS ARRESTED WERE HOMOSEXUALS MANY OF THOSE WHO WERE ARRESTED WERE ONLY AT THE TAVERN TO OBSERVE THE ANTICS OF HOMOSEXUALS.

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CONDUCTING SUCH RAID AND RELATED THAT PERSON NAMED JACK WHO WAS FRIEND OF [REDACTED] AND EMPLOYED AT "CHICAGO SUN-TIMES" HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE NIGHT CLUB BUT RELEASED

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BY PD WHEN HE SAID HE WAS FRIEND OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HE NEVER ESTABLISHED WHETHER OF NOT THE PERSON ARRESTED NAMED JACK WAS IDENTICAL WITH THE APPOINTEE OR ANOTHER EMPLOYEE AT THE NEWSPAPER.

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REVIEW OF DOCKET NUMBER FIVE ONE M C ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO FOUR FOUR, CHICAGO TRAFFIC COURT, DISCLOSED IN THE ARREST OF APPOINTEE ON MAY TEN FIFTY ONE THE COMPLAINING WITNESS WAS LISTED AS C.R. CHRISTOPHERSON, SEVEN EIGHT EAST-ELM. COMPLAINT SIGNED BY OFFICER MARTIN GRANNAN ON MAY TEN FIFTY ONE CHARGING CHANCELLOR WITH VIOLATION CHAPTER ONE NINE THREE, SECT. ONE, SUB SECT. ONE, MUNICIPAL CODE OF CHICAGO . THIS SECT. READS "DID MAKE OR AID IN MAKING AN IMPROPER NOISE, RIOT, DISTURBANCE, BREACH OF PRECE OR DIVERSION PENDING TO A BREACH OF THE PEACE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY. "

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CASH BOND OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS POSTED AND ON MAY TWENTY FIVE FIFTY ONE CHANCELLOR WAS AFFORDED JURY TRIAL AND FOUND NOT GUILTY AND DISCHARGED.

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POLICE OFFICER REFERRED TO AS OFFICER [REDACTED] IN  
PREVIOUS CHICAGO TELS TO DIRECTOR ACTUALLY OFFICER  
[REDACTED]. OFFICER [REDACTED] STATED ASSIGNED TO  
NEAR NORTH SIDE IN LATE NINETEEN FORTIES AND EARLY FIFTIES  
BUT DOES NOT REMEMBER ANY ASPECTS OF THE ARRESTS DURING  
THAT PERIOD OF TIME CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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CONTACT WITH LONG TIME RESIDENTS AT PARK DEARBORN  
HOTEL, ONE TWO SIX ZERO N. DEARBORN ST., REVEALED APPOINTEE  
UNKNOWN TO THEM. THIS ADDRESS LISTED BY APPOINTEE AS  
RESIDENCE IN JANUARY NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

COURT RECORDS REQUESTED FOR LATTER ARREST OF  
APPOINTEE IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE.

OTHER INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES  
IN CHICAGO CONTACTED AND NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LITTLE ROCK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>8/5/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/5/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	TYPED BY <b>jew</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>			

**REFERENCES:**

Chicago tel to Bureau, 8/4/65;  
Little Rock tel to Bureau, 8/5/65.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Little Rock Division has no informants or sources who are in a position to furnish information concerning homosexuals in the Little Rock, Arkansas, area during 1957.

Indices of the Little Rock Office reveal in Little Rock file 44-341, Bufile 44-12284, report of ASAC ELDON C. WILLIAMS dated 9/9/57, captioned "INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN LITTLE ROCK; CR; CONTEMPT OF COURT," on page 303 that JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, NBC reporter, was

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interviewed at the Marion Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas, by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 6, 1957, *b7c* and furnished a signed statement to these Agents setting forth his observations concerning his observations on September 4, 1957, in connection with the Little Rock Central High School integration crisis. No pertinent information was noted in this statement.

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: LITTLE ROCK

Date:

August 5, 1965

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Credit and arrest negative re JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR in Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted in Little Rock, Arkansas, unless otherwise indicated:

[REDACTED], Greater Little Rock Credit Bureau, 105 Main Street, Little Rock, advised on August 5, 1965, that records of her office contain no record for JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR.

[REDACTED] Records Division, Little Rock Police Department, advised on August 5, 1965, records of his office, including the records of the Vice Squad, contain no arrest record for CHANCELLOR.

[REDACTED] Little Rock Police Department, advised he personally recalled CHANCELLOR as an NBC reporter covering the Little Rock Central High School integration troubles and that CHANCELLOR impressed him favorably and cooperated fully with the Department, suggesting that newsmen covering this event be issued identification cards, which was done.

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The following individuals were contacted on August 5, 1965, by IC [REDACTED] and all stated a review of their records contain no record for JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR:

[REDACTED] Records Division,  
Arkansas State Police Headquarters;

[REDACTED], Little Rock Police  
Department Traffic Bureau;

[REDACTED] Pulaski  
County Sheriff's Office;

[REDACTED], Records Division, North  
Little Rock, Arkansas, Police Department;

[REDACTED], North Little Rock,  
Arkansas, Municipal Court.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>BOSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>8/5/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/3/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>b7c</b> <b>maj</b>
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SA [REDACTED]

Office: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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8/5/65

Field Office File #: 161-1405

Bureau File #:

Title:

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] NBC [REDACTED]  
Jamestown, Rhode Island, recommends.

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Details:

[REDACTED] NBC [REDACTED]  
Jamestown, Rhode Island, on August 3, 1965 advised he has known JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR since 1955 or 1956 when CHANCELLOR was with NBC, Chicago, Illinois, and he was with NBC, [REDACTED], and they collaborated on a few programs. This was a very limited professional contact.

Subsequently, CHANCELLOR was [REDACTED] on the NBC Staff in [REDACTED]; and he knew CHANCELLOR reasonably well on a professional basis and found him to be a bright, ambitious, industrious and able correspondent. He was a first-class journalistic craftsman with a good sense of balance and proportion in reporting. He stated CHANCELLOR was gregarious, cheerful and friendly and made friends easily. He was well-informed and not politically naive.

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██████████ stated he has no reason to question CHANCELLOR's loyalty to the United States and from a review of CHANCELLOR's work as a correspondent, he regards him as manifesting a completely loyal and pro-American outlook. He regards CHANCELLOR as a loyal, conscientious and trustworthy employee.

██████████ stated CHANCELLOR lived with his wife ██████████ but he has only a limited casual social contact with CHANCELLOR as they did not travel in the same social circles. In these contacts CHANCELLOR always conducted himself in a gentlemanly and sober fashion. CHANCELLOR has a good reputation socially, personally and professionally and his associates were of reputable character.

██████████ stated he regards CHANCELLOR as a person of good morals, character, and has never had any reason to associate him with excesses in alcohol, or any immorality, homosexuality or any other vice.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: August 5, 1965

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 161-874

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No police record and favorable credit record for Appointee, San Francisco.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by IC [REDACTED]

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On August 5, 1965, records of the San Francisco Police Department were reviewed and no information identifiable with Appointee was located.

[REDACTED], San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, on August 5, 1965 advised that his records disclosed that an inquiry had been received from Robert Kirk Men's Store on September 21, 1962 for JOHN W. CHANCELLOR [REDACTED], residing at 1199 Park Avenue, New York, employed as a correspondent by NBC News. No additional information was contained in the file.

AT REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

On August 5, 1965, [REDACTED], San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, advised she could locate no record concerning

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Appointee. It is noted that this Sheriff's Office had jurisdiction at the Cow Palace where the Republican National Convention was held in 1964.

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TO SACS CHICAGO  
NEW YORK

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

*161-4025-56*

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE NY TEL AUGUST TWO LAST.

FOR INFO CHICAGO, [REDACTED] NBC,

NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN CHANCELLOR SINCE NINETEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

STATED THAT PRIOR TO GOING INTO ARMY CHANCELLOR WORKED ON A RIVER BOAT ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER.

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NEW YORK RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN SUFFICIENT DETAILS SO THAT CHICAGO CAN CHECK THIS EMPLOYMENT, IF POSSIBLE.

CHICAGO EXPEDITE CHECK OF COURT RECORDS RE ARREST AUGUST THIRTEEN NINETEEN FORTYNINE.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND SUTEL.

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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REBUTELE JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT NBC WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT AND ASSOCIATES.

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL BROAD-

CASTING COMPANY /NBC/, THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE CHANCELLOR BORN APRIL SEVEN TWENTYSEVEN WITH SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TWO FIVE EIGHT ONE FOUR FOUR ONE THREE ONE, ATTENDED DE PAUL ACADEMY, CHICAGO, ILL. FORTYONE TO FORTYTHREE AND ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FORTYSEVEN TO FORTYNINE, BUT DID NOT GRADUATE. FATHER DECEASED, MOTHER, MOLLY BARRETT CHANCELLOR, AS NINETEEN FIFTY RESIDED ONE THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ASTOR, CHICAGO, AS DID APPOINTEE. HE SERVED UNITED STATES ARMY MAY, FORTYFOUR TO JULY FORTYSEVEN. PRIOR TO ARMY SERVICE, HE SERVED AS SECOND MATE ON RIVERBOAT WHICH SAILED ILLINOIS RIVER. *NOT RECORDED*

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APPOINTEE EMPLOYED CHICAGO SUN-TIMES AS REPORTER FEBRUARY, FORTYEIGHT TO APRIL, NINETEEN FIFTY AND CAME TO NBC WITH CHICAGO BUREAU IN MAY NINETEEN FIFTY. HE TRANSFERRED TO ARTISTS PAYROLL NOVEMBER, FIFTYSIX AND BACK TO REGULAR NBC PAYROLL IN OCTOBER, SIXTYTWO. IN JUNE SIXTYTHREE, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM AND RETURNED NYC MAY SIXTYFOUR.

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IN SEPTEMBER, SIXTYFOUR, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON BUREAU OF NBC WHERE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED.

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ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE EMPLOYEE RESIDED ONE ONE NINE NINE PARK AVE, NYC, APARTMENT SEVENTEEN WHEN HE WAS ON STAFF OF "TODAY SHOW", NBC TELEVISION. SHE STATED [REDACTED]

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SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE PROFESSIONALLY FOR SIX YEARS AND HAS FOUND HIM TO BE EXTREMELY COMPETENT CORRESPONDENT WHOSE INTEGRITY, REPUTATION AND MORALS ARE ABOVE REPROACH. SHE BELIEVES HIM TO BE LOYAL AMERICAN WORTHY OF POSITION FOR WHICH PRESIDENT JOHNSON SEEKS HIS SERVICES.

