



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

November 1, 2023

MR. JOHN R. GREENEWALD JR.
SUITE 1203
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD
CASTAIC, CA 91384

Request No.: 1361918-000
Subject: LAIRD, MELVIN ROBERT, JR.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the FOIA that are responsive to your request. We made these records available in the FBI's electronic FOIA Library (The Vault) on the FBI's public website, <http://vault.fbi.gov>. On the right-hand side of the home page, under the heading "Vault Links" you can search for your subject alphabetically (click on "A-Z Index"), by category (click on "Categories"), or by entering text into our search engine (click on "Search Vault"). For records responsive to this request, please enter Melvin Laird as the search term.

The available documents represent a final Vault posting of information responsive to your FOIA request.

Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request.

- ☐ Additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. Please inform us by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov or replying through standard mail if you would like the FBI to conduct a search of the indices to our Central Records System.
- ☐ Additional records responsive to your request were processed but are not currently available on The Vault. Please inform us by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov or replying through standard mail if you would like to receive these records.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "**Part 1**" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "**Part 2**" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "**Part 3**" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault



The Black Vault is the largest online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are
responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages
released by the U.S. Government & Military.

Discover the Truth at: **<http://www.theblackvault.com>**



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Washington Field Office (9-New)** Date: **May 8, 1970**

Re: **UNSUB; Threatening Letter
Postmarked 4/15/70 at
Englewood, Ohio, received by
Secretary of Defense MELVIN LARD -
VICTIM; President RICHARD M. NIXON -
VICTIM; EXTORTION (OO: Cincinnati)**

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Lab. No.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

9-51163-1
D-700507015 KW

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/5/70**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:



**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Cincinnati Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Walters
- Mohr
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- Casper
- Callahan
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- Gale
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Washington Field Office (9-New)

Date: May 8, 1970

Re: UNSUB; Threatening Letter
Postmarked 4/15/70 at Englewood,
Ohio, received by Secretary of Defense
MELVIN LAIRD - VICTIM; President
RICHARD M. NIXON - VICTIM; EXTORTION

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-700507015 KW

Specimens received 5/6/70

Qc1 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "ENG EWOOD APR 15 PM 1970 45322," bearing handwritten address "Secretary of Defense, office Mr. Melvin Laird, Washington, D. C. Security"

Qc2 Photocopy of eight-page accompanying handwritten message beginning "Mr. Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird Richard Nixon, President..."

Result of examination:

Specimens Qc1 and Qc2 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Appropriate copies are being added thereto.

Specimens Qc1 and Qc2 are retained in the files of this Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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File # **9-51163-1**
Lab. # **D-700507010 KW**

Re: UNSUB; Threatening Letter
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Ohio, received by Secretary of Defense
MELVIN LAIRD - VICTIM;
President RICHARD M. NIXON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Cincinnati
Examination requested by: WFO (9-New) 5/5/70 Airtel

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/6/70

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Kittel

*H.W. Qc1 → Qc2 searched A.L.F. III E(H) Ohio, D.C. and
surrounding states. No ident 5-7-70 E.H. Copies being added.*

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Spec Qc1 & Qc2 are retained

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Date: 5/5/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

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	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-New) (P)

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 Ohio, received by Secretary of Defense
 MELVIN LAIRD - VICTIM;
 President RICHARD M. NIXON - VICTIM
 EXTORTION
 (OO:CI)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five Xerox copies of one white envelope addressed to victim as above and one eight page handwritten letter contained therein. The originals were retained by U.S. Secret Service (USSS) inasmuch as they contained a threat to President NIXON. Enclosed for Cincinnati (which is designated Office of Origin) are two copies of same material.

This material was received on 5/4/70 from Assistant Special Agent in Charge GARY MC LEOD, Liaison Division, USSS, 1800 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), by SA ROBERT E. LILL. USSS has made a check of their name files and visual files of previously submitted letters with negative results.

- ENCLOSURE
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 2- Cincinnati (Enc 2)
 2- WFO

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

"COPY AND SEARCHING RETAINED IN LAB"

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The U.S. Capitol Police and the Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, have been advised of this material. USSS is holding their investigation in abeyance pending notification of whether or not the Bureau is to conduct investigation in this matter.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Laboratory Division is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination.

LEADS

CINCINNATI

AT ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

- 1) Present to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion.
- 2) Notify local authorities.
- 3) If prosecution authorized, conduct appropriate investigation.
- 4) Immediately advise WFO of prosecutive opinion of USA so notification can be made to USSS.
- 5) Prepare LHM suitable for dissemination incorporating investigation conducted at WDC and results of examination conducted by the Laboratory.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Telephonically notify USSS of prosecutive opinion of USA upon receipt from the Office of Origin.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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President RICHARD M. NIXON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: Cincinnati

File # **7-51163-15**
Lab. # **D-700507010 KW**

Examination requested by: **WFO (9-New) 5/5/70 Airtel**

Examination requested: **Document**

Date received: **5/6/70**

Result of Examination:

Examination by **Kittel**

Specimens submitted for examination

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ENCLOSURE
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Mr. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird
 Richard Nixon, President of this
 Great America, which is now called
 noisy N. S. A. Now war war
 Hate Hate Kill Kill is
 all Washington. D. C. is noted for S. S.
 Tapes Tapes Tapes, we get S. S.
 all kind of Pension checks, retirement
 and takes all our retirement to
 pay income taxes.
 now we are a large group of
 Senior Citizens from the mid west,
 Ohio, Ind. Ill. Michigan and so
 on. and first of all, don't you ever
 leave Mrs. Pat Nixon. Tour the mid
 west, if you know the danger she
 was in, and much worse for her
 or you Mr. P. you will never show
 up, we sure played a big part in
 putting you in for president, you
 said you had a plan to stop
 war hate and kill, what happened
 to the plan, we were hopeful
 (over) big May primary

You would have war hate
over, women and children, how
can you in the White House,
Capitol Hill watch the cruel
treatment of women & children,
boys killed, legs off, arms, blue
black cruelty on TV and keep
this war going, we are telling
you right now, you better get
this thing over, our sons, grandsons
in war, no one to farm for
us Senior Citizens, who can't
farm because of age, we can't
afford to buy high price machinery
there are only men & families
in farming areas, of probably
4 and 5 farms being farmed by
one family, and then as that
boy come to 18 - gone in that
precious, Dear Army, war war
kill kill, no young men gone
of course, David Eisenhower
and Dulles

get to go the College and a piece
for vacation, must and Prof
from just to the South and in
fact, get good jobs and live
happily, but our grandsons the
to go and take will come
home if they get home, with a
near, nearly nervous attitude
not get to have a family
and while home and perhaps
all of the that don't care.
O.K. all of you we are, warning
you, people in the maddest
are things to show you from
are going to face on the white
Darker can see all of the black
house, perhaps any around in
and you can live your life long
if you, kind, if you
think people aren't fed. well
think you are going to find out

over night, president doubles his
salary, all of Congress, every
federal employee increase in
salaries, every one, but how about
farmers, and what happened
to U. S. Bond interest increase,
all me Senior Citizens having
bonds for years, many of us
H Bonds, never seen an
increase as yet, we were to get
back interest, not one cent of
increase, but, you sure don't
care about how much Taxes
we Seniors have to pay, we
get S. S. or retirement and then
have to pay income tax on it,
what do we gain, that McCullough
from Piqua better keep he
nose behind the scene too,
or he will get in the
mess too all he ever done

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for an district has been made
for men, more labor and had
the girls to stand before
people and let for without
to be and needed as many an
the get it as all did - we gave
and retired citizens can just
get along best we can!
all the time men, take more
money for hospital for our boys
of you for word stop and find
give our help don't worry the
hospital for no reason to the
men for word to plenty of work
no that the money spent on
and all the ally men for
war and ally could do for
least what you are telling
our business, we are telling
you, it not like people

are going to vote for, they are
not even going to vote. Why
should people vote, it is
just more taxes, war hate
and pill, love gentleness,
respect is out of the picture
any more, even our Heavenly
Father, Creator of all things,
that old Madeline Murry Fair,
the old atheist try to get
America to believe there is
no God, there is one thing
sure the love, kindness gentleness
and respect and Godliness is
disappearing too and it sure
is not noticeable in Washington
D. C., nothing there only
war hate pill - taxes
and raise the salaries

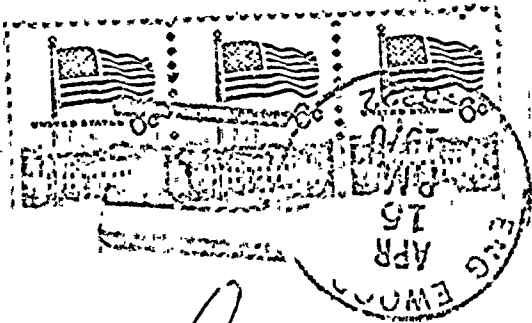
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Whalen of Dayton, Saphy,
Fulbright, Mansfield are
about all that are against
the war and Japan.
we are sorry the war and
a break in Japan couldn't
be over by now, we
Senior Citizens are fed up
with income taxes the low
farm prices and so are the
young farmers and the teen
agers are just so discouraged
soon as High School, war
hate and kill, well it may
change after the great
Washington D.C. pentagon
and all are bombed, may
come gradual but we are

warning you, stay out of the
mid-west,

military military military
war war war
Hate Hate Hate
Kill Kill Kill,
no God - no love - no
gentleness - not respect.
we Senior Citizens are settling
up our estates, takes months
to settle, takes most of
it to settle an estate, probate
Courts, lawyers and Federal
gov. takes it, but Capital
Hill gets the loop - holds,
we are a big group from
mid-west - watch what you

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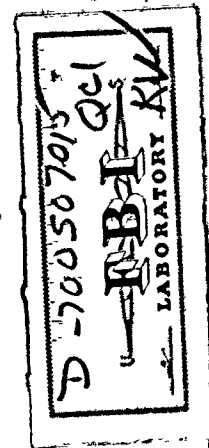


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Secretary of Defense, Office
Mr. Melvin Laird,
Washington, D. C.

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CAPITAL REGION NAC TEAM (D1510-N)
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BUILDING 159, ROOM 509
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20374-1595

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WHITE HOUSE
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November 20, 1992

Mrs. Jane Dannenhauer
Assistant to the Counsel
to the President
Room 84, White House Security
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Dannenhauer:

The Defense Investigative Service (DIS) is currently conducting a personnel security investigation on the individual identified below.

FULL NAME: LAIRD, Melvin Robert

DPOB: 22 SEP 01, Omaha, NE

SSN: 392-14-5736

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT: Science Application International
Corporation, San Diego, CA

POSITION: Contractor

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT: JUL 1979 to the present

WHITE HOUSE CONNECTION: Science Application International
Corporation, The White House

DATES OF FBI INVESTIGATION(S): 1984: 1976: 1969

DIS CASE CONTROL NUMBER:

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DIS requests that your office please furnish this Service with access to or provide copies of investigative files maintained by your office on the aforementioned individual.

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If you have any questions or comments pertaining to this matter, please feel free to contact me at the National Agency Check (NAC) Team on (703) 325-1312. Please be advised that the mailing address for D1510-N has been changed to the following: Defense Investigative Service, Capital Region NAC Team (D1510-N), 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Hoffman Building 1, Room 748, Alexandria, VA 22331-1000.

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Your assistance in this matter will help to further our investigative efforts and is most appreciated.

Sincerely,



Enclosures (2)

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE

Paul Donnenbauer

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. NAME a. Last, First, Middle (LAST Name in all capital letters) LAIRD, Melvin Robert.						FOR DIS USE ONLY <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">273 4628</div>									
b. Maiden Name (if any) N/A															
2. OTHER NAMES USED (LAST, First, Middle) (Include all other names used and dates of use.) None				3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 392-14-5736											
4. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD) 220901		5. PLACE OF BIRTH a. City Omaha		b. County N/A		c. State NE		d. Country U.S.							
6. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Complete all blocks) a. Sex MALE b. Race WHITE c. Height 6' 0" d. Weight 190 e. Hair Color BROWN f. Eye Color BROWN															
7. STATUS (X and complete as applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Contractor Employee <input type="checkbox"/> b. Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> c. Government Employee (1) List Contract Number for which clearance is required PR															
8. CITIZENSHIP (X a, b, c, and complete as applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. United States (X (1), (2), (3), (4), and/or (5)) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) Born in U.S. (2) Born abroad of U.S. parents <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Naturalized (Complete (a)-(e)) (4) Derived from naturalized parent (Complete (a)-(e)) (a) Certificate Number(s) (b) Date (YYMMDD) (c) Place (d) Court (e) Alien Registration Number <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Dual Citizenship (List country) (See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)															
<input type="checkbox"/> b. United States National (List U.S. Trust Territory or Possession)															
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Alien (Complete (1) through (4)) (1) Current Citizenship (2) Registration Number (3) Intend to become a U.S. citizen? (X one) (a) Yes (b) No (4) Permanent Resident Status? (X one) (a) Yes (b) No															
9. MILITARY SERVICE (List in chronological order beginning with the most recent period. Include Reserve/National Guard Service.) a. If you checked item 7.d. above, provide Occupational Specialty and Unit Assignment which requires this investigation.															
b. From (YYMMDD) 420501		c. To (YYMMDD) 460401		d. Branch of Service USN		e. Rank LT		f. Service Number(s) 331-004 OFFICER		g. Type of Discharge Honorable		h. Country U.S.			
10. RESIDENCES 703-549-7479															
a. Current Home Telephone (Include Area Code) (301) 229-6114															
b. Address (List in chronological order beginning with current address. Give inclusive dates for each period of residence. If you list a Rural Route address, provide instructions or map for locating that residence.)															
(1) To (YYMM) Present				(3) Address (Number, Street, Apt. Number) 400 Madison St.				(1) Name (LAST, First, Middle Initial) Laird, Barbara M.				(2) Telephone Number (Include Area Code)			
(2) From (YYMM) 9205				(4) City, State, Zip Code ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314				(3) Address (Number, Street, Apt. Number) (Spouse deceased -1/9/92)				(4) City, State, Zip Code			
(5) Country (If outside the United States)				(1) To (YYMM) 9205				(3) Address (Number, Street, Apt. Number) 5703 Kirkwood Drive				(1) Name (LAST, First, Middle Initial) Spouse		(2) Telephone Number (Include Area Code)	
(2) From (YYMM) 5501				(4) City, State, Zip Code Bethesda, Maryland 20816				(3) Address (Number, Street, Apt. Number)				(4) City, State, Zip Code			
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11. EMPLOYMENT/DUTY ORGANIZATION (List in chronological order, beginning with the present, each period of employment, self-employment, part-time employment, and/or unemployment. Also list current Reserve or National Guard Unit. List inclusive dates for each period. If discharged for cause, so state in item 18. See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)					
Yes		No			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		a. Have you ever been in Federal Civil Service? (If yes, explain in accordance with DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)	
b. Dates (YYMM)		c. Name of Employer		d. Job Site, Duty Station or Home Port (Street, City, State and Zip Code)	
(1) From	(2) To			e. Immediate Supervisor (1) Name (2) Telephone No. (Incl. Area Code)	
	Present	See Remarks			
		See Remarks			
7306	7402	Executive Office of the President		The White House WASHINGTON, DC	
6901	7306	Department of Defense		The Pentagon Washington, DC	
5301	6901	United States Congress		House of Representatives Washington, DC	

12. Family/Associates (Give requested date for: * Father, Mother, Spouse, Cohabitant, and Children * All brothers and sisters NOT born in the United States * ALL relatives or friends to whom you, your spouse, or cohabitant are bound by affection or obligations IF such persons are residing in, are citizens of, or are employed by or otherwise acting as representatives of ANY foreign country.)				
a. Relationship and Name (LAST, First, Middle Initial)	b. Present Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code)	c. Date of Birth (YYMMDD)	d. Place of Birth (City, State, Country)	e. Citizenship
(1) Father IATRD, Melvin R.	Deceased	18880101	GRIGGSVILLE, IL U.S.	U.S.
(2) Mother (Maiden Name) CONNOR, Helen	Deceased	18880101	GRAND RAPIDS, WI U.S.	U.S.
(3) Spouse (Maiden Name if applicable) MASTERS, Barbara	ROUTE 3, BOX 409P 1/9/92 SYLVIA, NC 28779- DECEASED	220309	INDIANAPOLIS, IN U.S.	U.S.

13. MARITAL DATA				
a. Current Marital Status (X one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) Married	<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Never Married	<input type="checkbox"/> (3) Legally Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> (4) Divorced
b. Dates(s) of Current and Prior Marriage(s) (YYMMDD)	c. Place(s) Where Married			
451015	INDIANAPOLIS, IN			
d. Dates(s) of Divorce(s) (YYMMDD)	e. Court(s) Granting Divorce(s) and Location(s) (City and State)			
f. Name(s) and Current Address(es) of Former Spouse(s)				
273 4628				

14. FOREIGN TRAVEL/CONNECTIONS (X "Yes" or "No" for each question.)				
Yes	No	("Yes" answers must be explained in accordance with DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Do you have any foreign property, business connections, or financial interests?		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Are you now or have you ever been employed by or acted as a consultant for a foreign government, firm, or agency?		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. Have you ever traveled outside the United States on other than official U.S. Government orders? (Include even short trips to Canada or Mexico.)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d. Have you ever had any contact with a foreign government, its establishments (e.g. embassies, consulates), or its representatives whether inside or outside the U.S., other than on official U.S. Government business?		

15. FULL AND PART TIME EDUCATION (List in chronological order, including part-time attendance, beginning with the last school attended.) (See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)				
a. Dates (YYMM)	b. Name of School	c. Address (City, State and Zip Code)	d. Major	e. Degree Earned
(1) From	(2) To			
4001	4301	CARLETON COLLEGE	NORTHFIELD, MN 55057	BA

16. CHARACTER REFERENCES (List 5 good friends, colleagues, classmates, etc. who together have known you for the entire period of investigation. Do not list anyone who is listed elsewhere on this form. See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)

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17. CREDIT REFERENCES (Complete the item only if you lived overseas on a cumulative basis for a period in excess of 6 months out of the last 5 years. List firms, institutions, and/or individuals (other than relatives) who have extended credit to you during that time period. See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)

a. Name	b. Account Number	c. Number and Street	d. City	e. State	f. Zip Code
Not Applicable					

18. REMARKS (You may provide any additional information which you feel may have a bearing or impact on your security eligibility which has not been specifically asked for on this form.)


Item 11. Employment/Duty Organization (Additional Information)

From	To	Employer	Job Site/Duty Station	Supervisor	Phone
7906	Present	Science Appl. Inter. Corp.	10260 Campus Point Drive San Diego., CA 92121		
SUBJECT IS A NON EMPLOYEE CODEP OF THIS CORPORATION. PHYSICAL LOCATION IS IN THE WASHINGTON DC AREA.					
7402	Present	The Reader's Digest Assoc. Inc.	1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW Suite 212 Washington, DC 20036		(914) 238-1000

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Item 11. (Federal Civil Service Employment)
Information provided in Item 11 above.

19. CERTIFICATION OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM. I certify that the entries made by me are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by fine or imprisonment or both. (See U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001.)

a. Typed Name (LAST, First, Middle Initial)	b. Social Security No.	c. Signature	d. Date Signed ((YYMMDD))
IAIRD, Melvin R.	392-14-5736		920608

Answers to questions in items 20 through 24 are NOT limited to the last 5, 10, or 15 years, but pertain to your entire life. (See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)

20. CREDIT HISTORY

Yes	No	(<i>"Yes" answers must be explained in accordance with DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.</i>)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Have you ever filed a petition under any chapter of the bankruptcy code (to include Chapter 13)?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Have you ever had your wages garnished or anything repossessed?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. Have you ever had a lien placed upon your property for failing to pay taxes?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d. Do you have any judgments against you which you have not paid?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e. Are you now or have you been significantly delinquent on debts? (Paid more than 120 days from scheduled payment due date?)

21. ARRESTS

** You must list ALL arrest information regardless of whether you have previously listed or disclosed this information or whether the record in your case has been "sealed" expunged, or otherwise stricken from the court record. You must also include all courts-martial or non-judicial punishment (Article 15 UCMJ or Captain's Mast.)*
** The only exceptions are for certain convictions under the Federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 844 or 18 U.S.C. Section 3807) (See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.)*
** You may exclude minor traffic violations for which a fine or forfeiture of \$100 or less was imposed, unless alcohol or drug related.*

Yes	No	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Have you ever been arrested, charged, cited, held, or detained by Federal, State, or other law enforcement or juvenile authorities regardless of whether the charge was dropped or dismissed or you were found not guilty?

b. List details of "Yes" answers

(1) Date (YYMMDD)	(2) Nature of Offense or Violation	(3) Name and Location of Law Enforcement Agency (City and State)	(4) Name and Location of Court/Magistrate (City and State)	(5) Penalty Imposed or Other Disposition in Each Case

22. DRUG/ALCOHOL USE AND MENTAL HEALTH (*"YES" answers must be explained in accordance with DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.*)

Yes	No	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Have you ever tried or used or possessed any narcotic (to include heroin or cocaine), depressant (to include quaaludes), stimulant hallucinogen (to include LSD or PCP), or cannabis (to include marijuana or hashish), or any mind-altering substance (to include glue or paint), even one-time or on an experimental basis, except as prescribed by a licensed physician?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Have you ever been involved in the illegal purchase, manufacture, trafficking, production, or sale of any narcotic, depressant, stimulant, hallucinogen, or cannabis?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. Have you ever misused or abused any drug prescribed by a licensed physician for yourself or for someone else?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d. Has your use of alcoholic beverages (such as liquor, beer, wine) ever resulted in the loss of a job, disciplinary action arrest by police, or any alcohol-related treatment or counseling (such as for alcohol abuse or alcoholism)?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e. Have you ever been treated for a mental, emotional, psychological, or personality disorder/condition/problem?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f. Have you ever consulted or been counseled by any mental health professional?

23. ORGANIZATIONS

Yes	No	(<i>"YES" answers must be explained in accordance with DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.</i>)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party or any Communist organization?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Are you now or have you ever been affiliated with any organization, association, movement, group or combination of persons which: (1) Advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(2) Advocates or approves the commission of acts of force, violence, coercion, or intimidation to deny persons their rights under the Constitution of the U.S.?
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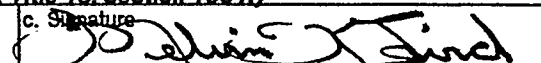
c. List all organizations in which you hold or have held membership since age 16. (You may omit labor unions, political parties, religious organizations, and those referred to in 23.a. and b.)

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24. SECURITY CLEARANCE

Yes	No	a. Have you ever held a security clearance, to include a contractor-granted Confidential? (If "YES," give details below.)
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Have you ever had a security clearance denied, suspended or revoked? (If "YES," give details in Item 18.)

25. CERTIFICATION BY PERSON COMPLETING FORM. I certify that the entries made by me are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by fine or imprisonment or both. (See U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001.)

a. Typed Name (LAST, First, Middle Initial) LAIRD, Melvin R.	b. Social Security No. 392-14-5736	c. Signature 	d. Date Signed (YYMMDD) 920608
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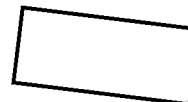
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Item 23c. Other Organizations (Additional Entries)

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IDS MUTUAL FUND GROUP	IDS TOWER 10 MINNEAPOLIS, MN. 55440	PERSONNEL	7407	Presen
MARTIN MARIETTA CORPORATION	6801 ROCKLEDGE DRIVE BETHESDA, MD. 20034	AUDIT AND ETHICS	8110	Presen
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	1 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY. 10010	INSURANCE	7407	Presen
NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.	MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTL AP ST. PAUL, MN. 55111	AUDIT AND SAFETY	7405	Presen
PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY	BARTLESVILLE, OK. 74004	PUBLIC POLICY	7604	Presen
AMER. INSTTT. CERTIFIED PUB. ACCOUNT.	1 STATION PLACE STAMFORD, CT. 06902	CERT. PUB. ACCT.	8408	Presen
READERS DIGEST ASSOCIATION	READERS DIGEST RD. PLEASANTVILLE, NY. 10570	PUBLIC POLICY	9006	Presen
SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTL. CORP.	10260 CAMPUS PT. DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA. 92121	STOCK POLICY	7906	Presen
WALLACE READERS DIGEST FUNDS	261 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY. 10020	INVESTMENT	9002	Presen

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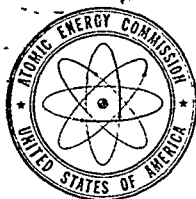
An Applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1984, 1976, 1969 concerning the captioned individual. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to Jane Danner at the White House.

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This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.



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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Mr. Egil Krogh
Staff Assistant to the Counsel
The White House

Subject: Melvin Laird - Secretary of Defense
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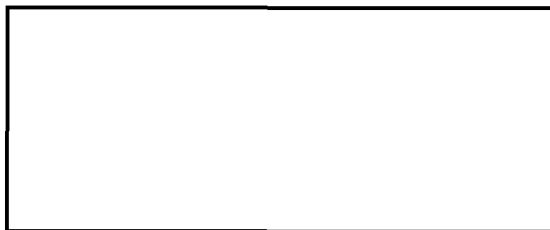
Dear Mr. Krogh:

Pursuant to conversation between Mr. Pusateri of my office and
[redacted] your staff, on February 25, 1969, it would be
appreciated if you would authorize the Federal Bureau of
Investigation to release copies of the investigative reports to
this Commission on Mr. Laird [redacted]

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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Sincerely,



Summary memoranda dated 1/2/69
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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to
President-elect Nixon
Hotel Pierre
Fifth Avenue and East 61st Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In accordance with your request received on
December 23, 1968, an investigation has been conducted
concerning Representative Melvin Robert Laird. Transmitted
herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results
of this investigation.

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Information has been received indicating checks
of the files of two governmental agencies*concerning
Representative Laird have not been completed. When the
results of those checks are received, you will be advised.

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

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Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

*Veterans Administration and Passport Office, Department of State.

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~~MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD~~

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

SUMMARY

Birth

Representative Laird was born on September 1, 1922, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Education

5702 Kirkwood Drive, Monticello, Minn.

Representative Laird attended Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, from September, 1940, to June, 1943. Thereafter, while serving on active duty in the United States Navy, he attended St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, and the Naval Supply Corps School, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and he was awarded a B.A. degree by Carleton College on May 29, 1944.

Employment

Representative Laird was employed by the Connor Lumber and Land Company, Marshfield, Wisconsin, as Assistant Secretary from June, 1946, to August, 1952. In connection with this employment, he served as Secretary of the Laona-Northern Railroad and Secretary of the Connor Builders Supply Company, subsidiaries of the Connor Lumber and Land Company.

In 1946 Representative Laird was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate, Madison, Wisconsin, and he served in that capacity until 1952.

He has been a United States Representative from Wisconsin since January, 1953. He is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States House of Representatives, and he is presently serving on the Subcommittee on Defense and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare of the Committee on Appropriations.

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The files of the Department of State indicate Representative Laird has served in the past as a Congressional adviser on United States delegations to assemblies held by the World Health Organization.

On December 11, 1968, Representative Laird was designated Secretary of Defense by President-elect Richard M. Nixon.

Military Service

Representative Laird enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on May 28, 1942, and he reported for active duty on July 1, 1943, at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota. He was appointed a midshipman on December 10, 1943, and on April 19, 1944, he accepted an appointment as an ensign. Representative Laird was honorably released from active duty in the United States Navy as a lieutenant (j.g.) on April 26, 1946. On May 24, 1967, he was honorably discharged from the United States Naval Reserve as a lieutenant (j.g.). His service record is clear.

Marital Status

Representative Laird is married to the former Barbara Masters. They reside at 5703 Kirkwood Drive, Montgomery County, Maryland. They also maintain a residence at 313 A East Third Street, Marshfield, Wisconsin.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

Warren P. Knowles, Governor of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, advised he has known and worked with Representative Laird since 1946 when Representative Laird was first elected to the Wisconsin State Senate. He said Representative Laird gained the immediate respect of members of the Wisconsin State Legislature due to his maturity and his manner of handling matters. Governor Knowles stated Representative Laird is a man of great ability in the fields of health, education, and welfare. He said he possesses high moral principles and he is a man of integrity in his private, social, and political life. Governor Knowles advised he has always valued Representative Laird's counsel on governmental problems. He said Representative Laird

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has the ability to analyze problems and "get down to the meat of the situation." He highly recommended Representative Laird for a position of trust and responsibility, and stated he is of the opinion he is an excellent choice for the position of Secretary of Defense.

Edward Heller, Editor of the "Marshfield News Herald," a newspaper published in Marshfield, Wisconsin, stated he has known Representative Laird and members of his family for many years. He described Representative Laird as a loyal American of excellent character, morals, and reputation, and said he considers him a man of the highest integrity. He advised he possesses no information of an adverse nature concerning Representative Laird or any of his close relatives. Mr. Heller stated Representative Laird's experience in the Wisconsin State Government and the Federal Government has been in the fields of finance and defense. He said he considers Representative Laird well qualified for any position of responsibility with the Government, and he recommended him for employment in such a position.

George H. Mahon, United States Representative from Texas and Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, United States House of Representatives, was interviewed in Washington, D. C. He advised he has been closely associated with Representative Laird, professionally and socially, since 1953. Representative Mahon stated Representative Laird, a member of the Committee on Appropriations, has distinguished himself as a national authority with regard to legislative matters as they relate to the Department of Defense. He said Representative Laird, in connection with his participation in the affairs of the Committee on Appropriations and its Subcommittee on Defense, has dedicated himself to the welfare of the country without regard to politics. Representative Mahon advised he has no question as to his loyalty, reputation, ethics, choice of associates, or sense of dedication to his constituents. He said he would recommend Representative Laird without qualification or reservation for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government, stating in his opinion President-elect Richard M. Nixon made an excellent choice in selecting him to be Secretary of Defense.

John W. Byrnes, United States Representative from Wisconsin, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has known Representative Laird since 1940 when they were classmates at

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Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. He said he considers Representative and Mrs. Laird and their children among his closest personal friends. According to Representative Byrnes, Representative Laird's service as a member of the United States House of Representatives has been characterized by his complete and sincere dedication to his constituents and to the United States. He stated he considers Representative Laird a prime example of a dedicated public servant whose experience as a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States House of Representatives and its Subcommittee on Defense eminently qualifies him for the position to which he has been named. Representative Byrnes advised he possesses no information of an unfavorable nature bearing on Representative Laird's character, morals, reputation, associates, or loyalty. He highly recommended him for a responsible position of trust.

William Proxmire, United States Senator from Wisconsin, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has been closely associated with Representative Laird personally and professionally since 1957. He commented favorably regarding Representative Laird's reputation, morals, loyalty, associates, and ethics, and stated he would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility. Senator Proxmire said Representative Laird has repeatedly demonstrated his expert knowledge with respect to legislation as it affects the welfare of the United States, and stated he considers him an excellent choice for the position of Secretary of Defense. He advised that Representative Laird is ideally suited for this position in view of his distinguished and honorable service as a member of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States House of Representatives.

Gaylord Nelson, United States Senator from Wisconsin, interviewed in Williamsburg, Virginia, advised he has known Representative Laird for about twenty years and said they served together in the Wisconsin State Legislature from 1949 to 1951. He stated they are personal friends and advised they are acquainted socially as well as politically. Senator Nelson described Representative Laird as a very able, highly dedicated, patriotic, and responsible man, and stated he is in possession of no information of an unfavorable nature concerning his character, morals, habits, or integrity. He highly recommended Representative Laird for a position of trust.

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Twenty-four additional persons, consisting of professional associates and social acquaintances, including those members of the Committee on Appropriations, United States House of Representatives, whose names are set out hereinafter, were interviewed during this investigation. They furnished favorable comments concerning Representative Laird's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, and he was highly recommended for a responsible position of trust. Representative Laird was described as an outstanding legislator who is an acknowledged expert with regard to defense expenditures and the utilization of military personnel, and it was stated he is a man of high intellectual ability. He was further described as highly capable, very knowledgeable, honest, energetic, and hardworking. Persons acquainted with his close relatives said they are considered loyal Americans of good reputation.

Frank T. Bow, United States Representative
from Ohio, interviewed in Washington, D. C.

Glenard P. Lipscomb, United States Representative
from California, interviewed in Washington, D. C.

Jamie L. Whitten, United States Representative
from Mississippi, interviewed in Washington, D. C.

Charles R. Jonas, United States Representative
from North Carolina, interviewed in Lincolnton,
North Carolina

Daniel J. Flood, United States Representative
from Pennsylvania, interviewed in Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania

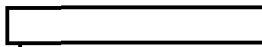
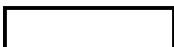
Close Relatives

Representative Laird's father, Melvin R. Laird, Sr., and his brothers, Connor Laird and Richard M. Laird, are deceased. He has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife, mentioned previously:

Mother

Mrs. Helen C. Laird
Marshfield, Wisconsin

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Representative Laird.

The files of appropriate law enforcement agencies were found to contain no record of Representative Laird or his close relatives.

Clearances

The files of the Department of the Navy indicate Representative Laird was granted ~~secret~~ security clearances in connection with conferences scheduled for May, 1967, and June, 1968. These clearances are no longer active.

Miscellaneous

Representative Laird is the author of a book, "A House Divided: America's Strategy Gap," published in 1962. The following appears in the "Book Review Digest" at the Library of Congress concerning this book:

"In a world 'half slave and half free' Congressman Laird deplores division among America's citizens on matters of foreign policy. A consensus would be arrived at, he feels, if we could have untrammelled discussion, or 'dialogue,' among ourselves. . . . He believes that such agreement must inevitably settle on a tough policy of deterrence based on a clearly announced intent of reprisal and willingness to wage war to win and recover. Specifically, Mr. Laird would replace our 'underdog strategy'

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with threats of limited nuclear reprisals, arm NATO with nuclear defense weapons, test nuclear weapons in order to anticipate a new scientific breakthrough, train our troops in guerrilla warfare, restrict foreign aid to deserving neutral nations, and reduce taxes with an accompanying curtailment of nondefense expenditures."

Agency Checks

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

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; House Committee on Un-American Activities; Defense Central Index of Investigations, Fort Holabird, Maryland; Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command; Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Office of Security, Department of State; [redacted] and the United States Secret Service.

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 4, 1976

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. LAIRD COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

The information in this summary memorandum covers the period since January, 1969. Mr. Laird was born on September 1, 1922, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Employment

Mr. Laird continued to serve as Secretary of Defense until he resigned on January 30, 1973. He has served as a consultant, Office of the Secretary of Defense, from January 30, 1973, to June 17, 1973, and on an intermittent basis from February 1, 1974, to the present.

Mr. Laird served as Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs, Washington, D. C., from June 18, 1973, to January 31, 1974.

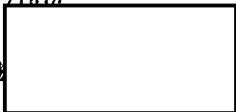
Mr. Laird has been serving since February 1, 1974, as Senior Counsellor, Reader's Digest Association, Incorporated, in Washington, D. C.

He also serves or has been serving as a member of the boards of several private firms and civic organizations, including the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, New York; Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, New York, New York; Purolator, Incorporated, Rahway, New Jersey; Northwest Airlines, Incorporated, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Communications Satellite Corporation, Washington, D. C.; John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D. C.; Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts Enterprise, Vienna, Virginia; and George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

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Marital Status and Residence

Mr. Laird is married to the former Barbara Masters. They reside at 5703 Kirkwood Drive, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Interviews

Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, advised he has known Mr. Laird for over ten years and considers him a close personal friend. He said he considers him to be one of the most capable and honest men who has ever served in Government. He advised Mr. Laird has a firm and total commitment to the Constitution of the United States. He described him as a man who is personable, highly respected, and willing to sacrifice his personal and family life in service to the United States Government. Dr. Dreyfus wholeheartedly and unconditionally recommended Mr. Laird for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

Lawrence E. Dahl, District Representative, Office of David R. Obey, United States Representative from Wisconsin, advised in Wausau, Wisconsin, that he has known Mr. Laird for over fifteen years and, in fact, was defeated by him in the Congressional election in 1968. He said Mr. Laird is conscientious, hardworking, capable, and intelligent. He advised that Mr. Laird's decisions are carefully weighed by him and only after making a decision based on his conscience would he then consider the political ramifications as they apply to the Administration he is serving. He said he believes there is no way that partisan political consideration could outweigh the judgment of his conscience. He said Mr. Laird is an honest and loyal American who if recalled to the service of the Federal Government would perform in his usual outstanding manner. He recommended him without reservation for any position of trust with the United States Government.

