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OVER-SEAS ASSIGNMENTS OF APPOINTEE. VISITED APPOINTEE

AND SECOND WIFE IN [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED]. STATED b7c

SECOND MARRIAGE HAS BEEN WARM, STEADY AND RELIABLE ASSOCIATION.

<sup>ION</sup> OPINED SECOND MARRIAGE GOOD MARRIAGE OF APPOINTEE.

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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM [REDACTED] NO. 412

MR. TOLSON  
 ROOM 2258

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

REBUCAB TO [REDACTED] JULY 31 LAST.

INQUIRY [REDACTED] REVEALS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. EXACT ITINERARY UNKNOWN AND EXPECTED TO RETURN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE OR ASCERTAIN EXACT DATE OF RETURN. COPY MAILED [REDACTED]

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI

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FOR INFO BALTIMORE, INVESTIGATION NEW YORK  
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AND BALTIMORE

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TO DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, CHICAGO

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FROM ST. LOUIS (161-2000)

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI, BUDED TWELVE NOON EDST, EIGHT THREE NEXT.

REBUREAU AND NEW YORK TELS, SEVEN THIRTY LAST, AND BUTEL, EIGHT TWO INSTANT.

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, WHITEHOUSE REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF CHANCELLOR WHO HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF AMERICA. BORN SEVEN FOURTEEN TWENTYSEVEN, CHICAGO, ILL., CURRENTLY NBC NEWS COMMENTATOR, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION HOUSTON, INVESTIGATION IN CHICAGO DEVELOPED ALLEGATIONS OF POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES ON PART OF APPOINTEE.

FRC RECORDS DISCLOSED RELATIVES: ESTILL MARION CHANCELLOR,  
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FATHER, TEN EIGHTEEN NORTH LASALLE, CHICAGO, ILL. (JULY FORTY-THREE); MARY BARRETT CHANCELLOR, MOTHER, THIRTEENHUNDRED NORTH STATE STREET, CHICAGO, ILL. (JULY FORTYTHREE). ALSO CONTAINED COPY BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE INDICATING APPOINTEE SON OF JOHN CHANCELLOR AND MARIE BARRETT.

EDUCATION LISTED AS: DEPAUL ACADEMY, CHICAGO, ILL., DATES NOT SHOWN, INDICATED COMPLETED THREE AND ONEHALF YEARS, INDICATED DID NOT GRADUATE; CLAIMED ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILL., DURING NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, NO FURTHER INFORMATION. REASON FOR RESIGNING POSITION OF CLERK WITH WAR DEPT., TWELVE FORTYFOUR, LISTED AS "TO RESUME SCHOOLING AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY DAY SCHOOL."

EMPLOYMENTS AS: MARCH THIRTYEIGHT TO JUNE FORTYONE AND APRIL FORTYTHREE TO JUNE FORTYTHREE, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, THIRTEEN HUNDRED NORTH STATE, CHICAGO, ILL.; JUNE FORTYONE TO AUGUST FORTYONE, WINDSOR THEATER, TWELVE TWENTYNINE NORTH CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, ILL.; JUNE FORTYTWO TO SEPTEMBER FORTYTWO, E. H. SEARGEANT, ONE SIXTYFOUR EAST SUPERIOR, CHICAGO, ILL.; JANUARY FORTYFOUR TO APRIL FORTYFOUR, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, FOUR THIRTYFIVE

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NORTH MICHIGAN, CHICAGO, ILL.; APRIL FORTYFOUR TO MAY FORTYFOUR,  
BRENTANOS BOCK STORE, TWENTYNINE SOUTH WABASH, CHICAGO, ILL.

ADDRESSES: JULY FORTYTHREE, THIRTEENHUNDRED NORTH STATE,  
CHICAGO, ILL; JULY FORTYFOUR, EIGHT SEVENTEEN NORTH DEARBORN,  
CHICAGO, ILL.; NOVEMBER FORTYFOUR TO APRIL FORTYFIVE, STEVENS  
HOTEL, SEVENHUNDRED SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., APT. FOURTEEN TWENTYTWO,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

APPOINTEE ALSO INDICATED AS OF JULY FORTYFOUR, MEMBER OF  
CIVIL AIR PATROL, FURTHER DETAILS NOT NOTED.

HOUSTON REVIEW CAP RECORDS, ELLINGTON AFB, FOR PERTINENT  
INFORMATION RE APPOINTEE.

CHICAGO NOTE DISCREPANCY RE APPOINTEE'S PARENTS, ALSO  
CONDUCT ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION NECESSARY FROM INFORMA-  
TION FURNISHED HEREWITH.

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM CHICAGO (161-1203)

*4 interview*  
JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, JULY THIRTY ONE LAST.  
ALL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AUGUST TWO INSTANT,  
CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] "LOOK" MAGAZINE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], STATED KNOWN APPOINTEE  
LIMITED BASIS SINCE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AWARE OF APPOINTEE'S  
ARREST ON FIRE ESCAPE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE BY CHICAGO PD  
BUT NO MORAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED. PERSONALLY BELIEVES  
APPOINTEE WAS PROBABLY INTOXICATED AT TIME AS WAS HAVING  
MARITAL TROUBLES. STATED CONSIDERS APPOINTEE MORALLY  
SOUND, LOYAL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, INTELLIGENT, AN OBJECTIVE  
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NEWSPAPERMAN AND REPORTER, CONSCIENTIOUS, RECOMMENDS FOR POSITION OF TRUST.

[REDACTED] CHICAGO PD, ADVISED WAS ATTACHED TO THIRTY FIFTH DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. VAGUELY RECALLS ARRESTING INDIVIDUAL NAMED CHANCELLOR BUT DOES NOT RECALL ANY DETAILS. STATED IF ARREST HAD BEEN A SERIOUS OR IMPORTANT ONE WOULD RECALL DETAILS.

[REDACTED]  
"CHICAGO SUN-TIMES," ADVISED BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE WHEN LATTER WAS COPY BOY FOR "SUN-TIMES." STATES APPOINTEE INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE, RESPECTED MEMBER OF NEWS MEDIA PROFESSION AND WILL BE ASSET TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] AWARE OF APPOINTEE'S ARREST ON ROOF OF AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL; STATES THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT APPOINTEE'S CONDUCT ON HOTEL ROOF, BUT ACTIVITIES NEVER POSITIVELY DETERMINED. [REDACTED] ATTRIBUTED APPOINTEE'S PRESENCE ON ROOF TO "YOUTH ESCAPADE." [REDACTED] CONSIDERS  
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APPOINTEE TO BE NORMAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH MEMBERS OF BOTH SEXES AND HAS NEVER DOUBTED APPOINTEE'S MORAL CHARACTER. HAS CONFIDENCE IN APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST.