CHET HUNTLEY, THE HUNTLEY-BRINKLEY REPORT, NBC NEWS DIVISION, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE AND WORKED WITH HIM IN LONDON AND LEBANON DURING NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND SAW HIM SEVERAL TIMES IN PARIS DURING ASSIGNMENTS OVERSEAS. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS EXCELLENT CORRESPONDENT. HE KNOWS APPOINTEE-S WIFE BUT NEVER MET MOTHER. APPOINTEE-S FATHER IS DECEASED AND BELIEVED HE DIED WHEN APPOINTEE VERY YOUNG. APPOINTEE PREVIOUSLY MARRIED BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HIS FIRST WIFE AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE REASON BEHIND DIVORCE.

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HE STATED HAS NEVER HAD REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE-S INTEGRITY OR MORALITY AND WOULD HAVE NO HESITANCY IN RECOMMENDING HIM FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF AMERICA.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND FORMER [REDACTED], NBC, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN [REDACTED] FOR CHICAGO TIMES. THIS PAPER LATER MERGED WITH THE CHICAGO SUN AND AT TIME OF MERGER, APPOINTEE, A REPORTER, LOST POSITION AS RESULT OF MERGER. APPOINTEE WAS OUTSTANDING CITY DESK ASSISTANT AT PAPER. AFTER LEAVING CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, APPOINTEE OBTAINED POSITION WITH STATION WMAQ, NBC, CHICAGO, AND AT THAT TIME APPOINTEE MARRIED TO FIRST WIFE, CONNIE, [REDACTED]. APPOINTEE AND FIRST WIFE WERE DIVORCED SOMETIME AROUND NINETEEN FIFTY IN CHICAGO. NO SCANDAL OR NOTORIETY ATTACHED TO DIVORCE, JUST COULDN-T GET ALONG. APPOINTEE MARRIED PRESENT WIFE, BARBARA, IN CHICAGO IN EARLY PART OF FIFTYEIGHT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] /PHONETIC/. SHORTLY AFTER SECOND MARRIAGE, APPOINTEE WAS SENT TO EUROPE BY NBC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE [REDACTED] AND HE BELIEVES CHANCELLOR-S INTEGRITY AND PERSONAL MORALITY ARE IMPECCABLE.  
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APPOINTEE HAS ALWAYS FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT WHAT ONE MUST DO FOR HIS COUNTRY AND THAT IS REASON HE ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AT A PERSONAL SACRIFICE FROM MONETARY POINT OF VIEW. CHANCELLOR-S LOYALTY BEYOND QUESTION AND HE FEELS PRESIDENT JOHNSON COULD NOT HAVE PICKED A BETTER MAN FOR THE JOB. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS ONE OF FOUR OR FIVE BEST JOURNALISTS IN COUNTRY. DURING LAST COUPLE OF YEARS IT IS HIS OPINION THAT APPOINTEE HAS BEEN PRIVY TO SECRETS NO ONE ELSE HAS, AND APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY DISCRETT ABOUT THEM. HE RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

[REDACTED] THE HUNTLEY-BRINKLEY REPORT, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE CASUALLY IN FIFTYTWO AND HAS KNOWN HIM WELL SINCE FIFTYFOUR. HE STATED APPOINTEE WORKED FOR NBC IN CHICAGO UNTIL FIFTYEIGHT WHEN HE WENT OVERSEAS TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA. IN TERMS OF CHARACTER, INTEGRITY AND MORALITY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION AS FAR AS APPOINTEE IS CONCERNED. APPOINTEE HAS GREAT PERSONAL RESILIENCE AND IS VERY ADAPTABLE TO ANY SITUATION. HIS LOYALTY IS BEYOND QUESTION AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM WITHOUT HESITATION FOR POSITION OF EXTEME TRUST. b7c

[REDACTED], NBC NEWS DIVISION, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE IN FIFTYFIVE, AND THEY HAVE BECOME VERY GOOD FRIENDS. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A FIRST CLASS CORRESPONDENT AND  
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INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MAN OF HIS WORD TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE. HE KNOWS THAT APPOINTEE TOOK POSITION WITH GOVERNMENT BECAUSE CHANCELLOR HAD STATED THAT IF HE WERE EVER ASKED TO WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HE FELT IT WAS AN OBLIGATION HE HAD TO MEET. HE STATED CHANCELLOR A VERY SINCERE AND SERIOUS PATRIOT WHO IS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS COUNTRY. HE WOULD LIKEWISE RECOMMEND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE STATED APPOINTEE-S PERSONAL MORALS ARE IMPECCABLE AND HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND. b7c

[REDACTED], NBC TELEVISION, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE THAT HE WORKED WITH APPOINTEE ON "TODAY SHOW" DURING [REDACTED] AND KNEW HIM PROFESSIONALLY PRIOR TO THAT TIME. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MOST COOPERATIVE AND VERY INTELLIGENT AND A WONDERFUL PERSON TO WORK WITH. WHILE ON AFOREMENTIONED SHOW THEY TRAVELED TOGETHER QUITE A LOT AND GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER WELL. HE HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE-S MENTALITY AND ABILITY AND AN OVERALL ADMIRATION FOR CHANCELLOR AS A PERSON. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION AS TO APPOINTEE-S CHARACTER, PERSONAL MORALS OR INTEGRITY AND HE BELIEVES HIM TO BY LOYAL AMERICAN WORTHY OF POSITION OF EXTREME TRUST. HE KNEW NOTHING SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF APPOINTEE-S DIVORCE

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[REDACTED] THE HUNTLEY-BRINKELY REPORT, NBC NEWS, ADVISED JULY TWENTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE-S FATHER HE BELIEVES WAS NEWSPAPER MAN WHO MOVED AROUND A GREAT DEAL AND DIED WHEN APPOINTEE YOUNG BOY. APPOINTEE-S MOTHER WAS HOUSEKEEPER FOR HOTEL CHAIN IN CHICAGO AND BOTH LIVED IN VARIOUS HOTELS WHILE APPOINTEE GROWING UP HE BELIEVES APPOINTEE-S MOTHER IS MENTALLY ILL AND CONFINED TO A NURSING HOME IN CHICAGO RUN BY CATHOLIC NUNS. HE DOES NOT KNOW ADDRESS. b7c

HE STATED [REDACTED] AND PRIOR TO GOING INTO THE ARMY, APPOINTEE WORKED ON RIVERBOAT ON ILLINOIS RIVER.

AFTER ARMY SERVICE, APPOINTEE WENT TO AN EXTENSION SCHOOL OF UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN CHICAGO AND GOT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

[REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE PRESENTLY MARRIED TO FORMER BARBARA UPSHAW. APPOINTEE-S FIRST WIFE, [REDACTED] THEY WERE DIVORCED IN CHICAGO, BUT APPOINTEE NEVER DISCUSSED HIS DIVORCE WITH HIM AND HE COULD OFFER NO INFORMATION AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCE SURROUNDING THIS. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS DEDICATED TO HIS FAMILY AND HIS PROFESSION AND HE IS ONE OF THE FINEST PERSONS HE HAS EVER HAD THE

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PRIVELEGE OF KNOWING. HE STATED APPOINTEE A DEDICATED AND LOYAL AMERICAN AND A BRILLIANT CHOICE FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS APPOINTED HIM. HIS INTEGRITY AND PERSONAL MORALS ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND APPOINTEE IS EXTREMELY VERSATILE IN HIS ABILITY TO CONVERSE WITH PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

[REDACTED] NBC NEWS, ADVISED JULY THIRTY HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE PROFESSIONALLY SINCE FIFTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED PRIOR TO FIFTYEIGHT, APPOINTEE WORKED IN CHICAGO FOR NBC AND MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF IN THE NEWS MEDIA DURING HIS COVERAGE OF THE LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS RACIAL CRISIS. AFTER SERVING OVERSEAS, APPOINTEE WAS HOST ON THE "TODAY SHOW" FOR ABOUT A YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO JULY, SIXTYONE. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY WHOSE PERSONAL HABITS ARE IMPECCABLE AND HE KNOWS OF NOTHING THAT APPOINTEE HAS EVER DONE WHICH WOULD EVER PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE US. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY. b7c

[REDACTED] NBC NEWS, ADVISED JULY THIRTY THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. [REDACTED], WAS THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS VERY COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL, WHOSE CONDUCT IS ABOVE

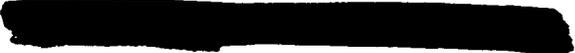
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APPROACH AND HIS LOYALTY IS UNQUESTIONED. HE STATED HE KNOWS OF NOTHING IN APPOINTEE-S BACKGROUND IN CONNECTION WITH HIS MORALS OR PERSONAL HABITS OR ASSOCIATIONS WHICH WOULD EVER PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE PRESIDENT. AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, THE APPOINTEE IS AS MORAL A MAN AS CAN BE. HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE APPOINTEE-S DIVORCE. HE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED.

 NBC, ADVISED ON JULY THIRTY THAT HE <sup>b7c</sup> FIRST MET APPOINTEE WHEN LATTER WAS WORKING IN THEIR CHICAGO OFFICE DURING LATTER PART OF NINETEEN FIFTIES. IN HIS CAPACITY HE HAS HAD RATHER CLOSE CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL ONLY. HE DOES NOT KNOW APPOINTEE-S FAMILY. HE STATED THE PRESIDENT COULD NOT HAVE SELECTED A BETTER MAN FOR THE JOB THAN APPOINTEE. HE DESCRIBED HIM AS A MAN OF EXCELLENT ETHICS AND EXTREME GOOD JUDGMENT. HE HAS ABILITY TO HANDLE CONTROVERSIAL AND DELICATE THINGS WITH BALANCE AND FAIRNESS AND ABSENCE OF PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL. HE IS INTELLIGENT WITH GREAT DEAL OF COMMON SENSE WHOSE LOYALTY IS ABOVE REPROACH.

HE ADVISED THERE IS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IN APPOINTEE BACKGROUND THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED IN HIS PERSONAL LIFE THAT MIGHT PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE US IN THE FUTURE, SUCH AS DRINKING,  
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HOMOSEXUALITY OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN NAMED.