Carl I. Wallace, Senior Vice President, Purolator, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Laird for twenty-five years. He said he worked for Mr. Laird as his Administrative Assistant while he was in Congress and as his Special Assistant while he was Secretary of Defense. Mr. Wallace stated that his character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He described Mr. Laird as being an honest, straightforward, and intelligent individual who is knowledgeable in Government affairs and is well qualified

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for any position. He very highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

Robert Lee Rybarczyk, Chairman, Marathon County, Wisconsin, Democratic Party, advised in Schofield, Wisconsin, that he knows Mr. Laird personally, but mainly by reputation. He said Mr. Laird was of tremendous service to his constituency during his terms as a legislator from the State of Wisconsin as he was fair, impartial, and responsive to their needs. He said he is highly respected by Marathon County, Wisconsin, Democrats for his past Government service. He advised Mr. Laird possesses an extremely incisive mind and is a deliberate and thorough thinker. He said he has no reservations with regard to his character and recommended him highly for any position of confidence and trust with the United States Government.

Gaylord Nelson, United States Senator from Wisconsin, advised in Washington, D. C., that he has known Mr. Laird very well for many years and knows him to be very capable, honest, and trustworthy. He said he regards him as being very well qualified and said his character, reputation, associates, and loyalty are above reproach. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

J. Glenn Beall, Jr., United States Senator from Maryland, advised in Washington, D. C., that he has known Mr. Laird for many years and described him as a "good man in every respect." He said nothing which might reflect adversely concerning his character, reputation, associates, or loyalty has ever come to his attention. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., United States Senator from Maryland, advised in Washington, D. C., that he has known Mr. Laird very well since 1960. He said he thinks very highly of him and considers him to be very capable, dependable, and trustworthy. He commented favorably concerning his character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the United States. He recommended Mr. Laird for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

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Thirty-eight additional persons, consisting of professional associates, social acquaintances, and legislators, were interviewed during this investigation. They furnished favorable comments concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates and they recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government. Mr. Laird was described variously as highly intelligent, straightforward, reliable, and personable. It was stated he is a very capable and highly conscientious individual who has been able to earn the respect and confidence of individuals from every walk of life. Those acquainted with his close relatives advised they are reputable individuals.

The following are among those who furnished favorable comments concerning Mr. Laird during this investigation:

William Proxmire, United States Senator
from Wisconsin

John J. Rhodes, United States Representative
from Arizona

Raymond Tippelt, Mayor, Marshfield,
Wisconsin

William Joseph Mulligan, United States
Attorney, Eastern District of Wisconsin,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Carl W. Thompson, Senator, Wisconsin State
Senate, Madison, Wisconsin

John W. Reynolds, Chief Judge, United
States District Court, Eastern District
of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thomas P. Hudson, Chairman of the Board,
First National Bank, Wausau, Wisconsin

Robert E. Pursley, Vice President, Insilco
Corporation, Meriden, Connecticut

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Close Relatives

Mr. Laird has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife, mentioned previously:

Mother

Helen C. Laird
Marshfield, Wisconsin

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no information or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Laird.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional information concerning Mr. Laird or his close relatives, with the following exceptions:

The records of the Maryland Motor
Vehicle Administration, Glen Burnie,
Maryland, disclose

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Security Clearances

Mr. Laird was granted a top secret clearance on January 22, 1969, by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and this clearance is still active.

In addition, Mr. Laird has been granted secret clearances by the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office, Columbus, Ohio, in connection with his responsibilities at Purolator, Incorporated, Rahway, New Jersey; Communications Satellite Corporation, Washington, D. C.; and Northwest Airlines, Incorporated, Saint Paul, Minnesota. These clearances are still active.

The Energy Research and Development Administration advised Mr. Laird held a "Q" clearance from February, 1969, to March, 1974, in connection with his duties as Secretary of Defense. This clearance is no longer active.

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Mr. Laird [REDACTED]

A report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives (now defunct), Ninetieth Congress, First Session, dated March 31, 1967, entitled "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8-15, 1967)," on page 53, states in part, "Communists are playing dominant roles in the ... Student Mobilization Committee ..."

The Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, advised by letter dated July 31, 1972, that [REDACTED] before a determination was completed.

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In addition. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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. Laird:

Office of the Secretary of Defense;
Defense Industrial Security Clearance
Office, Columbus, Ohio; Defense Central
Index of Investigations; Energy Research
and Development Administration; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and The White House
Office.

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

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

February 18, 1976

161-5792

TO: , FBI

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FROM: JANE DANNENHAUER

SUBJECT: FBI INVESTIGATIONS

(PLEASE EXPEDITE)

Subject's Name Melvin R. Laird

Date of Birth 9/1/22 Place of Birth Omaha, Nebraska

Present Address: _____

We request: _____ Copy of Previous Report

_____ Name Check

XX Full Field Investigation
(Update '69 report)

The person named above is being considered for:

_____ White House Staff Position

XX Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

_____ SF 86 (in duplicate)

_____ SF 87, Fingerprint Card

XX Biography

Remarks:

Name Check is going.

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Date: 3/4/76

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5232) (P)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

SPECIAL INQUIRY

BUDED: 2/26/76 WITHOUT FAIL

Re WFO airtel dated 2/26/76.

LEADSWASHINGTON FIELDAT WASHINGTON, D. C.: IRS outstanding.DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:① Bureau
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(2)161-5232-67
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[Handwritten signature]

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

WFO 161-5232

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The following investigation was conducted at the
George Washington University on February 25, 1976, by SA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WFO 161-5232

AEJ:smv

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on March 1, 1976:

[REDACTED], Personnel Department, Computers
Satellite Corporation, COMSAT, 340 L'Enfant Plaza, S.E.,
Washington, D.C., advised appointee, MELVIN LIARD, is known to
be considered a bona fide employee of COMSAT. He does
serve on the Board of Directors.

[REDACTED] has served on
the Board of Directors [REDACTED] and continues
to serve in that capacity. Meetings are held every
third Friday of each month and Board Directors and other
members of the board meet. [REDACTED] commented favorably
concerning his character, associates, reputation, and
loyalty. He described the appointee as one who does an
outstanding job and his conscientious. He highly
recommended him for a position of trust and confidence
with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on March 1, 1976:

The Honorable GLENN DAVIS, listed reference, advised that he has been acquainted with the appointee for a good many years. He further stated that he knew the appointee's parents and that he met the appointee sometime in the late 1940's. He has worked politically and socially with the appointee and served with him in the House of Representatives for a period of four years. He added that he also served with him while the appointee was working for the Department of Defense. DAVIS advised that he currently meets socially with the appointee and enjoys golf matches at local golf clubs. He praised the character, associates, reputation and loyalty of the appointee and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government.

WFO 161-5232

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ASSOCIATES

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on 2/26/76:

LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER, Deputy Under Secretary for Management, U. S. Department of State, advised that he had known MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD for approximately 20 years on both a professional and social basis. He stated that the appointee is a dedicated and conscientious individual and one of the finest men he knows. He stated the appointee is a real patriot and superb public servant.

Mr. EAGLEBURGER concluded by stating he had no reason to question the appointee's character, reputation, associates, loyalty or personal habits and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the U. S. Government.

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On 3/2/76, SA [redacted] determined that the following record concerning the appointee was contained in the Personnel Security Files, Division of Safeguards and Security, U. S. Energy Research and Development Administration, Germantown, Maryland:

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The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on 3/1/76, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

On 3/2/76, [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U. S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

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March 19, 1976

BY LIAISON

Miss Jane Dannenhauer
Staff Assistant (Security)
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Dannenhauer:

b3 Per IRS

Reference is made to my letters dated March 4, 1976, and March 8, 1976, which furnished you with the results of investigation concerning Mr. Melvin Robert Laird.

This completes our investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

DELIVERED BY LIAISON
ON 3/24/76 *AD*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1984

(Date)

REID
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TO: FBI, LIAISON
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name LAIRD, Melvin (SS#: 392-14-5736)

Date of Birth 9/1/22 Place of Birth Omaha, NE

Present Address 5703 Kirkwood Drive, Bethesda, MD

We request: _____ Copy of Previous Report

Name Check ☒ Expanded Name Check

Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI

Limited Update

The person named above is being considered for:

_____ White House Staff Position

X _____ Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

_____ SF 86 1 2

_____ SF 87, Fingerprint Card

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Remarks/Special Instructions:

PLEASE EXPEDITE -- EXPANDED NAME CHECK

Business Address: Senior Counselor, National &
International Affairs
Reader's Digest Assoc., Inc.
1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Suite 212
Washington, D. C.

Phone numbers: 223-1642
652-4449

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TO:

OCIS Room 3050 TL 231
 IIS Room 4166 TL 232
 ELSUR Room 4997 TL 114
 NCIC Room 7233 TL 243
 Wanted & CCH Files
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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY Room 5161 TL 233

SUBJECT: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN, BUDED: 10-31-84

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Subject is described as follows:

Result

Name: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

DOB: 9/1/22

POB: OMAHA, NE

SSAN: 392-19-5736

Current residence: 5703 Kirkwood Dr.

Bethesda, Md.

Employment: READERS DIGEST ASSOC. INC.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Close Relatives:

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WASHINGTON, DC.

Close Relatives:

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 DOB: 9/1/22
 POB: OMAHA, NE
 SSAN: 392-19-5736
 Current residence: 5703 KIRKWOOD Dr.
Bethesda, Md.
 Employment: READERS DIGEST ASSOC. INC.
WASHINGTON, DC.

Close Relatives:

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DOB: 9/1/22 POB: OMAHA, NE

Res: 5703 Kirkwood Dr.
Bethesda, Md.

SSAN: 392-14-5736

Emp: READER'S DIGEST ASSOC. INC.
WASHINGTON, DC

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To

[Redacted]

Date November 27, 1984

From

[Redacted]

Subject : MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
CASE RE-OPENING

Purpose: To advise that the Bureau has been requested by Richard Nauser, Deputy Counsel to the President, on November 20, 1984, to secure additional information regarding a preliminary injunction brought against Mr. Laird by the United States Army in 1970, at Baltimore, Maryland. b6 b7C

Recommendation: That a limited inquiry be opened and assigned to [Redacted] for the purpose of determining the full details of civil action being brought by the United States Army against Mr. Laird in 1970, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Details: During a recent SPIN-ENC conducted concerning Mr. Laird, information was developed that indicated Mr. Laird was the subject of a preliminary injunction brought by the United States Army in 1970. This information was furnished to the White House in a summary dated November 15, 1984. On November 20, 1984, Mr. Richard Hauser, Deputy Counsel to the President telephonically requested that additional inquiries into this matter be conducted. Baltimore is being contacted to conduct appropriate investigation at the United States District Court in Baltimore, Maryland, to resolve this matter. It is noted that FBIHQ in contact with the White House concerning this matter had been previously advised that additional inquiries were not necessary and, therefore; no additional investigation was conducted.

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WHITE HOUSE
SECURITY OFFICE

United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520
APR 20 1987

April 16, 1987

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Jane Dannenhauer
Special Assistant - Security
Room 84
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dannenhauer:

Melvin Robert ^DLaird, who was born September 1, 1922 Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed by the Secretary of State to head the Moscow Assistance Review Panel at the Department of State. It is understood that FBI inquiries were previously completed at the direction of The White House.

It would be appreciated if you would ask the Bureau to furnish this office with a copy of its previous reports concerning Mr. Laird.

Sincerely,

Louis Schwartz Jr.
Louis Schwartz Jr., Director
Bureau of Diplomatic Security

Summary memoranda dated
12-13-84, 11-15-84, 3-4-76,
and 1-2-69 furnished to
DOS on 4-27-87.

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Jane Dannenhauer
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1987

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON

FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name LAIRD, MELVIN ROBERT (SS#: 392-14-5736)

Date of Birth 9/1/22 Place of Birth Omaha, NE

Present Address 5703 Kirkwood Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816

We request: _____ Copy of Previous Report
_____ Name Check ☒ Expanded Name Check
_____ Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI
_____ Limited Update

The person named above is being considered for:

_____ White House Staff Position
☒ Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

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Remarks/Special Instructions:

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Washington, DC 20036

PLEASE EXPEDITE

Phone numbers: 202-223-1642 business
301-652-4449 home

President's Commission on Privatization

NOTE: WE DO HAVE COPIES OF THE 1969, 1976 REPORTS and the
EXPANDED NAME CHECK AND LIMITED INQUIRY-1984

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LAIRD, MELVIN R., former secretary of defense; b. Omaha, Sept. 1, 1922; s. Melvin R. and Helen (Connor) L.; m. Barbara Masters; children: John, Alison, David, B.A., Carleton Coll., 1942. Mem. Wis. Senate, 1946-52; chmn. Wis. Legis. Council; mem. 83d-90th Congresses, chmn. Rep. Conf., mem. Appropriations com., chmn. House Rep. Minority, mem. Rep. Coordinating com.; sec. of def., 1969-72; domestic adviser to Pres. Nixon, 1973-74; sr. counsellor nat. and internat. affairs Reader's Digest Assn., 1974—; dir. Chgo. Pneumatic Tool Co., Met. Life Ins. Co., Northwest Airlines, Communications Satellite Corp., Investors Group of Cos., Phillips Petroleum Co., Sci. Applications, Inc., Martin Marietta Corp. Author: A House Divided: America's Strategy Gap, 1962; Editor: The Conservative Papers, 1964, Republican Papers, 1968, Bd. dirs. Thomas Jefferson Found. U. Va., World Rehab. Fund, Boys Clubs Am., George Washington U.; trustee Kennedy Center; chmn. nat. def. project Am. Enterprise Inst.; vice chmn. platform com. Rep. Nat. Conv., 1960, chmn., 1964, Decorated Order of Merit 1st class Fed. Republic Germany; comdr. Nat. Order Legion of Honor, France; recipient 15th Ann. Albert Lasker med. award; Man of Year award Am. Cancer Soc.-Nat. Assn. Mental Health; Humanitarian award John E. Fogarty Found. for Mentally Retarded, 1974; Presdl. Medal of Freedom, 1974, Mem. Disabled Am. Vets., Mil. Order Purple Heart, 40 and 8, Am. Legion, VFW, Office: 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW 212 Washington DC 20036

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1987

(Date)

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EXPANDED NAME CHECK: AUG 26 1987

A search of the records of appropriate United States Attorney's Offices, the central records at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division, the files of appropriate field offices, as well as appropriate computer data bases, did not identify any persons who are identifiable with the subject of this inquiry (based on the data provided) in addition to the results of prior background investigation(s), and/or Expanded Name Check(s), and/or regular name check(s), provided to your office by communication(s)

dated: NOV 15 1987 AUG 23 1986

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Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative
Division

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TO: ELSUR Room 4997 TL 114
NCIC Room 7233 TL 243
Wanted & CCH Files
Attn: []

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OCIS, ISIS, AND [] Entered on 8/17/87

FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY Room 1E035 TL 254 []

SUBJECT: MELVIN LAIRD , SPIN, BUDED: 8/24/87

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Subject is described as follows:

Result

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DOB: 9/1/22

POB: Omaha, NE

SSAN: 392-14-5736

Current residence: 5703 Kirkwood Drive
Bethesda, MD

Employment: Sr. Counsellor, National & International Affairs
Readers Digest Association, 1730 Rhode Island
Ave., NW, Suite 212, Washington, DC
Close Relatives

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SPECIAL INQUIRY Room 1E035 TL 254

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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EXPANDED NAME CHECKS

WFO RECORD CHECK - ROUTING SLIP

8/24/87

FROM: *Dg/m* SAC, WFO (161-5232), (A-1), (RUC)
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ROOM, 5161
SPIN UNIT

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
SPECIAL INQUIRY-EXPANDED NAME CHECK
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REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD
OFFICES, DATED 8/17/87.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCED
TELETYPE THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

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Laird Political Career Began in Wisconsin State Senate

Local Resident Quick to Climb

Melvin Robert Laird, Marshfield's most famous citizen, is not, as most of his newspaper biographers have assumed, a native of this city, where his parents and grandparents had lived before his birth.

The congressman who will take over the Pentagon in January was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on Sept. 1, 1922, while his father, the Rev. Melvin R. Laird, was pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church there.

The Rev. Mr. Laird had come here in 1911, and in 1913 married Helen Connor, a daughter of William D. Connor, pioneer area lumberman and former lieutenant governor of Wisconsin. The couple moved to Lincoln, Ill., soon after their marriage, and later to Omaha, returning to Marshfield in 1925.

The junior Laird attended public school and junior high school here, graduating from Marshfield Senior High School in 1940. He then entered Carleton College at Northfield, Minn., where he majored in political science and economics and received his A. B. degree with his class in 1944, although he was already in service then.

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In 1942 he entered the U. S. Navy under the V-12 college training program, from which he graduated at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn., in 1943. He then enrolled in the midshipman's school at the Naval Supply and Disbursement

School, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., where he received his ensign's commission in April, 1944.

Laird served for 17 months aboard the destroyer Maddox, which was employed in Pacific duty with Task Forces 58 and 38 under Admiral William Halsey. He was wounded during a kamikazi (suicide) attack on the Maddox in January, 1945.

He was on active duty in the Navy for more than three years, and a month before his discharge, he announced his candidacy for the 24th district state senatorship left vacant by the death of his father on March 13, 1946. He had been married to a former Carleton classmate, Barbara Masters of Indianapolis, on Oct. 15, 1945, while on leave.

Laird easily won the Republican nomination from Clark County Assemblyman Walter E. Cook in August of 1946, and went on to take the state senate office without Democratic opposition. He was reelected to the full four-year term two years later.

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He served on the Senate labor and management committee, the veterans' affairs committee, the joint committee to reorganize the department of taxation, the state educational commission, and as secretary of the Senate Republican caucus, during his first term.

Elected with Gov. Walter Goodland, he directed legislative floor activity for Gov. Oscar Rennebohm and for Gov. Walter J. Kohler Jr., and served on the Joint Finance Committee and Joint Legislative Council.

In 1952, when Rep. Laird Murray of the Seventh Congressional District considered retirement, Laird

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made plans to run for the district seat in Congress, and two weeks after Murray's death on April 29 of that year, he announced his candidacy.

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Again he won the Republican nomination by an overwhelming margin, this time defeating Malcolm Rosholt of Portage County, and went on to win the general election in November with the largest vote total in district history — more than 95,000 to less than 36,000 for his Democratic opponent, Ernest Kluck.

At 30 one of the youngest of congressmen, he rose rapidly in the councils of his party, being placed on the powerful and important House Appropriations Committee early in his congressional career.

He was elected to a ninth term in the House last month and was expected to play a major part in legislative leadership in the new administration.

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As chairman of the House Republican Conference and member of the Republican Coordinating Committee, he has been one of his party's chief strategists.

One testimonial to his capability was voiced by President Eisenhower several years ago when he named Laird as one of the 10 men in America best qualified to serve as President of the United States.

Leadership Role Never Disputed

A veteran of eight terms in the U. S. House of Representatives, serving the 15 counties of the Seventh Wisconsin District, Melvin Laird has long been widely recognized as an outstanding young national leader.

He is currently chairman of the House Republican Conference, one of the top leadership positions in the GOP. His credentials in the field of party policymaking are undisputed and perhaps unequalled in either party.

He has served on his party platform committees, both at the state and national levels, longer than any other living Republican. He first chaired a national convention platform subcommittee in 1952, was named vice chairman of the full committee in 1960 and chairman in 1964.

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Since 1964 he has played a key role on the Republican Coordinating Committee, which is the party's highest policymaking body. Laird is recognized as the original proponent of this committee immediately following the 1964 election. He advocated its creation as a suitable vehicle for binding up the party's wounds and reestablishing party unity.

An author and editor in addition to his many other activities, Laird's third and most ambitious book is *Republican Papers*. It is a compilation of 29 papers by distinguished academics and Members of Congress on the major domestic problems of contemporary America.

He was also editor in 1964 of *The Conservative Papers*, a similar volume dealing both with domestic and foreign problems. He was author, in 1962, of *A House Divided: America's Strategy Gap*, a book

dealing with the foreign and military problems of the United States.

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Laird's interest in domestic problems has been heightened by his close involvement with the domestic crises of America due to his position as ranking minority member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on labor, health, education and welfare.

This committee determines the financing of such major programs as the anti-poverty program, the elementary and secondary education program and aid to the states for public assistance. Since his appointment to that important subcommittee, Laird has become identified as a major contributor to the nation's health and welfare. He has supported such agencies and activities as the National Institutes of Health and fostered private as well as public efforts in medical research.

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As a high ranking member of the Defense Subcommittee, Laird has time and again demonstrated his insight into military strategy. There are scores of examples of his leadership in national security matters. It was his amendment several years ago that increased the funding for the Polaris submarine program over and above the recommendations of the Department of Defense and made it possible for the nation to have a larger number of Polaris missile submarines on station at an earlier date than would otherwise have been the case.

His two subcommittees, Defense and Labor, Health, Education and Welfare account for budget appropriations totalling more than two-thirds of the entire United States budget each year. When first appointed to the Appropriations Committee in 1953, the then 30-year-old

Laird was the youngest congressman in U. S. history to be selected for that important committee assignment. By the beginning of the 90th Congress (1967), at the age of 44, Laird had become the only member of the HEW Subcommittee who had served on that committee since the department had been created.

Laird is the recipient of numerous awards, citations and honorary degrees. Among them is the coveted 15th Annual Albert Lasker Medical Research Award. This award constitutes the highest recognition for

promotion of medical research. The honorarium received by Laird for doing more to promote our nation's health than any other public official was donated by the Congressman to medical research activities in Wisconsin.

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Another coveted award which Laird received in the 90th Congress was the Distinguished Service Award of the American Political Science Association — an organization that boasts more than 13,000 academic members from colleges and universities across the country. In making the award, the Association cited

Laird as "a forthright and persistent advocate whose intellectual courage and ability have consistently enlightened and enlivened public discussion of the important issues facing the nation."

Laird has not only distinguished himself as a national figure but has also amassed an impressive record in his home state of Wisconsin. He has been a firm believer in the "grass roots" approach, traveling whenever possible back to his Seventh District to discuss the various issues of the day with his constituents.



FAMILY TOGETHER— legislator as busy as Melvin Laird has been during his congressional career finds it impossible to be with his family as much as he would like. This informal shot was taken on a recent occasion

when Rep. Laird and his wife, Barbara, and their three children could all be together at their Washington residence. The congressman stands behind, left to right, David, Mrs. Laird, John and Alison.



IN CAPITOL'S SHADOW — A congressman probably poses for pictures against the background of the nation's Capitol more often than he cares to, but this was one time when

Rep. Melvin R. Laird struck the familiar pose with genuine pleasure. With him here is his wife, the former Barbara Masters.



YOUNGER IMAGES—These are pictures of Melvin R. Laird in much earlier days than now, when he has reached the "ripe" age of 46. At left is Ensign Laird as he appeared while serving in the Pacific in 1943-44. The photo was used to announce his candidacy for the State Senate in 1946. At right is the picture used when he announced his candidacy for Congress in 1952.

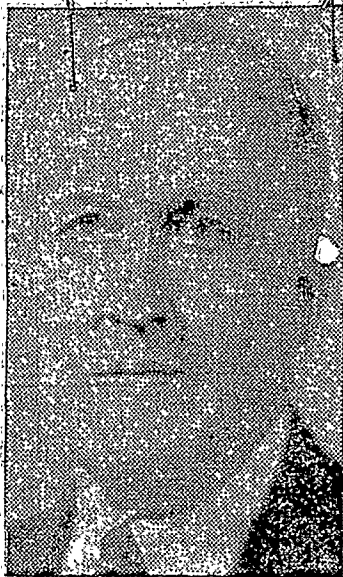
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Laird's Father Was Senator, Clergyman and Businessman

The father of the nation's incoming secretary of defense was Marshfield's first state senator, a position his famed son was destined to achieve before becoming Marshfield's first representative in Congress.

Melvin R. Laird Sr., lumberman and former pastor, served in the Wisconsin upper house as the senator from the 24th District, which then included Wood, Clark and Taylor Counties, from 1941 until his death March 18, 1946.

Prior to serving in the Wisconsin Legislature, the senior Laird served as chairman of the Wood County Board of



Melvin R. Laird Sr.

Supervisors, having represented Marshfield's Seventh Ward for 12 years.

He was born on a farm at Griggsville, Ill., in 1888, attending rural schools and graduating from Griggsville High School. He received his S.A. degree from Illinois College at Jacksonville.

For a time the senator and pastor-to-be taught rural school in Pike County, Ill., and was principal of Barry High School.

He received his M.A. Degree at Princeton University Divinity School and was a graduate student at the Universities of Wisconsin and Chicago. His Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred by James Millikan University in Dacatur, Ill.

Laird entered upon his ministerial career at the Presbyterian Church in Prairie du Sac in 1907. In 1911 he came to Marshfield as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, but left the city two years later to accept a pastorate at Lincoln, Ill. Later he became president of Lincoln College, a Presbyterian institution.

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Although he had a growing family when this nation became embroiled in World War I in 1917, the young pastor and college president volunteered for service with the 335th Regiment and spent a year in France as its chaplain, serving in the Argonne and on other historic battlefields.

His young wife, the former Helen Connor, whom he married on April 16, 1913, made her home in Marshfield during her chaplain-husband's tour of duty in France and was one of the speakers at ceremonies here marking the Armistice Nov. 11, 1918.

After the war Laird became pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Neb., where the new secretary

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In 1925 the Rev. Mr. Laird gave up his ministerial post in Omaha to return with his family to Marshfield and enter the lumber business with his father-in-law, W. D. Connor, a former lieutenant governor of Wisconsin.

He found time, however, to continue to serve as a clergyman, frequently assuming duties of supply pastor here and in Stevens Point, Arpin, and other communities.

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An active campaigner for his father when he sought the state senate office vacated by Sen. Walter J. Rush of Neillsville, who was not a candidate for reelection in 1940, was his son, Melvin Jr., just turned 18 at the time.

The senior Laird was the sixth Wood County resident to serve in the State Senate. His predecessors, all from Wisconsin Rapids (or the earlier Grand Rapids), were Charles M. Webb, Thomas B. Scott, Herman O. Wipperman, Theodore W. Brazeau and Isaac Witter.

John W. Wyngaard, veteran statehouse correspondent whose column appears daily in the News-Herald, had this observation to make about the senator from Marshfield in June, 1943:

"One of the members of the upper house . . . who has made a

strong impression by reason of his earnestness, capacity for work and study, and temperament, and a man who has won the universal respect of his colleagues is Melvin Laird of Marshfield.

"Never a narrow partisan, and yet a man who has effectively represented the Republican point of view in legislative activities this year, Laird has a rich background of professional work, a broad and thoughtful interest in public affairs, a quiet dignity and an effective speaking style which ought to put him in the forefront of any list of potential candidates for the governorship.

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"There is now no hint that such a notion ever entered his head, but if the Republican organization is seriously engaged in examining the field of possibilities, he cannot escape serious and favorable notice."

Laird had the distinction of being the only clergyman in the State Senate, where he became chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Labor, a member of the Committee on Legislative procedures, and chairman and member of important interim committees.

The 58-year-old senator had been a patient at Rochester, Minn., for two weeks before his death. He had undergone surgery eight days before death claimed one of Marshfield's most distinguished citizens.

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Rapids Man Eligible for Laird's Post

WISCONSIN RAPIDS (AP) — Former State Sen. John Potter of Wisconsin Rapids emerged today as a possible candidate for Congress should Rep. Melvin Laird resign to become secretary of defense.

Potter, who served in the Senate from 1960-64, said he had reached no decision on whether he would seek the congressional seat held by his Republican colleague.

Several newspapers reported that Laird was expected to be tapped by President-elect Richard M. Nixon for the defense the report, Potter said, "catches me by surprise. This has come so fast. I think it's improper for me to even talk about it until a decision is made."

Potter, 44-year-old attorney, described himself as a "Laird Republican." Laird's 7th District is composed of 15 central and northern counties.

Under state law, Gov. Warren P. Knowles could call a special election should Laird resign.

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Laird Reluctant to Leave House Job

By ROWLAND EVANS
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WASHINGTON — Rep. Melvin R. Laird of Wisconsin will be secretary of defense in the Nixon cabinet—a wholly unexpected appointment of the most far-ranging importance.

Laird, who agreed Friday night to sacrifice his powerful position in Congress for the Pentagon post, will thus become a prime arbiter of the new administration's foreign military policy, and perhaps eventually strong man of the Nixon cabinet on a wide variety of issues. In particular, he will be a strong force for a quickly negotiated settlement of the Vietnam War.

Although he was an increasingly influential adviser to President-elect Nixon during the past campaign, Laird was not seriously considered for a cabinet post — at his own choosing. As the most powerful Republican in the House, he was reluctant to give up 16 years of seniority built up by the relatively early age of 46. Besides, Nixon wanted a Democrat in the Pentagon and appeared to have an impressive one in Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington (who had Laird's strong endorsement).

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But much to the surprise of Nixon insiders, Jackson last week rejected the offer — thereby heeding the pleas of several Democratic senators who warned him Nixon would use him as the scapegoat for reduced domestic spending due to higher defense spending. Whether Jackson agreed with that view or not, he did feel — and so informed Nixon aides —

that liberal Democrats in the Senate would make his life miserable as secretary of defense.

With Jackson out, with Gov. John Connally of Texas (another Democratic possibility) almost surely unavailable and with time running out, Nixon last week turned to Laird. After much discussion, Laird's agreement came Friday night and his appointment is to be announced by Nixon Wednesday in New York.

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In leaving Congress, Laird sacrifices the near — certainty that he would soon be promoted from Republican caucus chairman to floor leader and the chance of one day being Speaker of the House.

But Laird is exchanging a Capitol Hill barony for a central place on a less parochial stage. Filling a post once held by such giants as James Forrestal, George Marshall, and Robert Lovett, he becomes a national and international figure.

Moreover, considering Laird's wide-ranging interests and energy, it is inconceivable he will not exert influence on non-defense and non-foreign policy matters such as social welfare schemes, the rebuilding of the cities, federal-state relations, fiscal policy, and Republican party politics.

Superficially, Republican Laird seems similar to Democrat Jackson: a hard-line anti-Communist in foreign policy. Highly regarded by the uniformed military and a sharp critic of Robert S. McNamara during his days as secretary of defense. Beneath the surface, however, Laird is considerably more subtle in his outlook.

In private conversation, for example, Laird tells friends he is neither a hawk nor a dove on Vietnam, adding: "I am a

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essimist." As such, he has long been anxious for quick negotiations and has acknowledged the probability of a coalition government in Saigon.

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Similarly, Laird is not about to give the military a blank check for hardware spending and, indeed, is more cautious in that regard than the President-elect. In particular, he will move quite slowly in committing funds for the super-expensive anti-ballistic missile system (ABM).

McNamara privately considered Laird his toughest critic on Capitol Hill and his most difficult interrogator in congressional hearings. For his part, Laird privately regarded McNamara as a brilliant secretary of defense in his first three years when he achieved

civilian supremacy over the military.

But Laird felt McNamara blundered in insisting on a common Air Force-Navy plane in the TFX case, in spending money for deploying an ABM thin system instead of less expensive research for a full system and, most important, in his prosecution of the Vietnam War.

As the 10th secretary of defense and the first to come from Congress, Laird carries no administrative experience into one of the world's toughest administrative positions but Gov. Nelson Rockefeller (who wanted the post himself) advised Nixon in Palm Springs, Calif., last week, that a McNamara-type administrator would be a mistake in the Pentagon today and what was needed now was a student and practitioner of geopolitics. In Mel Laird, Nixon has exactly what Rockefeller recommended.

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Secretary Melvin Laird

The editorial below was prepared Sunday night before the unofficial stories of Rep. Melvin Laird's selection as secretary of defense had been circulated in this area, although there was reason to believe that the announcement would break prematurely. Speculation regarding other cabinet appointments will continue until President-elect Nixon makes formal announcement of his choices. Despite Nixon's silence up to this writing, it is now certain that the appointment as defense secretary has been offered to the Marshfield congressman and, with some reluctance on his part, accepted.

Despite the carefully attuned ears of the Washington press corps, the news reports on President-elect Nixon's cabinet selections are still couched in speculative terms. Indications are that the secrecy will soon be dissipated by the next chief executive himself.

Currently, correspondents are sure that California Lt. Gov. Robert Finch, who has already been addressed by Nixon in public as "secretary," will head the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts has been tagged by speculation as the next secretary of transportation. Daniel P. Moynihan, a Democrat, is suggested as secretary of labor.

There is talk of Chicago banker David Kennedy as secretary of the treasury, and of Nixon's law partner, John N. Mitchell, as well as of former Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, for

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attorney general. Gov. George Romney of Michigan has been mentioned as possible secretary of commerce.

Most of these men could serve in the cabinet only at some personal sacrifice. In most cases, only men who would have to abandon highly responsible positions to assist Richard Nixon would be attractive to him. He needs competent men, not political ladder climbers.

Of the dozen cabinet jobs to be filled, those in State and Defense are most critically vital. The new President cannot afford to pick errand boys who will do his bidding in those posts, but strong men upon whom he himself can lean with confidence.

State is a big mystery. With Rockefeller and Dewey eliminated, talk persists regarding Douglas Dillon, who served in the treasury under Kennedy and Johnson and is therefore suspect in some GOP circles. Or is William Scranton's assignment to the Middle East a preliminary to his appointment as successor to Dean Rusk?

Who will be the third member of the mighty triumvirate Richard Nixon will head? Democrat Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington was prominently mentioned in the speculation last week, but the word from Palm Springs Saturday was "no." Can Nixon, expected to clean house in Washington, afford to keep Lyndon Johnson's man, Clark Clifford, as master of the Pentagon? And how does Marshfield's own capable Melvin Laird fit into this great jigsaw puzzle? Perhaps we shall know the answers in a day or two.

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Laird Called Nixon Choice for Defense

Marshfield Man Not Available For Comment

Rep. Melvin R. Laird of Marshfield is President-elect Richard Nixon's choice for secretary of defense, the nation was told today.

The Associated Press said the report was published in several newspapers. The Milwaukee Sentinel said it was told by an unidentified Nixon aide in Washington that Laird had agreed to accept the post and that a formal announcement was planned this week.

Similar reports were made by newspapers in Chicago and New York.

The Marshfield congressman could not be reached for comment. He was in Marshfield last week and was known by friends to have been called to Palm Springs, Calif., where President-elect Nixon was attending the Republican Governors Conference.

Laird left here Friday morning after having attended a Marshfield Senior High School

play, "The Sebastians," with his mother, Mrs. M. R. Laird Sr., Thursday night.

It was also known here that Laird was extremely reluctant to leave his Seventh District seat on Congress, where he was considered by many observers and commentators to be the most powerful Republican in the House of Representatives, and was expected to become an administration leader in legislative activity.

It had been rumored that he had already declined one cabinet appointment. Presumably one of the arguments pressed by President-elect Nixon in persuading him to accept the defense appointment was his background on the House Appropriations Committee and its defense subcommittee.