[REDACTED]  
ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE FORTY [REDACTED] OR FORTY [REDACTED]

STATED ENDEAVORED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATES

[REDACTED] RELATIONSHIP EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM AS CONSCIENTIOUS, DEDICATED

INDIVIDUAL WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF ETHICS. [REDACTED]

FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AS HER [REDACTED] AND

STATES SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau, 7/30/65.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: IC [REDACTED] Office: ST. LOUIS **67c**  
Date: August 2, 1965  
Field Office File #: SL 161-2000 Bureau File #:  
Title: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: CHANCELLOR served in U.S. Army from 11/6/45 to 6/3/46 receiving honorable discharge, and from 6/4/46 to 7/3/47, receiving honorable discharge. Records, FRC, SLMO, indicated JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR employed by War Dept., Chicago, Ill., two occasions. Terminated by reason of resignation both periods. Employed by War Manpower Commission, Chicago, Ill. Terminated by reason of resignation. Relatives, education, addresses, and prior employments set forth. Appointee member CAP noted.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on August 2, 1965, of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, Serial Number 46 043 408, was inducted into the United States Army on November 6, 1945, and entered on active duty on the same date at Chicago, Illinois. He was honorably discharged on June 3, 1946, as a Private at Camp Lee, Virginia, to enlist in the regular Army.

He enlisted in the United States Army on June 4, 1946, and entered on active duty on the same date at Camp Lee, Virginia. He was honorably discharged on July 3, 1947, as a Technician Fifth Grade at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, by reason of expiration of term of service.

His military occupations were shown as artist and



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Army Information Specialist and civilian occupations as free lance artist and writer.

He had no foreign service.

He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

Service records indicated he had entered college after his junior year of high school and at time of induction had completed four quarters of credit in college. No details concerning this education were shown.

His date and place of birth were shown as July 14, 1927, Chicago, Illinois.

A discrepancy is noted in the date of entry into the service.

Personnel, this center, advised they were unable to locate any record of Naval service for CHANCELLOR.

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On August 2, 1965, a review by IC [REDACTED] of the personnel records on file at Federal Records Center disclosed JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR was employed on July 14, 1943, as an assistant messenger with the War Department, Ordnance Department at Large, Chicago Ordnance District at Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated on September 16, 1943, as an assistant messenger by reason of resignation, "to complete high school education." b7c

He was employed on July 10, 1944, as a clerk with the War Department, Ordnance Department at Large, Chicago Ordnance District, at Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated on December 5, 1944, as a clerk by reason of resignation, "to resume schooling at Chicago University Day School." It was noted that the last actual working day of this period of employment was listed as November 25, 1944.

The records showed he was employed on March 12, 1945, as a clerk with the War Manpower Commission, U. S. Employment Service for Illinois, Region 6, Area Number 2, Office Number 6, at Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated on April 20, 1945, as a clerk by reason of resignation, details shown only as "enlisting in Navy."

Appointee's relatives were identified in the records as follows:

ESTILL MARION CHANCELLOR, father, 1018 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois (July, 1943);

MARY BARRETT CHANCELLOR, mother, 1300 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois (July, 1943).

The records also contained a "Certificate of Baptism" dated April 11, 1942, indicating appointee was baptized on August 21, 1947, as JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, son of JOHN CHANCELLOR and MARIE BARRETT. A discrepancy is noted inasmuch as appointee's father is variously shown as ESTILL MARION CHANCELLOR and JOHN CHANCELLOR.

Appointee's education was listed in the records as follows:

DePaul Academy, Chicago, Illinois, dates not shown, indicated completed three and one-half years, claimed did not graduate; indicated attending University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, during 1944, further details not shown.

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Prior addresses were shown as:

July, 1943, 1300 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois;  
July, 1944, 817 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois;  
November, 1944 to April, 1945, Stevens Hotel, 700  
South Michigan Avenue, Apartment #1422, Chicago,  
Illinois.

Appointee listed prior employments as follows:

March, 1938 to June, 1941, and April, 1943 to June,  
1943, Ambassador Hotel, 1300 North State, Chicago,  
Illinois;

June, 1941 to August, 1941, Windsor Theater, 1229  
North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois;

June, 1942 to September, 1942, E. H. Seargeant, 164  
East Superior, Chicago, Illinois;

January, 1944 to April, 1944, Chicago Tribune, 435  
North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois;

April, 1944 to May, 1944, Brentanos Book Store, 29  
South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.

Appointee also indicated he was a member of the Civil  
Air Patrol as of July, 1944, however, no details regarding this  
matter were contained in the records.

The date and place of birth were shown as July 14,  
1927, Chicago, Illinois.

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TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

FOR URINFO, INQUIRY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND EXACT ITINERARY  
UNKNOWN. EXPECTED TO RETURN [REDACTED] AROUND [REDACTED]  
NEXT. [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE OR ASCERTAIN EXACT  
DATE OF HER RETURN TO [REDACTED]

BE ALERT FOR ANY INDICATION OF HER EXACT PRESENT  
WHEREABOUTS SO THAT APPROPRIATE LEGAT CAN BE ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3222) (P)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SFI

*Interview*  
RewFOrep dated 8/3/65.

The files of the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted], revealed the appointee was issued a permanent news pass number C03-16160 on 12/21/64. The above file contained no additional pertinent information.

On 8/3/65, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has known the appointee socially and professionally for [redacted] years. He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the appointee does not have any homosexual tendencies, does not drink to excess, and is a "man's man." He described the appointee as a very capable and intelligent man. He vouched for his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust.

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On 8/3/65, IC [REDACTED] reviewed the appointee's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, which listed his birth as 7/14/27, at Chicago, Illinois.

He was issued Chicago Series Passport No. 813987 on 3/27/58, for travel to England, France, Italy, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Yugoslavia. He listed the purpose of his trip as "assignment as Central European Correspondent, National Broadcasting Company, based in Vienna." b7c

On 10/27/59, at the American Embassy, London, England, he registered for continued residence abroad. He listed his occupation as that of journalist and that he represented the National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, and that he would remain for an indefinite stay. He requested that the registration include [REDACTED]

On 3/25/60, at the American Embassy, London, England, he had his Passport No. 813987 renewed for continued travel abroad.

On 1/5/61, at the American Consular Service, Moscow, USSR, he registered for continued residence abroad. He listed his foreign address as Moscow, USSR, Hotel Leningradskaya, Room 1203. He listed his stay as "indefinite" and his occupation as journalist.