[REDACTED], NBC *b7c*  
NES, ADVISED ON JULY THIRTY THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE FIFTY THREE, BOTH SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. HE HAS HANDLED THE APPOINTEE-S [REDACTED] SINCE THAT TIME. AS TO APPOINTEE-S PERSONAL CHARACTER, THERE ARE VERY FEW MEN WHOSE FRIENDSHIP HE VALUES AS HE DOES THAT OF APPOINTEE. HE IS A MAN OF BASIC HONESTY WITH NO SHAM ABOUT HIM. HE ADDED THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO QUESTION HIS LOYALTY IN ANY WAY. HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT. HE STATED THAT ALL CONTRACTS DRAWN UP BY NBC HAVE STONG MORALS CLAUSE AND THE NETWORK GUARDS THIS VERY JEALOUSLY BECAUSE OF WHAT A BREACH OF THIS CLAUSE BY AN EMPLOYEE MIGHT DO TO NBC NEWS. HE ADVISED THAT CHANCELLOR HAS HAD THIS CLAUSE EXPLAINED TO HIM AND HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT AND HE HAS NEVER INDICATED THAT THERE HAS EVER BEEN ANYTHING IN HIS BACKGROUND WHICH WOULD HAVE VIOLATED THIS CLAUSE. HE STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF INTEGRITY, GOOD PERSONAL MORALS AND ONE WHO IS WORTHY OF THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING SOUGHT. HE ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE-S WIFE AS TO HER CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. HE NEVER KNEW APPOINTEE-S FIRST WIFE.

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[REDACTED], NBC NEWS, ADVISED JULY THIRTY THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY SINCE [REDACTED], AND THEIR PATHS HAVE CROSSED IN LONDON, PARIS AND BERLIN OVER THE YEARS. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLES AND EXCELLENT MORALS. HE SAID APPOINTEE TAKES A DRINK SOCIALLY AND THAT IS ALL. HE FEELS THAT CHANCELLOR IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THE POSITION WITH THE VOICE OF AMERICA. HE DID NOT KNOW APPOINTEE-S FIRST WIFE AND DOES NOT KNOW CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR DIVORCE BUT BELIEVES IT WAS DUE TO INCOMPATIBILITY AND NOTHING ELSE. APPOINTEE WAS SEPARATED FOR QUITE SOME TIME BEFORE HE MARRIED HIS PRESENT WIFE, BARBARA. HE ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NOTHING IN THE APPOINTEE-S BACKGROUND SOCIALLY OR OTHERWISE FROM A STANDPOINT OF PERSONAL BEHAVIOR, MORALS, OR HABITS WHICH WOULD EVER PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS A MAN WHO WOULD TORTURE HIMSELF TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT HIS FACTS ARE CORRECT BEFORE HE REPORTS ANYTHING. HE RECOMMENDED HIM WITHOUT HESITATION FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

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ON AUGUST TWO, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NY, NY, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN THE APPOINTEE-S [REDACTED] FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE TO BE A VERY INTELLIGENT AND

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GENUINELY SINCERE INDIVIDUAL. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE POSSESSES A CHARACTER ABOVE REPROACH AND IS A PERSON WHO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONGST HIS FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS AN EXCELLENT FAMILY MAN AND THAT THE APPOINTEE-S FAMILY ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED HIM ON HIS FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS.

[REDACTED] STATED THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPOINTEE-S MORAL CHARACTER OR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. THE APPOINTEE, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED IN FAVORABLE TERMS AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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NEIGHBORHOOD.....ON AUGUST TWO, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ADVISED THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE DURING THE TIME THE APPOINTEE RESIDED AT ONE ONE NINE NINE PARK AVENUE, NYC. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A GOOD FAMILY MAN AND POSSESSED A CHARACTER ABOVE REPROACH. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE KNOWS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING OF AN UNFAVORABLE NATURE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE, HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES AND HIGHLY RANKS THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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ON AUGUST TWO, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED] ONE ONE NINE NINE PARK AVENUE, NY, NY, [REDACTED], ADVISED THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE UNTIL THE APPOINTEE DISCONTINUED HIS RESIDENCE AT THAT ADDRESS TO ASSUME AN ASSIGNMENT IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. [REDACTED] STATED THAT PRIOR TO THAT TIME THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WOULD BEST BE DESCRIBED AS A GOOD FAMILY MAN AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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ON AUGUST TWO, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED], ONE ONE NINE NINE PARK AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE, DURING HIS TERM OF RESIDENCE AT THE ADDRESS, WOULD BEST BE DESCRIBED AS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED SPENDING MOST OF HIS FREE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND IS A PERSON ABOUT WHOM HE KNOWS NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE NEVER MADE ANY STATEMENTS OR COMMITTED ANY ACTS WHICH WOULD MAKE HIM BELIEVE THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS OTHER THAN COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] ONE ONE NINE NINE PARK AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER AND ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION. [REDACTED] STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE SOCIALLY, HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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ON AUGUST TWO, INSTANT, [REDACTED] HOTEL DORSET, THIRTY WEST FIFTYFOURTH STREET, NY, NY, ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE RESIDED HERE FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS IN SIXTYONE WITH HIS WIFE [REDACTED]. HE COULD NOT FURNISH THE EXACT DATES OF THIS RESIDENCE BECAUSE HIS RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD ARE UNAVAILABLE. HE ADDED THE APPOINTEE WAS A SATISFACTORY TENANT, AND HE DID NOT KNOW HIM WELL ENOUGH TO COMMENT CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE-S CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. HE INQUIRED OF OTHERS, BUT [REDACTED] COULD LOCATE NO ONE WHO KNEW THE APPOINTEE WELL ENOUGH TO COMMENT.

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[REDACTED], NY, NY /CONCEAL BY REQUEST/, MADE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON JANUARY ONE SEVEN, SIXTYONE, WHICH REFLECTED THAT ON [REDACTED] JOHN W. CHANCELLOR, CARE OF THE HOTEL DORSET, THREE ZERO WEST FIVE FOUR STREET, NY, NY, [REDACTED] MOSCOW.

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[REDACTED] WAS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED JOHN W. CHANCELLOR.

ON JULY TWENTYNINE, SIXTYFIVE, SA [REDACTED] SEARCHED THE RECORDS OF THE INFORMATION BUREAU OF "THE NEW YORK TIMES", TWO TWO NINE WEST FOUR THREE STREET, NY, NY. THESE RECORDS REFLECT THAT JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR MARRIED CONSTANCE HERBERT IN ONE NINE FIVE ZERO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS MARRIAGE ENDED IN DIVORCE BUT NO DATE OR PLACE OF THE DIVORCE WAS GIVEN. IN ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, CHANCELLOR MARRIED BARBARA UPSHAW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION WAS LOCATED IN THE  
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ABOVE RECORDS.

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CREDIT AND ARREST.....ON JULY TWENTYNINE, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, ADVISED INVESTIGATIVE CLERK [REDACTED] THAT A CREDIT RECORD FOR THE APPOINTEE WAS SATISFACTORY.

ON JULY TWO NINE, SIXTYFIVE, SA [REDACTED] CAUSED THE RECORDS OF THE NYCPD TO BE CHECKED BY [REDACTED], BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, PATROLMAN [REDACTED] INFORMATION UNIT, [REDACTED] OLD RECORD ROOM /ALL OF THE ABOVE OF THE NYCPD/ AND [REDACTED] FINGERPRINT BUREAU, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. NO RECORD COULD BE LOCATED FOR THE APPOINTEE [REDACTED].

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THERE IS NO MORALS SQUAD ASSOCIATED WITH THE NYCPD, THEREFORE, ALL MORALS ARRESTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR POLICE RECORD CHECK. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS ACQUAINTED WITH HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NYC AREA ARE BEING CONTACTED. NY WILL SUTEL BY TWELVE NOON, AUGUST THREE, ONE NINE SIX FIVE.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUCH AN INCIDENT OCCURRED AS THE ONE DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] WHERE HOMOSEXUAL NIGHT CLUB WAS RAIDED AND PERSON NAMED "JACK" AMONG MANY OTHERS INCLUDING HOMOSEXUALS WERE ARRESTED.

ALSO ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE IF THE JACK REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL WITH APPOINTEE.

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE NY TEL AUGUST TWO LAST.

FOR INFO CHICAGO, [REDACTED] NBC,  
NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN CHANCELLOR SINCE NINETEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT PRIOR TO GOING INTO ARMY CHANCELLOR WORKED ON A  
RIVER BOAT ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER. b7c

NEW YORK RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN SUFFICIENT DETAILS  
SO THAT CHICAGO CAN CHECK THIS EMPLOYMENT, IF POSSIBLE.

CHICAGO EXPEDITE CHECK OF COURT RECORDS RE ARREST AUGUST  
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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

REBUTEL TO CHICAGO AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

[REDACTED], BOND COURT, CIVIC CENTER, CHICAGO, ADVISED UNABLE TO LOCATE MUNICIPAL COURT RECORD FOUR NINE MC EIGHT ZERO SEVEN SEVEN NINE-EIGHT ZERO-EIGHT ONE RE APPOINTEE'S ARREST AUGUST THIRTEEN FORTY NINE. STATED THIS RECORD EITHER LOST, MISPLACED OR DESTROYED.

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[REDACTED] VICE CONTROL DIVISION, CHICAGO PD, ADVISED ONLY RAID CONDUCTED AT "WINDUP TAVERN," SIX SIX NINE N. STATE ST., NEAR NORTH SIDE CHICAGO, OCCURRED JANUARY NINE FORTY NINE WHEN "NINETY TWO PERSONS" ARRESTED "INCLUDING PERVERTS, MINORS AND SIX WITH PREVIOUS POLICE RECORDS..." WINDUP TAVERN IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN

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TO DIRECTOR AND /8/ CHICAGO

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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REBUTEL, DATED AUGUST FIVE LAST.

ON AUGUST SIX LAST, [REDACTED], NBC, NEW YORK, STATED HE COULD NOT RECALL ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE THE APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT ON A RIVER BOAT ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER AND IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE RIVER BOATS ARE NO LONGER IN BUSINESS. NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED. RUC.

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TO : Mr. Gale *ph*

DATE: 8/6/65

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

Chancellor is the National Broadcasting Company correspondent who was named by the President on 7/28/65 as Director of the Voice of America. Request received 7/27/65 from White House for investigation of Chancellor.

Investigation now complete, except for a few isolated leads. Chancellor was a reporter for the "Chicago Sun-Times" from 1948 to 1950. Since 1950 he has been employed as news commentator and news correspondent by the National Broadcasting Company in Chicago, Vienna, Moscow, London, Brussels, New York and Washington, D. C. Since September, 1964, he has been a White House correspondent.