The Associated Press, in its succeeded by her son, the late Richard Laird, in August, 1952, report today, said:

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Laird, 46, a congressman from Marshfield in central Wisconsin since 1952, is chairman of the House Republican Conference and the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee's welfare subcommittee.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., declined Sunday night in Seattle to comment on reports he had rejected an offer of the defense job.

Jackson said he is to confer with Nixon Friday in New York, but that he is not anticipating talk about an appointment.

The name of Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., has also been

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discussed concerning the secretarial position. Appointment of Ford would leave the road open for Laird's possible advancement to House GOP leader.

Laird was a critic of an offer by President Johnson in October, 1966, to return U.S. troops from Vietnam if North Vietnamese forces were similarly withdrawn.

He helped urge GOP policy makers to pull away from the administration's Vietnam policy.

During the 1968 presidential campaign, Laird was often at Nixon's side. He was asked then if he would accept a cabinet post, and replied he was still

thinking of staying in the House.

Laird was an official of a lumber company when first elected to Congress. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1948, and was chairman of the 1964 convention's platform committee.

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Four generations of his family have served in Wisconsin public office. He was elected to the state Senate in 1946, where his father had served.

Laird, a graduate of Carleton College in Minnesota, is the author of "A House Divided: America's Strategy Gap," and editor of "The Conservative Papers."



Rep. Melvin R. Laird

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Politics Appealed to Laird in High School

Melvin R. Laird, at 46, has been a practicing politician for nearly all of his adult life, excepting three years he spent in the U. S. Navy. But perhaps only his close friends remember that he was an active campaigner even before he was old enough to vote or run for office.

Back in September of 1940 a small item appeared on the second page of a Marshfield News-Herald edition under the heading: Campaigner Too Young to Vote But Young Laird Knows His Politics. It may have been the first time "Bom" Laird has his picture in the newspaper. The story read:

"Among the most active campaigners in Central Wisconsin during the primary election campaign now drawing to a close is a young Marshfield man who is still three years short of voting age.

"But although Melvin Laird Jr. has no vote of his own, he has done more than any voter in the 24th senatorial district, including Wood, Clark, and Taylor Counties, to push the candidacy of his father, Wood County Board chairman who aspires to the office of senator.

"Making use of the experience gained as a member of the debate team of Marshfield High School and as editor-in-chief of its yearbook, "The Tiger," young Laird, who was 18 early this month, set out to take an active part in his father's campaign.

"One of his earlier activities was the preparation of the Republican booth at the Central Wisconsin State Fair during the first week in September. From this he went on to the role of campaign orator, substituting at Republican rallies which his father was unable to attend.

"Rigging up his car with voice amplifying equipment, he

stumped the three counties, made speeches, and conducted house-to-house canvasses in several cities and towns. Laird for Senator may be the proper slogan, but it was 'Laird and Laird' during the campaign."

Of course the senior Laird won, and was reelected four years later while Melvin Jr. was serving in the Navy.

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Two of Laird's Brothers Killed

Tragedy is no stranger to Rep. Melvin R. Laird, the nation's new defense chief.

Two of his three brothers were killed, one in the Pacific during World War II and one in a highway accident at Madison.

Surviving is his youngest brother, Dr. David Laird, professor of English at Los Angeles State College.

His eldest brother, Ensign Connor Laird, was 29 when his Navy minesweeper capsized in heavy seas off Coos Bay, near what was then Marshfield, Ore., on Feb. 20, 1943. He was listed as missing in the original report of the disaster which claimed five dead and 13 listed as missing.

Brother Richard M. Laird was a Madison lumber dealer at the time of his death, Nov. 8, 1967, at the age of 52. He died in the flaming wreckage of his truck at an underpass, when the boom of a log-skidding machine being carried on the truck hit the top of the underpass.

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Laird Missed Boat on One Major Event

No one knows better than a congressman's wife that politics frequently gets in the way of family affairs. But Barbara Laird, like many another politician's spouse, has learned to accept the way of life that goes with being married to a public figure.

One incident she will not forget occurred on a summer day in 1954 and was described as follows in the Marshfield News-Herald of July 17:

"Congressmen are supposed to know what's going on in their districts and Rep. M. R. Laird usually does, but sometimes things happen a little before they are expected to.

"That was the case yesterday when a new constituent arrived in the Marshfield congressman's district. Laird had planned to be on hand when the newcomer arrived, but they hadn't gotten together on the exact time of arrival.

"So Rep. Laird hastened to board a plane at Washington yesterday, but although he took 'the high road' instead of the 'low road,' David Malcolm Laird was in Marshfield before him.

"Congressman Laird arrived in the city last night and has been spending the day with Mrs. Laird, inspecting the new Laird with proper paternal pride, and renewing acquaintances with John and Alison, the other two members of the Laird family."

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Mrs. Helen Laird Is Public Spirited

Personal participation in public service is no stranger to Mrs. Helen C. Laird, who resides at 208 S. Cherry Ave. here.

For this member of a widely known lumbering and manufacturing family, active leadership in the government of the state and nation has been a way of life.

Her grandfather was a health officer and Wood County board member, her father was a lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, her husband was a state senator, and her son, longtime Member in Congress



Mrs. Helen C. Laird

from the 7th Congressional District, is now slated to assume the office of secretary of defense.

Mrs. Laird was one of the comparatively few women to serve on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents,

She succeeded Walter J. Hodgkins of Ashland on the board in 1951, serving until May 1, 1959.

The appointment by Gov. Walter J. Kohler made it necessary for Mrs. Laird to resign from the Wisconsin Free Library Board, to which she had been named in June, 1950, by Gov. Oscar Rennebohm.

She was a member and president of the Marshfield Board of Education, on which she served from September, 1942, until June, 1946.

Mrs. Laird had been appointed to the board originally to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. D. J. Van Patter. She was elected to a three-year term in April, 1944, and served until making her decision to resign.

During World War II she was appointed one of 25 state directors of the Wisconsin War Fund, organized to support a broader standard of giving in the various war and community chest drives.

She also served from 1936 to 1939 on the Marshfield Free Library Board.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1912, Mrs. Laird was one of the founders of the Beta chapter of Theta Sigma Phi at the University. When the honorary journalism sorority held its silver anniversary banquet for the Matrix Table in 1955 to honor 500 outstanding women of Madison and the University, Mrs. Laird was selected as toastmistress.

For many years she was secretary of the Connor Lumber and Land Company, being succeeded by her son in August, 1952.

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Former Lieutenant Governor Defense Chief's Grandfather

A grandfather of Rep. Melvin R. Laird came to the Wood County pinery as an 8-year-old boy to carve out a career in both industry and politics, and capped his political life as lieutenant governor of Wisconsin.

William D. Connor was 80 years old when he died Nov. 20, 1944, in Phoenix, Ariz.

The 1945 Legislature said of him in a memorial resolution:

"An indomitable courage and tenacity of purpose carried him through crises to which men of lesser capacity would have succumbed.

"It is with regret and reluctance that the state witnesses the passing of another pioneer, another link with the past and the representative of another political era."

* * *

Connor had served more than 20 years as a member of the Wood County Board, for many years as its chairman. As a Republican, he became prominently identified with the case of Robert M. LaFollette Sr. and the Progressive party, particularly in the early years which saw the schism developing between the Stalwart and Half-Breed factions of the GOP.

Connor was born at Stratford, Ontario, Can., March 24, 1864, the son of Robert Connor, a native of Scotland. Robert's brothers, John and James,

preceded him by a few months in the trek across Michigan and Wisconsin, finding what they sought in the northern area of Wood County in 1872.

Together the brothers cleared the land, planned the village of

Aaburndale, built a store and post office, started a school and constructed a sawmill.

Young William D. Connor combined work in the sawmill with his schooling. He attended Lake Forest Academy and the State Normal School, hoping to become a lawyer, but the lumber business directed his life into that area.

He constructed the mill at Stratford, named for the place of his birth, and became president of the R. Connor Lumber Co. in 1896. The previous year main offices of the firm had been moved to Marshfield, for better supervision over two mills in Clark County and seven others in the area under cutting contracts. Connor Lumber and Land Co. headquarters were established in Laona in 1900.

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Connor became increasingly prominent in political affairs. From 1904 to 1906 he was chairman of the Republican State Central Committee and served as lieutenant governor under James O. Davidson in 1907-08.

Previously he had been a delegate to numerous state conventions of the party and was a delegate to the national convention in 1904. During World War I he was chairman of the Wisconsin Council of

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For many years he was president of the old American National Bank here and the First National Bank of Stevens Point.

Connor's interest was largely responsible for the establishment of the Marshfield Free Library, which he served as president for 15 years. He had been a trustee of Carroll College at Waukesha and of the now vanished Wood County Normal School in Wisconsin Rapids.

He married Miss Mary B. Witter of Wisconsin Rapids Aug. 11, 1886. She preceded him in death July 16, 1935.

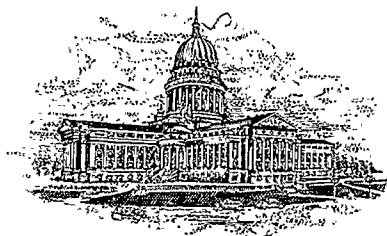
The former lieutenant governor was 80 years old when he was stricken with pneumonia in June, 1944. He recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital here and go to Laona. That fall Wisconsin's changeable weather sent him to Phoenix, where he died three weeks later.

The roots of the Connor enterprises in Wood County were cut in 1954, when headquarters of the Connor Lumber and Land Co. was transferred to Wausau.

Connor's daughter, Mrs. Helen C. Laird, mother of the new defense secretary, and son W. D. Connor, continue to make their home in Marshfield. The other children are Gordon, Wausau; Richard, Laona, and Mrs. James D. Modrall, Albuquerque, N.M.



William D. Connor



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE
SENATE CHAMBER
MADISON
53702

December 27, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: MELVIN R. LAIRD

I, WILLIAM P. NUGENT, Chief Clerk of the Wisconsin Senate do hereby certify that on page 4 of the Senate Journal of January 8, 1947 appears the Certification of Election by the Secretary of State of MELVIN R. LAIRD to complete the balance of a term (two years). The recording of Melvin R. Laird and other senators taking their oath as Wisconsin State Senators is recorded on page 5 of the Senate Journal of January 8, 1947. Page 17 of the Senate Journal of January 8, 1947 records the appointment of Melvin R. Laird to the Committee on Labor and Management and to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

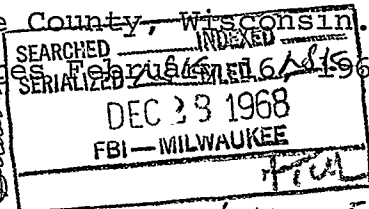
A Certification by the Secretary of State for the Senators-Elect, including Melvin R. Laird for a 4-year term, appears on page 4 of the Senate Journal of January 12, 1949. Recording of the Oath is also on page 4 of the same journal. Page 17 of the Senate Journal of January 12, 1949 records the appointment of Melvin R. Laird as chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance. Page 5 of the Senate Journal of January 10, 1951 records the appointment of Melvin R. Laird to the position of Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance. The Wisconsin Legislature adjourned sine die on June 14, 1951, which is recorded on page 1721 of the Senate Journal.

Senator Laird appears on practically all of the roll calls recorded in the Senate Journal between January 8, 1947 and June 14, 1951.

William P. Nugent 161-459
WILLIAM P. NUGENT, Chief Clerk Senate

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of December, 1968.

Jerome N. Meyer.....Notary Public, Dane County, Wisconsin.
My Commission expires February 16, 1969.



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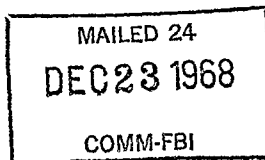
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Milwaukee - Enc.
Minneapolis - Enc.
Los Angeles - Enc.

From: Director, FBI

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 12/27/68

ReButel today.

Attached for your assistance is a copy of SF 86
concerning appointee.



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SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

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BOB approval No. 50-R208

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)")	(LAST NAME) LAIRD	(FIRST NAME) Melvin Jr.	(MIDDLE NAME) Robert	2. DATE OF BIRTH September 1, 1922
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.) nickname "Bom" used only by close friends LAIRD MELVIN R. JR.				3. PLACE OF BIRTH Omaha, Nebraska
				4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5. HEIGHT 6' 0"		WEIGHT 193	COLOR EYES brown	COLOR HAIR brown

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.) Barbara Laird (maiden name: Barbara Masters) born March 9, 1922 Married October 15, 1945 Indianapolis, Indiana
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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
1953	present	313A E. 3rd St.	Marshfield	Wisconsin
1947	1953	301A S. Cherry St.	Marshfield	Wisconsin
1937	1947	208 S. Cherry St.	Marshfield	Wisconsin

Temporary residences in Washington, D. C. at 6812 Georgia Street from Dec. 1952 until 1956; and at 5703 Kirkwood Drive, Washington, D. C. 20016, from that time on.

9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN	CERT. NO.	PETITION NO.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).		
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Marshfield Jr. High School,	Marshfield, Wis.	1936	1938	
Lake Forest Academy,	Lake Forest, Ill.	1938	1939	
Marshfield Sr. High School,	Marshfield, Wis.	1939	1940	
Carleton College	Northfield, Minn.	1940	1944	B. A.

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11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 392-14-5736
	13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present) Navy
	SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation) 331 064
	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.) Navy
	FROM (Yr.) 1942
	TO (Yr.) 1946

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE U.S. FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? YES ☐ NO ☒ (If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
Jan., 1953	Jan., 1969	House of Representatives Washington, D. C.		M. C.	appt. to Defense Secretary
1946	1952	Connor Building Supply Co.	Laona, Wis.	Secretary-elected to Congress	
1946	1952	Laona Northern Railroad	" "	Secretary-Treasurer	

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY?
(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY

DATE LEFT U.S.A.

DATE RETURNED U.S.A.

PURPOSE

See Item 28

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

FROM

TO

OFFICE HELD

24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

TYPE

FROM

TO

OFFICE HELD

Am. Legion Post 54, Marshfield, Wis.

service

1946

1968

Am. Legion 40 et 8

" "

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1951

1968

Free & Accepted Masons, Marshfield, Wis.

fraternal

1952

1968

Military Order of Purple Heart

service

1944

1968

United Commercial Travelers, Marshfield

fraternal

1950

1968

Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Marshfield

business

1950

1968

Elks Lodge, Marshfield, Wisconsin

fraternal

1946

1968

25. RELATIVES. (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION

NAME IN FULL

YEAR OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP

Father/dead

Melvin R. Laird Sr.

1878

Marshfield, Wis.

U. S.

U. S.

Mother

Mrs. Helen C. Laird

1888

" "

U. S.

U. S.

wife

Barbara Masters Laird

1922

" "

U. S.

U. S.

Brother/dead

Connor Laird

1914

" "

U. S.

U. S.

Brother/dead

Richard M. Laird

1915

Madison, Wisconsin

U. S.

U. S.

U. S.

U. S.

26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Hon. John Byrnes, M.C.,	1215 25th St.,	Arlington, Va.,	2206 Rayburn HOB since 1940
Hon. Glenard Lipscomb, M.C.,	5810 Osceola Rd.,	D.C.,	2245 Rayburn HOB since 1953
Hon. Geo. Mahon, M.C.,	1200 N. Nash,	Arlington, Va.,	2314 Rayburn HOB since 1953

26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
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See Attachment

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.) See attachment

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

20. As a Member of Congress, I visited most of the countries of western Europe and also East Germany. All of my foreign visits have been as a Member of Congress on government business or sponsored by one of the military services. I visited Europe and certain Middle East countries in 1953 and again visited Europe in 1959 and 1965. I am available for interview to supply additional information on my foreign travels. They have all been in connection with the World Health Organization and by membership on the House Appropriations Committee.

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form
is punishable by law.

December 14, 1968

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

Hon. Melvin R. Laird
Member of Congress

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26b.

Robert F. Froehlke, (have known him all my life)

home address: [REDACTED]

business " [REDACTED]

Ed Heller, (have known him all my life)

home address: 410 W. Blodgett, Marshfield, Wisconsin

business " Marshfield News-Herald, 111 W. 3rd St., Marshfield, Wisconsin

Steve Derounian, (have known him since 1953)

home address: 15 Carteret Place, Garden City, N. Y.

business " 600 Old Country Road, Garden City, N. Y.

27.

Received top security clearance in 1956 when I became a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Tolson ☒
 DeLoach ☒
 Mohr _____
 Bishop _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale ☒
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

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(LAIRD)

NEW YORK--RICHARD NIXON HAS CHOSEN REP. MELVIN R. LAIRD, R-WIS., TO BE HIS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE NEW YORK TIMES SAID TODAY. LAIRD AND NIXON AGREED UPON THE APPOINTMENT FRIDAY WHILE FLYING TO THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE AT PALM SPRINGS, CALIF., ACCORDING TO THE TIMES.

WASHINGTON COLUMNISTS ROLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK ALSO SAID TODAY LAIRD WOULD BE THE NEW DEFENSE SECRETARY.

LAIRD, WHO HAS GENERALLY TAKEN A HARD LINE ON VIETNAM, WAS OFFERED THE POSITION AFTER IT WAS TURNED DOWN BY SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON, D-WASH., ACCORDING TO BOTH REPORTS.

LAIRD, 46, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY-MAKING HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE AND ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL REPUBLICANS ON CAPITOL HILL. THE CONGRESSMAN HAS INDICATED THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT SETTLE FOR ANYTHING SHORT OF A "FREE" SOUTH VIETNAM.

JACKSON, RETURNING TO SEATTLE, WASH., LAST NIGHT FROM HONOLULU, TOLD NEWSMEN HE WOULD MEET WITH NIXON IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY, BUT ONLY TO DISCUSS NATIONAL SECURITY. HE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS LINKING HIM TO THE CABINET POST.

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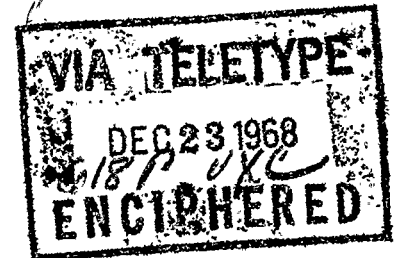
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TO : Mr. Gale *[Signature]*

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *[Signature]*

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We have today received requests for investigations from the Nixon Administration of the following individuals who have been named to Mr. Nixon's Cabinet:

Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary of Agriculture;

Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior;

Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense;

George W. Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;

George P. Shultz, Secretary of Labor;

John A. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation;

Maurice H. Stans, Secretary of Commerce.

ACTION:

The cases have been ordered separately to the field for immediate attention, and you will be advised of any unusual developments. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations in these cases without prior Bureau approval.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
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- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
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Thank you for your kind expression of
congratulations on my appointment as Secretary of
Defense-designate.

The job is a big responsibility and I
want you to know how much I appreciate your kind
words and expression of support.

May the year 1969 bring peace throughout
the world.

With best wishes and kindest personal
regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Melvin R. Laird

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MELVIN R. LAIRD
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
PUBLIC APPEARANCE 2/1-2/69

GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND
CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES ARMY
PUBLIC APPEARANCE 2/6/69

The Office of The Provost Marshal General (OTPMG), United States Army, has advised that Secretary of Defense Melvin D. Laird will be leaving Washington, D.C., at one p.m. on 2/1/69 for New York City and will be returning to Washington at one p.m. on 2/2/69. While in New York, he will be meeting with United Nations officials. It is anticipated by the OTPMG that some publicity will be afforded this meeting.

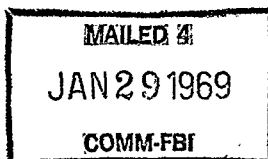
The Army Chief of Staff William C. Westmoreland will be traveling to New York City from Washington, D.C., at 11 a.m. on 2/6/69. He is scheduled to return to Washington from New York City at 6 p.m. the same date. While in New York, he is to have lunch with representatives of "Newsweek" magazine and to attend a meeting of the Calvin Bullock Forum at One Wall Street.

In the event you receive any information concerning demonstrations directed against the Secretary or the General, this information should be promptly furnished the Bureau as well as appropriate local agencies.

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NOTE:

The above information was furnished Liaison Agent Putnam by Mr. Harry V. Nelson, OTPMG, on 1/29/69.



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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 12/9/68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN MELVIN R. LAIRD(R--WISCONSIN)
POSSIBLE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
IN NIXON ADMINISTRATION

The 12/9/68 issue of the "Washington Evening Star" reported that President-elect Nixon had chosen captioned individual to be Secretary of Defense.

Our files reveal that Laird was born on 9/1/22 at Marshfield, Wisconsin. He attended Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, graduating with a B. A. degree in 1942. He was elected to the 83rd Congress on 11/4/52, and has been re-elected to subsequent Congresses, for which we have congratulated him on a number of occasions, the most recent on 11/6/68.

Our files reveal that we have enjoyed cordial relations with him and have had limited but friendly correspondence, mostly of a constituent nature. He and his son toured the Bureau in 1959, and an autographed copy of "A Study Of Communism" was sent to him in January, 1963. Congressman Laird in return sent the Director a copy of his book, "A House Divided," which was autographed "to my friend J. Edgar Hoover, best wishes, Mel Laird." On 11/9/67, the Director sent him a letter of condolence on the death of his brother which resulted from a traffic accident in Madison, Wisconsin.

Laird is on the House Appropriations Committee. No arrest record was located concerning him.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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(LAIRD)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT-ELECT RICHARD M. NIXON IS MAKING A SHARP BREAK WITH PRECEDENT IN SELECTING REP. MELVIN LAIRD, R-WIS., TO HEAD THE PENTAGON. LAIRD WILL BE THE FIRST DEFENSE SECRETARY RECRUITED FROM CAPITOL HILL.

THE BREAK IS PROBABLY INTENTIONAL, PORTENDING AN ERA OF SMOOTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, THE NATION'S LARGEST EMPLOYER, AND A CONGRESS WHICH MADE A PRACTICE OF CALLING LAIRD'S PREDECESSORS TO PERSONAL ACCOUNT FOR EVERYTHING FROM BOOT LACES TO BATTLESHIPS.

THE 46-YEAR-OLD CONGRESSMAN'S SELECTION FOR THE POST HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY NIXON HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, BUT INFORMED REPUBLICAN SOURCES SAID THE APPOINTMENT WAS SET FOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW EVENING WHEN NIXON UNVEILS HIS ENTIRE CABINET ON NATIONAL TELEVISION.

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Laird Reported To Be Nixon's Pentagon Choice

GOP Veteran Wants Quick Viet Accord

By George C. Wilson
Washington Post Staff Writer

Rep. Melvin R. Laird (R-Wis.) is slated to be President Nixon's Secretary of Defense.

First word of the appointment came in a column by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, distributed yesterday for publication in The Washington Post and other newspapers. They reported flatly that Laird will be Nixon's Defense Secretary.

Evans and Novak said that although Laird seems superficially to be a hard-line anti-Communist in foreign policy, he will be a strong force for a quickly negotiated Vietnam settlement "and has acknowledged the probability of a coalition government in Saigon."

Will Exert Influence

The columnists also said that Laird, with his "wide-ranging interests and energy" is certain to exert influence on such non-defense matters as fiscal policy, social welfare and the rebuilding of the cities. [Column appears on Page A21.]

Nixon aides confirmed last night that Laird has been asked and has accepted.

"It is 99 and 44/100 per cent sure," said a Nixon aide. "The only thing that could go wrong would be if he (Nixon) changes his mind at the last minute—and he won't."

Laird has capitalized on his position on the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee to become his party's leading spokesman on military policy, and has proved to be more accurate than the Pentagon itself on the cost of the Vietnam war.

But as an eight-term Congressman, he has had little administrative experience that would prepare him for running the huge defense establishment. Moreover, he will be pitted against a Democratic Congress that remembers him as a hard-headed member of the opposition.

Nixon is expected to announce the appointment within the next few days.

Wanted Strong Voice

Laird was offered the Pentagon post after Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) turned it down.

While explanations varied on why Jackson rejected the position, one source high in the Nixon camp said last night that the Washington Senator demanded more freedom of action than any President could grant.

Laird, who was at Nixon's side through much of the pol-

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REP. MELVIN R. LAIRD
Defense Choice

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itical campaign, was asked shortly after the election if he were interested in a Cabinet post.

The supposition at that time, according to Nixon aides, was that Laird might be interested in being Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The 46-year-old Congressman is the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations HEW Subcommittee and has shown intense interest in that field.

But Laird at that time said he wanted to stay in the House, presumably in hopes of eventually becoming the Republican leader there. He already is chairman of the House Republican Conference—the party caucus group.

After Jackson turned down the defense post late last week, Laird's name came up for fresh consideration. Another Congressman discussed for the job was Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, Republican leader of the House.

If Ford had become Defense Secretary, there was a good chance Laird would have advanced to the House Republican leadership spot.

Ford had been ranking member on the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee before becoming House Minority Leader. He thus could claim some military expertise.

But Laird is on that same military subcommittee and has been the most outspoken Republican in the House on defense issues in recent years.

He took on former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and his comptroller, Robert N. Anthony, long before most of his colleagues thought it was safe.

Laird—first in closed appropriations hearings on the defense budget and later out on the House floor—tore into the Pentagon's estimates on what the Vietnam war was costing and put out some of his own which proved to be more accurate.

Always trying to find chinks in the Democratic Party's armor, Laird struck hard at President Johnson's promise in October, 1966, to withdraw American troops from Vietnam within six months if Hanoi would do likewise and stop infiltration.

aid such a promise could be disaster and that he could therefore no longer fully support the Johnson Administration's war policy. He worked to back the GOP away from the President's Vietnam policy so that the Republicans would not appear to be the war party during the election campaign.

This fear that the Republicans would look like hawks to

the voters is believed to be behind Laird's claim during the campaign that President Johnson planned to bring some troops home from Vietnam—a claim hotly denied by the Pentagon.

Laird, as one of the hardest-nosed politicians in Washington, knew his assertion would undercut the Democrats if troops were indeed withdrawn. And, if they were not, it was the kind of political risk he frequently took for what he considered the larger interest of his party.

Nixon appreciated Laird's political acumen long before this year's presidential campaign.

Back in 1960, Nixon turned to Laird to push through the convention the compromise platform worked out by Nixon and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Nixon's chief rival for the GOP presidential nomination.

In 1964, Laird was chairman of the Republican Convention Platform Committee. This year, he traveled with Nixon as an influential adviser and edited a thick book called the Republican Papers.

As Defense Secretary, Laird will head an organization that employs 4.8 million people and will spend about \$81 billion this year—half of the whole Federal budget.

Besides just the mechanical challenge of keeping such a vast establishment working, Laird will have to make some of the toughest policy decisions since World War II.

He comes to the Pentagon at the moment the United States must decide between going on to a whole new generation of costly weapons or settling for parity with the Soviet Union, hopefully through negotiations.

Laird has shown himself in his 16 years in Congress to be tough enough to stand up to the generals and the admirals who want to buy new weapons of mass destruction.

And his streak of fiscal conservatism promises to make him reluctant to buy billions of dollars worth of new hardware unless he is fully convinced the plunge is necessary.

At the same time he will be Secretary of Defense for a President who charged the last administration with a "security gap" and warned of Russia's progress in strategic weaponry.

So Laird presumably will have to take steps that seem to close that gap without spending all the billions the military chiefs want to lay out for new weapons.

The likeliest course, giving the conditions the Defense Secretary inherits, is an increase in research and development toward new weapons without committing the Nixon Administration to buying them.

There are bound to be some other increases as well—such as building more than the 69 nuclear attack submarines McNamara set as the limit for the Navy. (Thirty-six are now operational.)

But any whole-hog buying of new weapons is considered unlikely.

For one thing, many military stocks have been depleted and other projects—such as building ships—were deferred because of the Vietnam War.

For another, many of these new weapon developments—such as the Sentinel anti-ballistic missile program—are just starting to run into big money.

These demands limit how much money Laird will have available in the Nixon budget for costly new weapons systems.

The new Defense Secretary is expected to buy time by conducting a broad review of military policy and the weapons for carrying it out rather than plunging right in and revamping Defense Secretary Clark Clifford's fiscal 1970 budget.

Laird also inherits the problem of the draft. Calls will be going up as the Nixon Administration takes office because

of the cyclical nature of war.

A larger than ever percentage of the men to be drafted in 1969 will be college graduates—the most articulate protesters against the Vietnam war.

Nixon has pledged to buy a volunteer army—but not until the Vietnam war is over. So Laird must find a way to correct inequities in the draft law in the meantime.

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MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPI. BUDED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN NEXT.

RE BUREAU CONFERENCE TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST.

APPOINTEE ATTENDED CARLETON COLLEGE, NORTHFIELD, MINN., NINETEEN FORTY TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE WHERE HE COMPLETED HIS JUNIOR YEAR. IN JUNE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE APPOINTEE ENTERED U. S. NAVY IN V TWELVE PROGRAM AND ATTENDED ST. MARYS COLLEGE, WINONA, MINN. FROM JULY TO OCTOBER, NINETEEN FORTY THREE. THEREAFTER, THE DATES UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMABLY IN FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY THREE OR WINTER OF NINETEEN FORTY FOUR HE COMPLETED A COURSE OF STUDY AT THE NAVAL SUPPLY CORP SCHOOL, WELLSLEY, MASS., WELLSLEY UNIT.

BOSTON AT WELLSLEY, MASS., WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY AT WELLSLEY COLLEGE REGARDING APPOINTEE'S EDUCATION AND CHECK AVAILABLE CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS.

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TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT R. BREWER	TYPED BY S20
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REFERENCE

Bureau teletype to Washington Field, et al, 12/23/68.

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Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT R. BREWER
Date: December 24, 1968
Office: Minneapolis

Field Office File #: 161-472
Bureau File #:

Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee attended Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, during normal school year from fall of 1940 until June, 1943, when he entered U. S. Navy. In U. S. Navy appointee attended St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, in summer and fall of 1943. Grades earned while in U. S. Navy applied toward appointee's Bachelor of Arts degree at Carleton College. Appointee received B. A. degree from Carleton College on May 29, 1944. Credit and identification checks negative.

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Details: AT NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

EDUCATION

On December 23, 1968, Mrs. RUTH WEIDENHOFER, Secretary, Carleton College Registrar's Office, advised after reviewing her records that MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr., born September 1, 1922, at Omaha, Nebraska, whose permanent address is listed as 208 Cherry Street, Marshfield, Wisconsin, entered Carleton College on September 17, 1940, and attended this college during the normal school year until June 14, 1943. While here he completed his studies through and including his Junior year. She continued that on June 14, 1943, he entered the United States Navy and while in the Navy attended St. Mary's College at Winona, Minnesota, from July through October, 1943, exact dates not listed. At St. Mary's College he earned 18 semester hours of credit and later on attended the Naval Supply Corp school, Wellsley, Massachusetts, Wellsley Unit. She continued that the appointee was commissioned an Ensign in the United

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States Navy but the date was not recorded.

Mrs. WEIDENHOFER continued that the credits which he earned while in the U. S. Navy were applied toward the total number of credits earned and therefore on May 29, 1944, he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree by Carleton College in the field of economics.

Mrs. WEIDENHOFER stated that these records contain no information of an unfavorable nature. She added that the appointee resided on campus while attending Carleton College and also stated that there is no one presently connected with this institution who could possibly recall him.

AT WINONA, MINNESOTA

EDUCATION

On December 24, 1968, Brother LEO J. NORTHAM, Registrar, St. Mary's College, advised after reviewing his records that the appointee attended St. Mary's College under the U. S. Navy college training program commonly referred to as "V-12." He advised that the appointee entered St. Mary's College on July 1, 1943, and successfully completed the naval training program in October, 1943, exact date unrecorded. He stated that the appointee was an excellent student while at St. Mary's College and the 18 semester hours of credit which he earned while here were transferred to Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, to apply to his degree inasmuch as he had attended Carleton College prior to entering the Navy.

Brother LEO J. NORTHAM advised that his records contain no information of an unfavorable nature concerning the appointee and there is no one presently connected with this institution who could possibly recall him.

AT NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION

On December 23, 1968, Chief of Police ROBERT SLETTEN, Northfield Police Department, advised that his records contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

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AT FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

On December 23, 1968, Deputy Sheriff HENRY SANDERS, Rice County Sheriff's Office, advised that the records of his department contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

On December 23, 1968, Mrs. IRENE HAND, Clerk, Rice County Credit Bureau, advised that her records contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

AT WINONA, MINNESOTA

On December 24, 1968, Miss MARGUERITE TRUDOEHL, Secretary, Winona Police Department, advised that the records of the Winona Police Department contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

On December 24, 1968, Deputy Sheriff LAMAR FORT, Winona County Sheriff's Office, advised that the records of this department contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

On December 24, 1968, Miss MARSHA BRANDHORST, Clerk, Winona Credit Bureau, advised that her records contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/23 - 12/24/68
TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.		REPORT MADE BY CHARLES A. SULLIVAN	TYPED BY grj
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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Washington Field, 12/23/68.

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Report of: CHARLES A. SULLIVAN Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: December 24, 1968
Field Office File #: 161-1348 Bureau File #:
Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No unfavorable credit information and no identifiable arrest record located concerning appointee's relatives at San Gabriel, California; residence verified.

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DETAILS:CREDIT AND ARREST

The appointee [redacted] reportedly resided at [redacted]

The files of the Alhambra Credit Bureau, Alhambra, California, which agency covers San Gabriel, California, as caused to be checked by SA RICHARD K. SCHWAB on December 24, 1968, revealed [redacted]

[redacted] have been known to this agency since October, 1958. His employment was shown [redacted]

[redacted] No unfavorable information was contained in their file and their credit rating was satisfactory.

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On December 24, 1968, the files of the following agencies as caused to be checked contained no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

Retail Merchants Credit Association
Los Angeles, California
Checked by IC BERNARD P. BLAIS

San Gabriel Police Department
San Gabriel, California
Checked by SA SCHWAB

Los Angeles Police Department and
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
Los Angeles, California
Checked by IC MILLARD T. ANDERSON

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 24, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA SCHWAB that she has known [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who reside at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as friends and neighbors for approximately ten years. She said that [REDACTED]

who is a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MELVIN LAIRD, who has recently been named as Secretary of Defense by President elect RICHARD NIXON. She stated that [REDACTED] are very fine neighbors, who are considerate, trustworthy, and stable. She said they are loyal American citizens of excellent character, associates, and reputation and she knows of nothing unfavorable concerning them or any member of their family.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5232)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPI, BUDED DECEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, LAST, NO
COPY NORFOLK, PHILADELPHIA, DETROIT AND CHARLOTTE.

NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
OF LAIRD WHO HAS BEEN NAMED SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BY PRESIDENT-
ELECT. BORN SEPTEMBER ONE, ONE NINE TWO TWO, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.
RESIDES MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN, AND HAS TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN
WASHINGTON, D. C. HE HAS BEEN MEMBER, U. S. HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES FROM WISCONSIN SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN FIFTY-
THREE. SEE WFO'S WHO FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA.

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U. S. SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON OF WISCONSIN WILL BE AT WILLIAMSBURG LODGE, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN. CAN BE REACHED AREA CODE SEVEN ZERO THREE, TELEPHONE TWO TWO NINE DASH ONE SIX ZERO ZERO, OR THROUGH DON GONZALES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, WILLIAMSBURG LODGE, AREA CODE SEVEN ZERO THREE, TELEPHONE TWO TWO NINE DASH ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO.

NORFOLK INTERVIEW.

APPOINTEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL J. FLOOD (D) OF PENNSYLVANIA WHO CAN BE REACHED AT RESIDENCE IN WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, AREA CODE [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW.