On 3/16/62, he was issued Passport No. Z072909 by the American Consulate General, Geneva, Switzerland, for continued travel abroad. He listed his foreign residence as Hotel L'Ancre, Rue De Labanne, Geneva. On 12/11/64, he had his Passport No. Z072909 revalidated for one round trip to Cuba, under the auspices of NBC News. Purpose of trip was to explore with Cuban authorities the possibilities of filming in Cuba for forthcoming programs on international affairs.

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He indicated that he was last married on 1/25/58, to BARBARA UPSHAW CHANCELLOR, born [REDACTED]. On his 1959 application for registration, he indicated that he was previously married on 10/31/50 to CONSTANCE HERBERT, born about [REDACTED], and that the marriage was terminated by divorce. He listed his parents as ESTIL CHANCELLOR, born 2/23/1888, at Litchfield, Kentucky, and MARY BARRETT CHANCELLOR, born 11/24/1897, at County Mayo, Ireland.

On his 1962 passport application, he requested that [REDACTED] NBC News, New York 20, New York, be notified in the event of death or accident.

On his 1962 passport application, he listed the date of birth of his wife as [REDACTED] and his father, ESTIL CHANCELLOR as being born 11/21/1890, and his mother, MARY BARRETT CHANCELLOR as being born 6/16/01.

The above file contained no additional pertinent information.

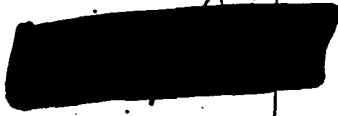
WFO will report results of outstanding lead to interview Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and DOUGLAS KIKER.

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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM CHICAGO 032448



JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

RE BUTEL TO CHICAGO AUGUST 3 INSTANT.  
 INFORMANTS WHO FURNISHED INFO JULY 29 LAST AND AUGUST 2  
 LAST RESPECTIVELY RE APPOINTEE ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>mao</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletypes, dated 7/30/65 and 8/2/65;  
 Baltimore teletype to Bureau and WFO, dated 8/2/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Appointee's G-2 file D3-021861 was made available  
 by [REDACTED] The information utilized from the  
 file is that referred to in re Baltimore teletype.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Date: August 3, 1965

Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND b7c

Field Office File #: BA 161-1721

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Title: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

G-2 files reviewed and pertinent information therein concerning appointee has been utilized. No investigation conducted by G-2.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on August 2, 1965. The pertinent information contained in these files concerning the appointee has been utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conducting this investigation.

These files do not reflect that any investigation concerning the appointee was ever conducted by G-2.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (161-1203) 2P

*Wed*  
JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.



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REBUTEL TO CHICAGO AUGUST THREE INSTANT.



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FIFTY ONE ARREST NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL AUGUST FOUR NEXT.



CIVIL AIR PATROL, ILLINOIS

WING HEADQUARTERS, THIRTY THREE W. JACKSON BLVD., CHICAGO, ADVISED RECORDS ONLY GO BACK TO NINETEEN FIFTY. NO INFO IN FILES RE APPOINTEE.

CHICAGO PD PENSION RECORDS (CONFIDENTIAL) CHICAGO, DISCLOSE OFFICERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN FORTY NINE AND AUGUST THIRTEEN FORTY NINE ARREST RECORDS RE JOHN W. CHANCELLOR DECEASED.

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APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT WITH WINDSOR THEATER, CHICAGO, NOT

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CONFIRMED AS THEATER TORN DOWN TWELVE YEARS AGO.

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APPOINTEE'S RESIDENCE AT PARK DEARBORN HOTEL, CHICAGO, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, NOT CONFIRMED TO DATE.

 DE PAUL ACADEMY, CHICAGO, ADVISED JOHN W. CHANCELLOR, ADDRESS THIRTEEN HUNDRED N. STATE ST., BORN JULY FOURTEEN TWENTY SEVEN, PARENT, MRS. MARY CHANCELLOR ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER NINETEEN FORTY ONE, FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTERS NINETEEN FORTY TWO, FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTERS NINETEEN FORTY THREE. WITHDREW MARCH ONE FORTY FOUR FROM SCHOOL, NO REASON LISTED. AWARDE DGENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMA JUNE TWELVE FORTY SEVEN ON BASIS OF PASSING U.S. ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE TESTS ON HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

NO ADVERSE INFO LISTED AND CANNOT SUGGEST ANYONE THIS SCHOOL WHO WOULD RECALL.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI, BUDED TWELVE NOON, EDST, [REDACTED]  
AUGUST THREE, INSTANT.

REGARDING ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND HOUSTON, AUGUST TWO, LAST.

ON AUGUST THREE, INSTANT, LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWIN F. FOGERTY, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, CIVIL AIR PATRO (CAP), NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF NATIONAL CIVIL AIR PATROL RECORDS INDICATED NO INFORMATION REGARDING JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR AS HAVING BEEN A SENIOR MEMBER OF CIVIL AIR PATROL. FOGERTY STATED INASMUCH AS CHANCELLOR WAS ONLY SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHEN MEMBERSHIP IN CIVIL AIR PATROL WAS INDICATED, IT WOULD APPEAR HE MAY HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED ONLY AS A CADET MEMBER DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

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FOGERTY STATED NO RECORD CONCERNING THESE CADET MEMBERSHIP [REDACTED] 7 SEP 29 1965  
HAVE EVER BEEN MAINTAINED AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. HE STATED

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THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT STATE WING HEADQUARTERS MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING CHANCELLOR'S CADET MEMBERSHIP AND SUGGESTED INQUIRY BE MADE THROUGH CIVIL AIR PATROL, ILLINOIS WING HEADQUARTERS, SUITE FIVE HUNDRED, THIRTYTHREE WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TO DETERMINE IF INFORMATION REGARDING CHANCELLOR'S AFFILIATION WITH CIVIL AIR PATROL DURING FORTYFOUR WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

CHICAGO CONTACT CIVIL AIR PATROL ILLINOIS WING HEADQUARTERS, AS ABOVE TO DETERMINE IF INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE'S MEMBERSHIP WITH CIVIL AIR PATROL CAN BE OBTAINED.

NO REPORT REGARDING NEGATIVE CHECK AT HOUSTON BEING SUBMITTED.

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Contact was made with the Office of DOUGLAS KIKER, New York Harold Tribune, and it was ascertained that Mr. KIKER is presently in Texas with the President, as well as other White House Correspondents. Mr. KIKER will not be available for interview until 8/4/65.