Two Chicago criminal informants, one of whom is a homosexual, have advised that Chancellor is known in homosexual circles in Chicago as "one of us and friendly to us." It was stated that Chancellor is referred to by "fags" as "Mother Chancellor." They advised that in conversation with other "queers" in Chicago the others had indicated Chancellor was queer, but they had never been "out" with him; however, he "traveled with the crowd." It was said he had frequented a night club in Chicago known as a "queer joint" and belonged to the "home crowd," which means he does not openly display his affections, but does so only with a select group in secure places.

Chancellor has been arrested on four occasions by the Chicago Police Department. On 3/27/49 he was arrested for being drunk, was found not guilty and was discharged. On 8/13/49 he was arrested for speeding, being under influence of liquor and no driver's license, the disposition of which was "bond forfeiture and capias issued." We are checking out court records on this which have not been available.

On 2/11/51 he was arrested for being found on the roof of the Ambassador East Hotel late at night in Chicago, the disposition of which was "discharged." The implication was that he was possibly a peeping Tom, but he

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Re: John William Chancellor

explained he had formerly lived in that hotel, as his mother had been housekeeper, and had played on the roof as a child. He said he was returning to a scene of his childhood. After the officers verified that he had lived there and his mother had been the housekeeper there, he was released.

He was also arrested on 5/10/51 after being observed during early morning hours on the fire escape of an apartment house in Chicago.

[REDACTED] Chancellor explained that he had been drinking and while walking down the alley by the hotel heard footsteps and ran up the fire escape to avoid whoever was following him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chancellor was afforded a jury trial, found not guilty and was discharged. Details of this arrest appeared in Chicago newspapers at the time. [REDACTED]

he has heard from unrecalled sources that Chancellor had homosexual tendencies.

Investigation of Chancellor was otherwise favorable and all other persons interviewed (we interviewed 68) described him as an excellent news commentator and reporter whose morals, character, reputation, loyalty and associates are above question and recommended him. No one stated that he has a problem of alcohol, but many advised that he is a moderate drinker.

We have checked appropriate arrest records everywhere Chancellor has lived in the United States. In connection with his work he has traveled to practically every state in the Union as well as numerous foreign countries and, therefore, due to the magnitude of the task, we are not checking police records in every city in which he has visited as a newspaperman.

ACTION:

Enclosed is a letter to Mr. Watson at the White House transmitting a summary memorandum containing the results of our investigation, which should be delivered by Liaison.

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August 6, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
 Special Assistant to the President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. John William Chancellor, which was requested by you on July 27, 1965.



When the results of additional inquiries being conducted concerning Mr. Chancellor have been completed you will be advised.

The investigation of Mr. Chancellor covered inquiries in the continental limits of the United States concerning his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

NOTE: See memo Cleveland to Gale re Chancellor dated 8/6/65, DHY: jm.

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~~JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR~~

SUMMARY

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Chancellor was born on July 14, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois.

Education

3156 Woodley Road  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Chancellor attended DePaul Academy, Chicago, Illinois, from September, 1941, to March, 1944, when he withdrew. The records of that academy do not indicate the reason for his withdrawal. Those records indicate that on June 12, 1947, he was awarded a "general educational development" diploma on the basis of passing United States Armed Forces Institute tests on a high school level.

He attended the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, from September, 1947, to January, 1949, when he was dropped from the rolls for scholastic failure. He received no degree and there is a notation in his record stating, "No transcript. May not reregister until clears with library." A representative of that university stated that the notation indicates he checked books out of the library while attending the university and never returned them.

Employment

From 1941 to 1945 Mr. Chancellor was employed during the summers and for short periods of time as a clerk and messenger in Chicago, Illinois.

From February, 1948, to April, 1950, he was employed by the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, as a copy boy and a reporter.

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Since May, 1950, Mr. Chancellor has been employed as a news correspondent and news commentator by the National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated (NBC), in Chicago, Illinois; Vienna, Austria; London, England; Moscow, Russia; Brussels, Belgium; New York, New York; and Washington, D. C.

Military Service

Mr. Chancellor enlisted in the United States Army on November 6, 1945, as a private. He was honorably discharged on July 3, 1947, as a technician fifth class. His record is clear.

Marital Status

Mr. Chancellor is presently married to the former Barbara Upshaw and resides with her [REDACTED], [REDACTED] 3126 Woodley Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The records of Cook County Domestic Court, Chicago, Illinois, indicate that on October 22, 1957, Constance Herbert Chancellor, as plaintiff, filed a suit for divorce against Mr. Chancellor, as defendant. The plaintiff charged that on April 9, 1955, the defendant willfully deserted and absented himself from the plaintiff without reasonable cause for over one year. The defendant filed an answer on October 30, 1957, denying the allegation. The plaintiff was granted a divorce on November 13, 1957, [REDACTED]

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**II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION**

Miscellaneous

An informant\* who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with criminal activities in Chicago, Illinois, and who is a homosexual, advised that Mr. Chancellor is known in "homosexual circles" in Chicago as "one of us and friendly to us." The informant stated that a few days after Mr. Chancellor's appointment as Director of the [REDACTED]

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Voice of America was announced in the press, he (the informant) remarked to a homosexual friend that "one of us," meaning Mr. Chancellor, is "getting up in the world," referring to the recent appointment. The informant stated that Mr. Chancellor is not personally known to him, but he had heard of him through his (the informant's) homosexual associates before reading of Mr. Chancellor's appointment. The informant further advised that he had mentioned the appointment of Mr. Chancellor to "homosexual friends" and one homosexual named "Joe," last name unknown, remarked that he did not like Mr. Chancellor because, when he used to see him at a "North Side homosexual hang-out," he (Mr. Chancellor) "thought he was a big wheel." This informant further stated that homosexuals do not normally learn the complete names and addresses of their friends, unless one takes the other to his residence. He added he has no further information concerning "Joe." The informant further advised that Mr. Chancellor may be known to homosexuals by name due to his prominence, but he (the informant) seriously doubts that any homosexuals would admit having any knowledge of Mr. Chancellor.

Another informant\*who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with criminal activities in Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is aware of Mr. Chancellor's recent appointment and, although he is not personally acquainted with Mr. Chancellor, knows him to be referred to by "fags" as "Mother Chancellor." The informant further stated that in conversation with two "queers" with whom he is acquainted he mentioned Mr. Chancellor's appointment and asked them if Mr. Chancellor is "queer." Both answered, "Yes, he is one of us," but they said they have never been "out" with him. Both stated they did not know who had been "out" with Mr. Chancellor, but said he "traveled with the crowd." Both stated that Mr. Chancellor had been to the Blue Dahlia, a night club in Chicago which is known as a "queer joint." This informant stated that these two persons referred to Mr. Chancellor as belonging to the "home crowd," meaning that he does not openly "display his affections," but does so only with a select group in "secure places."

An individual who identified himself only as "a police officer and good Democrat" telephonically advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that the Administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson should know that Mr. Chancellor had been "locked up" a number of times by the Chicago Police Department. The caller

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stated that Mr. Chancellor was arrested about six years ago on morals charges, once "on Elm Street" and another occasion at the Ambassador East Hotel. He said that in connection with one of those arrests Mr. Chancellor was found hiding on a roof with binoculars in his possession.

#### Credit and Arrest Checks

The records of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, indicate that Mr. Chancellor was arrested on March 27, 1949, on a charge of "disorderly conduct - drunk," the disposition of which was "discharged" on March 28, 1949. The records contain no additional information concerning that arrest and it has been determined that the arresting officers are either deceased or do not remember the arrest.

The records of Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, indicate that Mr. Chancellor was arrested on March 27, 1949, and charged with violation of Municipal Code 193-1-1, "disorderly conduct - did make or aid in making an improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of peace or diversion tending to a breach of the peace within the limits of the city." It was indicated that Mr. Chancellor was found lying intoxicated in a vacant lot at the intersection of Ohio and Dearborn Streets. It is indicated he waived a jury trial and was found not guilty and was discharged on March 28, 1949.

The records of the Chicago Police Department also indicate that on August 13, 1949, Mr. Chancellor was arrested on a charge of "speeding, being under influence of liquor and no driver's license," the disposition of which was "bond forfeiture and capias issued September, 1949." The records do not indicate whether the capias was served or dismissed and there is presently no warrant outstanding for Mr. Chancellor. The records contain no additional information concerning that arrest and it has been determined that the arresting officer is deceased.

Those records further indicate that on February 11, 1951, Mr. Chancellor was arrested on a charge of "disorderly conduct - found on roof of Ambassador East Hotel," the disposition of which was "discharged" on February 13, 1951. Those records contain no additional information concerning that arrest.

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised he is a former officer of the Chicago Police Department and recalls answering a burglary complaint with Officer [redacted] which was received from the Ambassador East Hotel. He stated that he and [redacted] went up the fire escape of the hotel to search the roof and found Mr. Chancellor hiding behind an air vent. He said he does not recall Mr. Chancellor's having any binoculars in his possession. He stated they questioned Mr. Chancellor who advised that many years ago he lived in that hotel as his mother was the housekeeper there. He told the officers that he used to play on the roof and the fire escape and had returned that night due to a desire to visit a scene of his childhood. [redacted] said he considered the story very strange since it was past midnight at the time. He added that Mr. Chancellor was taken to the police station where it was verified that he formerly resided at the Ambassador East Hotel and his mother had formerly been the housekeeper there. His employment as a news reporter was also verified and he was shortly thereafter released. [redacted] stated he recalls Mr. Chancellor quite clearly as he has observed him on television on several occasions since that time. He advised that shortly after the arrest on February 11, 1951, Mr. Chancellor was again arrested in connection with a very similar incident, the details of which he does not know. He stated that he knows nothing else concerning Mr. Chancellor, but has always felt there was "something wrong" with the story Mr. Chancellor gave on the occasion of his arrest on February 11, 1951.

[redacted] officer, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, advised he vaguely recalls arresting Mr. Chancellor sometime during 1951 and believes the arrest was made on the fire escape of some hotel in Chicago, the name of which he does not recall. He stated it is his impression that Mr. Chancellor was arrested for being intoxicated, but he does not recall any other facts concerning the arrest. He said he does not recall Mr. Chancellor's having any binoculars in his possession.

The records of the Chicago Police Department also indicate that Mr. Chancellor was arrested on May 10, 1951, on a charge of "disorderly conduct - arrested on fire escape at 78 East Elm Street," the disposition of which was "discharged May 21, 1951." The records indicate that the complainant was [redacted]

The records contain no additional information concerning that arrest. It has been determined that the arresting officers, with the exception of Officer [redacted] are either deceased or do not remember the arrest.