REPRESENTATIVE ELFORD A. CEDERBERG (R) OF MICHIGAN PREFERENCES TO BE CALLED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN [REDACTED] AREA CODE

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DETROIT INTERVIEW.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES R. JONAS (R) OF LINCOLNTON,
NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICE AT LINCOLNTON, AREA CODE SEVEN ZERO
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CHARLOTTE INTERVIEW.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST IT IS IMPERATIVE BUREAU
DEADLINE BE MET. NO DELAY TOLERATED.

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DISSEMINATION. BUREAU ADVISED.

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IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE INFORMATION, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED
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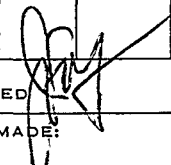
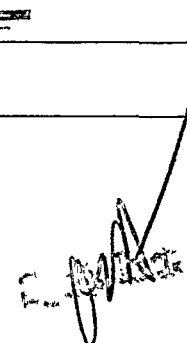
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Report of: JOHN G. FLEMING
Date: 12/26/68

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 161-2698

Bureau File #:

Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Personal assoicate recommends.

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DETAILS:

Personal Associate

On December 24, 1968, Mr. STEVEN B. DEROUNIAN, 600 Old Country Road, Garden City, New York, advised that he has known the appointee since January, 1953, when both entered the Congress and they continue to be very close friends. He added that the appointee's wife and Mrs. DEROUNIAN are also very close and he stated that if he had to invest in a man who would be the most trusted, patriotic, conscientious and "not softheaded", he would pick a man such as the appointee. He stated that there is nothing to his knowledge that would be derogatory concerning the appointee or his family, adding that his only fault is that he "works too hard".

Mr. DEROUNIAN advised that he and the appointee are members of the "Chowder and Marching Group", which is a group of Republicans, one of whose members is the President-Elect.

Mr. DEROUNIAN advised that he would give the appointee the highest recommendation for a position of trust and confidence in the Government.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/26/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/23 - 26/68
TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA ROLAND A. BALDWIN	TYPED BY els
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCES

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It is noted for the information of the Bureau that interview with FRANK EDWARD PANZER, associate of MELVIN R. LAIRD, was conducted in Room 239, Geriatrics Ward, Beaver Dam Lutheran Hospital, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, 12/26/68. Prior to this interview Miss J. O'CONNELL, Attendant Ward Nurse, advised that Mr. PANZER had previously suffered a stroke and as a result of this malady was confined permanently to a wheelchair. She advised that Mr. PANZER had been under constant hospital care for his stroke and for generalized diabetes since 3/7/68. She further advised that PANZER experienced occasional attacks of unpredictable outbursts. She stated at the time that the interview was requested that Mr. PANZER currently appeared to be receptive to interview and, on the basis of this, contact was made with Mr. PANZER as indicated herein.

On 12/26/68, attempts to contact Senator CHESTER E. DEMPSEY at his residence, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reflected that Senator DEMPSEY was currently suffering from an undescribed communicable disease and was, at the time of contact at his residence, undergoing doctor's care and treatment. At this time [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Senator CHESTER E. DEMPSEY, requested that re-contact be made by telephone later in the afternoon. Contact was made as requested with [REDACTED] and appropriate questions were relayed [REDACTED] Mr. DEMPSEY who was, at that time, still confined to his sick bed, making direct telephonic contact with Senator DEMPSEY impossible. It is noted for the Bureau that results of this interview are being reported after contact with [REDACTED] and subsequent relay of questions to Mr. DEMPSEY. Although the mechanics of such an interview are recognized as not the most desirable, the conditions requiring Senator DEMPSEY's bed rest necessarily restricted the conditions of this telephonic interview, the details of which are set out herein.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA ROLAND A. BALDWIN
Date: December 26, 1968

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 161-459

Bureau File #:

Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee's residence in Marshfield, Wisconsin, verified. Reference recommends appointee highly. Credit and arrest checks negative for appointee and close relatives. Former associates in Wisconsin State Senate recommend appointee without reservation. Appointee's employments at Laona, Wisconsin, verified and former employer and associate recommend appointee.

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DETAILS:

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EDUCATION

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN W. SCHALLER.

At Eau Claire, Wisconsin

On December 26, 1968, MARGARET MADSON, Student
Personnel Office of Wisconsin State University, Eau
Claire, advised that [] is currently

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[] Her records reflect that [] is currently
residing at []

No further information concerning [] was available
in her records.

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EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent NORMAN L. GRISWOLD:

AT LAONA (FOREST COUNTY), WISCONSIN

On December 24, 1968, THOMAS L. RASMUSSEN, Treasurer and Member of the Board of Directors, Connor Forest Industries (formerly Connor Lumber and Land Company), Laona, was contacted at his firm.

RASMUSSEN stated MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr., was formerly associated with Connor as he served as a Corporate Officer in two of Connor's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Laona-Northern Railroad Company, a short-line common carrier; and Connor Builders Supply Company. RASMUSSEN stated his records did not specifically identify LAIRD as Secretary-Treasurer of the Laona-Northern Railroad, but he assumed he was as he was a Corporate Officer. RASMUSSEN stated LAIRD was Secretary of the Connor Builders Supply Company.

RASMUSSEN stated company records indicated LAIRD began employment with the firm June 18, 1946, and voluntarily resigned his respective positions at a board meeting, August 15, 1952, at which time he was elected to the United States Congress. The above dates covered employment at both companies.

RASMUSSEN stated LAIRD, while employed from 1946 to 1952, had his office in the firm's general offices which during that period were located at Marshfield, Wisconsin. He said the general office was later moved to Wausau, Wisconsin, because of various company acquisitions made by Connor.

RASMUSSEN, who advised he had been employed at Connor for 46 years, stated he had personally known "Congressman Mel Laird for many years as a friend and co-worker during the period 1946 to 1952." He said the friendship and close acquaintance had been retained from the time LAIRD left the firm to the present. He said he was also acquainted with LAIRD's wife, BARBARA.

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RASMUSSEN said LAIRD's work record while employed at Connor was "top grade." He said LAIRD always utilized his outstanding intellectual ability to perform his assigned tasks while an employee. He said LAIRD also distinguished himself as a Wisconsin State Legislator and United States Congressman.

RASMUSSEN concluded by saying that LAIRD was a person of integrity who possessed an excellent character. He said LAIRD, as an individual, possessed an excellent reputation among his friends, associates and constituents in the Seventh District of Wisconsin. He also stated LAIRD is known to be a loyal American citizen.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALLAN JAMES THOMPSON:

AT WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

On December 26, 1968, GORDON R. CONNOR, President, Connor Forest Products, Wausau, Wisconsin, advised that the appointee worked for the then Connor Lumber and Land Company from June, 1946, to August, 1952. He held title of Assistant Secretary. He did not work at Wausau, Wisconsin, but was under the direction of the registered home office in Laona, Wisconsin. He does not now hold any position in either company. He was a very capable, energetic and hard worker. His character, morals, integrity and background were above reproach. He would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Mr. Connor advised that Laird was Secretary of the Leona-Northern Railroad and Connor Builders Supply Company, both subsidiaries of the Connor Lumber and Land Company. This concern had offices in Leona, Wisconsin, but the general offices were in Marshfield, Wisc. Mr. Connor stated that at the time of Laird's employment, he, Connor, was Executive Vice President of Connor Lumber and Land Company. It was the custom of this company to have the Assistant Secretary which was Mr. Laird to be the Secretary of the two subsidiary companies.

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EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY W. CURRAN.

At Madison, Wisconsin

On December 26, 1968, the State of Wisconsin 1968 Blue Book, compiled by Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, State Office Building, Madison, the official register of State Legislators in Wisconsin, reflected the following record for the appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR:

Elected to the State Senate in 1946

Re-elected without opposition to the State Senate
in 1948

Elected to the United States Congress in 1952
from the Seventh Congressional District and re-
elected on each subsequent term, to date

During his tenure in the Wisconsin State Senate,
the appointee served in the following positions:

| Wisconsin Committee on Improvement of Educational
| System, 1947 - 1949

| Legislative Council, 1949 - 1953

Chairman of Legislative Council, 1951 - 1953

Chairman of Taxation Committee, 1949 - 1951

Member of Joint Finance Committee, 1949 - 1952

Member of Veterans and Military Affairs Committee,
1947 - 1952

Chairman of Veterans Military Affairs Committee,
1949 - 1952

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REFERENCES

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALLAN JAMES THOMPSON:

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At Marshfield, Wisconsin

EDWARD HELLER, Editor, "Marshfield News Herald," advised on December 24, 1968, that he has known the appointee and his family for many years. The appointee's mother, Mrs. HELEN C. LAIRD, presently resides in the City of Marshfield at 208 South Cherry Street. The appointee maintains a residence at 313 A East Third Street, but resides with his wife, BARBARA, [redacted] in Washington, D. C. The appointee's [redacted] Wisconsin State University at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The appointee is a person of high moral character, a very loyal American, and a person with an excellent reputation in the community. He knows of nothing in the appointee's background or in any member of the appointee's family's background which would reflect unfavorably upon them. He also believes the appointee has the highest integrity. The appointee's background in the Federal Government and State Government is in the field of finance and defense, which would qualify him for any position of responsibility in the Government. He would not hesitate to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On December 24, 1968, WALTER WOLFHARDT, Chief of Police, Marshfield, advised that he has known the appointee and his family for the past 22 years. The appointee has an excellent reputation in the community. His integrity and loyalty are beyond question. He knows of nothing in the appointee's background or in any member of the appointee's family's background that would reflect unfavorably upon them. The appointee has done an outstanding job as a Congressman for the Seventh District, and he has the ability to perform any task assigned to him in the Government. Mr. WOLFHARDT recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence in the Federal Government.

On December 24, 1968, VIRGIL TAYLOR, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, advised that he has known the appointee and his family for the past three years. The entire LAIRD family, including his mother, Mrs. HELEN C. LAIRD, is very active in the Church. The appointee is an ordained elder of the Church. He has never heard, during the time he has known the appointee, any derogatory comments concerning him or his family. The entire family is well known and is respected in the community. The appointee has unquestionable, high moral standards, character, integrity, and loyalty. He definitely recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence in the Government and states appointee has the ability to perform any task assigned to him.

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On December 24, 1968, BENJAMIN WING, [redacted] [redacted] advised that he has known the appointee and his family for the past 30 years. The appointee is an honest, hardworking, loyal American. He has done an excellent job as a Congressman from the Seventh District. He has never heard any derogatory comments regarding the appointee or his family, either from Democrats or anyone else in the Seventh District. Mr. WING believes the appointee has the ability to perform any task assigned to him. He does not hesitate to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

On December 26, 1968, DINA HAYDEN, Postmistress, Marshfield, advised that she has known the appointee and his family since 1954. They all are hardworking, loyal Americans. The appointee is a person of unquestionable character, morals, and integrity. He is very well respected in the Marshfield community as well as in the Seventh District. She knows of nothing in the appointee's background or in the appointee's family's background that would reflect unfavorably upon them. She believes the appointee has the ability to perform any task assigned to him. She recommends him for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

On December 26, 1968, WILLIAM A. UTHNEIER, Manager, Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield, advised that he has known the appointee and his family since the early 1900's. The appointee comes from a family who is well respected in the community. The appointee is of unquestionable moral

character and integrity. He has never had any reason to doubt the appointee's loyalty. The appointee has undoubtedly the ability to do any task that is assigned to him. He has never heard at any time any derogatory comments concerning the appointee or any member of his family. He recommends the appointee for the highest position in the United States Government.

On December 26, 1968, JOHN L. STAUBER, President, Citizen's National Bank, Marshfield, has known the appointee and his family for the past 40 years. His bank thinks so highly of the Congressman from the Seventh District that they ran an ad in the "Marshfield News Herald" congratulating the Congressman on his appointment. The ad read, in part, "Yes, the entire state of Wisconsin, regardless of political belief, can be proud that a 'native son' will be helping to guide the nation in the difficult days ahead. We at the Citizen's National Bank take great pride in congratulating Laird on his appointment. We know he will use his many abilities to advantage for the entire country...and the country will be better for it." STAUBER said he cannot say enough about the appointee. He has unquestionable morals, character, and integrity. He is a very loyal American. Because of his long background in government circles, he would undoubtedly be able to handle any assignment given to him. In all the years he has known the appointee and his family, he has never heard any derogatory comments made about them. He recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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At Madison, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY W. CURRAN.

WARREN P. KNOWLES, Governor, State of Wisconsin, Executive Mansion, advised Special Agent CURRAN on December 24, 1968, that he has been acquainted with and worked with appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., since his election into the Wisconsin State Senate in 1946. LAIRD has always been found to be an individual of high integrity in his business, social, and family life. KNOWLES considers LAIRD to have been one of the outstanding persons representing the State of Wisconsin in the Congressional Group, having a high ability in the field of Health, Education, and Welfare. KNOWLES always has found good counsel with LAIRD on all problems of Government and recognized LAIRD'S ability as an individual who is able to pick a problem apart and get down to the meat of the situation.

LAIRD gained immediate respect for his maturity and manner of handling situations from all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature when he began his political career. KNOWLES believes that LAIRD will serve as an excellent Secretary of Defense. He knows LAIRD to be an individual of unquestioned loyalty to the United States. LAIRD has always been found to be an individual of high moral principles and integrity in his private, social, and political life.

KNOWLES stated he would highly recommend LAIRD.

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ASSOCIATES

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROLAND A. BALDWIN.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On December 24, 1968, United States District Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN, 2545 North Wahl Avenue, furnished the following information concerning his association with the appointee in the Wisconsin State Senate.

Judge TEHAN was elected to the State Senate in 1949. He worked in the Senate from January of 1949 until May of the same year, at which time he was appointed United States District Judge at Milwaukee and resigned from the State Senate. During this short period of time, he became well acquainted with the appointee and worked with him quite closely on various occasions. Judge TEHAN commented he had known appointee's father previously and had been closely associated with him as well. He first became acquainted with the appointee in the State Senate and has only a speaking association with him now whenever they chance to meet. During the time they spent together in the State Senate, they had no social associations, but Judge TEHAN noted he had never heard of the appointee's being anything but an exceptional individual with high character and ideals. The appointee always appeared to be very studious and hard working. The appointee appeared to have high political aspirations and was working diligently toward these ends.

Judge TEHAN stated further that he had only the highest regard for the appointee's loyalty, character, and associates. He felt he could recommend Mr. LAIRD without reservation.

On December 26, 1968, United States Commissioner JOHN C. MC BRIDE, 3467 North Summit, provided the following regarding his association with the appointee in the Wisconsin State Senate.

Mr. MC BRIDE stated he had served in the State Senate with the appointee after the appointee replaced his father who had died in 1946. Their association was primarily during the years 1947 through 1948. Since this time, Mr. MC BRIDE has had no contact with the appointee, and during that time his association had been only professional.

The appointee enjoyed an excellent reputation among his colleagues, and he associated only with fine upstanding individuals.

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Mr. MC BRIDE recalled that one of the appointee's closest associations was with Governor KNOWLES. He associated primarily with other Republican Senators who were in the Senate at that time.

Mr. MC BRIDE indicated that the appointee seemed to be of the highest character and was of unquestionable loyalty. The appointee was a diligent worker and was very capable as a State Senator.

MC BRIDE stated he could recommend appointee without reservation based on his brief association in 1947 and 1948.

MC BRIDE added that he had served previously with appointee's father for whom he also had only the highest regard.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent FRIEND ADAMS.

At Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

On December 26, 1968, Mr. FRANK EDWARD PANZER, Room 239, Geriatrics Ward, Beaver Dam Lutheran Hospital, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, advised the following information. He was a former associate of MELVIN LAIRD when he and LAIRD were members of the Wisconsin State Senate and as members of the Wisconsin State Republican Party. In this connection he was acquainted with Mr. LAIRD and his immediate family. He considered all of these individuals to be of excellent character and he knew each member of the family to be of unquestioned reputation and to be reputable, law-abiding citizens. In addition, he stated that Mr. LAIRD made it a habit of associating with individuals who were of the highest caliber and who generally were outstanding in their field of endeavor. He advised that based on his past knowledge of Mr. LAIRD and his friends, family and associates, that he felt a high degree of admiration for MELVIN LAIRD and accordingly recommended him highly for a position of trust, confidence and sensitivity in the higher levels of the United States Government.

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At Hartland, Wisconsin

On December 26, 1968, CHESTER E. DEMPSEY, Senator, Wisconsin State Legislature, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised the following information. He has been a member of the Wisconsin State Legislature for approximately 24 years. During his term of office he has had occasion to become personally acquainted with MELVIN LAIRD. His last personal association with Mr. LAIRD was approximately 15 years ago in his official capacity with the State Legislature. He advised that he is unacquainted with Mr. LAIRD's immediate family. He advised that based on his past knowledge of Mr. LAIRD he considers LAIRD's character and reputation to be of a highly qualified professional nature and absolutely beyond reproach as a law maker, citizen and public servant. He knew of no information whatsoever which could be regarded as derogatory in any manner regarding Mr. LAIRD's private or public life. He felt that the selection of Mr. LAIRD for a position of trust, confidence, sensitivity and advisor to the President of the

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United States in matters of national defense and security was an excellent choice and he heartily endorsed Mr. LAIRD in this position with his highest recommendation.

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CREDIT

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent HENRY W. CURRAN.

At Madison, Wisconsin

On December 24, 1968, BETTY JAY, Credit Bureau
of Madison Incorporated, advised Special Agent CURRAN she
could locate no record identifiable with MELVIN R. LAIRD, JR. b6 b7C

JAY advised that she does have a file on RICHARD
M. LAIRD and [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], who is a deceased brother of appointee, who died as a
result of an automobile accident in December, 1967, at
Madison. The file disclosed favorable credit record.

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ARREST

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY W. CURRAN.

At Madison, Wisconsin

On December 24, 1968, the following individuals
advised that they could locate no record identifiable with
either MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., or RICHARD M. LAIRD:

ALICE MAIDEN, Records, Madison Police Department

JOYCE TELLEFSON, Records Section, Dane County
Sheriff's Office

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ARREST

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN W. SCHALLER.

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At Eau Claire, Wisconsin

On December 26, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM CASEY, Northwestern Credit Bureau of Eau Claire Incorporated, advised that [] has been on record since August of 1968, and shows a residence of []. His records also reflect that [] formerly resided in []. [] The file indicates that no credit rating has been assigned to [] and no inquiries have been made.

Mr. ARVIN ZIEHLSDORFF, Chief of Police, Eau Claire, advised on this date his files show no record for []
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CREDIT AND ARREST

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALLAN JAMES THOMPSON:

AT MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN

GERMAINE BROWE, Credit Bureau, Marshfield, advised on December 24, 1968, that MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr. has been in their files since 1954. His latest credit check was conducted in 1962. He is an excellent credit risk. BROWE could not find any credit file for his mother, Mrs. HELEN C. LAIRD, or the appointee's children.

On December 24, 1968, MARION JAHR, Marshfield Police Department, advised that she could find no record identifiable with the appointee or any member of his family.

AT WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISCONSIN

On December 24, 1968, DONALD KAYLOR, Wood County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, advised he could find no identifiable record for the appointee or any member of his family.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

The following investigation was conducted by
SA NORMAN L. GRISWOLD.

At Crandon, (Forest County), Wisconsin

On December 24, 1968, Sheriff PAUL F. ASCHINGER, Forest County Sheriff's Office, Crandon, which has law enforcement responsibility for Laona, Wisconsin, advised after checking arrest records, both criminal and traffic, that no arrest record could be located for MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

There is no credit bureau or credit reporting agency located in Laona, Crandon, or Forest County, Wisconsin.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALLEN JAMES THOMPSON.

At Marshfield, Wisconsin

On December 24, 1968, the newspaper, morgue, of the Marshfield News Herald, was searched. The file contained no derogatory information concerning appointee or any member of his family.

The following background information was extracted from this file:

MELVIN R. LAIRD, Sr., father, was born on a farm at Griggsville, Illinois, in 1888, attending a rural school and graduating from Griggsville High School. He received his BA Degree from Illinois College at Jacksonville. For a time, he taught in rural school in Pike County, Illinois, and was Principal of Barry High School. He received his MA Degree at Princeton Divinity School and was a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin and Chicago. His Doctor of Divinity Degree was conferred by JAMES MILLIKAN, University in Decatur, Illinois. LAIRD entered upon his ministerial career at the Presbyterian Church in Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin, in 1907. In 1911, he went to Marshfield, Wisconsin, where he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. On April 16, 1913, he married HELEN CONNOR, a member of a widely known lumbering and manufacturing family. Her father, WILLIAM D. CONNOR, was a former Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1912, Mrs. LAIRD for many years was Secretary of the Connor Lumber and Land Company, being succeeded by her son, MELVIN, in August, 1952. Also in 1913, the family moved to Lincoln, Illinois, where LAIRD, Sr., accepted a Pastorate. Later, he became President of Lincoln College, a Presbyterian Institution.

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The young pastor and college president volunteered for service with the 335th Regiment and spent a year in France as its chaplain during World War I. After the war, LAIRD became pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Omaha, where the appointee was born on September 1, 1922, the third of four sons. In 1925, the Reverend Mr. LAIRD gave up his ministerial post in Omaha to return with his family in Marshfield and enter the lumber business with his father-in-law.

He was elected to the Wisconsin Upper House from the Twenty-Fourth District in 1941 and served until his death on March 18, 1946. The appointee's mother still resides in Marshfield at 208 South Cherry Avenue.

Brothers

Two of three brothers were killed: One in the Pacific during World War II, and one in a highway accident at Madison, Wisconsin. His eldest brother, ENSIGN CONNOR LAIRD, was 29 when his Navy Mine Sweeper capsized in heavy seas off Coos Bay on February 20, 1943. Brother RICHARD M. LAIRD was a Madison lumber dealer at the time of his death, November 8, 1967, at the age of 52.

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[redacted] Los Angeles State College.

Captioned appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr. attended public school and junior high school in Marshfield, graduating from Marshfield Senior High in 1940.

He entered Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, where he majored in Political Science and Economics and received his BA Degree in 1944, although he was already in the military service then.

In 1942 he entered the United States Navy. LAIRD served for 17 months aboard the Destroyer Maddox which was employed in Pacific duty. He was wounded during an attack on the Maddox in January, 1945.

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He was on active duty in the Navy for more than three years and a month before his discharge, he announced his candidacy for the Twenty-fourth District State Senatorship left vacant by the death of his father. He was elected in 1946 and later re-elected in the full four-year term two years later.

He served on the Senate Labor and Management Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee, the Joint Committee to reorganize the Department of Taxation, and the State Educational Commission during his first term. He later served on the Joint Finance Committee and Joint Legislative Council.

In 1952, at the age of 30, he was elected to Congress from the Seventh Congressional District. As a United States Congressman, he served on the House Appropriations Committee. He is the ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare, and he is a high ranking member of the Defense Sub-Committee.

LAIRD is the recipient of numerous awards, citations, and honorary degrees. Among them are the coveted 15th Annual Albert Lasker Medical Research Award, and the distinguished Service Award of the American Political Science Association. In making the latter award, the association cited LAIRD as "forthright and persistent advocate whose intellectual courage and ability and consistently enlightened and enlivened public discussion of the important issues facing the nation."

An author and editor in addition to many other activities, LAIRD has authored a "House Divided America's Strategy Gap," "Republican Papers" and edited the "Conservative Papers."

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A strong family man, LAIRD married a former Carleton classmate, BARBARA MASTERS of Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 15, 1945. They [redacted] both of whom reside with their parents.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY W. CURRAN.

At Madison, Wisconsin

JEAN COOPER, Librarian, Wisconsin State Journal,
on December 24, 1968, furnished her clipping file to
SA CURRAN on MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., for review. This
file which covered the period from 1946 to present contained
no information of a derogatory nature.

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TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY DALE A. BERNDT	TYPED BY ma.f
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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Boston dated 12/23/68.
Minneapolis teletype to Boston dated 12/24/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Offices at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., closed for Christmas Holiday to reopen on 1/6/69. Records regarding Naval Supply School unavailable until that time.

LEADBOSTON

AT WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS. Will obtain educational data concerning appointee at Wellesley College.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Associate of appointee recommended him for position of trust with Federal Government. Credit and arrest checks, Wellesly, Massachusetts, set out.

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ASSOCIATES

On December 24, 1968, ROBERT F. FROEHLKE, Resident [REDACTED] advised he has known MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr. since about 1930. He and LAIRD grew up together in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and attended high school together. While FROEHLKE attended college, his family and LAIRD's family lived side by side in a two family dwelling in Wisconsin. FROEHLKE served as campaign manager for LAIRD during the Congressional races in Wisconsin from November, 1952, to November, 1966.

FROEHLKE considered LAIRD to be of the highest moral character, one whom he would "trust with all my money, family and business dealings." LAIRD maintains a caliber of associates above reproach and his loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. FROEHLKE stated LAIRD's reputation is excellent, both socially and in the field of business. FROEHLKE unhesitatingly recommended LAIRD for a position of trust with the United States Government.

CREDIT

On December 26, 1968, Special Agent DALE A. BERNDT caused the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, to be reviewed regarding MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, Jr. but no record was located.

ARREST

On December 26, 1968, the records of the Massachusetts Board of Probation, a central repository for criminal convictions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the records of the Wellesley, Massachusetts Police Department were reviewed regarding the appointee with negative results.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED - DEC TWENTYSEVEN
INSTANT.

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RE WFO TEL TO NORFOLK, DEC, TWENTYSIX LAST.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA GENTRY H. LOWE
JR., AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

US SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON, STATE OF WISCONSIN, THIS DATE ADVISED
HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR TWENTY YEARS, HAVING SERVED WITH HIM IN THE
WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE FROM NINETEEN FORTYNINE TO FIFTYONE AND
FOR SEVERAL YEARS THEREAFTER. HE STATED LAIRD WAS A REPUBLICAN
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHILE HE (NELSON) WAS A DEMOCRATIC MEMBER
OF THE LEGISLATURE.

NELSON STATED HE AND LAIRD BECAME PERSONAL FRIENDS, AND HE HAS
KNOWN HIM SOCIALLY AS WELL AS POLITICALLY SINCE THE TIME THEY FIRST
MET.

HE ADVISED LAIRD IS A VERY ABLE, HIGHLY DEDICATED, VERY
RESPONSIBLE MAN WITH NO BAD HABITS SUCH AS DRINKING. HE IS A
RESPONSIBLE, PATRIOTIC INDIVIDUAL ABOUT WHOM HE HAS RECEIVED NO
INFORMATION WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON HIS MORALS, CHARACTER,
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MR. CLEVELAND
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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPI, BUDED DECEMBER TWENTY-
SEVEN,, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

REWFO TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY SIX, LAST.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES R. JONAS (R), LINCOLNTON,
N.C., ADVISED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY THREE WHEN BOTH
HE AND LAIRD SERVED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPRO-
PRIATIONS AND THAT EXCEPT FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BOTH HE AND LAIRD
HAVE SERVED CONTINUOUSLY ON THIS COMMITTEE. MR. JONAS ADVISED
HE WOULD RECCOMEND LAIRD VERY HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION OF
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OR FOR ANY POSITION IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
HE BELIEVES LAIRD IS

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HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE. HE CONSIDERS HIM EXTREMELY LOYAL TO UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT.

MR. JONAS STATED HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY IN EITHER
MR. LAIRD'S BACKGROUND OR IN THE BACKGROUND OF ANY MEMBER OF
HIS FAMILY.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (161-NEW) (RUC)

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPI

RE WFO TELETYPE TO DETROIT, DEC. TWENTY-SIX, LAST,
REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF CONGRESSMAN ELFORD A. CEDARBERG AS
FELLOW MEMBER OF APPOINTEE ON HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

REPEATED UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS ON DEC. TWENTY-SEVEN,
INSTANT TO CONTACT THE CONGRESSMAN THROUGH HIS RESIDENCE, HIS
BAY CITY OFFICE, HIS PARENTS HOME AND HIS ADINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
HAVE BEEN MADE.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.; SPI

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

RE WFO TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY-SIX LAST.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANIEL J. FLOOD, WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

ADVISED TODAY HE HAS SERVED FOR TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS WITH CONGRESSMAN LAIRD ON THE APPROPRIATION SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND CONSIDERS HIM VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CAPABLE IN THE AREA OF DEFENSE. FLOOD HAS ALSO SERVED WITH LAIRD ON THE APPROPRIATION SUB COMMITTEE FOR LABOR, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE WHERE HE HAS ALSO DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

FLOOD STATED HE FULLY ENDORSES MR. NIXON'S SELECTION OF LAIRD FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY RE HIS CHARACTER, MORALS, LOYALTY, OR ASSOCIATES.

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TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER	TYPED BY jw
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCES:

WFO teletype to Charlotte dated 12/26/68.
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Copy to:

Report of: SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER
Date: December 27, 1968

Office: CHARLOTTE

Field Office File #: 161-637

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Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Representative CHARLES R. JONAS, Lincolnton, N. C., highly recommends Mr. LAIRD for position of Secretary of Defense. He considers Mr. LAIRD extremely loyal and highly qualified. Mr. JONAS knows of nothing derogatory in Mr. LAIRD's background.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER at Lincolnton, North Carolina, on December 27, 1968:

Representative CHARLES R. JONAS of Lincolnton, North Carolina, advised at his office at Lincolnton, North Carolina, that he has known MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.; since 1953, when both he and Mr. LAIRD served as members of the House Committee on Appropriations. He stated that except for a two-year period both he and Mr. LAIRD have served continuously on this committee since 1953.

Mr. JONAS advised he would recommend Mr. LAIRD very highly for the position of Secretary of Defense and would recommend him for any position of loyalty in the United States Government. He advised that Mr. LAIRD is highly qualified for the position of Secretary of Defense. He advised he considers Mr. LAIRD extremely loyal to the United States Government.

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Mr. JONAS stated he knows of nothing derogatory in either Mr. LAIRD's background or in the background of any member of Mr. LAIRD's family.

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REPORTING OFFICE NORFOLK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/27/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/27/68
TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA GENTRY H. LOWE, JR.	TYPED BY gfh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE: WFO teletype to Norfolk, 12/26/68.

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Report of: SA GENTRY H. LOWE, JR. Office: Norfolk, Virginia
Date: 12/27/68
Field Office File #: 161-290 Bureau File #:
Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: U. S. Senator GAYLORD NELSON, State of Wisconsin, on December 27, 1968, interviewed at Williamsburg, Virginia, and stated he has been personally acquainted with appointee since 1949. He stated they served in Wisconsin State Legislature 1949 through 1951. He stated appointee is a very able, highly dedicated, responsible man about whom he has received no unfavorable information.

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DETAILS:AT WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.

U. S. Senator GAYLORD NELSON, State of Wisconsin, was interviewed on December 27, 1968, at the Williamsburg Lodge, and advised as follows:

He stated he has known MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., for about twenty years and stated that they served in the Wisconsin State Legislature from 1949 through 1951. He stated they became personal friends and have remained friends since they first met.

Senator NELSON stated he has known LAIRD socially as well as politically and commented he is a very able, highly dedicated, very responsible man with no bad habits such as drinking. He is a responsible man, who is patriotic, and he has received no unfavorable information about him which would reflect adversely on his morals, character, or integrity.

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REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/27/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/23-27/68
TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA MARVIN E. LEWIS	TYPED BY lat
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Report of: SA MARVIN E. LEWIS
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Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis: Appointee has served as U. S. Representative from Wisconsin. Favorable comments and recommendations obtained from staff personnel, references, and professional associates on House Committee on Appropriations. Senator PROXMIRE recommends. Satisfactory credit record. No criminal record. Republican National Committee, HCUA, OSD, and Secret Service negative. Prior background investigation conducted by CSC. Appointee served as Congressional Advisor on U. S. Delegations to World Health Assemblies at Geneva. Navy service record reviewed. Appointee granted access to ~~secret~~ information by NIS in connection with Global conferences. Newspaper morgues contain no unfavorable information re appointee. Info from reference sources at Library of Congress re publications set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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United States House of Representatives

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on December 26, 1968.

ZEAK W. JOHNSON, JR., Sergeant at Arms, United States House of Representatives, advised the appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., date of birth September 1, 1922, at Omaha, Nebraska, has been a Representative of the Seventh Congressional District of the State of Wisconsin, from January 3, 1953, until the present. No additional pertinent information was contained in Mr. JOHNSON's files concerning the appointee.

CARL WALLACE, Administrative Assistant to Representative LAIRD, advised he has known the appointee in a professional and social capacity since 1964, when he assumed his present duties as Administrative Assistant. His social contacts with him have included numerous visits to the appointee's residence at 5703 Kirkwood Drive, Washington, D.C. On these occasions, he had social contact also with the appointee's wife, BARBARA LAIRD, and [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] He described their home life as exemplary and said the family's reputation within the community has obviously been good.

Mr. WALLACE's professional contact with the appointee has been on a continuous and close basis, both within the Representative's office and during numerous official travels made with the appointee in connection with business of the Committee on Appropriations. He described the appointee as an outstanding legislator and as a person of impeccable personal habits and high professional attainment. He had no question concerning his morals, sobriety, reputation, or associates. He considered him to be a loyal American and he recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

ELSIE B. ASHOOH, Staff Assistant, advised she has been employed by the appointee for more than five years. Her

contacts with him included participating with him and his wife and children in numerous social functions sponsored by the House of Representatives. She described the appointee as a considerate gentleman whose morals, reputation, associates, and loyalty are above reproach. She characterized his home life as exemplary and advised that he and his wife and children enjoy good reputations within the community. She recommended him to a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

WILLIAM J. BAROODY, JR., Legislative Assistant, advised he has been in the appointee's employ since mid-1964. He described the appointee as an outstanding legislative draftsman and as a legislative technician whose judgments and opinions have been relied upon extensively by the appointee's fellow members within the Committee on Appropriations. He had no question concerning his suitability for employment in the highest positions of trust and responsibility, within the United States Government. He had no question concerning his loyalty or patriotism, nor his personal or professional ethics. He recommended him to any position of trust and responsibility within the United States Government for which he may be found to be qualified.

Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on December 26, 1968.

Representative FRANK T. BOW (Ohio), ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations (Committee), advised that he has been a professional associate of the appointee since 1953, when the appointee assumed his duties as a member of the Committee. He stated the appointee has served during the last four years as the third ranking member of the Committee. Representative BOW advised he has consistently sought the appointee's opinion with regard to legislative matters and has often relied upon his legislative judgments. He has traveled frequently with the appointee in connection with Committee business and found him to be an outstanding analyst with regard to Committee matters. He described him as a knowledgeable legislative draftsman and as a gentleman in all respects. He had no question concerning his loyalty to the United States, nor as to his personal or professional ethics. He considered him to be above average in intelligence. He recommended him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government, saying he had no question concerning his choice of professional or personal associates, nor as to his reputation or morals.

Representative GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (California), ranking minority member of SubCommittee on Defense, said he has had a close association with the appointee since 1953. He noted the appointee currently serves as second ranking member of the Representatives Subcommittee. He described him as an acknowledged expert with regard to defense expenditures and the utilization of military personnel. He has traveled frequently with the appointee in connection with Subcommittee and Full Committee business.

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Representative LIPSCOMB said the appointee's family life is genteel and moderate in its activities. He and his family enjoy a good reputation within the community.

Representative LIPSCOMB recommended the appointee without hesitation or qualification to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government, saying he had no question concerning his loyalty to the United States, nor his character, personal habits, or associates.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR. on December 27, 1968.