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The following investigation at the White House Press Office was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On August 2, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that she has known JOHN CHANCELLOR, the appointee, on a professional basis only for approximately six months in connection with CHANCELLOR's duties with this office. She described CHANCELLOR as a very personable dedicated individual on whom she has heard nothing unfavorable or derogatory concerning his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. She stated that he conducts himself in a very gentlemanly manner and that to her knowledge based upon his statements concerning his family he is very much a family man. [REDACTED] highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 3, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she has known JOHN CHANCELLOR, the appointee, for approximately six months since the time he was assigned to the White House by NBC. [REDACTED] described the appointee as a very pleasant, likable, cooperative person and that she believes him to be above reproach in every respect. She further advised that CHANCELLOR is highly regarded among the White House correspondents. [REDACTED] stated that she believes him to be a loyal American citizen and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 3, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The White House Office, advised that he has known CHANCELLOR approximately six months on both a professional and social basis. He stated that he has been to CHANCELLOR's home and has met his wife and family. [REDACTED] stated that he considers CHANCELLOR to be a very fine gentleman devoted to his family and that he knows nothing unfavorable concerning his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. [REDACTED] further advised that CHANCELLOR to his knowledge has no bad habits, does not drink to excess and that he is very definitely a

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man's man and that he could highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 3, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC Networks assigned to the White House, advised that he first became acquainted with CHANCELLOR [REDACTED]. He further advised that he has worked with him at the White House and on official White House trips for the past six months. [REDACTED] stated that his social contact has been very limited and confined to the official trips of the White House. [REDACTED] described the appointee as a highly intelligent, very capable newsman and correspondent. He stated that CHANCELLOR is highly regarded by the members of the news media as both a competent correspondent and as a fine gentleman. [REDACTED] stated that all comments by other individuals during the period he has known CHANCELLOR have been most laudatory and that he has never heard anything unfavorable or derogatory concerning his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. [REDACTED] favorably recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. b7c

On August 3, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC [REDACTED] advised that he has known JOHN CHANCELLOR for approximately nine months on a co-worker basis only in connection with NBC and the White House. He described the appointee as a "very good man," that he enjoys an excellent reputation among the other members of the news staff assigned to the White House, and that he considers him to be a person above reproach regarding his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. [REDACTED] favorably recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 3, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC [REDACTED] assigned to the White House, advised that he has known CHANCELLOR for approximately six months on a co-worker basis only at the White House and New York City and also on official White House trips. [REDACTED] described the appointee as a "gentleman among gentlemen." He stated that he is very easy,

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to work with in that he, CHANCELLOR, is the "head man" of many White House NBC operations and that he, [REDACTED] but never once has he ever berated any of the people under him but has treated all the employees of NBC with respect. He advised that to his knowledge CHANCELLOR is a devoted family man and he would consider him to be a person of excellent character, reputation and associates. He stated he had no reason to question CHANCELLOR's loyalty to the United States and would favorably recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 3, 1965, [REDACTED] Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, advised that he has known JOHN CHANCELLOR approximately one year on both a professional and social basis. He stated that his professional contact with the appointee have been in connection with their related duties at the White House and other news type coverage. [REDACTED] further advised that he considered CHANCELLOR to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he considers CHANCELLOR to be "one of the finest human beings I have ever known." He advised that CHANCELLOR has to his knowledge no bad habits, does not drink to excess, that he is devoted to his family and is a man in every respect. He stated that CHANCELLOR enjoys an excellent reputation among their mutual friends and professional associates and that he considers him to be a person of excellent character, associates and reputation. [REDACTED] stated that he considers CHANCELLOR to be a loyal American citizen and would favorably recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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INFORMANTS

The following active homosexuals were contacted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time they advised that they did not know the appointee: b7c

[REDACTED] on 7/30/65

[REDACTED] on 8/2/65

[REDACTED] on 8/2/65. b2, b7D, b7c

[REDACTED], admitted male prostitute, advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on 7/30/65, that he could make no identification of the appointee. b7c

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will report results of outstanding interview with Mr. DOUGLAS KIKER and other White House correspondents when they return from Texas.

Will report results of outstanding lead at Passport Office.

Will report results of interview with Senator ROBERT KENNEDY who has been out of town.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of:

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Office:

Washington, D. C. *b7c*

Date:

8/3/65

Field Office File #: 161-3222

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Title:

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment with NBC verified, Supervisors and co-workers recommend. Residence verified through associates. Senator JAVITS commented favorably. No record credit or police agencies. No record HCUA or CSC. Appointee unknown to homosexual informants. No record USIA. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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On July 29, 1965, [REDACTED] National Broadcasting Company (NBC), advised that he was personally acquainted with the appointee for approximately six months; however, did not know him too well. He stated that the appointee has an excellent reputation with NBC and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, associates, or loyalty to the United States has ever been brought to his attention. He stated he knows of no reason which would preclude the appointee's favorable consideration for a position of trust.

He stated that the appointee was directly [REDACTED] Washington News Department.

On July 29, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC, furnished the following information from the appointee's employment record:

On May 8, 1950, he was first employed by NBC as a news writer. He was on the payroll in Chicago, New York, and Washington. In October, 1962, he was placed on the staff payroll. On September 14, 1964, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., and presently resides at 3126 Woodley Road N.W. She stated that he resided at 1320 North Astor in Chicago, Illinois. No addresses were listed for his residence in New York. b7c


[REDACTED] advised that she knew the appointee only to speak to and that nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty has ever been brought to her attention. She stated that she did not know him well enough to make any recommendation for Government employment.

On July 29, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC, advised that he has known the appointee [REDACTED]. He stated that he has had professional and social contact with the appointee and is acquainted with the appointee's wife, BARBARA, [REDACTED]. He stated that they reside at 3126 Woodley Road N.W., where they had been renting but now have purchased the home. He stated that they were associated

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 He advised that the appointee is well regarded by his colleagues and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty has ever been brought to his attention. He stated that the appointee, for a short period, had the "Today" show in New York prior to coming to Washington, D.C. He stated that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On July 29, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC [REDACTED] advised that he has known the appointee since approximately 1952. He stated that they met at the political convention in Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he has had professional contact with the appointee in London, Paris, Washington, D.C., and New York City. He stated that he has also known the appointee socially and that they have entertained in each others homes. He advised that during the period of time that he has known the appointee nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, associates, reputation or loyalty has ever been brought to his attention and he would recommend him for a position of trust.

On July 29, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC, Washington, D.C., advised that he has been the appointee's [REDACTED] while in Washington, D.C. He stated that the appointee has been a White House Correspondent since September, 1964. He has been [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

He stated that the appointee is a very good friend of [REDACTED]. He stated that he knew the appointee slightly when [REDACTED] was assigned [REDACTED] and CHANCELLOR was in Chicago. He stated that the appointee brought [REDACTED] by to introduce him as [REDACTED].

He advised that he has known the appointee socially and commented favorably concerning the appointee and his wife. He advised that the appointee and his family reside at 3126 Woodley Road, N.W., and the family consists of [REDACTED].