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[REDACTED] a person on the fire escape  
which person turned out to be Mr. Chancellor.

[REDACTED]  
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He advised that Mr. Chancellor was apprehended, at which time he  
observed Mr. Chancellor

[REDACTED] and where the identity of  
the arrested individual was determined to be Mr. Chancellor. He  
said that, to his knowledge, Mr. Chancellor had no binoculars in  
his possession nor was he armed nor did he see Mr. Chancellor  
attempt to enter any apartment while on the fire escape.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mr. Chancellor as Mr. Chancellor was an individual of  
good character.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to his knowledge, Mr. Chancellor was not armed nor did he  
see him try to enter any of the apartments. He does not recall  
what happened to Mr. Chancellor, but believes the case was dis-  
charged.

[REDACTED] stated he has never had any  
association with Mr. Chancellor  
[REDACTED] He said that, to his knowledge,

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Mr. Chancellor was not intoxicated at that time and he believes it quite possible that Mr. Chancellor was "peeping in apartment windows." He added that he has no firsthand knowledge that Mr. Chancellor is other than a normal, healthy and masculine individual, but has "heard stories" from sources, the identities of which he does not now recall, which indicate that Mr. Chancellor "may have" homosexual tendencies.

[REDACTED] officer, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, advised he recalls assisting in the arrest of an individual in 1951 who was found on a fire escape of an apartment house. He advised he does not recall the name of the arrested person. He stated that, on answering the call, he climbed the fire escape, where he found the arrested party on the second floor level. He said that he believed that person was charged with disorderly conduct in the absence of any proof of more specific charges. He stated he does not recall any other circumstances concerning the arrest. b7c

The records of Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, indicate that Mr. Chancellor was arrested on May 10, 1951, for violation of Municipal Code 193-1-1. He posted a cash bond of \$100 and on May 25, 1951, was afforded a jury trial and was found not guilty and was discharged.

In the May 11, 1951, issue of "The Chicago Tribune" there appeared an article captioned, "Can't Explain Presence on Fire Escape-Seized." The article indicates that Mr. Chancellor was arrested early on the morning of May 10, 1951, on the fire escape of a building located at 78 East Elm Street. The article indicated that Mr. Chancellor could not explain his presence on the fire escape and had been booked on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The records of the City News Bureau of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, contain an item dated May 22, 1951, which indicates that Mr. Chancellor was seized on May 10, 1951, on the fire escape of an apartment building located at 78 East Elm Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was further indicated that at a preliminary hearing Mr. Chancellor had pleaded for leniency, telling the court his job was at stake and his wife was expecting a baby. He stated he had been drinking and had cut through the alley by the apartment house while on his way home, when he heard footsteps. He said he climbed the fire escape because he feared to be seen.

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Information has been received from other appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Chancellor or his close relatives.

Informants

Other informants who are familiar with certain phases of homosexual activities in appropriate areas have been contacted and have advised that Mr. Chancellor is unknown to them and they have no information concerning him.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and advised he has known Mr. Chancellor for several years as an outstanding news commentator. He stated that Mr. Chancellor is very capable and outstanding in every respect. He said he has had no social contact with Mr. Chancellor other than at official functions. He favorably recommended Mr. Chancellor for a position of trust.

Robert F. Kennedy, United States Senator from New York, advised through his [REDACTED] in Washington, D. C., that he knows Mr. Chancellor by reputation only and has had no personal contact to any extent with Mr. Chancellor. He stated he knows nothing derogatory about Mr. Chancellor.

[REDACTED] NBC, Washington, D. C., advised he has been [REDACTED] since Mr. Chancellor became a White House correspondent in [REDACTED]. He stated that he also knew Mr. Chancellor slightly in the past when he [REDACTED] was assigned to [REDACTED], and Mr. Chancellor was assigned to the Chicago Office of NBC. [REDACTED] said that he is also socially acquainted with Mr. Chancellor and Mrs. Chancellor, whom he considers a very reputable person. He stated that since he has known Mr. Chancellor he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning his morals, character, loyalty or associates. He highly recommended Mr. Chancellor for a position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in [REDACTED]

She advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. She said that she recalls that Mr. Chancellor was arrested on one occasion in Chicago when he became intoxicated and climbed up a fire escape on a building. [REDACTED] stated she does not recall complete details concerning the matter, but believes the arrest was made because of previous robberies which had occurred in the vicinity of that building. She added that he was "cleared" and no serious charges were made. She said that Mr. Chancellor is ordinarily a moderate drinker who is also moderate in all his personal habits. She stated that he is mentally and emotionally stable and is well respected by his associates. [REDACTED] further described him as being reliable, intelligent and a loyal American citizen. She recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED] NBC, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Chancellor for over 15 years both socially and professionally. He stated he considers Mr. Chancellor to be "first-rate" professionally and an individual who is morally sound and well regarded by all who know him. He advised he has never known Mr. Chancellor to drink intoxicants excessively or to drink "on the job." He stated he recalls that in 1951 Mr. Chancellor was arrested at the Ambassador East Hotel. He said he does not know the exact charge made against Mr. Chancellor at that time, but believes there was an indication he was a "Peeping Tom." He stated he recalls that Mr. Chancellor had been drinking at the time and he [REDACTED] does not put any credence in the "Peeping Tom" charge. He said that the Ambassador East Hotel at one time had been home to Mr. Chancellor as his mother was formerly the housekeeper at that hotel. [REDACTED] stated he also recalls that Mr. Chancellor was arrested again shortly after his first arrest and believes he was also drinking at that time. He advised that Mr. Chancellor and his first wife, at that time, "were not getting along," which he believes to have been the cause of Mr. Chancellor's drinking. He said he does not know the differences which existed between Mr. Chancellor and his first wife other than "plain incompatibility." He stated there

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was no scandal attached to their divorce. He added that Mr. Chancellor is a loyal American whom he has never known to belong to any questionable organizations and he recommended Mr. Chancellor for a position of trust and responsibility. [redacted] advised that [redacted] who is presently employed by the [redacted], Washington, D. C., was [redacted] at the time of his arrests [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D. C., advised he had formerly been [redacted] of NBC in Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] He stated he had thereafter [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is aware of only one arrest of Mr. Chancellor, which arrest occurred in Chicago in 1951 at the Ambassador East Hotel. He said he does not know anything concerning that arrest which could be considered adverse concerning Mr. Chancellor's character as he was "picked up" on suspicion. He explained that Mr. Chancellor is a native of Chicago and had previously resided at the Ambassador East Hotel where his mother had been housekeeper. He stated that at the time of the arrest Mr. Chancellor's wife was expecting a child. He added that Mr. Chancellor had been out drinking, walked by the hotel and seeing a fire escape, decided to climb it. [redacted] of that arrest the following morning after Mr. Chancellor had been released. b7c

[redacted] Harry C. Kopf, now deceased, who was formerly NBC Vice President in charge of the Chicago area of the arrest of Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Kopf wanted to discharge Mr. Chancellor. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he believes Mr. Chancellor is a fine young man and it would be unfortunate if the arrest in Chicago adversely affects his future. He said Mr. Chancellor is able to maintain a confidence and has never had a problem with alcoholic beverages. [redacted] added that Mr. Chancellor is a very capable reporter and commentator and he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. He advised that Mr. Chancellor has never displayed any effeminate characteristics. He said Mr. Chancellor's character and reputation are excellent and he recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

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[REDACTED], NBC, New York, New York, advised he has known Mr. Chancellor [REDACTED] together in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that Mr. Chancellor's father died when Mr. Chancellor was a young boy and his mother, who was the housekeeper for several hotels in Chicago, reared him. He said he is aware that Mr. Chancellor is divorced from his first wife, but Mr. Chancellor never discussed the divorce with him and he knows nothing concerning the circumstances of the divorce. He stated that Mr. Chancellor is devoted to his present wife and family and to his profession and is one of the finest persons he [REDACTED] has ever had the privilege of knowing. He advised that Mr. Chancellor's integrity and personal morals are above reproach. He added that Mr. Chancellor is extremely versatile in his ability to converse with people from all walks of life and is a "brilliant" choice for the position to which he has been appointed by President Johnson. He further stated that Mr. Chancellor is a dedicated and loyal American and he recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Chet Huntley, NBC, New York, New York, advised he has known Mr. Chancellor both socially and professionally since 1955. He stated that he has worked with Mr. Chancellor in London and Paris during overseas assignments and considers him an excellent correspondent. He said he is acquainted with Mr. Chancellor's present wife and considers her a highly reputable person. Mr. Huntley stated he has never had any reason to question Mr. Chancellor's integrity or morality and would have no hesitancy in recommending him for the position of Director of the Voice of America.

[REDACTED] NBC, Washington, D. C., advised that he and Mr. Chancellor have been associated both socially and professionally for approximately ten years. He stated that during that period nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. Chancellor has ever been brought to his attention. He said that he is acquainted with Mrs. Chancellor and considers her a reputable person. He stated that Mr. Chancellor's character, reputation, loyalty and associates are above question and he recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

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[REDACTED] "Chicago Sun-Times," Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has been acquainted with Mr. Chancellor for many years and considers him an intelligent, capable and respected member of his profession who will be an asset to the Federal Government. He stated that he is aware that Mr. Chancellor was arrested in 1951 on the roof of the Ambassador East Hotel and believes there were "questions" concerning Mr. Chancellor's conduct on the hotel roof but his activities there were never positively determined. He attributed Mr. Chancellor's presence on the hotel roof to a "youth escapade." He stated that he considers Mr. Chancellor to be normal in his associations with members of both sexes and has never doubted his moral character. He advised that he has confidence in Mr. Chancellor's loyalty, and he recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED] further stated that on one occasion, the time of which he does not recall, and while Mr. Chancellor was working for the "Chicago Sun-Times," a night club which was frequented by homosexuals was raided by the Chicago Police Department and a large number of persons were arrested. He stated that while some of the persons arrested were homosexuals, many of those arrested were only in the night club to observe the antics of homosexuals. b7c

[REDACTED] that a person named "Jack" who was a friend of [REDACTED] and employed by the "Chicago Sun-Times" had been present at the night club but was released when he said he was a friend of [REDACTED]. He stated he has never established whether the person released was identical with Mr. Chancellor or was another employee of the newspaper.