Representative GEORGE H. MAHON (Texas),
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations (Committee),
advised he has known the appointee on a close, professional
and social basis since 1953 during which time the appointee
served with distinction as a minority member of the
Committee. Representative MAHON, who is also chairman of
the Subcommittee of Defense, of which the appointee is a
member, said that the appointee has distinguished himself
as a national authority with regard to legislative matters
as they relate to the Department of Defense. He said the
appointee by his participation in full Committee and
Subcommittee matters has dedicated himself to the welfare
of the country without regard to partisan participation
in defense matters. He had no question concerning his
loyalty to the United States nor as to his reputation,
ethics, choice of associates or sense of dedication to
his constituents. He recommended him without qualification
or reservation to a position of trust and responsibility in
the United States Government saying his selection or
nomination as Secretary of Defense is one of the more
outstanding Cabinet choices of President Elect RICHARD M.
NIXON.

ROBERTA G. MESSERLY, Secretary, Office of
Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN (Ohio) advised the
representative is presently not available for interview.
She said she is authorized to furnish the following
information in the representative's absence concerning the
appointee. The representative has been a close, personal
and social associate of the appointee for more than twelve
years having served with him as a member of the Committee.
Representative KIRWAN, Chairman of the Subcommittee on

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Public Works of the full Committee had also worked closely with the appointee in connection with the appointee's service as ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education and Welfare. He had recently forwarded congratulations to him upon his selection by President Elect NIXON for nomination as a member of his Cabinet. The representative knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, reputation, loyalty or associates. He recommends him without qualification to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Representative JAMIE L. WHITTEN (Mississippi), advised he has known the appointee on a professional basis for more than ten years as a result of their participation in Committee matters. He considered him to be an expert in regard to legislative and fiscal matters as they relate to the Department of Defense and to the nation. He had no question concerning his patriotism or loyalty to the United States nor as to his morals, mannerisms, manliness, reputation or choice of associates. He recommended him without hesitation to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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Wisconsin Senator

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✓ Senator WILLIAM PROXMIRE advised SA TAYLOR on December 27, 1968, he has had close personal and professional association with the appointee since 1957. He said he has repeatedly demonstrated an expert knowledge with regard to legislation as it affects the welfare of the Nation. He said he is ideally fitted for appointment as Secretary of Defense as a result of his distinguished and honorable service as a member of the Sub-Committee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives. He considered him to be an excellent choice for inclusion as a member of the Cabinet of President-Elect NIXON. He said, that in his estimation, the appointee will serve his country, the Congress and President-Elect NIXON well. He had no question concerning his morals, ethics, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States. He recommended him without hesitation to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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ACQUAINTANCE

On December 27, 1968, HAMER H. BUDGE, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission, advised SAs PAUL F. DOUGHERTY and DARWIN B. GREEN that he has known MELVIN LAIRD since the latter became a member of Congress. BUDGE was then a Congressman and served with LAIRD both on the Appropriations Committee and Defense Subcommittee. They visited one another's homes and have continued to maintain social and professional relationships. BUDGE knows nothing in any sense derogatory affecting LAIRD's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and LAIRD has a fine wife and a fine family consisting of three children. [redacted] attends the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. The [redacted] and his wife/ in their local home in nearby Maryland. The children attend local schools in their neighborhood. He recommended LAIRD for a position of trust and confidence in the Government, including the one for which he is being considered, without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA TAYLOR on December 27, 1968:

Representative JOHN W. BYRNES, (Wisconsin), advised he has known the appointee since 1940 when both were classmates at Carleton College, North Field, Minnesota. He considers him and his wife and children to be among his closest personal friends, saying their reputation ~~within~~ in the community has always been good. He said his services as a Member of the House of Representatives has been characterized by his complete and sincere dedication for his constituents and to the Nation as well. He considered him to be a prime example of a dedicated public servant whose experience as a member of the Committee and Sub-Committee on Defense eminently qualified him for a high position with the administration of President-Elect RICHARD M. NIXON. He knew of no information which would cause him to question his morals, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States. He recommended him without hesitation to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On December 27, 1968, SE CARL H. PETERSON caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D. C., and was advised the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee.

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IC KENNETH SHAFFER on December 26, 1968, determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee, his wife BARBARA MASTERS LAIRD, [REDACTED]
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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On December 26, 1968, IC WILLIAM H. LYERLY, JR. searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee and above listed relatives.

IC WILLIAM H. LYERLY, JR. caused a search to be made of the files of the Montgomery County, Police Department, and was advised on December 27, 1968, that no record was located for the appointee or above mentioned relatives.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Republican National Committee

On December 26, 1968, SA W. DANA CARSON determined that no record was located for the appointee at the Office of Comptroller, Republican National Committee.

Civil Service Commission

On December 26, 1968, SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR. caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission (CSC), and was advised ^{that} in 1959, the CSC conducted a full field investigation on the appointee at the request of the State Department. No additional pertinent information was developed during this inquiry.

House Committee on Un-American Activities

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities ^{were} reviewed on December 26, 1968, by SE CARL H. PETERSON, and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

Office of Security
Department of State

The files of the Office of Security (SY), Department of State, reviewed by SA KENNETH B. HASER on December 26, 1968, disclosed that on March 25, 1959, the Office of Personnel, Department of State, requested SY to do a name check on MELVIN R. LAIRD as a proposed Congressional Advisor, United States Delegation, 12th World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland in May, 1959. SY had the Civil Service Commission conduct a background investigation concerning the appointee in April, 1959 with favorable results. On April 14, 1959, SY granted

him clearance as a non-employee under P. L. 643, 80th Congress, as amended, for such proposed relationship.

SY again granted him the same type of clearance on January 13, 1961, for participation in the same capacity in the 14th World Health Assembly at New Delhi, India, in February, 1961. The same clearance was accorded the appointee on May 1, 1963, for the 16th World Health Assembly at Geneva in May, 1963, and again on March 9, 1965, for the 18th Assembly of the World Health Organization.

The SY file does not show any termination of clearance concerning this individual; however, SY has advised that all its clearances terminate when the person's relationship with the Department of State terminates.

Navy Service Record

On December 26, 1968, at Department of the Navy, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia, IC JOSEPH P. JODOIN reviewed the appointee's Officer Service Record which reflected his date of birth as September 1, 1922, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Appointee enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve, on May 28, 1942, as an Apprentice Seaman, Serial Number 638 70 28. On July 1, 1943, he reported for active duty at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota.

On December 10, 1943, he was appointed a Midshipman (temporary). On April 18, 1944, he was honorably discharged in order to accept an appointment on April 19, 1944, as an Ensign, Serial Number 331064, United States Naval Reserve. On April 26, 1946, he was honorably released to inactive duty as a Lieutenant (junior grade). On May 24, 1967, appointee resigned from the United States Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant (junior grade), and was issued an honorable discharge certificate.

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Appointee's Officer Fitness Reports were favorable.

Appointee's officer record contained no security clearance.

Office of the Secretary of Defense

✓ WILLIAM H. QUINLAN, JR., Appraisal and Review Branch, Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), advised SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY, on December 26, 1968, that clearances are not required of Members of Congress by OSD and that no clearance has been granted to MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

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SA ROBERT F. ROBINSON, JR. [REDACTED]

✓ [REDACTED], and was advised on December 26, 1968, that the files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning the appointee.

Naval Investigative Service

On December 26, 1968, IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters and was advised that MELVIN R. LAIRD, 207 South Central Avenue, Marshfield, Wisconsin, born September 1, 1922, was granted access to ~~secret~~ information in connection with Global conference to be held June 14 - 21, 1968. This clearance was based on a National Agency Check conducted by NIS. The files also reflected that he was granted access to ~~secret~~ information in connection with a Global conference to be held May 22 - 26, 1967. This clearance was also based on a National Agency Check conducted by NIS.

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Department of State
Conference Personnel Records

On December 27, 1968, Mrs. MARIAN M. CHICHESTER, Clerk, Career Management and Assignments Division, Office of Personnel, Department of State, advised that the Conference Personnel Records maintained in her office reflected that MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., served as one of the Congressional Advisors on the United States Delegation to the Twelfth World Health Assembly, held at Geneva, Switzerland, from May 12-29, 1959. Mrs. CHICHESTER stated that her records also verified that the appointee served as one of the Congressional Advisors on the United States Delegation to the Eighteenth World Health Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland, from May 4-21, 1965. She could locate no record which indicated that LAIRD had attended the World Health Assemblies held during 1961 and 1963.

On December 27, 1968, Mr. ARNETT F. WILLIAMS, Communications and Records Clerk, Administration Staff, Office of International Conferences, Department of State, advised SA ~~ROBERT~~ W. SPEICHER that the records of his office contained verification of LAIRD's attendance at the 1965 World Health Assembly meeting only. He could locate no record of LAIRD other than during the 1965 meeting.

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Newspaper Morgues

On December 27, 1968, IC KENNETH SHAFFER determined that the library files of the Washington "Evening Star" newspaper contain numerous news articles concerning the appointee, none of which were derogatory in nature. On December 26, 1968, SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR. determined that the library files of the Washington "Daily News" newspaper contains no unfavorable information concerning the appointee.

Library of Congress

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY on December 27, 1968.

The Author Catalogue at the Library of Congress indicates that the appointee was the author, editor or contributor to the following publications:

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Published</u>
"A House Divided: Americas Strategy Gap"	MELVIN R. LAIRD	Regnery Company, Chicago, 1962
"The Conservative Papers"	Introduction by MELVIN R. LAIRD	Anchor Books, 1964
"Republican Papers"	Edited by MELVIN R. LAIRD	F. A. Praeger, 1968

The "Book Review Digest" contains the following information concerning the above publications:

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"A House Divided: America's Strategy Gap"

"In a world 'half slave and half free' Congressman LAIRD deploras division among America's citizens on matters of foreign policy. A consensus would be arrived at, he feels, if we could have untrammelled discussion, or 'dialogue,' among ourselves... He believes that such agreement must inevitably settle on a tough policy of deterrence based on a clearly announced intent of reprisal and willingness to wage war to win and recover. Specifically, Mr. LAIRD would replace our 'underdog strategy' with threats of limited nuclear reprisals, arm NATO with nuclear defense weapons, test nuclear weapons in order to anticipate a new scientific breakthrough, train our troops in guerrilla warfare, restrict foreign aid to deserving neutral nations, and reduce taxes with an accompanying curtailment of nondefense expenditures"

Library Journal November 15, 1962

"The Conservative Papers"

"This volume was sponsored by a group of Republican congressmen who 'felt the need for a careful and scholarly re-examination of the foreign and domestic problems affecting the tranquillity of the United States.' The papers 'do not define the conservative position. But they represent the sort of thinking conservatives respect.' (Introduction) The title was suggested by the publication of 'The Liberal Papers,' edited by JAMES ROOSEVELT, 1962"

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"Republican Papers"

"The editor has elicited contributions from Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals, academicians and public officials who probe...the bundle of interrelated urban, economic and budgetary problems that beset us. The book, released simultaneously in paperback, is not offered as a Republican platform or a handbook for precinct captains, but as a means of energizing public debate. Saturday Review (August 6, 1968) Topics include: the federal system, crime, poverty, civil rights, housing, agriculture, social security employment, the budget, monetary reform, and congressional reform."

"This is not a conventional denunciation of the Democratic administration coupled with praises for the GOP... normally...expected in an election year... If these papers have any theme, it is that consideration of America's problems must involve more of the nation; it cannot all be left up to Washington." Library Journal, July, 1968.

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United States Secret Service

✓ IC THOMAS S. HARRELL caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on December 27, 1968, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

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ReWFOreport 12/27/68.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 12/30/68, disclose that MELVIN R. LAIRD was last issued Official Passport Y-309752 at WDC on 4/8/65, for proposed official travel abroad in connection with the World Health Organization.

The appointee was first issued Special Passport 11805 at WDC on 7/24/53, for planned travel for two months to Western Europe, Israel, Jordan and Lebanon on official business for the House Appropriations Sub-Committee. This passport was renewed at WDC on 1/21/56, to expire 7/24/57, no specific travel plans set forth. He was next issued Special Passport 191475 at WDC on 3/19/59, for official travel to Western Europe in connection with the World Health Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5232) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR.

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BUDED: 12/27/68

This is to confirm WFO telephone call to St. Louis this date, requesting review of appointee's Veterans Administration file number C 11 186 264 located Records Processing Center, St. Louis. Sutel Bureau results in form suitable for dissemination.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: ST. LOUIS (161-M)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR. SPI BUDED DEC. TWENTYSEVEN, PAST.

RE WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, JAN, TWO, INSTANT.

VETS. ADMIN. RECORDS FOR LAIRD, USN SERIAL NUMBERS THREE THREE ONE ZERO SIX FOUR, AND SIX THREE EIGHT SEVEN ZERO TWO EIGHT, VETS. ADMIN. CLAIM NUMBER C ONE ONE ONE EIGHT SIX TWO SIX FOUR, WAS GRANTED SUBSISTANCE ALLOWANCE BY THE VETS. ADMIN. REGIONAL OFFICE, MILWAUKEE, OCT., FORTYSIX, UNDER THE SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF FORTYFOUR. HIS REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOLDER WAS RETIRED TO THE FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, BEDFORD PARK, ILL., MAY SIXTEEN, FIFTYFIVE, HOWEVER, PERSONNEL, VETS. ADMIN. RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, ST. LOUIS, ADVISED THESE FOLDERS USUALLY DESTROYED TWO YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO RETIREMENT. ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING ABOVE SUBSISTANCE ALLOWANCE NOT SHOWN.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: January 2, 1969

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
SPECIAL INQUIRY-NIXON ADMINISTRATION

On December 23, 1968, John D. Ehrlichman, Legal Counsel to the President-elect, requested an investigation of Representative Laird who has been designated Secretary of Defense by Mr. Nixon.

Representative Laird, aged 46, has been a United States Representative from Wisconsin since 1953. The investigation was favorable. Representative Laird is a member of the Subcommittee on Defense and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare of the House Committee on Appropriations. Various Democratic and Republican members of the Committee on Appropriations, including its Chairman, Representative George H. Mahon (Democrat) of Texas, highly recommended him. Senators William Proxmire and Gaylord Nelson, both Democrats, of Wisconsin also furnished favorable comments. Representative Laird was described as an outstanding legislator and an excellent choice for the position of Secretary of Defense.

Investigation is complete except for checks of the files of the Veterans Administration and the Passport Office, Department of State.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the results of our investigation of Representative Laird for courier delivery.

Enc. sent 1-2-69

- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Auerswald

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FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA, NIXON ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF LAIRD, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BY PRESIDENT ELECT. LAIRD BORN SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN TWENTY-TWO, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND IS MARRIED TO FORMER BARBARA MASTER. SERVED US NAVY NINETEEN FORTY-TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, NSN THREE THREE ONE ZERO SIX FOUR. HE COMPLETED COURSE OF STUDY AT NAVAL SUPPLY CORP SCHOOL, WELLESLEY, MASS., WELLESLEY UNIT, WHICH WAS ADMINISTERED BY HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. DATES OF ENROLLMENT UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMABLY IN FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY-THREE OR WINTER OF NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR. INVESTIGATION AT BOSTON DETERMINED RECORDS FOR SUPPLY CORP SCHOOL FORWARDED TO US NAVAL SUPPLY CORP, ATHENS, GA.

ATLANTA AT ATHENS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY RE APPOINTEE'S EDUCATION AND SUTEL BUREAU JANUARY SIX INSTANT.

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SA John Buckley
Mr. Lewis advised, was
advised to disregard this
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- 1 - Miss Gandy
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January 8, 1969

FOR COURIER DELIVERY

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
 Legal Counsel to
 President-elect Nixon
 Hotel Pierre
 Fifth Avenue and East 61st Street
 New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 2, 1969, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Representative Melvin Robert Laird.

Information has now been received indicating the files of the Veterans Administration and the Passport Office, Department of State, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Representative Laird.

This concludes the investigation in this matter.

Sincerely yours, 11-5772-29
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Laird's Resignation Expected This Week

By Michael Gettler
Washington Post Staff Writer

Melvin R. Laird, President Nixon's chief domestic adviser, is expected to announce this week that he will leave his White House post next month, according to sources close to Laird.

The 50-year-old former Defense Secretary and eight-term congressman from Wisconsin is expected to take a position as a senior executive with Reader's Digest, these sources say.

Laird is also expected to associate himself with a number of other activities after leaving the White House, but the Reader's Digest post is said to be the principle one, associates indicate.

Reached by telephone last night, Laird declined to comment on his future activities.

Laird, who served as the Pentagon's civilian boss during the first four years of the Nixon administration, was coaxed out of semi-retirement on June 6 of this year to help shore up the White House staff tarnished and decimated by the Watergate scandal.

The easy-going and politically-savvy ex-congressman was brought in to take over many of the duties formerly held by John Ehrlichman, but more importantly to help restore White House relations with Congress.

From the start, Laird indicated that his White House tour was a temporary assignment, but associates say the former lawmaker did harbor some aspirations to be nominated for the vice presidency in the wake of the resignation of Vice President Agnew in October. After House Republican leader Gerald Ford was nominated for that job, Laird made it clear that once Ford was confirmed the new vice

president could easily take over his role as the administration's friendly broker on Capitol Hill.

Laird's expected departure from the White House comes on the heels of the resignation of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York. Laird, privately and publicly, has frequently spoken highly of Rockefeller as one of his top choices for a number of jobs, including Defense Secretary. Some observers speculate that if Laird does show up in politics again, it may be in a campaign with Rockefeller.

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MELVIN R. LAIRD

- Summary

Captioned individual, who you advised was born September 1, 1922, at Marshfield, Nebraska, and is affiliated with the "Reader's Digest," 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C., was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in late 1968 and 1969. A copy of the FBI summary investigation dated January 2, 1969, concerning Melvin Robert Laird is attached. (161-5792-28)

Our files also reveal that Mr. Laird served as Secretary of Defense for four years until he "semi-retired." In June, 1973, he accepted a position as Chief Domestic Advisor to the President where he remained until December, 1973, when he became a Senior Executive with "Reader's Digest."

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In addition, our files indicate that in January, 1972, the FBI conducted an investigation under provisions of Public Law 298 concerning [redacted] Mr. Laird's [redacted] on March 13, 1971. The investigation revealed that while attending East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, [redacted] of the local chapter of the Student Mobilization Committee, a communist front antiwar organization. Also [redacted] was arrested in July, 1969, and charged with desecration of the American flag as he was wearing a vest made of the American flag. The charges were dropped. (62-104206-124)

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

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FEBRUARY 19, 1976

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-5792)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL. *MELVIN R LAIRD*

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE SPECIAL INQUIRY TO BRING UP TO DATE A SPECIAL INQUIRY CONDUCTED CONCERNING LAIRD IN DECEMBER, 1968. HE IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED.

BORN SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 5703 KIRKWOOD DRIVE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. SEE WHO'S WHO, 38TH EDITION, PAGE 1786, FOR BACKGROUND DATA WHICH INDICATES LAIRD A FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, IS A SENIOR COUNSELLOR FOR READER'S DIGEST, HIS BUSINESS ADDRESS IN MARCH, 1975, WAS LISTED AS 1730 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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REFER TO URFILES CONTAINING RESULTS OF DECEMBER, 1968, INVESTIGATION OF LAIRD WHO WAS THEN A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FROM WISCONSIN. BRING UP TO DATE.

WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN CURRENT ADDRESSES OF CLOSE RELATIVES AND SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS AT ONCE.

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION OF LAIRD UNLESS SOME REASON INDICATING ADVISABLE TO DO SO ARISES, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU AUTHORITY SHOULD BE REQUESTED.

FOR INFORMATION WASHINGTON FIELD A NAME CHECK WAS MADE RE LAIRD BY ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IN FEBRUARY, 1969.

WHITE HOUSE DESIRES ORAL READING ON RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION ON A.M., FEBRUARY 27, 1976. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE RESULTS REACH BUREAU ON OR BEFORE BUDED WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 2-19-76

FROM : G. R. Steel

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We have today received requests from The White House for investigations of the following who are being considered for Presidential appointments, positions not indicated:

Robert Daniel Murphy, aged 81, honorary Chairman of the Board, Corning Glass International, New York, New York, and former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

Stephen Ailes, aged 63, President, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C., and former Secretary of the Army

Melvin R. Laird, aged 53, senior counsellor, "Reader's Digest," Washington, D. C., former Secretary of Defense, and former Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs

On February 17, 1976, the President announced the creation of an oversight board pertaining to intelligence operations with Murphy to serve as Chairman and Ailes to serve as a member. Another member of the board is Leo Cherne, Executive Director of the Research Institute of America, Incorporated, New York, New York. We previously conducted Special Inquiries concerning Cherne in April, 1971, and December, 1975, and those investigations were generally favorable.

ACTION:: The requested investigations of Murphy, Ailes, and Laird have been ordered separately to the field and Bureau files are being checked. You will be advised of any unusual developments. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigation in these cases without prior Bureau approval.

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- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Wannall

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Steel
- 1 - Mr. Auerswald

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5:32PM NITEL 2/24/76 KNV

TO : DIRECTOR (161-5792)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (161-459) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD; SPIN, BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976, WITHOUT
FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO AND OTHERS, FEBRUARY 19, 1976,
AND WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OTHERS, FEBRUARY 20, 1976.

ASSOCIATE: ON INSTANT DATE, EDWARD W. HELLER (RETIRED),
410 WEST BLODGETT AVE., MARSHFIELD, WIS., AN ASSOCIATE OF
APPOINTEE, WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED HIS CLOSE, PERSONAL
ASSOCIATION WITH APPOINTEE HAS CONTINUED UP TO THE PRESENT
DATE. HELLER POINTED OUT THAT APPOINTEE VISITS MARSHFIELD
FOUR OR FIVE TIMES PER YEAR TO VISIT HIS MOTHER, HELEN C.
LAIRD. HELLER CONTINUES TO HAVE HIGH RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE'S
INTEGRITY AND CHARACTER AND FEELS STRONGLY THAT APPOINTEE IS
HONORABLE INDIVIDUAL POSSESSING EXCELLENT REPUTATION.

ARREST: [REDACTED], MARSHFIELD PD, REVIEWED HIS
DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS ON FEBRUARY 20, 1976, STATING HE COULD
LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH MRS. HELEN C. LAIRD
(APPOINTEE'S MOTHER), 228 SOUTH CHERRY STREET, MARSHFIELD.
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ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THROUGH DISCREET INVESTIGATION, IT WAS VERIFIED THAT MRS. LAIRD CONTINUES TO RESIDE AT 208 SOUTH CHERRY STREET IN MARSHFIELD.

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1976, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES WITH NO RECORD BEING LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]:

RAY MC GINNIS, CHIEF OF POLICE, CHETEK, WISCONSIN PD;

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[REDACTED], BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE; [REDACTED], RECORDS CLERK, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN PD; AND [REDACTED], RECORDS CLERK, EAU CLAIRE, COUNTY, WISCONSIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES WITH NO RECORD BEING LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]:

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CHARLES GRANT, SHERIFF, ST. CROIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, HUDSON, WIS.; PERRY LARSON, CHIEF OF POLICE, RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN PD. LARSON ADDED THAT [REDACTED] RESIDE [REDACTED], [REDACTED], TELEPHONE [REDACTED], AND THAT HE IS

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FAMILIAR WITH THEIR RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
HACE, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: ON INSTANT DATE, A FILE REVIEW OF
MI 100-16393, CAPTIONED "VIETNAM MORATORIUM COMMITTEE; SM"
REFLECTS TWO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RE APPOINTEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. BOTH ARTICLES APPEARED IN WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY
(EAU CLAIRE, WIS.) NEWSPAPER ENTITLED, "THE SPECTATOR" ON
OCTOBER 9, 1969.

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THE FIRST ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY [REDACTED] IS HEADLINED
"WAR MEMORIAL, WAR PROTEST - MORATORIUM FUSES IDEALOGICAL
EXTREMES" AND DESCRIBES RALLY TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 15, 1969.
THIS RALLY WAS DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE AS THE VIETNAM
MORATORIUM MARCH AND THE PERTINENT PART OF ARTICLE AS IT
RELATES TO [REDACTED] IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

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"THREE SPEAKERS WERE CHOSEN AS 'INDIVIDUALS AND NOT
REPRESENTING ANY CERTAIN GROUPS' TO SPEAK AT THE PRE-MARCH
RALLY AT 7 P.M. IN OWEN PARK. THEY ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] MELVIN LAIRD [REDACTED]

HAD NOT GIVEN CONSENT TO SPEAK BEFORE THE MEETING. HE HAS
SINCE REFUSED THE REQUEST. (SEE LETTER TO THE EDITOR, PAGE 2)."

ALSO CONTINUED IN THIS EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LETTER TO THE EDITOR WHICH IS HEADLINED, [REDACTED]
EXPLAINS DECISION" WITH REMAINDER OF HIS LETTER QUOTED AS
FOLLOWS:

"TO THE EDITOR: I WAS ASKED BY THE VIETNAM MORATORIUM
COMMITTEE TO SPEAK AT A RALLY BEFORE THE MARCH. I DECLINED
THE INVITATION. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORRTUNITY TO
EXPLAIN MY DECISION, NOT TO MAKE EXCUSES FOR IT.

I FELT THAT USING MY NAME, BECAUSE OF MY FATHER'S
POSITION, TO DRAW ATTENTION AND PUELCITY WAS A TERRIBLE
MISTAKE AND SEEMED TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE BASIC PURPOSE OF
THE MORATORIUM. IF YOU BELIEVE IN SOMETHING, PUELCITY
SHOULD NOT BE OF ANY IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, I DO GIVE MY
SUPPORT TO THE MORATORIUM AND URGE OTHERS TO DO SO.

I FEEL THAT THE VIETNAM WAR IS GROSSLY IMMORAL AND IT
IS TIME FOR THE END. AS CONCERNED STUDENTS IN THIS COUNTRY WE
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HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL OUR FUTURE AND IT IS TIME TO GRASP
THIS POWER. A MARCH BRINGS ATTENTION, BUT REVOLUTION BRINGS
ACTION." (SIGNED [REDACTED])

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IT IS NOTED SA [REDACTED] CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.; SA [REDACTED] CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AT
MARSHFIELD, WIS.; SA [REDACTED] CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
AT HUDSON AND RIVER FALLS, WIS.; AND SA EUGENE I. SATHER
CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AT CHETEK AND EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

PERSONS CONTACTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION
WERE ADVISED OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS
OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974.

END.

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Date: 2/24/76

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND
SACS, ALEXANDRIA NEW HAVEN
NEW YORK (161-2698)
SAN DIEGO SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5232) ✓

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED FEBRUARY 26,
1976, WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1976, CARBON
COPY NEW YORK AND ALEXANDRIA.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE
SPECIAL INQUIRY TO BRING UP TO DATE A SPECIAL INQUIRY
CONDUCTED CONCERNING LAIRD IN DECEMBER, 1968. HE IS
BEING CONSIDERED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION
NOT INDICATED.

BORN SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES
5703 KIRKWOOD DRIVE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER 392-14-5736.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ASSOCIATES OF THE APPOINTEE: - OPERATIONS

①-Bureau
1-Tickler
1-WFO

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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_____, READERS
DIGEST, PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK, 914-769-7000; THE HONORABLE

THE HONORABLE STEVEN DEROUNIAN, 15 CATERET PLACE, GARDEN
CITY, NEW YORK, OFFICE 516-535-3312, HOME 516-PI2-8585;
THE HONORABLE DAVID PACKARD, HEWLETT - PACKARD COMPANY,
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE 415-493-1501; GENERAL

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_____, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RETIRED),
INSILCO CORPORATION, 1000 RESEARCH PARKWAY, MERIDEN,
CONNECTICUT, OFFICE 203-634-2002; THE HONORABLE BARRY J.
SHILLITO, TELEDYNE - RYAN, 2701 HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, 714-291-7311.

WHITE HOUSE DESIRES ORAL READING ON RESULTS OF THIS
INVESTIGATION ON A.M. FEBRUARY 27, 1976. THEREFORE, IT IS
IMPERATIVE RESULTS REACH BUREAU ON OR BEFORE BUDED WITHOUT
FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

ALL OFFICE HANDLE APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS OF ASSOCIATES.

NEW YORK VERIFY EMPLOYMENT AT READERS DIGEST PERSONNEL
OFFICE AT PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK.
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Special Agent in Charge

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1:45PM NITEL 2-24-76 TJO

TO DIRECTOR (161-5792)

WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5232)

FROM ST. LOUIS (161-NPRC-C) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPI, BUDED: FEBRUARY 26, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, FEBRUARY 19, 1976, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE NITEL TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 20, 1976.

INVESTIGATION AT NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER-CIVILIAN (NPRC-C), ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FAILED TO LOCATE OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER (OPF) FOR APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENTS AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, 1969 TO 1972; OR AS DOMESTIC ADVISER TO PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON, D.C., 1973 TO 1974.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND REVIEW OPF AT THE WHITE HOUSE PERSONNEL OFFICE.

END

MR. STEEL
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12:3PM NITEL 2-25-76 JEM

TO DIRECTOR (161-5792)

FROM LOS ANGELES (161-1348) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976,
WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD FEBRUARY 19, 1976 AND
WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 21, 1976.

ARREST RECORD:

NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE'S

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POLICE DEPARTMENT; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE OF RELATIVES:

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[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE IS ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

AS NEIGHBORS AND BELIEVES THEM TO BE PERSONS OF GOOD
CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY. SHE
SAID [REDACTED] AT CALIFORNIA STATE
COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE
BEEN SO NOTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (161-2698) (P)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPI, BUDED: FEB. 26, 1976

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, FEB. 19, 1976.

ON FEB. 24, 1976, [REDACTED] PERSONNEL DEPT., CHICAGO
PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY, 6 E. 44TH ST., NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
ADVISED APPOINTEE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS FOR ABOVE COMPANY. ADDED SHE IS NOT PERSONALLY
ACQUAINTED WITH LAIRD NOR ARE THERE ANY BOARD MEMBERS CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT RE LAIRD.

ON FEB. 25, 1976, GEORGE JENKINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE, 1 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
ADVISED APPOINTEE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS, METROPOLITAN LIFE. HAS BEEN ON BOARD SINCE 1974
AND ATTENDED 20 MEETINGS. DESCRIBED LAIRD AS CAPABLE,
INTELLIGENT, INTERESTED. HAS IMPRESSIVE BACKGROUND AND IS
WELL RESPECTED BY OTHER BOARD MEMBERS. KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY
INFORMATION. WOULD RECOMMEND.

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7:00 PM NITEL FEB. 25, 1976 VAN

TO: DIRECTOR (161-5792)

FROM: ALEXANDRIA (161-3446) (R)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUREAU DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 26, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALEXANDRIA, FEBRUARY 19, 1976.

SPECIAL CLERK [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE
[REDACTED] AND WAS
ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 24, 1976, [REDACTED] CONTAINED NOTHING
DEROGATORY CONCERNING THE APPLICANT.

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SPECIAL CLERK [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE
[REDACTED], AND WAS ADVISED
ON FEBRUARY 24, 1976, [REDACTED] CONTAINED NO PERTINENT
IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE,
BARBARA LAIRD, NEE MASTERS.

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SPECIAL CLERK [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF
THE FILES OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND WAS ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 24, 1976, THAT NO RECORD WAS LOCATED
CONCERNING THE APPLICANT.

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ON FEBRUARY 20, 1976, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

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REVIEWED THE OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER (OPF) OF MELVIN R. LAIRD, DATE OF BIRTH SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 392-14-5736, AT THE PERSONNEL DATA BRANCH, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (OSD), THE PENTAGON. THE OPF CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER,

1968:

DATE

ACTION

JANUARY 22, 1969

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

JANUARY 30, 1973

RESIGNATION FROM PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT-EXCEPTED APPOINTMENT (EA) NOT TO EXCEED (NTE) JUNE 30, 1973, AS A CONSULTANT, OSD. SEPARATION - APPOINTMENT IN WHITE HOUSE AS CONSULTANT.

JUNE 17, 1973

JUNE 15, 1973

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT AS COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

JANUARY 31, 1974

RESIGNATION TO ACCEPT A POSITION

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IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1974

EA, NTE, JUNE 30, 1974, INTER-
MITTENT AS A CONSULTANT TO THE
OSD.

JULY 1, 1974

CONVERSION TO EA, NTE, JUNE 30,
1975, AS A CONSULTANT TO OSD.

JULY 1, 1975

CONVERSION TO EA, NTE, JUNE 30,
1976, AS A CONSULTANT TO OSD.

THE FILE CONTAINED SEVERAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMENDATIONS
AND AWARDS.

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ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

REVIEWED THE SECURITY FILE OF MELVIN R. LAIRD, DATE OF BIRTH
SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, AT MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN, SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER 392-14-5736, AT THE PERSONNEL SECURITY BRANCH, OFFICE
OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (OSD), THE PENTAGON. THE FILE
CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT INFORMATION:

DATE

CLEARANCE

JANUARY 22, 1969

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INVESTIGATION COMPLETED BY THE

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(FBI), JANUARY 2, 1969; GRANTED BY

WILLIAM QUINLAN, DIRECTOR,

PERSONNEL SECURITY BRANCH.

JANUARY 25, 1974

~~TOP SECRET~~; BASED ON A BACKGROUND

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED JANUARY

2, 1969, BY THE FBI, ~~CLEARANCE~~

~~TERMINATED JUNE 30, 1975.~~

THE FILE CONTAINED NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OR SECURITY VIOLATIONS.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL AGENT

[REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THAT THE APPOINTEE SERVED AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FROM JANUARY 22, 1969, TO JANUARY 30, 1973. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

APPOINTEE FOR HIS ENTIRE TENURE AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. SHE CHARACTERIZED HIM AS A GREAT PERSON AND WORKER WHO IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS EMPLOYEES. [REDACTED] KNEW OF NOTHING

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DEROGATORY RELATIVE TO THE CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, OR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF THE APPOINTEE, AND SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY GOVERNMENT POSITION.

SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], OFFICE OF SECURITY OF DEFENSE, ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THAT SHE SERVED IN HER PRESENT POSITION WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FROM JANUARY 22, 1969, TO JANUARY 30, 1973. SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED] RESPECTED AND ADMIRERD THE APPOINTEE A GREAT DEAL. SHE KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY RELATIVE TO HIS CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, OR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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THE HONORABLE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS, ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THAT HE WORKED SEVERAL STAFF POSITIONS UNDER THE APPOINTEE WHEN HE WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY RELATIVE TO THE

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CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, OR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF THE APPOINTEE.

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[REDACTED] DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THAT HE HAD ONLY OCCASIONALLY COME IN CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE WHEN HE WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BUT THAT BASED ON THIS CONTACT SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT ELLSWORTH, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THAT HE HAD SERVED UNDER THE APPOINTEE IN SEVERAL POSITIONS WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. ELLSWORTH STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE IS EXTREMELY COMPETENT IN ALL AREAS AND HE KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY RELATIVE TO HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM TO A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

LEAD. ALEXANDRIA. AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. WILL FORWARD RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS OF ADDITIONAL REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATES

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WHEN SAME BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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6:47PM NITEL FEBRUARY 26, 1976 JDC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

WFO

FROM: CHARLOTTE (161-637) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPIN. BUDED FEBRUARY 27, 1976.

RE WFO TELCALL, FEBRUARY 26, 1976.

RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VERIFIED. APPOINTEE [REDACTED]

ENJOY EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN COMMUNITY. NO IDENTIFICATION
RECORD LOCATED WITH CLERK OF COURT, SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION,
SWAIN COUNTY, BRYSON CITY, N. C., EXCEPT THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARRESTED FOR EXPIRED INSPECTION CERTIFICATE AND FAILURE
TO STOP AT STOPSIGN, WAS FINED \$16, ON DECEMBER 12, 1974.