He advised that during the period he has known the appointee nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his moral character, associates or loyalty to the United States has ever been brought to his attention and he would highly recommend him for a position of trust.

On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NBC, advised that he has known the appointee for over ten years. He stated he knew the appointee in New York when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and the appointee was assigned to various foreign assignments. He stated that since September, 1964, he has [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and has found him to be an extremely able man and well regarded in his field by both his colleagues and competitors. He stated that during the period he has known the appointee he has never been aware of any effeminate characteristics regarding the appointee and that his moral character, associates, reputation and loyalty to the United States was of the highest. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "New York Times", advised that he has known the appointee professionally [REDACTED]. He stated that they have traveled together during political campaigns [REDACTED] He stated that he was with the appointee in [REDACTED] [REDACTED], when the appointee was a European correspondent with NBC. b7c

He advised that he admires the appointee greatly and that they have had a slight social acquaintance and the appointee [REDACTED]. He stated that nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty has ever been brought to his attention and he would recommend him for a position of trust.

On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NBC, advised that he first met the appointee [REDACTED], and was [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he has been acquainted with the appointee's second wife, BARBARA, and has been aware of a previous marriage but has never met the appointee's first wife. He advised that there was [REDACTED] however, he did not know [REDACTED]



He stated that he would have nothing but the highest praise for the appointee and has had no reason to question his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his home [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. He advised that he formerly had been [REDACTED] NBC, in Chicago, Illinois, and that he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He advised that during this period the appointee was nominated for and received a national award for news reporting. He stated thereafter he worked for approximately two years [REDACTED] of NBC and then was sent overseas.

He stated that he was aware of the appointee's disorderly arrest in Chicago, however, that he was not aware of anything concerning their arrest that could be adversely connected to the appointee's character inasmuch as he was picked up by the police on suspicion.

He explained that the appointee was a native of Chicago and had been raised by his mother who either worked or resided at the Hotel Ambassador. At the time that he was arrested, appointee's wife was pregnant. The appointee had been out drinking and walked by the Ambassador Hotel and seeing the fire escape decided to climb it. He advised that the appointee had been held over night at the police station and that he was advised of the arrest the next morning. He stated that he was never aware of any more than one arrest and that the appointee had only been held for one day. He had gone to court and the judge discharged him.

[REDACTED] advised HARRY C. KOPF, now deceased, who was formerly Vice President of the Central Division, NBC, of the above arrest and that KOPF wanted

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to discharge the appointee. [REDACTED] convinced KOPF that the charge was not serious, that it would not be reported and would take the responsibility regarding the appointee. He stated that when the appointee left Chicago it was considered to be a promotion.

He stated that he had met the appointee's first wife but did not know the reason for their divorce.

He advised that he had no contact with the appointee after he left Chicago until they met again [REDACTED] in Washington. He advised that they talked briefly together at that time concerning their mutual friend [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that he believes the appointee is a fine young man and it would be unfortunate if the incident of the appointee's arrest in Chicago should adversely affect him. He advised that the appointee is able to hold a confidence and never has had a problem regarding alcohol.

He described the appointee as a very able individual, loyal to the United States, of good character and reputation. He stated that during the period of time that he has known the appointee nothing of a derogatory nature has ever been brought to his attention and that the appointee never displayed any effeminate characteristics. He advised that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust.

It should be noted that at the close of the interview [REDACTED] stated that he would not have volunteered the information concerning the appointee's arrest in Chicago and would not have made any comment concerning them unless direct questions had been asked of him.

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On August 2, 1965, [REDACTED] CBS [REDACTED] advised that he met the appointee in the 1950's [REDACTED] and later on they were in contact with one another [REDACTED] on assignments and also in [REDACTED]. He described the appointee as a very conscientious and patriotic reporter, a professional craftsman, and an excellent representative of the United States.

He advised he knew the appointee and his family in [REDACTED] and that they were loyal American citizens of good character, reputation, and associates. He advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's political or personal life. He advised that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust.

On August 2, 1965, [REDACTED] NBC, telephonically advised that everything he would say concerning the appointee would be of the very highest. He stated that they had known each other professionally and socially for approximately ten years. He advised that during this period nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty had ever been brought to his attention. He advised that he is acquainted with the appointee's wife and family and that they presently reside at 3126 Woodley Road, N. W. He advised that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust.

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Comments of United States Senator

On July 30, 1965, United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS advised SA [REDACTED] that he has known the appointee for several years as an outstanding news commentator. He described him as being very capable and outstanding in every respect. He stated that he has had no social contact with the appointee other than at official functions. He favorably recommended the appointee for a position of trust.

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On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED]  
The White House Office, advised SA [REDACTED] that  
her files contain no record of JOHN CHANCELLOR, the appointee.

On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED]  
Records the White House Office, advised that the files of his  
office contain no record of the appointee.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

IC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., and was advised on July 30, 1965, that the files contained no record concerning the appointee [REDACTED]

On July 30, 1965, IC [REDACTED] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee [REDACTED]. It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review. b7c

On August 2, 1965, IC [REDACTED] determined that the files of the U.S. Park Police contained no record of the appointee [REDACTED]

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MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on July 29, 1965, by IC [REDACTED] and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

IC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on July 30, 1965, that no record was found concerning the appointee. b7C

Confidential informants who are active homosexuals were contacted on July 30, 1965, and August 2, 1965, and advised that the appointee was unknown to them.

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On July 30, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] United States Information Agency (USIA), advised SA [REDACTED] that the Office of Security had no security file for the appointee as yet.

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On August 2, 1965, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Office of Personnel and Training, USIA, advised SA [REDACTED] that no personnel file for the appointee had yet been set up.

SA [REDACTED]

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The files of [REDACTED]

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The files of the Morals Division, Metropolitan Police Department, as caused to be searched by SA [REDACTED] on July 30, 1965, revealed no record for the appointee.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR --4-- ENCODED

FROM NEW YORK 161-1857 1P

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE EIGHT TWO LAST.

SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO ARE ACQUAINTED WITH HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW YORK AREA ADVISED THEY COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE. SYMBOL NUMBERS OF THESE INFORMANTS WILL BE SET FORTH ON ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE OF REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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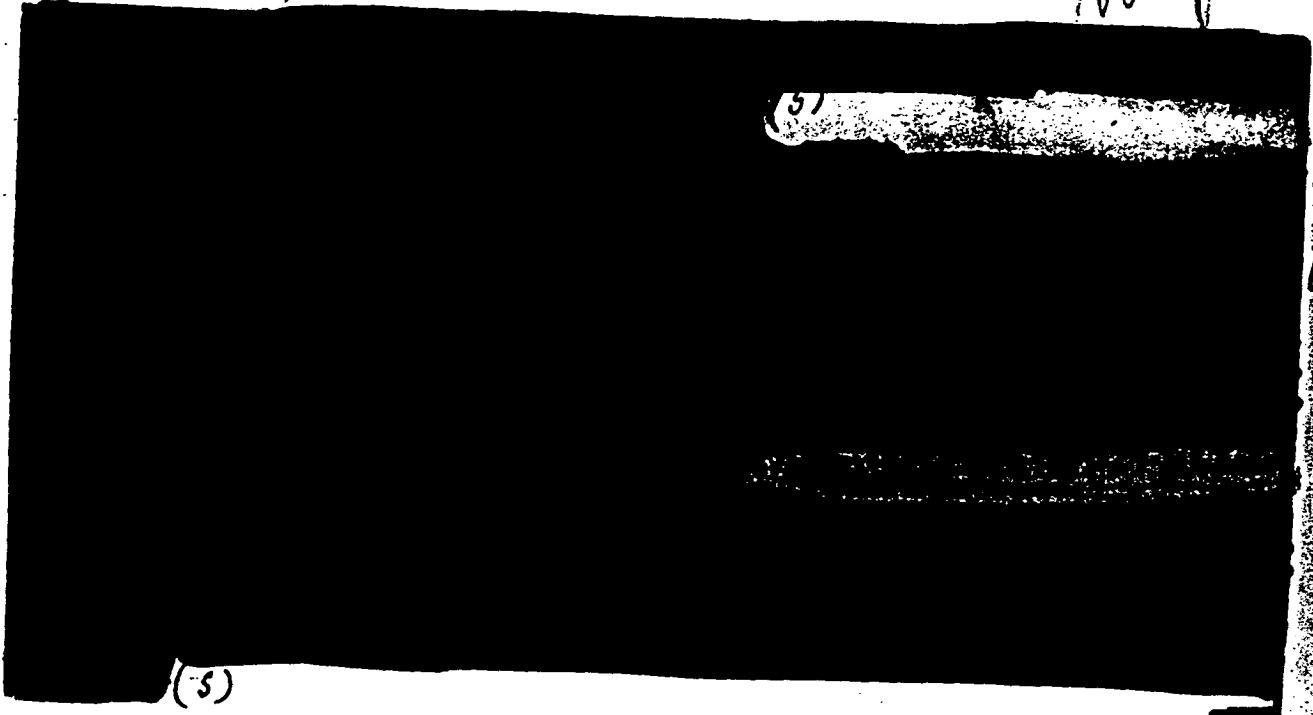
TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: August 3, 1965

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the Special Inquiry Section of the Special Investigative Division.

- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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FBI BOSTON

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BOSTON (161-1405) 2P

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR. SPI.

*Interview*

[REDACTED]  
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RE NEW YORK TEL JULY THIRTY LAST.

[REDACTED] R.I., ADVISED TODAY HE HAS KNOWN JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE OR FIFTY SIX WHEN CHANCELLOR WAS WITH NBC, CHICAGO, ILL., 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 NBC STAFF IN LONDON, ENGLAND, FOR TWO YEARS, NINETEEN SIXTY TO SIXTY TWO 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. CHANCELLOR WAS GREGARIOUS, CHEERFUL AND FRIENDLY AND MADE FRIENDS

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EASILY. HE WAS WELL INFORMED AND NOT POLITICALLY NAIVE.

██████████ STATES HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION CHANCELLOR'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S. AND FROM A REVIEW OF CHANCELLORS 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.

CHNACELLOR LIVED ██████████ IN LONDON BUT ██████████ 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 THAT 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, HOMO-SEXUALITY OR ANY OTHER VICE. b7c

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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FBI WASH DC

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8/3/65

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TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (161-1203)  
SUBJ: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re Chicago telephone call to Washington Field,  
7/30/65.

This is to confirm leads to interview [redacted]  
Washington, D.C. and Secretary of Labor WILLARD WIRTZ as  
furnished in referenced call.

[redacted] was identified by [redacted]  
News for the Midwest Bureau, NBC, and News Director for NBC  
News as appointee's former [redacted]

WIRTZ was identified by [redacted]  
NBC News, as a person with whom appointee was well acquainted  
since appointee covered the ADLAI STEVENSON campaign for  
Governor of Illinois in which Secretary of Labor WIRTZ was  
active in behalf of STEVENSON.

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FBI ST LOUIS

10:02 AM URGENT 8-3-65 MJD

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST LOUIS (161-2000) 3-P

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI, BUDED TWELVE NOON EDST, AUGUST THREE, INSTANT.

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ZERO FOUR THREE FOUR ZERO EIGHT, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM NOVEMBER SIX, FORTYFIVE, TO JUNE THREE, FORTYSIX BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS A PRIVATE AT CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA, TO ENLIST IN THE REGULAR ARMY.

HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM JUNE FOUR, FORTYSIX, TO JULY THREE, FORTYSEVEN, BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS A TECHNICIAN FIFTH CLASS AT CARLISLE BARRACKS, PENNSYLVANIA, BY REASON EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE.

HIS MILITARY OCCUPATIONS WERE SHOWN AS ARTIST AND ARMY INFORMATION SPECIALIST AND CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS AS FREE LANCE  
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ARTIST AND WRITER.

HE HAD NO FOREIGN SERVICE.

HE WAS AWARDED THE WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL.

HIS CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY RATINGS RANGED FROM UNKNOWN TO EXCELLENT AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF COURTS-MARTIAL OR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE.

SERVICE RECORDS INDICATED HE HAD ENTERED COLLEGE AFTER HIS JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL AND AT TIME OF INDUCTION HAD COMPLETED FOUR QUARTERS OF CREDIT IN COLLEGE. NO DETAILS CONCERNING THIS EDUCATION WERE SHOWN.

HIS DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH SHOWN AS JULY FOURTEEN, TWENTYSEVEN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

RECORDS, FRC, SHOW JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR WAS EMPLOYED JULY FOURTEEN, FORTYTHREE, AS ASSISTANT MESSENGER WITH WAR DEPARTMENT, ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT AT LARGE, CHICAGO ORDNANCE DISTRICT AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THIS EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, FORTY THREE, AS AN ASSISTANT MESSENGER BY REASON OF RESIGNATION, "TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION."

HE WAS EMPLOYED ON JULY TEN, FORTY FOUR, AS CLERK WITH WAR DEPARTMENT, ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT AT LARGE, CHICAGO ORDNANCE  
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DISTRICT, AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THIS EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED ON DECEMBER FIVE, FORTYFOUR, AS CLERK BY REASON OF RESIGNATION, "TO RESUME SCHOOLING AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY DAY SCHOOL." IT WAS NOTED THAT THE LAST ACTUAL WORKING DAY OF PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT WAS LISTED AS NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE, FORTYFOUR.