[REDACTED] Evanston, Illinois, advised that [REDACTED] she stated that their divorce was amicable and the grounds of desertion were used to satisfy the laws of the State of Illinois. She stated that she is a [REDACTED] and has known Mr. Chancellor for over ten years, but has had few contacts with him in recent years. She stated that Mr. Chancellor and his first wife were young, ambitious and impatient and "had not worked to make a success of their marriage." She stated there was no scandal attached to their divorce.

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[REDACTED] stated that she knows of Mr. Chancellor's arrest on the roof of the Ambassador East Hotel in 1951. She advised that Mr. Chancellor had grown up in that neighborhood and his mother had formerly been the housekeeper of that hotel. She stated that she believes his presence there was due to the overindulgence in alcohol and further stated it was reasonable for him to be "out" during early morning hours because his duties often required that he work until midnight or later.

[REDACTED] commented favorably concerning Mr. Chancellor's character, loyalty, reputation and associates. She stated she has no knowledge of Mr. Chancellor's having been arrested on any other occasion or having been involved in any incident which would reflect adversely upon him. She said she considers Mr. Chancellor to be an experienced newspaper reporter, and she highly recommended him for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

[REDACTED] NBC, New York, New York, advised that he has known Mr. Chancellor both socially and professionally. He advised that he is aware that Mr. Chancellor and his first wife were divorced and there was no scandal or notoriety connected with that divorce. He stated that the divorce was based on their inability to "get along." [REDACTED] stated that he considers Mr. Chancellor's integrity and "personal morality" to be impeccable. He advised that Mr. Chancellor has always felt that a person should serve his country and consequently accepted his present appointment at a personal financial sacrifice. He stated that Mr. Chancellor is one of the five best journalists in the United States, and he feels that President Johnson could not have picked a better man as Director of the Voice of America. He advised that Mr. Chancellor's loyalty is above question and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED] NBC, New York, New York, advised that he worked with Mr. Chancellor on the [REDACTED] and knew him professionally prior to that time. He described Mr. Chancellor as a very intelligent and cooperative person who is "wonderful" to work with. He stated

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that while working on the [REDACTED] he and Mr. Chancellor traveled together on many occasions and became well acquainted with each other. He said he has great respect for Mr. Chancellor's mentality and ability and admires Mr. Chancellor as a person. He stated there has never been any question in his mind as to Mr. Chancellor's character, personal morals and integrity, and he believes Mr. Chancellor to be a loyal American who is worthy of a position of extreme trust.

[REDACTED] NBC, New York, New York, advised that he has known Mr. Chancellor since the late 1950s when they were both employed by NBC in Chicago, Illinois. He said that he has had close contact with Mr. Chancellor on a professional basis only and is not acquainted with the other members of Mr. Chancellor's family. He described Mr. Chancellor as an intelligent person who possesses a great deal of common sense and President Johnson could not have selected a better man to direct the Voice of America. He stated that Mr. Chancellor has the ability to handle controversial and delicate matters with balance and fairness. He advised that, to his knowledge, there is nothing whatsoever in Mr. Chancellor's background that might prove embarrassing in the future such as drinking, homosexuality or "anything of that nature." He highly recommended Mr. Chancellor for the position to which he has been appointed. b7c

[REDACTED] NBC, New York, New York, advised that he has known Mr. Chancellor since 1953 both socially and professionally. He stated he [REDACTED] Mr. Chancellor's [REDACTED] with NBC since that time. He advised that there are very few men whose friendship he values as much as he does Mr. Chancellor's. He stated that Mr. Chancellor is a man of basic honesty "with no sham" about him. He advised that he is also acquainted with Mr. Chancellor's present wife [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that all contracts drawn up by NBC have a strong "morals clause" and the network is very careful concerning that clause because a breach of the clause could be very damaging to the network. He advised that Mr. Chancellor has had this clause explained to him, fully understands it and has never indicated that there has ever been anything in his background which would have violated the clause.

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He stated that as far as he is concerned, Mr. Chancellor is a man of integrity who possesses good personal morals and who is worthy of the position to which he has been appointed.

[REDACTED], NBC, advised he has known Mr. Chancellor since 1952 when they met at a political convention in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that since that time he has had professional and social contact with Mr. Chancellor in London, England; Paris, France; Washington, D. C.; and New York City. He advised that during the period of time he has known Mr. Chancellor nothing of a derogatory nature has been brought to his attention concerning Mr. Chancellor's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He highly recommended Mr. Chancellor for a position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED], NBC, Washington, D. C., advised he first met Mr. Chancellor in 1958 when Mr. Chancellor was being transferred from Chicago, Illinois, to New York City and [REDACTED].

He stated that he is acquainted with Mr. Chancellor's present wife and is aware that Mr. Chancellor has been previously married. However, he said he has never met Mr. Chancellor's first wife. [REDACTED] advised he has nothing but the highest praise for Mr. Chancellor and stated he has never had any reason to question his character, loyalty, reputation or associates. He recommended Mr. Chancellor for a position of trust and responsibility.

Forty-four other persons, consisting of associates, acquaintances, present and former co-workers and supervisors and neighbors, were interviewed and advised that Mr. Chancellor is a loyal American whose character, reputation and associates are above question. Those acquainted with the other members of his family advised they are all reputable persons. He was described as one of the finest news reporters in the United States who is sincere and patriotic and who is concerned about the welfare of his country. Several persons advised that he accepted his present appointment with the Federal Government as he felt a moral obligation to serve his Government. None of them furnished any information indicating that Mr. Chancellor possessed homosexual tendencies or effeminate characteristics. He was further described as a "man's man" whose morals are above question. Many persons stated that Mr. Chancellor does not indulge in the excessive use of alcoholic beverages, but is a moderate drinker. They highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

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Close Relatives

Mr. Chancellor's father, Estil M. Chancellor, is deceased. His mother, Mollie Barrett Chancellor, resides in Highland Park, Illinois. He has no brothers or sisters.

Passport Record

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, indicate that Mr. Chancellor has been issued two passports since March 27, 1958, for travel to numerous countries throughout the world on business. Those files contain no derogatory information concerning him.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Chancellor:

G-2, United States Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee on Un-American Activities; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; United States Information Agency; and the [REDACTED]

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Chancellor.

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TO : [REDACTED]

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

DATE: 8/9/65

Reference is made to memorandum W. V. Cleveland to Mr. Gale in captioned matter dated 7/30/65, which approved an interview of Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz regarding Chancellor.

Secretary Wirtz was interviewed by Liaison 8/5/65, at which time he advised that he has been acquainted with Chancellor for approximately the past year, having had between 15 and 20 official-type meetings with him. These meetings were in the nature of a Government official being interviewed by a news reporter. Secretary Wirtz explained that he has been in Chancellor's company socially on but two or three occasions in the private homes of mutual friends. Wirtz commented that he was very favorably impressed by Chancellor and on the basis of his contacts with him would unqualifiedly recommend him for a position of trust in the Government. He stated that Chancellor is highly reliable, of good character, and has impressed him as a person who is completely loyal to the U. S. He explained that he is not acquainted with any of the members of Chancellor's immediate family but could have met Mrs. Chancellor socially on one occasion. Aside from his own personal contacts with Chancellor, Wirtz advised that no information of a derogatory nature has ever been brought to his attention concerning Chancellor's loyalty to the U.S., his character or habits.

ACTION:

This matter is being referred to the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section for incorporation in the summary report in instant matter.

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

RE BUREAU TEL CHICAGO AUGUST TEN INSTANT.

RECONTACTS WITH CHICAGO [redacted] AND CHICAGO [redacted] NEGATIVE.

NO OTHER INVESTIGATION OUTSTANDING.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>jmn</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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REFERENCES: Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 8/6/65 and 8/10/65.  
 Bureau teletype to Chicago dated 8/10/65.  
 Report of SA [REDACTED] at Chicago dated 8/5/65.

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### INFORMANTS

Recontact of Chicago [REDACTED] and Chicago [REDACTED] on 8/10/65  
 by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], respectively, disclosed  
 no additional information concerning the appointee.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 8/10/65

Office: Chicago, Illinois *b7c*

Field Office File #: 161-1203

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Unable to locate Municipal Court Record 49MC807798081.  
Information concerning raid by Chicago Police Department  
on Windup Tavern, Chicago, set forth.

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DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

[REDACTED] Bond Court, Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois, advised IC [REDACTED] on August 6, 1965, that she was unable to locate Municipal Court Record Number 49MC807798081 concerning the appointee's arrest in Chicago on August 13, 1949.

She stated that this record has either been lost, misplaced, or destroyed and could not offer any suggestions of its possible location.

[REDACTED], Vice Control Division, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, advised IC [REDACTED] from records that the only raid conducted against the Windup Tavern, 669 North State Street, on the near north side of Chicago occurred on January 9, 1949, when "92 persons" were arrested by the Chicago Police Department "including perverts, minors, and six with previous police records....".

[REDACTED] said that the records indicate that the Windup Tavern in 1947 was described as a "rotten place with perverts" and "homosexuals frequent, and indecent exhibitions".

[REDACTED] said this tavern's liquor license was revoked on January 14, 1949, and soon thereafter went out of business.

A review of Chicago Vice Report Number 43651 consisting of 46 pages concerning a raid conducted by the Chicago Police Department on the Windup Tavern on January 9, 1949, disclosed no references to the appointee. There were several persons arrested by the first name "JACK", but all had last names other than CHANCELLOR.

In most instances there was no descriptive data recorded concerning any of the persons arrested in that raid.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: August 11, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
DIRECTOR, VOICE OF AMERICA  
U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY

Bureau files reflect we previously did a name check on captioned individual. Shortly thereafter, Marvin Watson called me and stated the President desired a full field investigation conducted immediately. He added that the President planned to go ahead and name Chancellor as Director of the Voice of America without waiting for the full field investigation to be completed. Watson told me that the President was satisfied on the basis of the name check and that the President had personally known Chancellor for years, consequently there was no need to wait for completion of the full field investigation.

I told Watson that the President was needlessly going out on a limb and that it was dangerous business to announce an appointment without having the benefit of a full field investigation. Watson stated that the President was adamant in his views and that he would not wait. A memorandum is in the file reflecting this conversation.

The Director transmitted to Watson by letter dated August 6, 1965, delivered the same date, the results of the full field investigation on Chancellor. (Copy attached.) Our investigation reflects 4 arrests in Chicago, Illinois. Two of the arrests, 3/27/49 and 8/13/49, reflect charges of drunkenness. Of these arrests, one disposition indicated "discharged" and the second disposition indicated "bond forfeiture." The third and fourth arrests, 2/11/51 and 5/10/51, reflect charges of "disorderly conduct." Chancellor was found on the roof of a local hotel in one of these arrests and the disposition was "discharged." In the fourth and final arrest, Chancellor was found on a fire escape of an apartment building. There was no additional information concerning this latter arrest. While there was no substantive information to indicate homosexuality, it would appear that Chancellor could have been a "peeping tom." One homosexual indicated to the Agents that, "Mr. Chancellor is known in homosexual circles as one of us and friendly to us."