RECORDS OF CLERK OF COURT, SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION, JACKSON
COUNTY, SYLVA, N. C., REVIEWED AND NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FOXCROFT APARTMENTS, CHAPEL HILL
N. C., ADVISED APPOINTEE [REDACTED] HAS
RESIDED AT [REDACTED] SINCE AUGUST, 1975, AND PRESENTLY IS

NOT RECORDED
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AND ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT

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REPUTATION. [REDACTED]

FLORA PARRISH, CHAPEL HILL, N. C., PD, COULD LOCATE NO
RECORD FOR APPOINTEE [REDACTED]

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BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO APPOINTEE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], WHO WAS RECENTLY THE SUBJECT OF
DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH HIS
POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT AS AUSA, WDNC, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY CHARLOTTE CAPTIONED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, AUSA, WDNC," BY
SA [REDACTED] DATED JANUARY 23, 1976.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5232)(P)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
SPECIAL INQUIRY
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Re Butel to WFO dated 2/19/76.

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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE (WHO)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA on 2/24/76:

A review of the Official Personnel File of
MELVIN R. LAIRD revealed the following information not
reported during the previous investigation:

- 1/22/69 Presidential Appointment as Secretary of Defense.
- 1/30/73 Resignation and excepted appointment not to
exceed 6/30/73 as Consultant, Office of
Secretary of Defence (OSD).
- 6/17/73 Separation from the above.
- 6/18/73 Excepted Appointment (Presidential Commission)
as Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs.
- 1/31/74 Resignation.

The file also contained a copy of a document
which indicated that LAIRD entered on duty 2/1/74 as
a Consultant on an intermittent basis with OSD.

A review of the files of the Records Office,
White House, revealed the following information not
previously reported:

- 1/21/69 To be Secretary of Defense.
- 6/18/73 To be Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs.
- 8/1/73 Designated a Member of the Domestic Council.
- 12/9/70 Appointed Vice Chairman of the Interdepartmental
Committee for the Voluntary Payroll Savings
Plan for the Purchase of United States Savings
Bonds for a term of two years.

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4/25/75 To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of
the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing
Arts for a term expiring September 1, 1984.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on February 25, 1976:

Mr. WILLIAM J. BAROODY, JR., Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, White House, advised he has known MELVIN LAIRD on a professional and personal basis for 13 or 14 years. BAROODY has worked under LAIRD's supervision for much of this time, having served as his Deputy. He advised that all of his comments concerning the appointee would be in the superlative. LAIRD is a dedicated public servant and is a person of exceptional character, as well as great ability. There is absolutely no question about the appointee's loyalty to this country or his ability to handle sensitive information. BAROODY knows nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and would have no hesitation in recommending him for a position of confidence and trust.

[REDACTED] Mr. BAROODY, advised she has known LAIRD on a professional basis since 1971. She worked under his general supervision both at the Pentagon and at the White House. She has maintained close touch with the appointee to date. She considers him to be a very pleasant, hard working, dedicated public servant. She knows of absolutely nothing derogatory concerning him either in a professional or a personal sense. She is pleased to recommend him for a position of confidence and trust with the Government.

[REDACTED] President, advised he first met MELVIN LAIRD during the period 1960 - 1963 when they worked closely together as fellow Congressmen. LAIRD is such a capable and well liked person that he is highly regarded by both Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill. His dedication and sense of loyalty to this country are widely recognized. [REDACTED] has absolutely no question about the appointee's loyalty to this country and would recommend him for a position of confidence and trust.

Mr. JOHN VENEMAN, Counselor to the Vice President, advised he has known MELVIN LAIRD on a professional basis since the late 1960's. While the appointee was Secretary of Defense, he was in regular contact with VENEMAN who then served as Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. All of VENEMAN's comments concerning

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the appointee are favorable and he knows of absolutely nothing derogatory concerning him. He is pleased to recommend him for a position of confidence and trust.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following investigation was conducted by SA
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the Secretary to the Board, advised that the appointee was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for the above University on July 1, 1975, for a three year term.

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Deputy Administrator for the Wolftrap Foundation, advised that the appointee was elected to the Board of Directors in 1973, and served as Chairman during 1974. [redacted] further advised that the appointee was recently re-elected for another three year term as a member of the Board of Directors for the above foundation.

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REFERENCES

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on February 23, 1976:

Mr. CARL S. WALLACE, Senior Corporate Vice President for Purolator, Incorporated, 1800 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised that he has known the appointee for approximately the past 25 years. He stated that he was the appointee's Administrative Assistant while the appointee was in Congress and he was Special Assistant while the appointee worked for the Department of Defense. WALLACE stated that the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty of the appointee are above reproach and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. WALLACE described the appointee as being an honest, straightforward, intelligent, down-to-earth, knowledgeable in Government affairs and qualified for any Cabinet position. He stated further that the appointee impresses him as having a great memory and good common sense.

Mr. JACK MILLS, Senior Vice President for the American Tobacco Institute, Suite 1200, 1776 K Street, N.W., WDC, advised that he met the appointee when he was in the State Senate for Wisconsin. He stated that he worked politically with the appointee over the years and described him as being a good family man who is outspoken and straightforward. He stated that the appointee will speak out when it becomes necessary at any given point in time. MILLS advised that he has traveled with the appointee all over the world and has come to the conclusion that the appointee is the most dedicated citizen he has ever had the pleasure of knowing. MILLS concluded by stating that the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty of the appointee are above reproach and recommended him highly for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

The Honorable BRYCE HARLOW, Vice President of Procter and Gamble, 1801 K Street, N.W., Suite 1104, WDC, advised that he has known the appointee for the past 30 years. HARLOW stated that he knows the appointee on a social and professional basis and would have no hesitation in recommending him for a position of trust and confidence

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the appointee, described the appointee as being even-tempered and a person who is concerned with the immediate problems at hand. She stated that he gets along well with everyone and is a good family man. [redacted] advised that she has known the appointee since he was in Congress and enjoys a mutually friendly relationship. She commented favorably regarding the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty of the appointee and stated that she would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[redacted] appointee, advised that she has known the appointee for approximately the past year. She stated that she is pleased to work with the appointee, and that she considers him to be a sincere, compassionate, straightforward individual. She commented favorably regarding the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty of the appointee and recommended him without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Mr. CARSTENS SLACK, Vice President of the Washington Office for Phillips Petroleum, 1825 K Street, N.W., WDC, advised he has known the appointee for the past 15 years. He stated that he met the appointee through his wife's association with the appointee's spouse. SLACK stated that he was impressed with the appointee's alertness and intelligence. SLACK further stated that he considered the appointee to be an impressive and affable individual who gives his full attention to any person who he conversing with. SLACK stated that the appointee did an excellent job in the Department of Defense and has always been successfully diligent in his efforts with the news media. SLACK commented favorably regarding the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty of the appointee and recommended him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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United States Senate

On February 23, 1976, Senator J. GLENN BEALL, JR., Maryland, advised Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] as follows:

The Senator has known the appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, personally, for many years. He described Mr. LAIRD as a "good man" in every respect. Nothing adverse concerning the appointee's character, reputation, loyalty or associates has ever come to the attention of him. Senator BEALL recommended Mr. LAIRD for a responsible position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senators

The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on February 24, 1976.

U.S. Senator CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, JR., Maryland, advised he has known the appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, very well since approximately 1960. He served with him as a colleague in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1960 to 1968 and has continued to know him well to the present time. He thinks very high of the appointee and considers him to be very capable, dependable, and trustworthy. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, recommending him for a position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator WILLIAM PROXIMIRE, Wisconsin, advised his comments would be the same as given in the previous investigation in 1968. He continues to think highly of the appointee and he continues to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator GAYLORD NELSON, Wisconsin, advised he has known the appointee very well for many years and knows him to be a very capable, honest, and trustworthy person, who he highly regards as being well qualified and he considers his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty to be above reproach. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Representative JOHN J. RHODES, Arizona and Minority Leader, advised he was a former colleague of the appointee at the U.S. House of Representatives and has continued to know him well as a personal friend. They are golf partners and he knows his family and considers them to be fine persons in all respects. The appointee is very highly regarded by his former colleagues. He is sincere, capable, honest, and dependable. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, recommending him for a position of trust and confidence.

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United States House of Representatives

On February 24, 1976, Special Agent (SA) MAURICE G. AUSTIN determined from the employment records maintained at the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, United States House of Representatives, the appointee entered on duty as the Representative for the Seventh District of Wisconsin on January 3, 1953, and resigned on January 21, 1960.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

Special Agent (SA) CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on February 23, 1976, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee.

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On February 23, 1976, Special Clerk (SC) [redacted] [redacted] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee or his spouse BARRAPA MASTERS LAIRD.

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

On February 23, 1976, SC [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee or his above-mentioned spouse.

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On February 23, 1976, SC [redacted] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee or his above-mentioned spouse.

On February 24, 1976, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department and was advised that no identifiable adult criminal record could be located regarding the appointee or his above-mentioned spouse.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-5792)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (161-459) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD; SPIN, BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976, WITHOUT
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RE MILWAUKEE NITEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES AND MEMBERS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL
PARTIES WITHIN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN WERE CONTACTED ON
FEBRUARY 26, 1976, BY THE INDICATED AGENTS:

WILLIAM JOSEPH MULLIGAN, USA, EDW, MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, ADVISED SA WILLIAM F. YETMAN, JR. THAT
HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1972 WHEN APPOINTEE
WAS CONGRESSMAN FROM WISCONSIN. USA MULLIGAN HAS HAD NUMEROUS
CONTACTS OF A POLITICAL NATURE WITH APPOINTEE. USA MULLIGAN
DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT MAN, AN
EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR AND PERSON ABOUT WHOM HE HAS NEVER HEARD
ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER,
REPUTATION, OR PERSONAL HABITS. USA MULLIGAN EMPHATICALLY
STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST
WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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IN MADISON, WIS., CLIFFORD W. KRUEGER, (R), WISCONSIN
STATE SENATE, 12TH SENATE DISTRICT, ADVISED SA [REDACTED]
JR. THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1946. DURING THIS PERIOD OF
TIME KRUEGER HAS FOUND LAIRD TO BE ONE OF THE FINEST MEN IN PUBLIC
LIFE. BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, HE IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF EXCELLENT
CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, REPUTATION, AND A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED
LOYALTY TO THE U.S. BASED ON HIS VAST ASSOCIATION AND LAIRD'S
ACTIVITIES BOTH IN STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIVITIES, KRUEGER WOULD
HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

IN MADISON, WIS., GERALD D. LORGE, (R), WIS. STATE
SENATOR, 14TH SENATE DISTRICT, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN
LAIRD SINCE 1946 WHEN THEY BOTH ENTERED STATE LEGISLATURE. DURING
THIS PERIOD OF TIME, LORGE HAS FOUND LAIRD TO BE ONE OF THOSE RARE
INDIVIDUALS WHO IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE ENJOYS AN
EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN DEALING WITH
INDIVIDUALS IN BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES AND OUT OF POLITICS.
THERE IS NO QUESTION OF LOYALTY TO THE U.S. HE WOULD HIGHLY
RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

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CARL W. THOMPSON, (D), WIS. STATE SENATOR, 16TH SENATE
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DISTRICT, MADISON, WIS., ADVISED SA [] THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD SINCE 1952 WHEN HE ENTERED THE STATE SENATE. LAIRD WAS ONE OF THOSE RARE POLITICIANS WHO WAS ABLE TO COMMAND THE RESPECT OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM EITHER POLITICAL PARTY. LAIRD IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF UNQUESTIONABLE REPUTATION, CHARACTER, AND LOYALTY. HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

WILLIAM A. BABLITCH, (D), WIS. SENATOR, 24TH SENATE DISTRICT. ADVISED SA [] THAT HE HAS PERSONALLY KNOWN LAIRD FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE CURRENTLY HOLDS THE STATE SENATE SEAT WHICH LAIRD ONCE HELD. BABLITCH FOUND LAIRD TO BE OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION, CHARACTER, AND INTEGRITY. LAIRD IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO EARN THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN ANY WALK OF LIFE AND IS A GREAT LEADER. BABLITCH STATES THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF LAIRD'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S. BABLITCH WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR APPOINTMENT TO A HIGH OFFICE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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[] ADVISED SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR., THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH LAIRD SINCE ABOUT 1952 AND THAT HIS ASSOCIATION HAS

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BEEN STRICTLY POLITICAL. SINCE LAST BEING CONTACTED BY THE FBI, [REDACTED] STILL RECOMMENDS LAIRD FAVORABLY CONCERNING HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY TO THE U.S. HE WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR ANY APPOINTED POSITION.

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[REDACTED] (FORMER USA, EDW), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE 1968. [REDACTED] STATED HE KNOWS THE APPOINTEE PRIMARILY ON A POLITICAL BASIS AND HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTER. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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MILWAUKEE CO. JUDGE LOUIS J. CECI, MILWAUKEE CO. COURTHOUSE, 901 N. 9TH, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE 1950 ON BOTH A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL BASIS. CECI STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE AND CONSCIENTIOUS PUBLIC SERVANT WITH AN EXCELLENT RECORD AS A CONGRESSMAN AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE IS A VERY LOYAL INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH CHARACTER. CECI ADVISED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] FIGI'S, INC.,
MARSHFIELD, WIS., ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN
LAIRD FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS AND HAS HAD A GOOD DEAL OF RECENT
CONTACT WITH LAIRD. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SINCE LAIRD HAS LEFT
GOVERNMENT SERVICE HE HAS APPEARED TO BE MORE RELAXED AND IS
ENJOYING LIFE TO A DEGREE HE NEVER HAS BEFORE. [REDACTED] INDICATED
THAT LAIRD CONTINUES TO POSSESS THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF INTEGRITY
AND [REDACTED] CHARACTERIZED LAIRD AS A "STATESMAN RATHER THAN A
POLITICIAN." [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT LAIRD HAS ALWAYS PLACED HIS
COUNTRY FIRST AND STATED THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH SINCERE
CONVICTION. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND LAIRD FOR ANY
POSITION OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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MAYOR RAYMOND TIPPELT, MARSHFIELD, WIS., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN
LAIRD FOR 35 YEARS AND THEY HAVE REMAINED CLOSE SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES
DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. MAYOR TIPPELT INDICATED THAT LAIRD
POSSESSES THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF INTEGRITY OF ANY PERSON HE HAS
EVER KNOWN AND CONSIDERS HIM A GREAT MAN. MAYOR TIPPELT KNOWS
LAIRD TO BE A MAN OF SOLID CHARACTER AND CONVICTION AND WOULD HIGHLY
RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
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Dist. Chief *Earl Dist 7 Wis*
U.S. FEDERAL JUDGE JOHN W. REYNOLDS, MILWAUKEE, WIS., ADVISED

SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS AND HE CONSIDERS LAIRD TO BE AN OUTSTANDING, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND LOYAL AMERICAN. HE BELIEVES THAT LAIRD IS QUALIFIED AND CAPABLE OF HOLDING ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE PRESIDENCY.

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U.S. FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT W. WARREN, MILWAUKEE, WIS., ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS HELD BY LAIRD SPOKE FOR THEMSELVES AS FAR AS HIS HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND TRUSTWORTHINESS IS CONCERNED. IN ADDITION HE CONSIDERS LAIRD TO BE A VERY PERSONABLE, AGGRESSIVE, CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL AND A HARD WORKER. HE HAS THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR LAIRD AND HAS NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT LAIRD HOLDING ANY POSITION IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS, CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF WIS.-STEVENS POINT, WIS., ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR OVER 10 YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF LAIRD BOTH AS A CONGRESSMAN AND DURING HIS TENURE AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HE CONSIDERS LAIRD ONE OF THE MOST CAPABLE MEN WHO HAVE EVER SERVED IN GOVERNMENT. HE ADVISED LAIRD HAS A FIRM AND TOTAL

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COMMITMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S. LAIRD'S EXPERIENCE AS A CONGRESSMAN AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH GIVES HIM TREMENDOUS INSIGHT INTO THE INNER WORKINGS OF GOVERNMENT. LAIRD IS PERSONABLE, HIGHLY RESPECTED, AND CONSIDERED TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST PERSONAL INTEGRITY. HE IS A MAN WHO IS DEVOTED TO THE U.S. AND WILLING TO SACRIFICE IN HIS PERSONAL AND FAMILY LIFE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. LAIRD'S REPUTATION IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE CENTRAL WIS. AREA. HE ADVISED HE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RECOMMENDS LAIRD FOR ANY POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE U.S.

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ROBERT LEE RYBARCZYK, 5211 ARROW, SCHOFIELD, WIS., THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR MARATHON CO., WIS., ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE KNOWS LAIRD PERSONALLY BUT MAINLY BY REPUTATION. HE STATED THAT LAIRD OFFERED A TREMENDOUS SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENCY DURING HIS TERMS AS A CONGRESSMAN IN THE WIS. DELEGATION. HE STATED THAT LAIRD WAS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF HIS CONSTITUENCY AND WAS A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL LEGISLATOR. HE ADVISED THAT AMONG MARATHON CO. DEMOCRATICS, LAIRD IS HIGHLY RESPECTED FOR HIS PAST GOVERNMENT SERVICE BOTH

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AS A CONGRESSMAN AND AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HE POSSESSES AN EXTREMELY INCISIVE MIND AND IS A DELIBERATE AND THOROUGH THINKER. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVATIONS IN RECOMMENDING LAIRD FOR ANY POSITION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE SERVICE OF THE U.S.

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[REDACTED] REPUBLICAN PARTY, ADVISED SA
[REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAVING PERSONALLY SERVED AS A CAMPAIGN WORKER FOR HIM DURING HIS YEARS AS A CONGRESSMAN. HE STATES THAT SINCE LAIRD HAS LEFT THE CENTRAL WIS. AREA HE HAS HAD LITTLE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIM BUT KNOWS HIM BY REPUTATION TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY. HE FEELS THAT LAIRD IS KNOWN AMONG WIS. REPUBLICANS AS AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKER WITH TOTAL DEDICATION FOR THE SERVICE OF THE U.S. LAIRD IS HONEST WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY. HE ADVISED THAT LAIRD'S MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT MAKE HIM UNIQUELY CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY POSITION IN GOVERNMENT. LAIRD HAS THE TOTAL RESPECT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE MARATHON CO. REPUBLICAN PARTY AND STATE OF WIS. REPUBLICAN PARTY. HE ADVISED THAT HE COULD RECOMMEND LAIRD,
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WITHOUT RESERVATION, FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST IN GOVERNMENT.

JOSEPH KUCIREK (R), CO. JUDGE, BRANCH 2, MARATHON CO.,
WAUSAU, WIS., ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS PERSONALLY KNOWN
LAIRD FOR WELL OVER 15 YEARS BUT HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM
FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. HE STATES THAT HE HAS HEARD OF
LAIRD'S ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT DURING THE PAST
SEVERAL YEARS AND FEELS THAT LAIRD IS STILL CONTRIBUTING TO
THE SERVICES OF THE U.S. HE STATES THAT HE HAS HEARD NOTHING IN
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WHICH WOULD CHANGE HIS ORIGINAL OPINION
OF LAIRD, THAT BEING, HE IS AN EXTREMELY LOYAL AMERICAN WITH A
THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKINGS OF GOVERNMENT. LAIRD IS A
HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A DELIBERATE THINKER.
HE STATES THAT LAIRD'S PRIOR EXPERIENCES AS CONGRESSMAN AND ON THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT PLACE HIM IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO
SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THE U.S. HE ADVISED THAT HE COULD GIVE,
WITHOUT RESERVATION, A WHOLEHEARTED RECOMMENDATION OF LAIRD FOR
ANY POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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Dist. Rep.

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[REDACTED] (D), WAUSAU, WISCONSIN, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND IN FACT RAN AGAINST HIM FOR A SEAT IN THE US CONGRESS IN 1968 AND LOST. HE ADVISED THAT LAIRD IS A CAPABLE AND HONEST INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS PROVIDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENCY WHEN HE WAS A US CONGRESSMAN IN THE WISCONSIN DELEGATION AND TO THE CITIZENS OF THE US DURING HIS SERVICE AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HE CONSIDERS LAIRD TO BE CONSCIENTIOUS, HARD WORKING AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE ADVISED THAT IF LAIRD WERE TO RE-ENTER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, HE WOULD PERFORM IN HIS USUAL OUTSTANDING MANNER. HE ADVISED THAT LAIRD'S DECISIONS ARE CAREFULLY WEIGHED AND THAT HE WOULD TEND TO GIVE POLITICAL CONSIDERATION TO THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS PLACED BEFORE HIM. HE ELABORATED BY SAYING THAT LAIRD, WHEN FACED WITH A DECISION, WOULD MAKE A CONSCIENCE DECISION AND WHEN THAT DECISION WAS MADE HE WOULD THEN CONSIDER THE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS AS THEY WOULD APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT HE WAS SERVING.

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HE STATES THAT HE IN NO WAY BELIEVED THAT THE PARTISAN
POLITICAL CONSIDERATION WOULD OUTWEIGH LAIRD'S JUDGMENT.
HE ADVISED THAT SINCE LAIRD HAS LEFT THE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMENTS
HE HAS HEARD CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES INDICATE THAT HE HAD
THOROUGHLY INVOLVED HIMSELF IN HIS NEW LINE OF ENDEAVOR
AND HAS PERFORMED IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER. HE ADVISED THAT
HE COULD RECOMMEND LAIRD, WITHOUT RESERVATION, FOR ANY
POSITION OF SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] SEVENTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC
COMMITTEE, WAUSAU, WISCONSIN ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE
HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS AND BELIEVES
HIM TO BE AN OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED
THAT LAIRD IS THOROUGHLY COMMITTED TO HIS BELIEFS AS A MEMBER
OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THEREFORE HE HAS HAD SOME
IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WITH LAIRD BUT THEY ARE EXCLUSIVELY
IN THE AREA OF PARTISAN POLITICS. HE ADVISED THAT LAIRD
HAS OFFERED A TREMENDOUS SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DURING
HIS MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC LIFE. HE STATED THAT LAIRD, ALTHOUGH

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A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY IS AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HE COULD RECOMMEND WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR ANY POSITION IN GOVERNMENT. HE CLOSED BY STATING THAT AMONG FELLOW DEMOCRATS, WHO WOULD NOT VOTE FOR LAIRD, HE, LAIRD, IS CONSIDERED TO BE A FINE AND WELL RESPECTED PUBLIC SPIRITED INDIVIDUAL.

[REDACTED] FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, WAUSAU, WISCONSIN (R), ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD FOR 20 YEARS AND BELIEVES HIM TO BE AN EXEMPLARY AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HAS DEDICATED HIS ENTIRE ADULT LIFE TO PUBLIC SERVICE. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD LITTLE RECENT CONTACT WITH LAIRD OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, HAVING SEEN HIM ON FOUR OR FIVE OCCASIONS BUT ADVISED THAT LAIRD'S REPUTATION CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF HIGH RESPECT BY THE INDIVIDUALS THAT KNOW HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS HEARD NOTHING IN THE RECENT PAST WHICH WOULD CHANGE HIS OPINION OF LAIRD. HE ADVISED HIS OPINION CONTINUES TO BE THAT LAIRD IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER. HE STATED THAT LAIRD'S SERVICE AS A REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN FROM WISCONSIN

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AND IN VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT PROVIDED HIM WITH INSIGHT AND BACKGROUND WHICH COULD BE OF TREMENDOUS VALUE IN ANY FURTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HE ADVISED THAT HE COULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY RECOMMEND LAIRD FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT.

EVERETT J. MOEN, 647 NORTH 77TH STREET, WAUWATOSA,
WISCONSIN, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD SINCE THE LATE 1950'S WHEN HE WAS A US CONGRESSMAN. HE KNEW HIM THROUGH HIS POSITION AS SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE WISCONSIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, A POSITION HE HELD FROM 1958 UNTIL 1971. SINCE 1971 HE HAS HAD NO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE. IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE APPOINTEE, WHICH WERE ONLY CONNECTED WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY BUSINESS AND OCCASIONALLY REPUBLICAN PARTY FUND RAISING MATTERS, HE HAS ALWAYS FOUND APPOINTEE TO BE A VERY SINCERE, KNOWLEDGEABLE, TRUSTWORTHY PERSON POSSESSING UNQUESTIONABLE LOYALTY. HE HAS KNOWN LAIRD'S FAMILY TO BE WELL OFF FINANCIALLY SO IT WAS NEVER NECESSARY FOR HIM TO BE "CUTE" REGARDING RAISING CAMPAIGN FUNDS. HE FEELS THAT LAIRD IS A WISE

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CHOICE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, THEREFORE, HE HIGHLY
RECOMMENDS.

UACB, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: IT IS NOTED THAT MR. DREYFUS STATED
IT WAS HIS HIGHLY INFORMED SUPPOSITION THAT MR. LAIRD WAS BEING
CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF STATE BY PRESIDENT
FORD.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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NR022 NY PLAIN

11:40 P.M. URGENT FEBRUARY 26, 1976

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (161-2698) (P)

MELVIN LAIRD, SPI, BUDED: FEB. 26, 1976

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, FEB. 23, 1976.

EMPLOYMENT

READER'S DIGEST

PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK

ON FEB. 24, 1976, [REDACTED] PERSONNEL, READER'S

DIGEST, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THEIR FILES SHOW THE

APPOINTEE HAS BEEN A SENIOR COUNSEL FOR READER'S DIGEST SINCE

AUGUST 1, 1975 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. STATED COULD HAVE BEEN

ON A MONTHLY RETAINER BASIS PRIOR TO THAT, BUT WOULD HAVE

NO RECORD FOR THIS IN THEIR OFFICES IN PLEASANTVILLE.

ON FEB. 25, 1976, DE WITT WALLACE, FOUNDER AND CHIEF

OWNER, READER'S DIGEST, NOW SEMI-RETIRED, ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

HAS MET APPOINTEE ONLY ONCE, AND THAT WAS FOR BRIEF VISIT

ABOUT A MONTH AGO. NOT SURE HOW LONG APPOINTEE HAS BEEN

CONNECTED WITH READER'S DIGEST. HOWEVER, STATED APPOINTEE

WORKED CLOSELY WITH AL COLE, OF READER'S DIGEST STAFF, AND COLE

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NY 2/27
By [unclear]
Al. Cole met Am
said he knew him
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forwarded info to [unclear]

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HAS HIGH REGARD FOR APPOINTEE. ADDED KNOWS APPOINTEE ALMOST COMPLETELY BY REPUTATION AND THIS REPUTATION EXTREMELY HIGH. COULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER AS HE REALLY DOES NOT KNOW APPOINTEE.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HOBART LEWIS, CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR IN CHIEF, READER'S DIGEST, ON FEB. 25, 1976, NEGATIVE. LEWIS PRESENTLY ON VACATION AND NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH 1, 1976.

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NR001 NH PLAIN

9:24AM URGENT MARCH 1, 1976 SAD

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (161-1986) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY . BUDED : FEB. 26, 1976, MR. STEEL
WITHOUT FAIL RM. 8321

REWFO NITEL, FEB. 24, 1976 AND NH TEL, FEB. 26, 1976.

ON MARCH 1, 1976, [REDACTED]

INSILCO CORPORATION, MERIDEN, CT., ADVISED HE WAS APPOINTEE'S

[REDACTED] WHEN LAIRD WAS SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE. HE HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION SINCE
THAT DATE. REGARDS LAIRD AS PERSONAL FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE. HAS
HIGHEST REGARD FOR LAIRD'S IMPECCABLE CHARACTER AND CREDENTIALS.
LAIRD IS MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY. [REDACTED]

BELIEVES THAT IT WAS ONLY THOROUGH THE PERSONAL SACRIFICES AND
DILIGENCE OF MELVIN LAIRD THAT THE PENTAGON WAS NOT DRAWN INTO
THE WATERGATE SCANDAL. LAIRD ENJOYS AND OUTSTANDING REPUTATION
IN BOTH THE BUSINESS AND MILITARY COMMUNITIES. HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AND MOTIVES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABOVE SUSPICION. [REDACTED] KNOWS
OF NOTHING WHICH MIGHT REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON THE APPOINTEE AND
GAVE HIM HIS HIGHEST UNQUALIFIED RECOMMENDATION.

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NR000 NH PLAINTEXT

11:30 AM URGENT FEBRUARY 26, 1976 MAT

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (161-1986) (P) 1P

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPI. BUDED: FEB. 26, 1976.

PEWFOVITEL, FEB. 24, 1976.

ON FEB. 25, 1976, RECEPTIONIST, INSILCO CORP., MERIDEN, CT.

ADVISED [REDACTED] ASSOCIATE OF APPOINTEE, IN NEW YORK
CITY ON BUSINESS BUT AVAILABLE FEB. 26, 1976, AT 8:30 AM FOR
INTERVIEW.

ON FEB. 26, 1976, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] NOT
RETURNING TO CONNECTICUT BUT TRAVELLING TO OHIO ON BUSINESS. HE
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL MAR.1, 1976, AM. SHE
ADVISED [REDACTED] SOMETIMES CALLS IN FOR MESSAGES AND HE WOULD BE
ADVISED TO CALL WHO.

IN EVENT [REDACTED] CONTACTS WHO, RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WILL
IMMEDIATELY BE FURNISHED BUREAU BY TELETYPE. UACB, WHO WILL
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] MAR. 1, 1976, AT MERIDEN, CT.

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12:50AM FEBRUARY 26, 1976 NITEL TUB

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAN DIEGO (161-771) (RNC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED FEBRUARY 26,
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RE WFO TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

[REDACTED], COPLEY
NEWSPAPER, 7776 IVANHOE AVENUE, LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA,
ADVISED HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE
SINCE 1960. ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN VERY CLOSE IN BOTH
POLITICAL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED] STATED HE

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE
AND BELIEVES APPOINTEE HAS TREMENDOUS CAPABILITY WHICH
SHOULD BE USED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]
STATES HE HOLDS APPOINTEE IN HIGHEST REGARD IN ALL RESPECTS,
INCLUDING APPOINTEE'S FAMILY, AND FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED
APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST, INTEGRITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY.

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ON FEBRUARY 25, 1976, BARRY SHILLITO, PRESIDENT,
TELEDYNE-RYAN AERONAUTICAL COMPANY, 2701 HARBOR DRIVE,

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SAN DIEGO, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE SINCE 1968 AND HOLDS APPOINTEE IN HIGHEST REGARD IN EVERY RESPECT. SHILLITO STATED HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO HAVE GOOD HEALTH, GOOD PERSONAL HABITS, HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. SHILLITO SAID HE WAS IN VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH APPOINTEE WHILE SERVING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITH APPOINTEE. THAT CLOSE ASSOCIATION HAS CONTINUED TO TODAY AND SHILLITO BELIEVES APPOINTEE TO HAVE TREMENDOUS ABILITY AND POTENTIAL IN EVERY RESPECT. HE ENCOURAGED THAT APPOINTEE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN TOP GOVERNMENT SERVICE BECAUSE OF OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS.

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SHILLITO AND [REDACTED] WERE BOTH OUT OF THE CITY DURING SAN DIEGO'S ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FOR INTERVIEW AND WERE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THROUGH THEIR PRIVATE SECRETARIES TO MEET BUDED.

NO REPORT, UACB.

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12:40 PM URGENT 2/26/76 MCC

O: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (161-28010) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN, BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976 WITHOUT FAIL
RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

DAVID PACKARD, PRESIDENT, HEWLETT PACKARD, 1501 PAGE MILL
ROAD, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED TODAY AND RECOMMENDED
APPOINTEE FAVORABLY WITHOUT RESERVATION OR QUALIFICATION.
PACKARD STATED THAT HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MELVIN LAIRD BOTH
PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

PACKARD STATED THAT HE HAD VIRTUALLY DAILY CONTACT WITH
LAIRD BETWEEN JANUARY 1969 AND JANUARY 1972 WHILE SERVING IN THE
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT UNDER LAIRD.

PACKARD STATED THAT HE HAS RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE'S ABILITIES
AND CERTAINLY HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER,
LOYALTY, OR ASSOCIATIONS. PACKARD CONCLUDED BY HIGHLY RECOMMENDING
ING THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-5792)

ALEXANDRIA

FROM: BALTIMORE (161-4532) -RUC-

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD; SPIN; BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE FEBRUARY 19, 1976; WFO NITEL TO BALTIMORE, FEBRUARY 20, 1976.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND DID NOT REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY. ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP TO HANDLE REVIEW OF HIS FILE.

ON FEBRUARY 24, 1976, SC [REDACTED] CONTACTED

[REDACTED] MARYLAND STATE POLICE (MSP), PIKEVILLE, MARYLAND, WHO ADVISED SHE HAD NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE, HIS WIFE, BARBARA MASTERS LAIRD, [REDACTED].

ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, SA [REDACTED] REVIEWED THE COMPUTERIZED MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION RECORDS FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND, GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND, WHICH INDICATED THAT THE APPOINTEE, DATE OF BIRTH, SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, HAD A CLEAR DRIVING RECORD WITH TOTAL CURRENT POINTS OF 2.

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ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, SA [REDACTED] DETERMINED
FROM REVIEW OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION (MVA)
RECORDS, APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED],

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[REDACTED] DID NOT HAVE DRIVER'S LICENSES IN THE STATE OF
MARYLAND. MVA CHECK BY [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT THE
APPOINTEE'S WIFE, BARBARA MASTERS LAIRD, BORN MARCH 9, 1922,
HAD A CLEAR DRIVING RECORD WITH TOTAL CURRENT POINTS OF 0.
THE MVA CHECK REVEALED THAT THE APPOINTEE [REDACTED]

HE APPOINTEE'S

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THE DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX OF INVESTIGATIONS (DCII),
A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) INDEX TO SECURITY, CRIMINAL AND
APPLICANT INVESTIGATIONS ALSO CHECKED THROUGH A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THAT AGENCY BY SA [REDACTED] AT FORT MEADE, MARYLAND.

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ON FEBRUARY 26, 1976, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DCII ADVISED
THAT INFORMATION POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE TO THE APPOINTEE
IS CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE (NIS)
U.S. NAVY, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. ALEXANDRIA WILL HANDLE.

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(Precedence)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND
SAC, CHARLOTTE (161-637)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5232) (P)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976,
WITHOUT FAILRE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1976, AND
WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO CHARLOTTE, FEBRUARY 26, 1976.BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITIOUS
SPECIAL INQUIRY TO BRING UP TO DATE A SPECIAL INQUIRY
CONDUCTED CONCERNING LAIRD IN DECEMBER, 1968. HE IS BEING
CONSIDERED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT
INDICATED.

WFO INVESTIGATION REVEALS LAIRD HAS A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND LAIRD'S [REDACTED]

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Approved: [Handwritten initials]

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LEAD. CHARLOTTE. AT CHAPEL HILL AND CHEROKEE, NORTH
CAROLINA. WILL VERIFY RESIDENCE OF LAIRD
AND SECURE POLICE CHECKS.

SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CINCINNATI (161-1883) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: FEBRUARY
26, 1976

MR. STUBBS
RM. 6821

RE CINCINNATI TELCAL TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 26, 1976.

ON FEBRUARY 26, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CENTRAL INDEX FILES, DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

CLEARANCE OFFICE, DISCO, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED THAT MELVIN
ROBERT LAIRD, SSAN 392-14-5736, IS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CURRENT
CLEARANCES BASED ON A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI
ON JANUARY 2, 1969:

~~SECRET~~ - JANUARY 20, 1976, EMPLOYING AGENCY, PURALATOR,
INCORPORATED, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

~~SECRET~~ - FEBRUARY 28, 1975, EMPLOYING AGENCY, COMMUNICATIONS
SATELITE CORPORATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

~~SECRET~~ - FEBRUARY 6, 1975, EMPLOYING AGENCY, NORTHWEST
AIRLINES, INCORPORATED, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.
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1125PM NITEL FEBRUARY 27, 1976

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 161-5792

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 161-NEW

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR., SPIN, BUDED FEBRUARY 26, 1976.