RECORDS SHOWED HE WAS EMPLOYED ON MARCH TWELVE, FORTYFIVE, AS CLERK WITH WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION, U.S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR ILLINOIS, REGION SIX, AREA NUMBER TWO, OFFICE NUMBER SIX, AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THIS EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED ON APRIL TWENTY, FORTYFIVE, AS CLERK BY REASON OF RESIGNATION, DETAILS SHOWN ONLY AS "ENLISTING IN NAVY."

NO UNFAVORABLE INFO CONTAINED IN RECORD.

PERSONNEL, MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, ADVISED THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF NAVAL SERVICE OFR CHANCELLOR.

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FBI CHICAGO  
109PM CDST URGENT 8-3-65 JJC  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM CHICAGO (161-1203) 3P

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR; SPI.

*3 interview*

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, EIGHT TWO LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED EIGHT THREE INSTANT.

[REDACTED]

WILMETTE,

ILLINOIS, [REDACTED], QUOTE CHICAGO SUN DASH TIMES ENQUOTE

ADVISED ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE WHEN LATTER EMPLOYED QUOTE

SUN DASH TIMES ENQUOTE ON CLIFTON UTLEY'S TELEVISION PROGRAM.

APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT TERMINATED WHEN NEWSPAPER HAD REDUCTION

IN FORCE. [REDACTED] RECALLS APPOINTEE INVOLVED IN EPISODE WHILE

WORKING QUOTE SUN DASH TIMES ENQUOTE, BUT DOES NOT REMEMBER

DETAILS OF INCIDENT. APPOINTEE OFFERED SATISFACTORY

EXPLANATION FOR HIS ACTIONS. [REDACTED] HAS HAD ONLY OCCASIONAL

CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE RECENT YEARS. STATES APPOINTEE HAS HAD

GOOD CAREER IN NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION FIELDS. [REDACTED]

CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE HARD WORKING, INDUSTRIOUS, CAPABLE,

INTELLIGENT PERSON. DURING ASSOCIATION WITH APPOINTEE, [REDACTED]

HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S MORAL CHARACTER, PERSONAL

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HABITS, OR LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] HAS NO REASON NOT TO RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

RECORDS QUOTE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ENQUOTE SHOW APPOINTEE WORKED PART TIME AS COPY BOY TWO NINETEEN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR TO THREE SIX NINETEEN FORTY FOUR THEN FULL TIME UNTIL FOUR NINE NINETEEN FORTY FOUR. NO REASON LISTED FOR LEAVING.

NO RECORDS AVAILABLE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, CHICAGO, TO VERIFY APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT WITH HOTEL FLORIST SHOP.

[REDACTED] E.H. SARGENT AND CO., FOUR SIX FOUR SEVEN W. FOSTER, CHICAGO, STATED RECORDS SHOW ONE JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, BORN TWO FOURTEEN NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE, RESIDENCE ONE THREE ZERO ZERO N. STATE STREET, HIRED SIX FIFTEEN NINETEEN FORTY TWO AS PACKING CLERK. RESIGNED EIGHT FOUR NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. NO DEROGATORY INFO AND ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE.

[REDACTED] KROCH'S AND BRENTANO'S BOOK STORE, TWO NINE S. WABASH, ADVISED NO PERSONNEL RECORDS  
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KEPT FOR FORMER EMPLOYEES IN NINETEEN FORTIES. NO ONE CURRENTLY AT STORE WHO MIGHT RECALL APPOINTEE.

[REDACTED], CONRAD HILTON HOTEL, FORMERLY STEVENS HOTEL, SEVEN TWO ZERO S. MICHIGAN AVE., STATED HE IS [REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE'S MOTHER HIRED THIS HOTEL THREE ONE NINETEEN FORTY FOUR AND RESIDED IN HOTEL AS DID APPOINTEE. APPOINTEE NEVER EMPLOYED THIS HOTEL. CONSIDERS APPOINTEE PERSON OF EXCELLENT MORAL CHARACTER, ENERGETIC, AMBITIOUS, LOYAL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, RECOMMENDS.

ANOTHER CHICAGO INFORMANT ADVISED AWARE OF APPOINTEE'S RECENT GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT AND KNOWS HIM TO BE REFERRED TO BY QUOTE FAGS ENQUOTE AS QUOTE MOTHER ENQUOTE CHANCELLOR. STATES DOES NOT KNOW PERSONALLY.

PERSONNEL RECORDS, CHICAGO PD CHECKED AND NO RECORD LOCATED FOR THREE OF FOUR ARRESTING OFFICERS LISTED BY LAST NAME ONLY ON NINETEEN FORTY NINE ARRESTS OF CHANCELLOR.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO OBTAIN NAMES OF ABOVE ARRESTING OFFICERS, VERIFY ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENTS, AND SUBSTANTIATE HOMOSEXUAL ALLEGATIONS. INFORMANTS ENDEAVORING TO LEARN ADDITIONAL INFO.

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SD-09  
 URGENT 8-4-65  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM [REDACTED] NO.197

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI, WHITE HOUSE.

REBUCAB TO BERN.

LOCATED [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEWED BY [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] AUGUST 3, LAST.  
 [REDACTED] AMICABLE DIVORCE ON LEGAL GROUNDS OF  
 DESERTION BY MUTUAL CONSENT IN NOVEMBER 1958 IN ILLINOIS.  
 HE REMARRIED TO BARBARA UPSHAW, HIS PRESENT WIFE. [REDACTED]

RECALLS HE WAS ARRESTED ONCE IN CHICAGO WHEN BECAME  
 INTOXICATED AND CLIMBED ON FIRE ESCAPE. ARREST MADE BECAUSE  
 OF PREVIOUS ROBBERIES IN AREA BUT HE WAS CLEARED AND NO  
 SERIOUS CHARGE MADE. HE IS ONLY MODERATE DRINKER ORDINARILY.  
 MODERATE IN ALL HABITS. RELIABLE, BRIGHT, INTELLIGENT, WELL  
 RESPECTED BY FORMER EMPLOYER AND WHITE HOUSE. MENTALLY AND  
 EMOTIONALLY STABLE. NO REASON TO DOUBT LOYALTY AND RECOMMENDS  
 FOR POSITION OF TRUST. MEMO FOLLOWS.

NORMAN W. PHILCOX

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TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI 161-40-5-37

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY

REURTEL TODAY.

REMAINING INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND RESULTS IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED TO BUREAU, BY COB TODAY.

BUREAU HAS NOT RECEIVED RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF

[REDACTED]

IN MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN

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FIFTYONE ARREST.