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1 - Mr. Belmont

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Re: John William Chancellor

On 8/6/65, I told Watson of the above-mentioned facts and handed him the report. I mentioned that while there was no substantive evidence to indicate Chancellor was a homosexual, his file nevertheless clearly indicated sufficient evidence to reflect on his character.

[redacted] called me 8/10/65 and stated that the President had reviewed Chancellor's file and had forwarded it to her for filing in a closed envelope. She stated the President had made no comment regarding the matter. She added, however, that Leonard Marks, Director, ~~U.S. Information Agency~~, had confided to her that his [redacted], an [redacted], was insisting that he see the results of the FBI investigation on Chancellor.

Watson called me at 12:30 p. m., 8/11/65, and asked that I join him and John Macy, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, in his office at 2:30 p. m. He stated it was a matter of some importance.

Upon joining Watson and Macy in Watson's office, Watson told me that Leonard Marks had seen the President on 3 separate occasions within the past 2 days. Watson indicated that Marks had greatly upset the President concerning the Chancellor case. He added that Marks had told the President that the [redacted] at U. S. Information Agency had advised him that contacts in the FBI with whom he was in daily communication had told him that the Chancellor investigation had been completed and that there was some question as to Chancellor's morals. The President told Watson to tell me that FBI personnel had no right or authority to "tip off" employees of other Federal agencies regarding matters affecting Presidential appointees. Watson stated the President wanted me to find out if the allegations concerning an FBI employee were correct and that, while the President did not want anything to be submitted to him in writing, he wanted to know the outcome of our inquiry into this matter. I told Watson that I would, of course, immediately check into it and that I would verbally, in accordance with instructions, let him know the results.

Watson stated that the President had also instructed him to tell me that I was to sit down and prepare an analysis of the Chancellor file indicating that there was nothing wrong with Chancellor and there appeared to be no reason why he should not be continued in his job. I told Watson that while I of course wanted to abide by the President's instructions, that it certainly appeared to be a little out of the ordinary for me to "clear" anyone, particularly in the Chancellor case. I reminded Watson that it was the President's decision to go ahead and appoint Chancellor without waiting for the full field investigation to be completed. Watson stated that this was true, however, nevertheless the President wanted a statement from the FBI to put in Chancellor's file.

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Re: John William Chancellor

I suggested to Watson that John Macy, who was present, and I sit down and review this file and draw up an analysis for the President. Watson agreed and stated this would be sufficient. He asked that we have this analysis prepared by 5:15 p. m. that day, 8/11/65. Macy and I retired to Macy's office and then prepared a brief 4-paragraph memorandum reflecting that we had thoroughly reviewed Chancellor's file and that while there had been 4 different arrests of Chancellor there appeared to be nothing of a subversive nature in the file and there was no substantial proof of homosexuality; however, there had been 2 arrests involving possible immorality. Macy stated that in his opinion there was no reason to question Chancellor's background as a result of the investigation.

Watson indicated satisfaction with the above-mentioned analysis and placed the Chancellor file on the President's desk. Watson then reminded me that the President desired to know as expeditiously as possible the results of the inquiry regarding the alleged "tip off" made to the [REDACTED] at U. S. Information Agency by FBI personnel. I told Watson this would be handled today, 8/11/65. b7c

When the Director inquired telephonically as to the reasons for my being called to the White House, I furnished him the above facts. He instructed that this inquiry be conducted on an expeditious basis and that he should be advised as to the results of the inquiry.

The [REDACTED] at U. S. Information Agency is [REDACTED]. He entered on duty [REDACTED] and resigned as of [REDACTED]. His services were satisfactory and his file shows that as of [REDACTED] he is on the Special Correspondents' List.

Upon leaving the White House, Watson asked Macy upon what authority the [REDACTED] at U. S. Information Agency would have to demand the Chancellor file. Macy told Watson that it would be Leonard Marks' prerogative to tell the [REDACTED] that he, Marks, the Director of U. S. Information Agency, was perfectly satisfied with Chancellor's background investigation and there should be no doubt as to his clearance. Watson stated he intended to advise Marks of this fact so that there would be no further interference from [REDACTED], the [REDACTED].

Watson also inquired of Macy and me as to the action that would be taken when Chancellor submitted his Form 86 in connection with the Federal Employees Security Program. I told Watson that the Form, upon receipt at the FBI, would be stamped "No subversive derogatory information." I told him with respect to the criminal type information on Chancellor that this would not be released unless the White House gave its permission. Watson stated that this file was being sealed and that the White House would not give permission for the file to be transferred to the

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Re: John William Chancellor

[redacted] at the U. S. Information Agency. I told him that under those circumstances we would indicate on Chancellor's form that there was no subversive information and that the U. S. Information Agency would have to contact the White House for further information concerning his file. Watson stated that this matter would of course clean up the entire case inasmuch as Marks, the Director, would tell the [redacted] that he was not going to need this file.

OBSERVATIONS: It is commonplace for the White House to withhold files from Federal agencies, particularly when there are derogatory facts contained in such files. The Kennedy administration did this in many instances, particularly [redacted] and others. Usually when such files are withheld, immediately suspicion is aroused by the very fact that the employing agency is not allowed to peruse the file. This may have happened in this particular instance. However, the Director, Marks, claims that [redacted] specifically told him that FBI contacts had tipped him off that the Chancellor investigation had been completed and that a morals problem was involved. Consequently, we must interview anyone that is in contact with [redacted] relative to FBI matters. Supervisors in the Liaison Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, as well as Supervisors in the Special Inquiry Section, Special Investigative Division, are in contact with [redacted]. Interviews with the appropriate Agent Supervisors will be conducted tonight, 8/11/65, and memoranda prepared accordingly. The Director then will be advised as to the results and permission will be requested to advise the White House regarding our inquiries.

ACTION:

*Expedite.*  
As indicated above.

*Do so in writing.*

*Handled by [redacted] 8/12*

*should be promptly interviewed.*

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: August 12, 1965

FROM : W. M. FELT

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
DIRECTOR, VOICE OF AMERICA  
U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY

Re memo from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr dated August 11, 1965, setting forth information from Marvin Watson at the White House to the effect he had been told by Leonard Marks, Director, U. S. Information Agency, that his [redacted], an [redacted], had been insisting on seeing the results of the FBI investigation on Chancellor. Watson added that Marks told the President the [redacted] at U. S. Information Agency stated contacts in the FBI with whom he was in daily communication had told him the Chancellor investigation had been completed and that there was some question as to Chancellor's morals.

On this date I interviewed the [redacted] of the U. S. Information Agency. He is [redacted]. He entered on duty [redacted] and resigned [redacted]. His services were satisfactory and as of [redacted] he is on the Special Correspondence List. [redacted] was interviewed in his office at the U. S. Information Agency, 1705 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest.

When advised of the information attributed to him by Marks as related through Watson, [redacted] made an emphatic denial. He said, "No one has said anything to me concerning the outcome of the FBI investigation of Chancellor. I have absolutely no knowledge as to what the FBI report contains." Concerning any remarks made to Leonard Marks, [redacted] said, "Nothing I have said to anyone, including Mr. Marks would in any way reflect against the suitability of Mr. Chancellor for employment in the Government."

[redacted] said that he was concerned about the Chancellor case but not because of any question as to Chancellor's background.

[redacted] called attention to the Enabling Act for the U. S. Information Agency requiring a full background investigation prior to the issuance of clearance for employees. He pointed out that the only exception was for those officials appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. There are only two officials in this category, the Director and the Assistant Director.

[redacted] explained that some time ago the President announced the appointment of a lesser official to the U. S. Information Agency. This would have required the usual

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Re: John William Chancellor

background investigation, which was requested by [REDACTED] through the Civil Service Commission. After starting its investigation the Civil Service Commission found the FBI was already conducting an investigation. [REDACTED] said that he had some difficulty obtaining a copy of the FBI report so that a security clearance could be issued but he was finally successful.

The Chancellor case, [REDACTED] explained, came up in pretty much the same way with his first information received from the press. He said he made routine inquiry of the FBI Liaison Agent to ascertain if an FBI investigation was being conducted. This was so that it would not be necessary for him to request Civil Service Commission investigation. On August 6, 1965, [REDACTED] was asked to expedite clearance for Chancellor who wanted to leave for Germany in his new capacity on August 11, 1965. [REDACTED] then called the FBI to inquire when the report would be made available to the White House, and in the absence of the regular Liaison Agent he was transferred to Special Agent [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] told him he had no knowledge concerning the case but that if an investigation was being conducted the results would be furnished to the White House. He said [REDACTED] furnished him no information other than this. Subsequently he contacted the regular Liaison Agent, [REDACTED] and learned that the report was being furnished to the White House.

[REDACTED] then wrote the White House requesting a copy of the FBI report so that security clearance could be issued. He received a reply advising that because this was a Presidential appointment [REDACTED] says this is not correct) the FBI report was being retained at the White House. Because of the urgency and feeling it was necessary to have a copy of the FBI report in order to issue clearance, [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] in an effort to put pressure on the White House to obtain a copy. He said, "I might have been pushy about this." He also admitted that he might have told [REDACTED] there was "some question" about the Chancellor case but was only referring to the question of clearance. b7c

[REDACTED] offered to take me directly to [REDACTED] for a confrontation as to the alleged statements which had been made. I told [REDACTED] I had no objection to his fully acquainting [REDACTED] as to my visit but felt it was better that he do this himself. He agreed, and stated that he would definitely consult [REDACTED] about the matter.

OBSERVATIONS:

[REDACTED] emphatically denies the allegation. He offers plausible explanation for his unusual interest in this case and it appears that he is technically correct about the matter of clearances. He does admit being "pushy" and might have said to [REDACTED] that there was some "question" which could be misconstrued by [REDACTED] as referring to suitability although intended to relate to procedural matters.

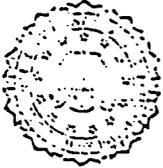
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Re: John William Chancellor

The President has apparently been left with the erroneous impression that there was a leak in this case from the FBI. On the basis of what [REDACTED] says, this is not true; however, the question should be completely resolved and I feel we should interview Marks. b7c

RECOMMENDATION:

That Leonard Marks, Director, U. S. Information Agency, be interviewed concerning statement which he allegedly made to the President concerning the Chancellor case and concerning an alleged leak in the FBI.