RE FBIHQ TELE CALL TO MP FEBRUARY 27, 1976.

ON FEBRUARY 27, 1976, [REDACTED]

MAC/CRAF, SECURITY PROGRAM, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS -
ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT
MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, DATE OF BIRTH SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, SOCIAL SECURITY
ACCOUNT NUMBER 392-14-5736 IS PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF THE NORTHWEST
ORIENT AIRLINES BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 27, 1974, AND ON FEBRUARY 6, 1975, HE WAS GRANTED
A ~~SECRET~~ CLEARANCE BY THE CHIEF OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITY, DEFENSE
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT NORTHWEST AIRLINES COMMUNICATES WITH LAIRD
THROUGH THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

READERS DIGEST, 1730 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, SUITE 212, WASHINGTON,
D.C., 20006, TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-223-1642.

INFORMATION REGARDING LAIRD'S ~~SECRET~~ CLEARANCE CAN BE OBTAINED IF
NEEDED THROUGH CHIEF OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITY, DEFENSE CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 1136 WASHINGTON AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT NORTHWEST AIRLINES RECORDS DO NOT SHOW THE TITLE "JUNIOR" AS BEING PART OF LAIRD'S NAME.

[REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 AND HE ADVISED HE DID NOT DESIRE HIS NAME TO BE KEPT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.
END.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-5792)
 FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-3446) (RUC)

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
 SPECIAL INQUIRY
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SC [] caused a search to be made of the
 files of the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) Headquarters,
 and was advised on 3/2/76 that the files contained no record
 concerning the appointee.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Fehl
1 - Mr. Steel
1 - Mr. Doohar

March 4, 1976

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[Redacted]
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]:

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ANS BY: [Redacted] *5/18/77*

In accordance with a request received from you on February 19, 1976, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Melvin Robert Laird. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Laird in 1969, the results of which have been previously furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since January, 1969. *S*

Information has been received indicating checks of the files of the Internal Revenue Service; United States Secret Service; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; and the Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command, have not been completed. When the results of these checks have been received, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: Mr. Laird, aged 53, Senior Counsellor, Reader's Digest, Washington, D. C., is former Secretary of Defense and former Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs. He is being considered for a Presidential appointment, position unknown. Investigation concerning Mr. Laird favorable, except 1971 applicant-type investigation of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. Laird, revealed [REDACTED] of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam in 1970 while attending college. [REDACTED] was arrested on charge of desecration of American flag. Departmental applicant investigation of [REDACTED] in February, 1976, favorable. In addition, Laird [REDACTED]
Four agency checks outstanding.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

DEC 13 1984

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

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The information contained in this summary memorandum supplements information contained in an expanded name check dated November 15, 1984.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the United States Attorney's Office, Baltimore, Maryland, indicating its files contain an index card reference to a case titled [redacted] versus Melvin Laird," and indicates that a "preliminary injunction United States Army" was filed concerning this case on September 29, 1969, and that a petition of habeas corpus was granted. The reference is incomplete; however, it does indicate the attorney handling this matter was J. Frederick Motz, who is the present United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Motz has advised he recalled the case in general terms and believes it involved Mr. Laird as a respondent in his official capacity as Secretary of Defense. Mr. Motz stated that he believes the plaintiff, [redacted] was seeking an early release from the military. Mr. Motz also advised that to his knowledge Mr. Laird was never the subject of a suit filed against him personally.

A check of the records of the United States District Court, Baltimore, Maryland, indicate that 36 separate cases were filed against Mr. Laird, either as Secretary of Defense or in his name. The records also indicate that all 36 cases were filed and dispositions entered prior to 1979. All files concerning these cases have been transferred to the General Services Administration, General Archives Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where a release from a federal district judge is required for access to the files.

George Beall, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland during the late 1960's, was interviewed for information concerning these cases. Mr. Beall advised that to the best of his recollection these cases involved Mr. Laird in his official capacity as Secretary of Defense and were brought by conscientious objectors or those seeking early release from the military. Mr. Beall stated he knew of no cases in which personal suits were brought against Mr. Laird.

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[Signature]

1 - Mr. Fehl
1 - Mr. Steel
1 - Mr. Doohar

March 8, 1976

BY LIAISON

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[Redacted]
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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to my letter dated March 4, 1976, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Mr. Melvin Robert Laird.

Information has been received from the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; United States Secret Service; and the Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command, indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Laird.

A check of the records of the Internal Revenue Service has not been completed. When the results of this check are received, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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(LAIRD)
 MADISON, WIS. (UPI) -- THE MADISON CAPITAL TIMES TODAY REPORTED
 THE STATE IS CONDUCTING SECURITY CHECKS ON FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY
WILLIAM LAIRD, APPARENTLY FOR APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE
 PRESIDENT FORD.
 THE CAPITAL TIMES SAID FORD VIEWED CURRENT SECRETARY OF STATE
 HENRY KISSINGER AS A "POLITICAL LIABILITY IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO WIN THE
 REPUBLICAN NOMINATION" AGAINST RONALD REAGAN.
 THE SECURITY CHECKS WERE BEING CONDUCTED ON LAIRD, AN OLD
 AND HOUSE COLLEAGUE OF FORD'S, IN WASHINGTON AND WISCONSIN, ENTERTAINMENT
 WEEKLY ELLIOTT HARRISS WROTE.
 THE REPORT QUOTED SOURCES AS SAYING FORD WAS ANXIOUS TO "BRING
 LAIRD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN FAVOR OF LAIRD".
 LAIRD, 33, IS NOW A SENIOR COUNSELOR FOR NATIONAL AND
 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR READER'S DIGEST AND HAS BEEN NAMED
 DIRECTOR OF THE PHILLIPS OIL CO.

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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MR. AND MRS. MELVIN R. LAIRD

Mrs. Laird, not further identified, is not known to have been the subject of an investigation conducted by this Bureau.

Melvin R. Laird
Mr. Laird, who you advised is affiliated with The Reader's Digest, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., may be identical with one Melvin Robert Laird, born September 1, 1922, at Omaha, Nebraska. He was the subject of applicant-type investigations conducted by the FBI in late 1968 and 1976. Copies of the FBI summary memoranda dated January 2, 1969, and March 4, 1976, with Internal Revenue Service memorandum dated March 12, 1976, concerning Melvin Robert Laird, are attached.

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The Washington Capital News Service on March 3, 1976, quoted the Madison (Wisconsin) Capital Times as reporting that President Gerald Ford was considering Laird to replace Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and identified Laird as a Senior Counselor for National and International Affairs for The Reader's Digest and a Director of the Phillips Oil Company.

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

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NOTE: Per request of [redacted], for Mr. Robert J. Lipshutz, Counsel to the President.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY-EXPANDED NAME CHECK,
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BORN SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA; RESIDES
5703 KIRKWOOD DRIVE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND; EMPLOYED AT READER'S
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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY-EXPANDED NAME CHECK,
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11/5/84.

REBUTELS TO ALL OFFICES DATED 9/7/82.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE EXPANDED NAME
CHECK OF APPOINTEE FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT
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FOLLOW WITH COPIES OF DOCUMENTS BY AIRTEL. ADDITIONALLY,

ADVISE [REDACTED] SPIN, X4228, IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF
RECORD CHECKS.LAIRD IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS SENIOR COUNSELOR, READER'S
DIGEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.; RESIDES 5703 KIRKWOOD DRIVE,
BETHESDA, MARYLAND; IS DESCRIBED AS BORN SEPTEMBER 1, 1922,
IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA; AND HAS SSAN 392-14-5736.

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Date 11/5/84

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (161B-9468) (RUC) (A-4)

SUBJECT: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
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This communication is classified "~~Secret~~" in its entirety.

Re New York tel to Bureau, dated 11/5/84, and New York
telcal to [redacted] Headquarters, on 11/5/84.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the copies of the following
serials mentioned in re tel:

- 1) Elsur log, dated [redacted]
- 2) WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 2/15/68, entitled
[redacted] IS - PO; OO: WFO;"
- 3) [redacted]
- 4) FD-302 regarding BARRY J. SHILLITO, dated 4/24/81.

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FROM: SAC, WFO [REDACTED] (P)

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Enclosed are five copies for the Bureau and one copy for the New York Office of a self-explanatory LHM dated and captioned as above.

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The source mentioned is [REDACTED]
an established source of WFO.

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WFO indices negative concerning [redacted]

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted]
of age, is an expert in the [redacted]
[redacted]
in this area of study. [redacted]

[redacted] Representative MELVIN R. LAIRD, Congressman
from Wisconsin who is Chairman of the Republican House Conference
Committee [redacted]

A copy of this communication is being furnished
to the New York Office since subject is [redacted]
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investigative interest in a representative of a foreign power.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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[redacted] SOURCE WHO

HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT
HE HAD LEARNED THAT ON THIS DATE, [redacted]

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[redacted]
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[redacted]
HAD A RATHER IMPORTANT MATTER RELATING TO [redacted]

[redacted] PERSONAL ATTENTION.

IN A MEETING WITH [redacted]

[redacted] HAD BEEN ASKED BY

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SOMEONE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHO IS AWARE [redacted]

[redacted] TO SPEAK PERSONALLY [redacted]

[redacted] COULD SUGGEST AS TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE

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[REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HAVING
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD BEEN SPEAKING WITH SECRETARY LAIRD (POSSIBLY
REFERRING TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN LAIRD), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO COULD GIVE HER HIS VIEWS
INFORMALLY.

SOURCE REPORTED LEARNING THAT [REDACTED] WILL
[REDACTED] AT HIS RESIDENCE ON THE EVENING OF THIS
DATE FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM, PERHAPS FOR
TOMORROW.

SOURCE LEARNED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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SOURCE MENTIONED IS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COMMUNICATION CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET DASH NO FOREIGN~~
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Barry J. Shillito, Chairman, Telodyne-International,
1501 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 900, Arlington, Virginia, tele-
phone number 703-522-2550, whose principal residence is
in San Diego, California, office address of 3701 Hartford
Street, San Diego, California, telephone number 714-291-
7311, home telephone number 714-227-4313, was interviewed
regarding the government's purchase of titanium in 1972.
Shillito thereafter furnished the following information:

Shillito was allowed to read two letters - the
first letter from Senators Alan Bible and Howard W. Cannon
to Melvin R. Laird, dated December 22, 1971, and a letter
from himself to Senator Alan Bible, dated January 8, 1972,
and after reading the communications he advised that he
had no specific recollection of either receiving the
Senators' letter or responding to it. He advised that
as a matter of practice when Congressional letters were
received concerning stockpiles the letters would have been
directed to Vice-Admiral Eli T. Reich, who at the time was
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and
had responsibility for matters concerning the stockpiling of
strategic materials.

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Shillito advised that in any matter involving one
of the four Senate committees that his office constantly
did business with he would have become involved. Concern-
ing the subject matter of the Senators' letter, he more
than likely would have discussed the subject matter with
Vice-Admiral Reich and then would have made recommendations.
He recalls that at the time that he had been doing a lot
of work on matters concerning the stockpiles, an area that
consumed a significant amount of his time.

Specifically, in regards to his January 8, 1972,
letter, he advised that he has no specific recollection
of having talked to [redacted].
He did advise that obviously his office did take action
as a result of the Senators' letter by his staff making
some phone calls.

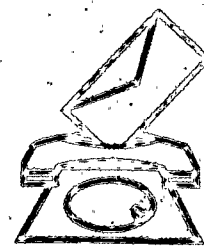
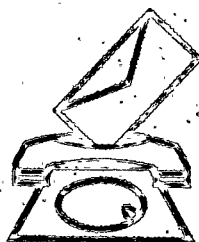
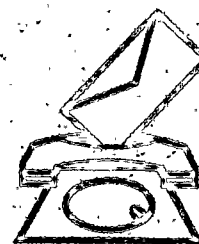
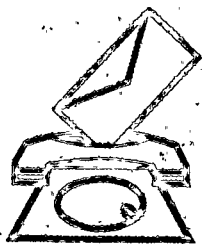
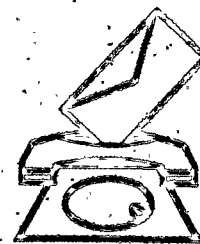
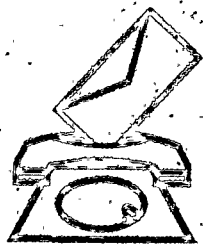
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by SA [redacted] pag 4 Date dictated 4/27/81

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN-EXPANDED NAME CHECK, BUDED: PAST

REFERENCE BUREAU TEL TO NEW YORK, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1984.

A REVIEW OF ELSUR INDICES ON NOVEMBER 2, 1984 BY [REDACTED]
AND A REVIEW OF ELSUR LOGS BY [REDACTED] REFLECTS MELVIN
LAIRD'S NAME. NEW YORK WILL FORWARD COPY OF ELSUR LOG TO BUREAU BY
AIRTEL.

A REVIEW OF NEW YORK GENERAL INDICES ON NOVEMBER 2, 1984, AND
FILE REVIEW ON NOVEMBER 3, 1984 BY [REDACTED] REVEALED THE

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FOLLOWING REGARDING MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD:

NEW YORK FILE 161-2698, CAPTIONED "MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, JR;
SPIN", DATED DECEMBER 23, 1968, IS IDENTICAL TO CAPTIONED SUBJECT. X

NEW YORK FILE [REDACTED] RECLASSIFIED INTO [REDACTED] CAPTIONED
[REDACTED] IS-PO; WFO; BUREAU FILE [REDACTED]; DATED
FEBRUARY 15, 1968. FILE REFLECTS THAT MELVIN R. LAIRD, A CONGRESS-
MAN FROM WISCONSIN WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN HOUSE
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, SELECTED ONE [REDACTED] FOR A POSITION WITH
THIS COMMITTEE. LAIRD IS ALSO A FRIEND OF [REDACTED] COPY WILL BE
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NEW YORK FILE [REDACTED], CAPTIONED "[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DATED [REDACTED]; BUREAU FILE
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ISIS, NYO, CHECKED BY [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER 5, 1984, 4
AND REVEALED NEW YORK FILE 194-127 SUB B-96, CAPTIONED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] ET AL". COPY

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Date 11/13/84

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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FROM: *11/13* ADIC, NEW YORK (161B-*2678*) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
 SPIN - EXPANDED NAME CHECK

Reference New York airtel to Bureau, dated 11/5/84 and Bureau telephone call to New York, 11/13/84.

A review of the enclosures mentioned in reference airtel and files did not reflect any derogatory information regarding captioned subject.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN, BUDED: PAST

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RE BUREAU PHONE CALL OF [REDACTED] TO BALTIMORE ON NOVEMBER 13, 1984.

Room 5155

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, [REDACTED], DOCKETING, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, ADVISED ACCORDING TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THEIR DOCKET CARD, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD RESIDED AT 5703 KIRKWOOD DRIVE, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND, DURING 1969. NO OTHER IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED.

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[redacted] President

The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]:

in accordance with a request received from you on
October 25, 1984, an expanded name check has been conducted
concerning Mr. Melvin Robert Laird.

Enclosed is a summary memorandum containing the results
of this expanded name check.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

✓ Enclosure

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NOTE: Request for expanded name check received October 25, 1984,
from [redacted] the White House. Mr. Laird is currently
employed as Senior Counselor, National and International Affairs,
Reader's Digest Association, Incorporated, Washington, D. C. The
expanded name check is complete and ostensibly favorable. The
records of the United States Attorney's Office in Baltimore,
Maryland, reveal that Mr. Laird was the subject of a preliminary
injunction brought by the United States Army in 1970, and that a
petition of habeas corpus was granted. No additional information
is available as the Baltimore United States Attorney's Office
destroys its records after ten years.

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On November 15, 1984, [redacted] the White House Security Office, was advised by SSA [redacted] of the above information, and after consultation with [redacted] [redacted] to the President, indicated that no additional inquiries were necessary concerning the matter referred to by the records in the Baltimore United States Attorney's Office.

It is noted this expanded name check was delayed in being submitted due to voluminous files at FBIHQ which had to be reviewed concerning Mr. Laird and issues raised by the New York and Baltimore Divisions which required additional contacts with those divisions.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

Summary

This summary memorandum contains the results of an expanded name check concerning Mr. Melvin Robert Laird, who was born on September 1, 1922, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the United States Attorneys' Offices in Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D. C., where Mr. Laird currently resides and is employed, indicating their civil and criminal files contain no record concerning him, except the following:

A search of the docket records of the United States Attorney's Office in Baltimore, Maryland, disclosed that Melvin Robert Laird residing at 5703 Kirkwood Drive, Chevy Chase, Maryland, was the subject of a preliminary injunction brought by the United States Army in 1970, and that a petition of habeas corpus was granted. A representative of the United States Attorney's Office advised that no other information is available because records are only maintained for ten years and the records in question have been destroyed.

Central files at FBI Headquarters and in the Baltimore and Washington Field Offices, including the files of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Laird.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: 11/28/84 WITH-
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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE LIMITED
INQUIRY OF LAIRD.

LAIRD WAS RECENTLY THE SUBJECT OF AN EXPANDED NAME CHECK.
DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED INDICATING
LAIRD WAS THE SUBJECT OF A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION BROUGHT BY THE
U. S. ARMY IN 1970.

BALTIMORE IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW COURT RECORDS OF
APPROPRIATE U. S. DISTRICT COURT TO DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING INJUNCTION AND FINAL ADJUDICATION OF CASE.

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MELVIN LAIRD, ETC., ET AL:: V. DANIEL WEBSTER BAILEY 71-49H;
V. MICHAEL JJ. BAYLOR 70-480-T; V. WILLIAM T. CAIRE 21183/84 C.D.;
VV. SHAWN R. CLEMENTS, ETC. 70-1414-T; V. LT. DOUGLAS W. DONIQIAN
20084/83; V. WILLIAM J. FARLEY, JR. 72-776-K, V. WILLIAM J. FARLEY,
JR. 72-70-K; V. LT. LOUIS P. FONT, ETC. 70-716-H; V. EDWARD G. FOX,
ETC. 70-1079-K.

MELVIN LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: V. CHARLES R. GOSHEN 70-1264T.

MELVIN LAIRD, ETC., ET AL: V. STEVEN GROSSMAN 21429/85; V.
DANIEL C. HLOPICK, IN THE MATTER OF 71-687-K-CIVIL; V. DANIEL S.
HLOPICKK 70-1275 K; V. RICHARD A. HOLUS 70-831K.

MELVIN LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: V. WILLIAM F. JEMISON
71-215M.

MELVIN LAIRD, ETC. ET AL: V. ANDREW F. KEIL, ETC. 70-25-K;
V. JEFFREY HUGH KOENIG, IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION ON BEHALF OF
72-1232-H.

MELVIN LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL: V. ROBERT K. LANE,
FIRST LT., ETC 70-1030K; V. HAYDEN I. LIPP 70-1479M.

MELVIN LAIRD, ETC., ET AL: V. LOIS H. LOVE, ET AL 71-915-M;
V. BARRY A. LURIE 72-162-B; BARRY A. LURIE 72-74-B; V. CAPT. JAMES
MARSALIS, JR. 70-1458W; V. PRIVATE MICHAEL G. MCGEHEE 70-287-K;

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V. CAPT. JJOSEPH MCGRADY 70-1169H.

MELVIN LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL: V. THOMAS W. MOORE 70-967-N; V. DAVID J. OLSON 71-165K; V. EVERETT A. OSBOURNE 70-897T; V. WILLIAM A. PECKAT 70-1175W; V. HARRY E. RIEHL 70-1306T; V. LLOYD A. SAGER 71-1371Y.

HON. MELVIN LAIRD, ETC, ET AL: V. JOHN V. SIGLER 71-635T; V. ROBERT M. D. TALFORD 20113/84 C.D.; V. U.S.A., ETC. 20719/82; LLOYD UNVERFERTH IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF, ET AL 71-681-K- CIVIL; V. CARLISE D. PATNODE, ETC. 70-98-H.

LEAD: PHILADELPHIA: AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA: CONSULT FILES, DETERMINE DISPOSITION, NATURE OF ACTION TAKEN AGAINST LAIRD AND INASMUCH AS BALTIMORE HAS NO ADDITIONAL LEADS OUTSTANDING, BALTIMORE CONSIDERS THIS MATTER RUC.

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED] ROOM 5158, SPIN UNIT

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN; BUDED: NOVEMBER 28, 1984.

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, OCTOBER 31, 1984; BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 23, 1984, AND BUREAU TELCALL OF ZACH LOWE TO SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 30, 1984.

AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, OCTOBER 31, 1984, U.S. ATTORNEY'S RECORDS ARE LIMITED, CONSISTING OF A 3X5 CARD AND DOCKET FORM. THE 3X5 CARD REFLECTS THE NAME MELVIN LAIRD, A CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND ADDRESS, A U.S. ATTORNEY'S FILE NUMBER 66203, COURT NUMBER 20719, THE NAME RICHARD R. LOHMEYER VS. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CARD APPEARS ~~U.S. ATTORNEY PRELIMINARY IN JUNCTION~~ SEPTEMBER 28, 1969, AND THE INITIALS JFM WHICH ARE THE INITIALS OF THE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HANDLING INSTANT MATTER. THE DOCKET

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get records from
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FORM ALSO INDICATES THE SAME USA FILE NUMBER 66203 AND REFLECTS A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND THAT A PETITION OF HABEAS CORPUS WAS GRANTED, HOWEVER, DOES NOT MENTION THE NAME MELVIN LAIRD. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE INITIALS JFM BELONG TO J. FREDERICK MOTZ, WHO IS THE CURRENT U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.

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J. FREDERICK MOTZ WAS CONTACTED ON DECEMBER 3, 1984, BY SSA

[REDACTED] AND HE ADVISED HE RECALLED IN GENERAL TERMS THE CASE REFERRED TO ABOVE. HE ADVISED TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, THAT THE CASE INVOLVED LAIRD AS A RESPONDENT IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE THEN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, LAIRD WAS NEVER THE SUBJECT OF A SUIT FILED AGAINST HIM PERSONALLY. MOTZ ADVISED THAT GEORGE BEALL, THE U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND IN THE LATE 1960S, WOULD PROBABLY BE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE CASE INVOLVING LAIRD AND THE BASIS FOR THOSE MATTERS.

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ON DECEMBER 3, 1984, GEORGE BEALL WAS CONTACTED BY SSA [REDACTED] AND HE ADVISED THAT HE RECALLED NUMEROUS CASES WHEREIN MELVIN LAIRD WAS A RESPONDENT. HE ADVISED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, IN EVERY INSTANCE, LAIRD WAS RESPONDENT IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. BEALL COULD NOT RECALL ANY INSTANCES OF PERSONAL SUITS BROUGHT AGAINST LAIRD DURING HIS TENURE AS U.S. ATTORNEY.

BT Beall advised to be of his recollection were
conclusion objective of those matters.
Beall advised -

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED], ROOM 5158

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN; BUDED: NOVEMBER 28, 1984. TL 231

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DECEMBER 3, 1984.

AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE ONE OF REFERENCED TELETYPE SHOULD READ
AS FOLLOWS: "AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CARD APPEARS PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
U.S. ARMY SEPTEMBER 29, 1969,". ALL THAT PROCEEDS AND FOLLOWS THIS
CHANGE IS CORRECT.

MR. GEORGE BEALL, DURING HIS INTERVIEW, ALSO ADVISED THAT TO
THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, EVERY CASE WHERE LAIRD WAS A
RESPONDENT WAS A MATTER INVOLVING CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS AND OR
INDIVIDUALS DESIRING EARLY RELEASE FROM THE SERVICE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/5/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/27-28/84
TITLE OF CASE MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY CMC
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Baltimore dated 11/23/84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The provisions of the Privacy Act were explained to interviewees. Those requesting confidentiality have been noted.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 12/5/84

Office: BALTIMORE

Field Office File #: 161-4588

Bureau File #:

Title: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, 36 cases
filed v. LAIRD. Records housed in Philadelphia.

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DETAILS:

Review of U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, docket indices, on 11/27/84, reveals 36 separate cases were filed against LAIRD, either in his capacity as Ex-secretary of Defense, or in his name. All 36 were filed and dispositions entered prior to 1979. Two sample docket records were examined. Docket solely provides date of complaint and date of disposition. No pertinent information re nature of case is noted. Files for each case below-listed have been shipped from Baltimore to General Services Administration, General Archives Division (National Archives and Records Service), 9th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Melvin Laird, etc., et al: V. Daniel Webster Bailey 71-49H; V. Michael J. Baylor 70-480-T; V. William T. Caire 21183/84 C.D.; V. Shawn R. Clements, etc. 70-1414-T; V. Lt. Douglas W. Doniqian 20084/83; V. William J. Farley, Jr. 72-776-K, V. William J. Farley, Jr., 72-70-K; V. Lt. Louis P. Font, Etc. 70-716-H; V. Edward G. Fox, Etc. 70-1079-K.

Melvin Laird, Secretary of Defense: V. Charles R. Goshen 70-126T.

Melvin Laird, etc., et al: V. Steven Grossman 21429/85; V. Daniel C. Hlopick, in the matter of 71-687-K-Civil; V. Daniel S. Hlopick 70-1275K; V. Richard A. Holus 70-831K.

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Melvin Laird, Secretary of Defense: V. William F. Jemison 71-215M.

Melvin Laird, etc. et al: V. Andrew F. Keil, etc. 70-25-K; W. Jeffrey Hugh Koenig, in the matter of the petition on behalf of 72-1232-H.

Melvin Laird, Secretary of Defense, et al: V. Robert K. Lane, First Lt., etc 70-1030K; V. Hayden I. Lipp 70-1479M.

Melvin Laird, etc., et al: V. Lois H. Love, et al 71-915-M; V. Barry A. Lurie 72-162-B; Barry A. Lurie 72-74-B; V. Capt. James Marsalis, Jr. 70-1458W; V. Private Michael G. McGehee 70-287-K; V. Capt. Joseph McGrady 70-1169H.

Melvin Laird, Secretary of Defense, et al: V. Thomas W. Moore 70-967-N; V. David J. Olson 71-165K; V. Everett A. Osbourne 70-897T; V. William A. Peckat 70-1175M; V. Harry E. Riehl 70-1306T; V. Lloyd A. Sager 71-1371Y.

Hon. Melvin Laird, etc., et al: V. John V. Sigler 71-635T; V. Robert M. D. Talford 20113/84 C.D.; V. U.S.A., etc. 20719/82; Lloyd Unverferth in the matter of the application of, et al 71-681-K-Civil; V. Carlise D. Patnode, etc. 70-98-H.

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Date 12/11/84

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (161B-1272) (SQ11) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD
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Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau, 11/28/84, Philadelphia telcall to Bureau 11/29/84 and Bureau telcall to Philadelphia, 12/3/84.

Since referenced Bureau telephone call advised to discontinue investigation requested in referenced teletype, this case is being considered RUC'd.

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BY COURIER

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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[redacted] President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]:

Reference is made to the results of an expanded name check concerning Mr. Melvin Robert Laird which was provided to you on November 15, 1984.

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As a result of the information contained in this expanded name check a request was received from [redacted] to the President, on November 20, 1984, that a limited inquiry be conducted concerning Mr. Laird.

Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

161-5772-87
Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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NOTE: Expanded name check provided to the White House on 11-15-84, contained information that Laird was the subject of a preliminary injunction brought against him in 1970. On 11-20-84, [redacted] President, requested a limited inquiry concerning this matter. A check of United States District Court records revealed 36 cases concerning Laird, however the files are in storage and require a release from a judge to gain access. On 11-30-84, [redacted] informed the FBI that it was not necessary to provide details of suits naming Laird in his official capacity. Records of the United States Attorney's Office, Baltimore, Maryland, contained a file card

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An Applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1984 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 [redacted] at the White House.

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Melvin Robert Laird

dated 9-29-69, concerning the above mentioned case but contained no additional information. J. Frederick Motz, United States Attorney for Maryland (U.S. Attorney for MD.), stated he handled the case and recalled it in general terms. Motz stated the case involved Laird in his official capacity as Secretary of Defense. George Beall, U. S. Attorney for MD. during the 1960's stated all such cases brought against Laird were in his official capacity as Secretary of Defenses, and involved conscientious objectors or those seeking early release from the military. Neither Motz nor Beall knew of any cases filed against Laird personally. Investigation is complete.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

The information contained in this summary memorandum supplements information contained in an expanded name check dated November 15, 1984.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the United States Attorney's Office, Baltimore, Maryland, indicating its files contain an index card reference to a case titled "Richard R. Lohmeyer versus Melvin Laird," and indicates that a "preliminary injunction United States Army" was filed concerning this case on September 29, 1969, and that a petition of habeas corpus was granted. The reference is incomplete; however, it does indicate the attorney handling this matter was J. Frederick Motz, who is the present United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Motz has advised he recalled the case in general terms and believes it involved Mr. Laird as a respondent in his official capacity as Secretary of Defense. Mr. Motz stated that he believes the plaintiff, Mr. Lohmeyer, was seeking an early release from the military. Mr. Motz also advised that to his knowledge Mr. Laird was never the subject of a suit filed against him personally.

A check of the records of the United States District Court, Baltimore, Maryland, indicate that 36 separate cases were filed against Mr. Laird, either as Secretary of Defense or in his name. The records also indicate that all 36 cases were filed and dispositions entered prior to 1979. All files concerning these cases have been transferred to the General Services Administration, General Archives Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where a release from a federal district judge is required for access to the files.

George Beall, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland during the late 1960's, was interviewed for information concerning these cases. Mr. Beall advised that to the best of his recollection these cases involved Mr. Laird in his official capacity as Secretary of Defense and were brought by conscientious objectors or those seeking early release from the military. Mr. Beall stated he knew of no cases in which personal suits were brought against Mr. Laird.

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD, SPIN. BUDED: NOVEMBER 1, 1984, WOF.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, OCTOBER 26, 1984.

BALTIMORE INDICES CHECK INCLUDING ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ AND ELSUR
DISCLOSED NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE.

ON OCTOBER 29, 1984, [REDACTED] DOCKETING, UNITED
STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, ADVISED THAT A
CHECK OF THEIR RECORDS DISCLOSED THAT MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD WAS
THE SUBJECT OF A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION BY THE U.S. ARMY IN
1970. A PETITION OF HABEAS ^{AS} CORPUS WAS GRANTED. NO OTHER
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ONLY
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REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES, DATED

10/26/84

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE
THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

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ISIS SEARCHED 10/29/84, BY CLERK

NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD OBTAINED.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On 10/30/84, IA [] caused a search to be made of the pending and closed cases of the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. District Courthouse, and was advised by the following individuals that no identifiable record could be located regarding the appointee

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD

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MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD; SPIN B-EXPANDED NAME CHECK; BUDED:
8/24/87.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE EXPANDED
NAME CHECK OF LAIRD FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, AS MEMBER,
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON PRIVATIZATION.

BORN SEPTEMBER 1, 1922, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, RESIDES
5703 KIRKWOOD DRIVE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND, AND IS EMPLOYED AS
SENIOR COUNSELLOR, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, READERS
DIGEST ASSOCIATION, 1730 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NORTHWEST, SUITE
212, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND HAS SSAN: 392-14-5736.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUESTED AT THIS TIME;
HOWEVER, SUBMIT RESULTS BY BUDED BY SUMMARY TELETYPE, NO
REPORT NECESSARY.

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Subject Land, Melvin Robert

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U.S. Attorney's Office
555 4th Street, N.W.
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On August 19, 1987, IA [] caused a search to be made of the pending and closed cases of the Special Prosecution, Trial and Grand Jury Divisions of the above agency. [] advised that no identifiable record could be located regarding the appointee, MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD.

On August 19, 1987, IA [] caused a search to be made of the pending and closed cases of the Civil Division of the above agency. [] advised that no identifiable record could be located regarding the appointee. It should be noted that the index system of the Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, contains only names of plaintiffs, except in civil actions brought by the United States against a particular defendant. Suits against Government employees who are represented by the U.S. Attorney would be filed by plaintiff's name and docket number.

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ATTN: [REDACTED] ROOM 1B035

MELVIN ROBERT LAIRD; SPIN-EXPANDED NAME CHECK; BUDED;

AUGUST 24, 1987

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES, DATED
AUGUST 17, 1987; BALTIMORE REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]
DATED DECEMBER 5, 1984; BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED
DECEMBER 3, 1984.

ON AUGUST 20, 1987, [REDACTED] CLERK, U.S.
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF MD, ADVISED HER FILES
REVEALED NO CURRENT OR PASSED PROSECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS
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ON AUGUST 19, 1987, A SEARCH OF BALTIMORE'S GENERAL,

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND WFO
FROM ALEXANDRIA (9-NEW)

JURGEN SHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM. EXTORTION.
Office of Origin
OO SPRINGFIELD.

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, PENTAGON, ARLINGTON,
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VA., ADVISED THAT THE DEPT. OF DEFENSE MAIL DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A LETTER
ADDRESSED, "SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WASHINGTON, D. C." ON MAY TWELVE
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DRESS WAS SHOWN AS JURGEN SHMIDT, ONE NINE ONE FOUR WASHINGTON AVENUE,
ALTON, ILL., AND READ AS FOLLOWS, "TO THE DEFENSE YOU I AM GOING TO KILL
YOU SONABITCH I AM GOING TO KILL YOU SOON. I AM THREATING YOU WITH YOUR
LIFE"

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TELETYPE TO: [REDACTED]
MAY 21 1969

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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[] WAS ADVISED BY SECRET SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., THAT THEY HAVE A FILE UNDER SUBJECT'S NAME INVOLVING NUMEROUS THREATS TO PROMINENT PERSONS SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. SUBJECT HAS SPENT TIME IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION AND WAS LAST INTERVIEWED BY SECRET SERVICE IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE WRITTEN A THREATENING LETTER TO SECRET SERVICE IN ST. LOUIS, MO., THEIR FILES DESCRIBED THE SUBJECT AS WHITE MALE, ^{DATE OF BIRTH} ~~DOB~~ NOV. NINE, FORTY IN GERMANY, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES AND AN ALIEN.

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^{ILLINOIS} [] ^{SECRETARY} ADVISED THAT ~~SEC.~~ OF DEFENSE LAIRD IS GOING TO CHICAGO, ~~ILL.~~, ON FRIDAY, MAY SIXTEEN NEXT TO ARRIVE FOUR P.M. HE WILL GO TO THE "CHICAGO SUN TIMES DAILY NEWS" BUILDING FOR ONE HOUR AND PROCEED TO THE CONRAD HILTON HOTEL WHERE THE IMPERIAL SUITE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR HIM. HE WILL ATTEND A SIX FIFTY P.M. RECEPTION AND A SEVEN THIRTY P.M. DINNER AT THE HOTEL AND WILL DEPART CHICAGO ABOUT TEN THIRTY P.M. MAY SIXTEEN NEXT BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM MIDWAY FIELD TO WASHINGTON, DC
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PROVOST MARSHALS OFFICE

COL. ZAICE OF THE PMO, FIRST MILITARY POLICE DETACHMENT (CI), OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL, FORRESTAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO HANDLE SEC. LAIRD'S SECURITY WHILE IN CHICAGO IN VIEW OF SHMIDT'S THREAT.

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[] HAS REQUESTED THAT HE BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS OF BUREAU INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO FRIDAY, MAY SIXTEEN NEXT, SO THAT HIS OFFICE CAN TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF SEC. LAIRD.

SPRINGFIELD AT ALTON, ILL., WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT CONCERNING EXTORTION LETTER. WILL SUTEL CHICAGO RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION SO THAT THEY CAN RELAY IMMEDIATELY TO COL. ZAICE.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MO., WILL CONTACT SECRET SERVICE CONCERNING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THEM CONCERNING SUBJECT AND SUTEL RESULTS TO SPRINGFIELD.