ALSO MAKE CERTAIN YOU FURNISH BUREAU IDENTITIES OF CRIMINAL INFORMANTS WHO ARE FURNISHING YOU INFO RE CHANCELLOR. ALSO, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, SUGGEST YOU VERIFY HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF CHANCELLOR AND ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION IN RECORDS THEREOF.

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FBI CHICAGO

FBI WASH DC

4-10 PM EDST URGENT 8-3-65 JXM

TO CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR

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Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO DIRECTOR, LITTLE ROCK, AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM CHICAGO (16-1203) 2P

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR. SPI. BUDED COB. WITHOUT FAIL INSTANT

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] "CHICAGO TRIBUNE", ADVISED THIS

DATE HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT

TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WAS IMPRESSED BY APPOINTEE AS AN OUTSTANDING

NEWS REPORTER WHO APPEARED TO BE REAL SOLID CITIZEN. HE

SUBSEQUENTLY SAW APPOINTEE ON LIMITED OCCASIONS IN THE CHICAGO

AREA BUT WAS NEVER SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED, FROM HIS BRIEF KNOWLEDGE,

APPOINTEE APPEARS TO BE OF GOOD MORAL AND PERSONAL CHARACTER.

HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS LOYALTY. HE DOES NOT

KNOW ASSOCIATES AND HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION OF

DEROGATORY NATURE. HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR POSITION

OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. HE POINTED OUT MANY PEOPLE REMEMBER

APPOINTEE BECAUSE OF HIS EJECTION FROM THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF LITTLE ROCK AND SAN FRANCISCO, APPOINTEE IS WHITE MALE BORN JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN TWENTY-SEVEN AT CHICAGO AND RECENTLY RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF AMERICA. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND. INVESTIGATION AT CHICAGO HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS OF ALLEGATIONS OF POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES ON PART OF APPOINTEE.

LITTLE ROCK AND SAN FRANCISCO, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONDUCT CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS AND CONTACT ANY OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES.

SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND WFO

FROM: CHICAGO (161-1203)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI

RE CHICAGO TEL DIRECTOR AUGUST THREE, LAST.

RECONTACT WITH [REDACTED] AND OFFICER [REDACTED]

INSTANT DATE, REVEALED THAT NEITHER ONE RECALLED APPOINTEE  
HAVING BINOCULARS IN HIS POSSESSION IN ARREST OF FEBRUARY  
ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, CHICAGO.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHICAGO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POLICE SOMETIME IN MAY OF NINETEEN

FIFTY ONE CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE FIRE ESCAPE

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[REDACTED] STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL

NOT RECORDED

TURNED OUT TO BE APPOINTEE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

OF MAY NINE, FIFTY ONE, AND AS WAS HIS CUSTOM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED SAW FIGURE OF INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON FIRE ESCAPE FACING THE WINDOW ON THE THIRD FLOOR. THIS INDIVIDUAL REMAINED THERE FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AND AT THIS POINT [REDACTED] STATED HE [REDACTED]

CHICAGO PD APPREHENDED THIS PERSON AND SHOWED HIM TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
IDENTITY OF THIS ARRESTED INDIVIDUAL REVEALED AS JOHN CHANCELLOR.

[REDACTED] STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THIS PERSON HAD NO BINOCULARS IN HIS POSSESSION, NOR WAS HE ARMED, NOR DID HE SEE HIM ATTEMPT TO FORCIBLY ENTER ANY APARTMENT WHILE ON FIRE ESCAPE.

[REDACTED] STATED EITHER FOLLOWING DAY OR TWO AFTER CHANCELLOR ARRESTED, HE RECEIVED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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STATED PRIOR TO THIS TIME, NEVER HAD ANY ASSOCIATION WITH CHANCELLOR AND SINCE THAT INCIDENT HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH HIM.

ALSO STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, CHANCELLOR NOT INTOXICATED AND IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS "PEEPING" IN APARTMENTS WINDOWS.

[REDACTED] SAID HAS NO FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE THAT CHANCELLOR IS OTHER THAN A NORMAL, HEALTHY, MASCULINE INDIVIDUAL BUT HAS "HEARD" STORIES (SOURCES UNKNOWN) THAT INDICATE THAT CHANCELLOR MAY HAVE HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES.

[REDACTED] PARK DERBORN HOTEL, ONE TWO SIX ZERO, NORTH DERBORN STREET, CHICAGO, ADVISED JANUARY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, LEDGER SHEETS SHOW THAT ONE JAMES CHANCELLOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RESIDED THIS HOTEL IN JANUARY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. UNDERNEATH THESE NAMES ARE THE NAMES MR. AND MRS. JAMES CHANCELLOR.

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STATED THESE INDIVIDUALS PROBABLY RESIDED THIS HOTEL FOR ONLY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AS THEY WERE ON A SHORT TERM RENTAL BASIS.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT PERSONALLY RECALL CHANCELLOR AND STATED THAT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] THIS HOTEL THAT TIME UNKNOWN. b7c

[REDACTED] CHICAGO PD ADVISED FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THIRTY FIFTH CHICAGO POLICE DISTRICT IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. RECALLS ASSISTING IN AN ARREST OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOUND ON A FIRE ESCAPE SOMETIME IN ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY ONE BUT DOES NOT RECALL THE NAME OF THE ARRESTED PERSON. ADVISED HE HAD CLIMBED FIRE ESCAPE AND FOUND THE ARRESTED PARTY ON THE SECOND FLOOR LEVEL. SAID TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THIS PERSON CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN ABSENCE OF ANY PROOF OF MORE SPECIFIC CHARGE. HAS NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS ARREST.

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MUNICIPAL CODE DOCKET NUMBER FOUR NINE MC ONE  
FOUR FIVE TWO FOUR NINE DISCLOSED THAT JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR,  
SEVEN TWO ONE SOUTH MICHIGAN BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, DESCRIBED  
AS MALE, TWENTY ONE YEARS OLD, EMPLOYED AS REPORTER, SINGLE,  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, SIX FEET TALL, MEDIUM BUILD,  
BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, ARRESTED MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, FORTY  
NINE, BY OFFICERS THORP AND GRANNAN AND CHARGED WITH  
VIOLATION OF MUNICIPAL CODE ONE NINE THREE -ONE -ONE, 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. ACCORDING  
TO ARREST SLIP, CHANCELLOR WAS FOUND LYING INTOXICATED  
IN VACANT LOT AT OHIO AND DEARBORN STREETS, CHICAGO. RECORD  
INDICATED CHANCELLOR WAIVED JURY TRIAL AND FOUND NOT  
GUILTY AND DISCHARGED MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, FORTY NINE.

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