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SEE MY FURTHER MEMO THIS DATE RECOMMENDING  
THIS RECOMMENDATION BE DISREGARDED



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
December 31, 1964

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY PROPOSED TRAVEL TO CUBA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

All informants used in this communication have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had no additional information.

[REDACTED], Adjudication Branch, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D. C., advised that NEC personnel set out above, with the exception of [REDACTED] had requested validation of their current United States Passports authorizing their travel to Cuba and this validation has been granted by the USDS. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is only handling the arrangements for the other NEC personnel and to his knowledge [REDACTED] is not going to Cuba; nor has he requested any validation authorizing his going to Cuba.

[REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] of NEC, Washington, D. C., requested the USDS by letter dated December 4, 1964, to grant the necessary authority to the following persons who are working newsmen of NEC to travel to Cuba:

[REDACTED]  
John William Chancellor  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Correspondent  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] explained the trip would be under the auspices of NEC for the purpose of exploring with Cuban authorities the possibility of filming a documentary in Cuba for a forthcoming (NEC) program on international affairs.

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The passport files on the above NEC personnel, reviewed on December 14, 1964, contained the following information:

[REDACTED] was issued United States passport [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and he was born [REDACTED]. He is employed as an [REDACTED] with NEC. It was determined by a representative of the Passport Office that [REDACTED] person cases [REDACTED] been and his date of birth should read [REDACTED].

In USDS letter dated [REDACTED] was advised that his passport had been validated for one round trip to Cuba.

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Passport [redacted] originally issued to [redacted] by the USDS on [redacted] renewed [redacted] in the [redacted] intended to [redacted] and was [redacted] employed by NEC [redacted] go to Cuba on [redacted] and thereafter [redacted]

In USDS letter dated [redacted] passport was validated by the USDS for one [redacted] round trip to Cuba.

[redacted] renewed Passport [redacted] originally [redacted] to him by the USDS on [redacted] was born [redacted] was employed by NEC [redacted] and thereafter [redacted]

In USDS letter dated [redacted] passport was validated for one round trip to Cuba.

John William Chancellor was issued Passport Z 072909 at Geneva, Switzerland, on March 16, 1962, and it is due to expire on March 15, 1965. He previously held Passport 813987 issued by the USDS on March 27, 1958, at the Passport Agency located in Chicago, Illinois. His date of birth was shown as July 14, 1927, at Chicago, Illinois. He was shown as employed by NEC as a correspondent.

In USDS letter dated December 14, 1964, Chancellor's passport was validated by the USDS for one round trip to Cuba.

[redacted] renewed [redacted] his United States passport [redacted] originally issued [redacted] by the USDS Passport Agency [redacted] He was shown as residing at [redacted] and was born in [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] born in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] now at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] have resided [REDACTED]  
since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as married to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In USDS letter dated [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was notified his passport had been validated for one  
round trip to Cuba.

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This document contains information  
regarding the activities of [REDACTED]  
of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-7-210)

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-40334) (C)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONTROLS - CUBA  
IS - CUBA  
(OO:WFO)

Re WFO letter and LHM 12/31/64; letter captioned: "Travel Controls Cuba, IS - Cuba" and LHM captioned: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], National Broadcasting Company Proposed Travel to Cuba, Internal Security - Cuba."

Re WFO letter and LHM 11/30/64 captioned: "IS - Cuba."

Referenced communications set out in detail review of subjects' USDS passport files and/or their requests for validation of currently held passports for travel to Cuba.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, and one info copy each for New York and Miami.

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Information attributed to [REDACTED] received by SA [REDACTED] on 2/23/65.

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U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington, D.C. 20535  
March 4, 1965

TRAVEL CONTROLS CUBA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Adjudication Branch, Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS) advised on February 23, 1965, there is no additional information known to the USDS to that previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on December 14, 1964, which determined the USDS at that time validated the passports of the above mentioned National Broadcasting Company personnel for travel to Cuba; nor is there any additional information on [REDACTED] reporter for "The Miami Herald" [REDACTED] who at that time had not requested validation of his United States passport authorizing his travel to Cuba.

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March 17, 1967

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
Born: July 14, 1927  
Chicago, Illinois

An applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1965 concerning the captioned individual. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House.

For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to the office of the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, attention [redacted] (161-4025)

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NOTE: Chancellor was arrested by the Chicago PD in 1949 on charges of drunkenness and had two arrests in 1951 on charges of disorderly conduct. An informant who is a homosexual advised that Chancellor is known in "homosexual circles" in Chicago as "one of us and friendly to us." Another informant, in conversation with two "queers" with whom he is acquainted, mentioned Chancellor and asked them if Chancellor is "queer." Both answered "Yes, he is one of us," but they said they have never been "out" with him.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Young

August 16, 1965

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
 Special Assistant to the President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 6, 1965, which furnished you the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. John William Chancellor.

Transmitted herewith is a supplemental summary memorandum furnishing you the results of additional inquiries concerning Mr. Chancellor. This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

The information in this memorandum supplements that which appears in a summary memorandum dated August 6, 1965.

W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Chancellor for the past year as a news reporter and has been in Mr. Chancellor's company on two or three social occasions in the homes of mutual friends. He stated he has been very favorably impressed by Mr. Chancellor and considers him to be a reliable person of good character. He said he is not acquainted with any of the other members of Mr. Chancellor's family. Secretary Wirtz stated that Mr. Chancellor is a loyal American citizen and he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning his character, habits or associates. He said that, based upon his contacts with Mr. Chancellor, he would recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted] Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, advised she is unable to locate any record concerning Mr. Chancellor's arrest on August 13, 1949. [redacted] stated that the record has either been lost, misplaced or destroyed.

[redacted], Vice Control Division, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, advised that on January 9, 1949, a raid was conducted at the Windup Tavern in Chicago, during which 92 persons were arrested. [redacted] stated that those persons included sex perverts, minors and six individuals with previous police records. He said that the records of the Chicago Police Department indicate that the Windup Tavern was described as a "hot place, with perverts" and a place which was frequented by homosexuals who engaged in

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John William Chancellor

indecent exhibitions. He stated that the liquor license of that tavern was revoked January 14, 1949, and soon thereafter the tavern went out of business. A review of the records disclosed no reference to Mr. Chancellor. The records indicate that several persons named "Jack" were arrested during that raid, but all have last names other than Chancellor.

The records of the Office of Security, Department of State, have been searched and found to contain no information concerning Mr. Chancellor.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-7-210)

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DATE: 12/31/64

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-40884) (C)

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MAY 19 1965
ANS. <i>[Handwritten]</i>
BY: <i>[Handwritten]</i>

SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONTROLS-CUBA  
IS-CUBA  
(OO:WFO)

Enclosed are 10 copies for the Bureau and one info copy for New York of an LHM captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR,  
[REDACTED]; NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
PROPOSED TRAVEL TO CUBA: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA.

Information attributed to [REDACTED]  
Adjudication Branch, Passport Office, USDS, was obtained  
by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Washington Daily News  
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• John Chancellor, former  
NBC newsman and host of the  
"Today" program and current  
head of the Voice of America, is  
said to be on his way back to  
the network.

John William Chancellor  
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November 20, 1969

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

*Summary*

Captioned individual, who was born on July 14, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in 1965. The results of that investigation were summarized in communications dated August 6, 1965, and August 16, 1965, copies of which are attached.

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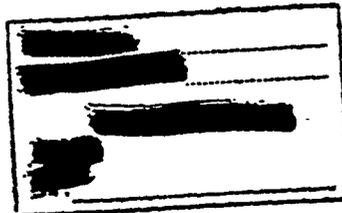
[Redacted] advised in August, 1965, that [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Our files reveal no additional pertinent data concerning captioned individual. (161-4025)

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (2)



NOTE: Per request of Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs.

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- Walters \_\_\_\_\_
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161-4023-95

November 23, 1969

BY LIAISON

Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Krogh:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning  
some news commentators.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following  
individuals:

[REDACTED]  
John William Chancellor  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This letter of transmittal may be declassified when it  
is removed from the enclosure bearing a classification.

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
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- Miss Holmes
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures
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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 11-21-69

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: NAME CHECKS ON NEWS COMMENTATORS

In [redacted], to Mr. W. C. Sullivan memorandum dated 11-19-69, it was noted that on the morning of 11-19-69, Mr. Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, and [redacted] of his staff advised the Liaison Agent that the President had requested on an urgent basis all biographic data and any information in the Bureau files concerning the principal television personalities on the three major networks. Krogh and [redacted] requested specifically information on the following names as well as any other television personalities of similar rank: John Chancellor, [redacted], Chet Huntley, [redacted]

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A survey was immediately made of all reference sources in the news media field available to this Section to ascertain additional commentators of similar rank. As a result of this survey of reference material and knowledgeable individuals in the Crime Records Division, the following were considered pertinent and were also included in the list of name checks made for the White House: [redacted]

[redacted]. It is noted that in none of the reference material available was [redacted] CBS, listed. The news release by [redacted] of the U.S.A. Syndicate concerning [redacted] and his biased handling of the [redacted] hijack case was not available when the project was started. Even though [redacted] would not be in the category of "principal television personalities on the three major networks" and even though he is not listed in any television reference books as having any official high rank, it is felt that the White House would be interested in this story by [redacted]

The central files of the FBI reflect no information identifiable with a [redacted] CBS [redacted] in [redacted], and no-arrest record was located identifiable with him. Although he is not of similar rank to the names furnished us by the White House, it is felt the news release concerning his biased and prejudiced action would be of interest to the White House.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the attached letter to Mr. Egil Krogh, Jr., concerning [redacted] be sent.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
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February 3, 1975

MR. [REDACTED] JOHN CHANCELLOR

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Our files, however, reveal that Mr. Chancellor, who you advised is a newsman with the National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, was the subject of a White House name check in 1969. By FBI memorandum dated November 20, 1969, the White House was advised that John William Chancellor, born July 14, 1927 at Chicago, Illinois, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in 1965 and furnished copies of the 1965 memoranda. The 1969 memorandum also cited [REDACTED] reporting that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] or intelligence investigations concerning the returns. Copies of the FBI summary memoranda dated August 6 and 16, 1965, concerning John William Chancellor are attached. (161-4025-63, 70, 73)

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request of [REDACTED], Staff Assistant (Security), The White House.

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