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WFO AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL CONTACT SA [], SECRET
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SERVICE, WHO HAS REPORTEDLY A VOLUMINOUS FILE CONCERNING PREVIOUS
THREATS MADE BY SUBJECT AND SUTEL RESULTS TO SPRINGFIELD.

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CHICAGO WILL UPON RECEIPT OF REQUESTED INVESTIGATION ADVISE COL.
ZAICE SO THAT HE WILL BE AWARE OF SUBJECT'S STATUS AND WHEREABOUTS.

ALEXANDRIA AT ARLINGTON, VA., WILL ADVISE [REDACTED] UPON RECEIPT
OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AND FORWARD LETTER TO ^{LABORATORY} LAB.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF THE NATURE
OF THE THREAT TO SEC. LAIRD.

END

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FBI WASH DC*

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CC-MR. ROSEN

Mr Conrad

May 14, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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This case involves a threatening letter addressed to Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C., wherein Jurgen Shmidt stated he was going to kill the Secretary of Defense and going to kill him soon. Shmidt, according to [redacted]


[redacted] Physical Security, Pentagon, is known to Secret Service and has threatened prominent persons in the past.

Shmidt has previously been committed as mental patient to mental hospitals and court appointed psychiatrist classified him as a psychotic. Springfield attempting to locate Shmidt for interview.


JDP:mfd







1-Mr. Hegvold

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Alexandria (9-NEW)**Date: **May 23, 1969**

Re:

**JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
et al.
EXTORTION
OO: SPRINGFIELD**Examination requested by: **Alexandria, Bureau**

Reference:

Airtel dated 5/15/69

Examination requested:

**Bulet dated 5/20/69
Document**

Remarks:

JURGEN SCHMIDT was the subject of a prior Springfield investigation under Springfield file number 9-1065 and Bufile #9-39711.**Enclosures (4) (Q1, Q2, 2 Lab report)
2-Springfield (9-1464) Enclosures (6) (Q3-Q6, 2 Lab report)
1-St. Louis Enclosure (Lab report)
1-Washington Field Office Enclosure (Lab report)
1-Chicago (9-5390) Enclosure (Lab report)
1-Bufile (9-39711)**

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MAY 23 1969

COMM-FBI

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DeLoach _____
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Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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Rosen _____
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Alexandria (9-NEW)

Date:

May 23, 1969

FBI File No.

9-49576

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Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
et al.
EXTORTION

Specimens received

5/16/69 from Alexandria

Q1 Envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 1969 MAY 10 AM," bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of Defense Washington D. C."

Q2 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "To The Defense..." ending "...with your life..."

Specimens received 5/20/69 from Springfield

Q3 Yellow envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 19 AM 1969" bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of the Navy Washington D. C."

Q4 Yellow ruled paper bearing the handwritten letter beginning "Sir: I am going to kill" ending "...going to kill you..."

Q5 Blue envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 19 AM 1969" bearing handwritten address "Secretary of Interior Washington D.C."

Q6 Blue ruled paper bearing the handwritten letter beginning "Sir" I am going to kill you unless you Pay" ending "...to kill you Sir..."

Result of examination:

It was determined that the "Jurgen Schmidt" signatures appearing in the return address area on the Q1, Q3 and Q5 envelopes were written by JURGEN SCHMIDT, FBI#807989D, whose known writing consists of signatures on fingerprint cards.

Q1 and Q2 are returned herewith to Alexandria. Q3 through Q6 are forwarded with copies of this report to Springfield. Appropriate photographs of this material are retained.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
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Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
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Sullivan _____
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Tele. Room _____
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AEH:EKD (9) ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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5/19/69
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **JURGEN SCHMIDT;**
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM ; ETAL
EXTORTION

File # **9-49576-3**
Lab. # **D-690519004** **ATJ/B**

L A T E N T

SPRINGFIELD

Examination requested by: **ALEXANDRIA (9-NEW)**

A. 5/15/69

Examination requested: **Document** ~~**Fingerprints**~~

Date received: **5/16/69**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Bohn**

*Det. "Jurgen Schmidt" signs in return
addresses Q1, Q3 & Q5 envelopes written
by Jurgen Schmidt, FBI # 807989D.*

*Submitted HRA (H) D.C. Sec. White House, Mo. Ky. Ind. - added
5-21-69
mm*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 1969 MAY 10 AM,"
bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of Defense
Washington D.C."
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"To The Defense..." ending "...with your life."

*T.F. Schmidt subj of prior SI invt. SI# 9-1065
Bufile 9-39711
Q3 → Q6 forwarded to SI*

Returns Q1 & Q2

- 2 - Springfield (9-1464)
1 - St Louis
1 - WFO
1 - Chicago (9-5390)

*Q3 → Q6
1 yellow 9-39711*

*LAB
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5/23/69
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FBI
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FBI# 807 989D

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Jurgen Schmidt

↓ Id.

Q1
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Q5 } envelopes Jurgen Schmidt
(Return address)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL,
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR - VICTIM;
JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM;

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Relet to SI

Examination requested by: Springfield (9-1464) 5/20/69 Extortion OO: SPRINGFIELD

Examination requested: /Document-~~Fingerprint~~

Date received: 5/20/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: HEGVOLD

See 0690519004

Specimens submitted for examination

- Yellow*
- Q3 Envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 19 AM 1969" bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of the Navy Washington D. C." Yellow ruled paper bearing the
- Q4 Handwritten letter beginning "Sir: I am going to kill" ending "...going to kill you...."
- Q5 Blue envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 19 AM 1969" bearing handwritten address "Secretary of Interior Washington D.C."
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- Q6 Blue ruled paper bearing the letter beginning "Sir: I am going to kill you unless you Pay" ending "...to kill you Sir..."

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Date: 5/15/69

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(Attn: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (9-NEW) (P) 7 9 6

SUBJECT: JURGEN SHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

690519004

OO: SPRINGFIELD

Re Alexandria teletype to Bureau, Springfield,
St. Louis, and WFO dated 5/13/69.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following:

- 1) Envelope addressed to Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C., postmarked Alton, Illinois, 5/10/69, showing return addressee as JURGEN SHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois and one copy of same.

The envelope has a stamped impression on the back, showing that it was received by the Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense on 5/13/69, at 8:38 a.m.

2) Extortion letter and one copy of same.

- 3) Bureau (Encls. 4)
- 1-Springfield (Info)
 - 1-St. Louis (Info)
 - 1-WFO (Info)
 - 2-Alexandria

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

Per _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-11-81 BY SP-5 JMS/STP

 ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
 12/3/00

AX 9-NEW

On 5/13/69, [redacted] Security Office, Department of Defense, Pentagon, advised that the writing in pencil on the face of the envelope, [redacted] was written in by the Mail Department at the Pentagon.

The Laboratory is requested to compare this letter with any possible previously submitted items under this subject's name as well as a search for comparison with other previously submitted items.

SAC, Springfield (9-1464)

May 20, 1969

Director, FBI

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CHARGED;
JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL,
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR - VICTIM;
JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: SPRINGFIELD

690521001

The title of this case is marked "Changed" to include two additional victims, Walter J. Hickel and John H. Chafee.

Through established liaison channels, Secret Service has transmitted to the Bureau two additional threatening letters, one of which is directed to the Secretary of the Navy and the other to the Secretary of the Interior. Both of these letters are postmarked May 10, 1969, at Alton, Illinois, and bear a return address of Jurgen Schmidt, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois.

There is enclosed herewith for each receiving office xerox copies and true copies of the above-described threatening letters together with a xerox copy of the envelope in which they were mailed.

The above-described letters have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination, and you will be advised of the results of same separately.

The Springfield Division is instructed to present the facts concerning the above two described letters to appropriate U. S. Attorney for his prosecutive opinion. Springfield should submit results of investigation including prosecutive opinion in a form suitable for dissemination by 6-6-69.

Enclosures - 10

- 1 - Chicago (9-5390) (Enclosures - 10) (Info)
- 1 - Alexandria (Enclosures - 10) (Info)
- 1 - WFO (Enclosures - 10) (Info)

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SEE NOTE PAGE 2

INDEX-LAB FILES

NOTE:

Jurgen Schmidt has been arrested several times for Extortion. He is in the habit of mailing threatening-type letters to prominent persons. He is well known to the Bureau and the Secret Service. On May 10, 1969, the subject directed a threatening letter from Alton, Illinois, to the Secretary of Defense, Melvin R. Laird. Prosecution was authorized concerning the letter directed to Secretary Laird and the subject was arrested on May 15, 1969. He admits sending the letters.

Secret Service furnished two additional letters to other cabinet members to the Bureau, also threatening in nature. Springfield has been instructed to secure prosecutive opinion concerning these additional letters.

Laboratory should advise interested offices results of examination.

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5/19/69
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

File # 9-49576-3
Lab. # D-690519004 AT

L A T E N T

SPRINGFIELD

Examination requested by: ALEXANDRIA (2-NEW)

A. 5/15/69

Examination requested: Document ~~Fingerprint~~

Date received: 5/16/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Bohn

Return evid to AX - abt 5/22/69

*Photos
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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 1969 MAY 10 AM," bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of Defense Washington D.C."
- Q2 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "To The Defense..." ending "...with your life."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT; LATENT
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL,
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR - VICTIM;
JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM;

File #
Lab. #

9-49576-3
D-590521001 JB

Examination requested by: Springfield (9-1464) 5/20/69 Extortion OO: SPRINGFIELD

Examination requested: /Document-Fingerprint

Date received: 5/20/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: HEGVOLD

Forward Q 3 → Q 6 to SI - AEF 5/22/69

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Specimens submitted for examination

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ENCLOSURE

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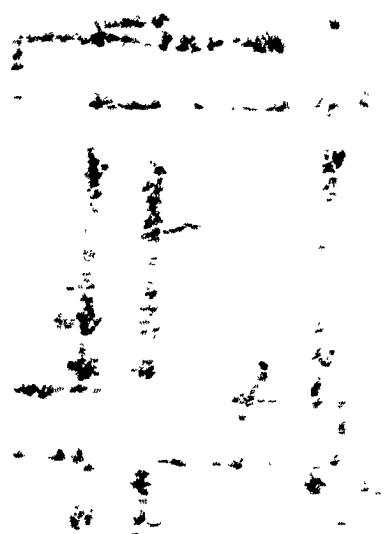
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Schmidt Jorgen

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

SEX

Male

RACE

White

HT. (INCHES)

5'9"

WT.

175

DATE OF BIRTH

11-9-40

HAIR

Brown

EYES

Blue

FBI No.

807-989-1

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

Jorgen Schmidt

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS

UNITED STATES MARSHAL
FEDERAL BUILDING
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

ALIASES

RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

819 Keebler, Collinsville, IL

OCCUPATION

Gracery Clerk

CONTRIBUTOR'S NO.

275

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PLACE OF BIRTH

Hamburg, Germany

CITIZENSHIP

GERMAN

DATE

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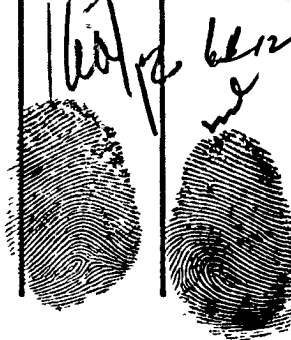


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CURRENT ARREST OR RECEIPT

**DATE ARRESTED
OR RECEIVED**

4-7-62

CHARGE OR OFFENSE

(If code citation is used it should be accompanied by charge)

Extortion

DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE

(Include ONLY FINAL dispositions)

FOR INSTITUTIONS USE ONLY

Sentence expires

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IDENT. DIV. 48

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Schmidt

Jurgen

SEX male

FBI No.

807-989-D

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

RACE white

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS

ALIASES

HT. (IN.) 5'9" WT. 180

DATE OF BIRTH 11/9/40

HAIR blond EYES blue

Jurgen Schmidt

UNITED STATES MARSHAL
FEDERAL BUILDING
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

330 N. Seuro, Collinsville, Ill.

OCCUPATION

stock clerk

ARREST NUMBER

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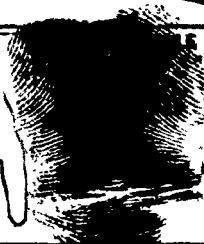
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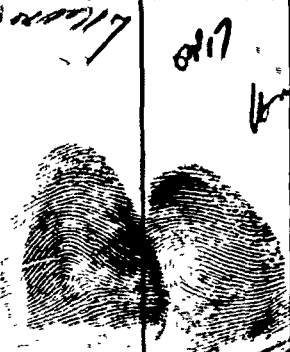


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CURRENT ARREST OR RECEIPT

DATE ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE OR OFFENSE	DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE
1/10/63	EXTORTION (writing threatening communication)	

CRIMINAL HISTORY

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION

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Send copy of criminal record to
Police Dept., Springfield, Illinois.

Handwritten signature and date
1-16-63

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LAST NAME

Schmidt,

FIRST NAME

Jurgen .

MIDDLE NAME

SEX

male

RACE

Cau.,

HT. (Inches)
5'9"

WT.
180

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS

UNITED STATES MARSHAL
FEDERAL BUILDING
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
62705

ALIASES

HAIR

Blond

EYES

Blue

DATE OF BIRTH
11-9-1940

PLACE OF BIRTH
Hamburg,
Germany

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

Jurgen Schmidt 5-21/69

YOUR NUMBER

1953

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SCARS AND MARKS

none

AMPUTATION

none

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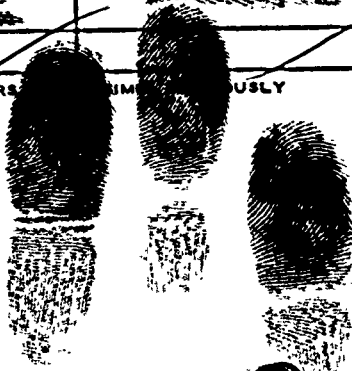
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

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RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED 330 N. Severa, Collinsville, Ill.,

CURRENT ARREST OR RECEIPT

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 Telephone Number including area code _____

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ROOM 1014, 9 & D.

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You I'll bill you
real soon

Yours
Blood

9-49576 Q18 JB

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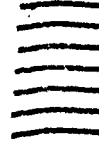
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Jürgen, Schmidt

1414 Milton Road
Milton, Florida



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Secretary of Defense
Chieftain General
Washington D.C.

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Jurgen Schmidt
1414 Hilton Road
Altamonte Springs, Florida
32002



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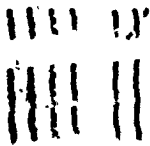
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Secretary of the Navy
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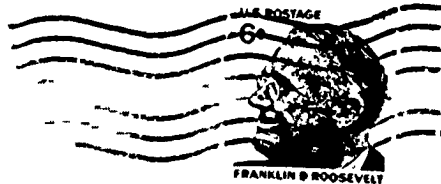
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Jurgen Schmidt

1914 Washington

Alton, Illinois

62002



Secretary of Interior
Washington D.C

[Signature]
5-15-69

D-690521001 Q5 JB

D-690521001 Q5 JB

Jurgen Schmidt
1914 Washington Circle
Alton, Illinois



Secretary of Defense
Washington D.C.
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Sir;
I am going to kill you
unless you pay your
Bill.

Yes, I am going to
kill you Sir.

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ENCLOSURE

T R U E

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Sir;

I am going to kill You
unless You Pay Your
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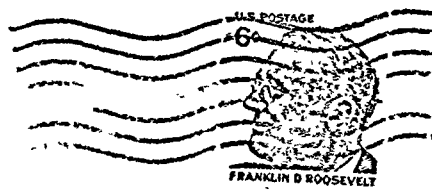
Yes, I am going to
kill You Sir.

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ENCLOSURE

Jürgen Schmidt
P914 Washington
Arlon, Illinois
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Secretary of Interior
Washington D.C.

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ENCLOSURE

Sir:
I am going to kill
you soon unless
you pay your bill.
Yes, I am going
to kill you.

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ENCLOSURE

T R U E

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Sir;

I am going to kill

You soon unless

You Pay Your Bill

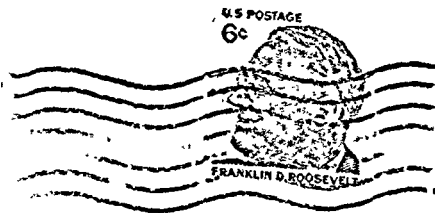
Yes, I am going

to kill You.

T R U E

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Jurgen Schmitt
1914 Washington
Calton, Illinois



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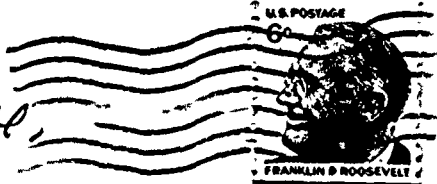


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1914 Washington
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Jurgen Schmidt
1914 Washington Ave.
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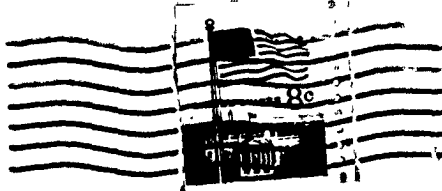
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Jurgen Schmidt
1914 Washington Circle
Calton, Illinois
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Sir:

I am going to kill
you, unless you
send me some money.
I am going to kill
you.

Soon you'll be
dead.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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DC
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Sis;
I am going to kill
You unless You Pay
Just Bill.

Yes I am going to
kill You soon.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Sir,
I am going to kill
you unless you
pay some money.
You. I am going
to kill real soon.

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Sir,
I am going to kill
you soon unless
you pay your Bill.
Yes, I am going
to kill you.

Shelton
5-15-69

Jürgen Schmidt
200 East Taylor
Pring, Florida
% Professional Car Wash.



Secretary of Defense
Melvin Laird
Washington D.C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

CURRENT ARREST OR RECEIPT

DATE ARRESTED OR RECEIVED

Sept
7-9-62 MCFP from
S. Ill.
Springfield

CHARGE OR OFFENSE

(If code citation is used it should be accompanied by charge)

Use of force in extortion
attempt

DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE

(List FINAL disposition only. If not now available, submit later on FBI Form R-84 for completion of record.)

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		LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	RACE WHITE
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						HAIR WHITE EYES BLUE

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FBI No. 807-989-D			LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME			RACE White
SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED <i>Jurgen Schmidt</i>			CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS UNITED STATES MARSHAL FEDERAL BUILDING SPRINGFIELD, ILL.		ALIASES	HT. (INCHES) 5' 9" WT. 175
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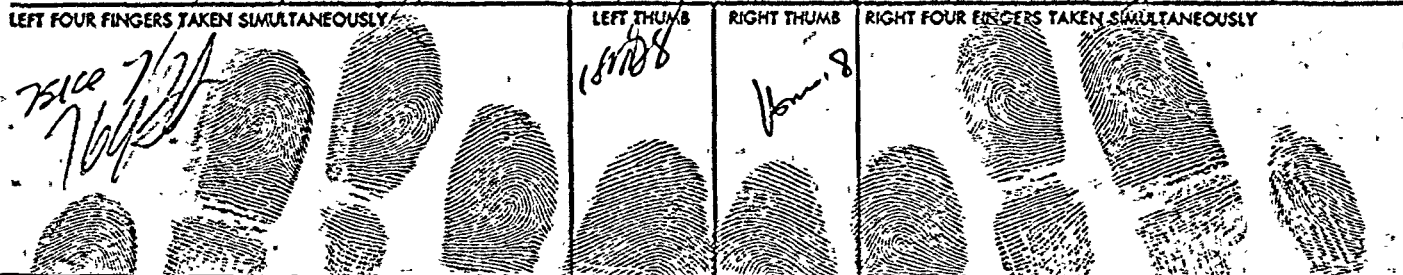
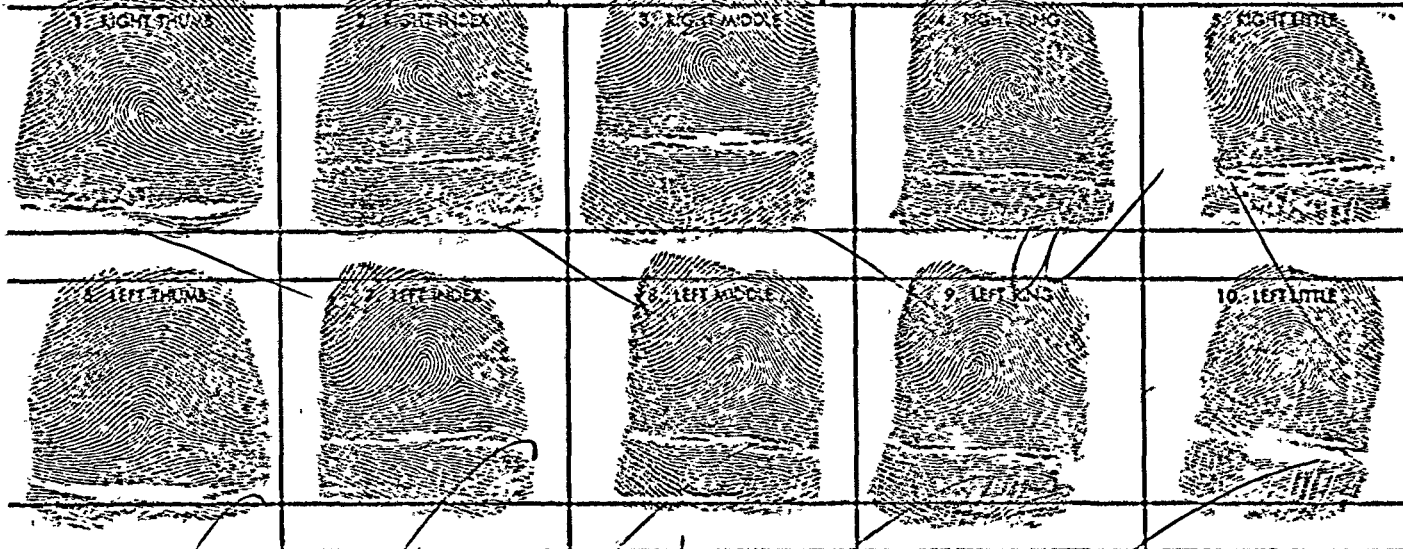
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May 1, 1971

Dear Blood

I'll Kill You
I'll Kill You Soon
Bitch

Jürgen, Schmidt

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Dear Blood

I'll kill you soon
You sonabitch
I'll butcher you.

Sawins

Please send me to
a Federal
Penitentiary,
You Fucking
Cauntry Worth an
Swine

Yankee, Schmidt.

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Dear Blood

I'll kill you soon
you sona bitch.
I'll butcher you
Sawing.

Please send me to a
Federal Penitentiary
I'll kill you
real soon.

Jürgen Schmidt

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Jurgen Schmidt

1914 Wadington
Alton, Illinois



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Jurgen Schmitt
200 East Taylor
Troy, Illinois
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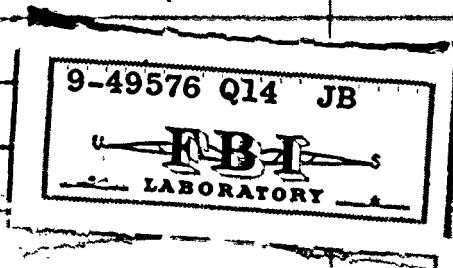
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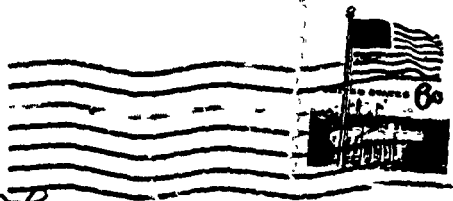
I'll kill you real soon
I mean it
I'll kill you
I might go to Jail, But I
don't care
Will you please deport me
back to Germany
if not I'll kill you.

MM
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To the Defense
you I am going to
kill you and
I am going to kill
you down.
I am threatening
you with your life.

Judge Schmidt
200 East Taylor
Troy, Illinois
C/o Professional Care Home



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Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir;

I am going to kill
You real soon
You sonabitch.
I'll kill you with
a gun real soon.

Jürgen Schmidt

Sir;

I am going to kill you
unless you pay your
Bill.

Yes, I am going to
kill you Sir.

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR, ALEXANDRIA, SPRINGFIELD (9-1464) AND WFO

WFO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (9-5390) (P) 1P

JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE - VICEX, OO: SPRINGFIELD.

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	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU, MAY FOURTEEN, LAST.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCED SPRINGFIELD

TELETYPE FURNISHED AT CHICAGO MAY FOURTEEN LAST TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON STAFF OF COLONEL ZAICE, P.M.O., FIRST MP DETACHMENT,

(CI) OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

COLONEL ZAICE WILL ARRIVE CHICAGO THIS DATE AND WILL BE

ADVISED OF THIS INFORMATION BY HIS STAFF.

[REDACTED] ONE ONE THREE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

GROUP, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED OF RESULTS OF SPRINGFIELD
INVESTIGATION.

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REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 5/19/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/14-15/69
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, Secretary of Defense - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY smr
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

Alexandria teletype to Director 5/13/69;
St. Louis teletype to Springfield 5/14/69 (IO);
WFO teletype to Director 5/14/69;
Springfield teletype to Director 5/14/69.

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LEADS:

Information copies of this report are designated for Alexandria, Chicago, and WFO who have leads or current interest in this matter.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISIONAT ALTON, ILLINOIS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Will follow and report prosecutive action in
this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Springfield

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: May 19, 1969

Office: Springfield

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #:

Title:

JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Letter received by Office of Secretary of Defense MELVIN R. LAIRD 5/12/69 containing threat to kill LAIRD. Letter postmarked Alton, Illinois, 5/10/69, and bore return address JURGEN SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois. SCHMIDT interviewed 5/14/69; admits writing letter to Secretary of Defense as well as five others on 5/10/69, to: HENRY FOWLER, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior, and one other, possibly to the Secretary of State. Subject states ashamed and sorry of actions and had no intent to carry out threats. On 5/14/69 USA RICHARD E. EAGLETON, SDI, Springfield, authorized prosecution of subject for violation Title 18, USC, Section 876; recommended \$10,000 cash or surety bond. Authorized complaint filed same date before USC RONALD C. MOTTAZ, Alton, Illinois, by SA ROBERT C. HAINES and warrant issued. Subject arrested 5/14/69 by Buagents and lodged Alton City Jail. Appeared before USC MOTTAZ morning of 5/15/69; waived preliminary hearing and remanded to custody USM in lieu \$10,000 bond.

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Investigation in this matter is predicated upon receipt of information [redacted]
[redacted], Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense,

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Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, indicating that the Department of Defense Mail Department received a letter addressed "Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C." on May 12, 1969. This letter was postmarked May 10, 1969, at Alton, Illinois, and the return address shown on the envelope was JURGEN SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois. The contents of the letter were as follows:

"To the defense you I am going to kill you sonabitch I am going to kill you soon. I am threatening you with your life"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 19, 1969

JURGEN SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, was interviewed at his place of employment, Specialized Services, Foot of Central Avenue, Alton, Illinois, at which time an Interrogation; Advice of Rights and Waiver was furnished to him. SCHMIDT read the Advice of Rights and it was read to him by SA HAINES, and he executed this form in the presence of [redacted] and [redacted] of the Alton Police Department.

JURGEN SCHMIDT stated that on Saturday, May 10, 1969, he became upset over his failure to adjust to the outside world and had a compulsion to write some letters. He said that he, therefore, wrote letters to the Secretary of Defense, to HENRY H. FOWLER, to the Secretary of the Army, to the Secretary of the Navy, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to one other government official, possibly the Secretary of State.

SCHMIDT advised that he had recently been released from the Alton State Hospital where he had an absolute discharge; however, he was experiencing some difficulty in establishing a routine existence, and he believes that his compulsion to write the letters arose from this reason.

SCHMIDT stated that he does not know any of the persons to whom he wrote; further that he is sorry he wrote them and very ashamed of his actions. He said that he had no intention to carry out the threats contained in the letters and certainly did not intend to travel to any location where any of these individuals might be located for any ulterior or overt purpose.

SCHMIDT went on to say that he wrote the letters to the above-described persons at his residence, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois, and mailed them in a mailbox located outside the Fashion Lane Department Store in the Washington Plaza Shopping Center on Washington Avenue near his home.

SCHMIDT concluded his discussion and remarks concerning the writing of the letters on May 10, 1969; by stating that he did not do any research concerning the persons to whom he wrote the letters and merely wrote them to Washington, D. C., feeling that they would arrive at their destination.

On 5/14/69 at Alton, Illinois File # SI 9-1464
by SA ROBERT C. HAINES /smr Date dictated 5/16/69

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The following is a description of JURGEN SCHMIDT
obtained from observation and interrogation:

RACE	White
SEX	Male
NATIONALITY	German
DATE OF BIRTH	November 9, 1940
PLACE OF BIRTH	Hamburg, Germany
HEIGHT	5'10"
WEIGHT	196
HAIR	Light Brown
EYES	Blue

On May 14, 1969, the information developed during this investigation was discussed with United States Attorney RICHARD E. EAGLETON, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois. Mr. EAGLETON authorized prosecution of JURGEN SCHMIDT for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876, and recommended a \$10,000 cash or surety bond.

On the same date an authorized complaint was filed before United States Commissioner RONALD C. MOTTAZ at Alton, Illinois, by SA ROBERT C. HAINES and a warrant was issued. b6 b7C

On May 14, 1969, JURGEN SCHMIDT was arrested by SA [redacted] and SA ROBERT C. HAINES outside his residence at 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois, and lodged in the Alton City Jail.

On May 15, 1969, United States Commissioner RONALD C. MOTTAZ, Alton, advised that SCHMIDT had appeared before him on the morning of May 15, 1969, had waived a preliminary hearing and had been remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

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5/15/69

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TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
FROM ALEXANDRIA (9-NEW)

See Indip

CHANGED. JURGEN SCHMIDT, AKA JURGEN SHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; STANLEY R. RESOR, SECRETARY OF ARMY -
VICTIMS. EXTORTION.

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TITLE IS CHANGED TO ADD THE CORRECT SPELLING OF SUBJECT'S
LAST NAME AS SCHMIDT. PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS IT WAS SPELLED
SHMIDT. TITLE IS ALSO CHANGED TO SET OUT NAME OF ADDITIONAL
VICTIM AS STANLEY R. RESOR.

DA

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE MAY THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE AS SPRINGFIELD
TELETYPE MAY FIFTEEN SIXTYNINE.

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ON MAY FIFTEEN SIXTYNINE, [] ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT GROUP, FOR THE SECRETARY OF ARMY, ROOM THREE D SEVEN
ONE FIVE PENTAGON, ADVISED THAT HIS [] IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR OPENING MAIL DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY. HIS
OFFICE RECEIVED A LETTER ON MAY FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE, WHICH WAS
POSTMARKED MAY TEN SIXTYNINE, AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, ADDRESSED TO

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END PAGE ONE
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PAGE TWO

"THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.", SHOWING THE RETURN ADDRESSEE AS "JURGEN SCHMIDT, ONE NINE ONE FOUR WASHINGTON AVE., ALTON, ILLINOIS". THE LETTER READ AS FOLLOWS:

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"SIR, I AM GOING TO KILL YOU UNLESS YOU PAY SOME MONEY. YOU. I AM GOING TO KILL REAL SOON."

[REDACTED], OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HAS BEEN ADVISED RE REFERENCED SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY FIFTEEN SIXTYNINE.

ALEXANDRIA IS FORWARDING LETTER TO LABORATORY. P.

~~EN CORR: PAGE ONE TEXT PARA TWO LINE ONE WORD SEVEN SHLD BE~~
~~"AND"~~

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FBI WASH DC*

cc - Mr. Conrad

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. **9-5**
 FBI FILE NO. **REC-138 9-49576 - 8**
 LATENT CASE NO. **A-7199**

June 6, 1969TO: **SAC, Alexandria****ST 102**

RE: **JURGEN SCHMIDT;
 MELVIN R. LAIRD
 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
 VICE**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 5/19/69**
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Alexandria**
 SPECIMENS: **Envelope, Q7
 Handwritten note, Q8**

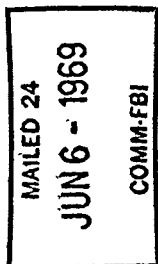
The listed Q specimens are described in the Laboratory report, which is being furnished separately.

No latent prints of value developed.

Envelope and letter enclosed.

Enc.

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John Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: JURGON SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VICEX
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

File # 9-49578-8
Lab. # D-690522006 JB
LC # A-7199

Examination requested by: ALEXANDRIA (9-5) A 5/19/69

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 5/21/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: HEGVOLD

Specimens submitted for examination:

Stamp not on env. - appears to have been torn off prior to receipt in LFISQ 6/4/69 no lab, iodine, ninhydrin, silver Q7-Q8 env. Lab report 6/5

Specimens submitted for examination

Q7 Envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 10 1969 AM," which bears the handwritten address "To: Secretary of the Army Washington D.C."

Q8 Slip of paper bearing handwritten note beginning "Sir; I am going to . . ."

2 - Springfield (9-1464)

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Examination completed

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Date: 5/19/69

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b7CTransmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (9-5)

SUBJECT: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VICEX
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

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Re Alexandria teletype to Director, Chicago, Springfield, St. Louis, and WFO 5/13/69; Springfield teletype to Director, Alexandria, Chicago and WFO 5/14/69; Chicago teletype to Director, Alexandria, Springfield, and WFO 5/15/69; and Alexandria airtel to Director 5/15/69.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following:

1. Envelope addressed to Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C., postmarked 5/10/69 at Alton, Ill.; showing return addressee as JURGEN SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Ill. A copy of the envelope is also enclosed.

2. Letter which reads as follows:

- Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
- Springfield (9-1464)
- 1 - St. Louis (Info)
- 1 - WFO (Info)
- 2 - Alexandria (9-5)

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ENCLOSURE

REC-157-49576-8

15 MAY 21 1969

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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 "COPY TWO SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB"
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"Sir;

"I am going to kill you unless you pay some money.

"You I am going to kill real soon."

A copy of the letter is also enclosed.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the writing in this letter with any known writing of the subject and with the previously submitted letter in this case.

The Identification Division is requested to compare any latent fingerprints developed on the enclosed items with the fingerprints of the subject being submitted by Springfield.

The same latent fingerprint examination is requested on the envelope and letter addressed to the Secretary of Defense previously submitted by Alexandria airtel to the Director dated 5/15/69.

*These two items
(Q1 and Q2)
returned to AX
with Lab report
5-23-69
HSH*

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United States Attorney

USA RICHARD E. EAGLETON, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, CONSULTED. EAGLETON AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION
OF SUBJECT FOR VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, ^{U.S. CODE} USC, SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX,
RECOMMENDED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH OR SURETY BOND.

AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER RONALD C.
MOTTAZ, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, ALTON, ILLINOIS, BY SA ROBERT
C. HAINES AND WARRANT ISSUED.

SUBJECT ARRESTED BY BUAGENTS AND INCARCERATED ALTON CITY JAIL.
WILL APPEAR BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER A.M. MAY FIFTEEN NEXT.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
TO VERIFY RECEIPT OF EXTORTION LETTERS ADMITTEDLY WRITTEN BY SUBJECT
ON MAY TEN LAST AND ENUMERATED ABOVE. DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF
LETTERS. NO FURTHER EXAMINATION OF SECRET SERVICE FILE DESIRED.

AIRMAIL

AM COPY ST. LOUIS. P.

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SAC, Springfield (9-1464)

May 20, 1969

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Director, FBI

CHANGED;
JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL,
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR - VICTIM;
JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: SPRINGFIELD

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The title of this case is marked "Changed" to include two additional victims, Walter J. Hickel and John H. Chafee.

Through established liaison channels, Secret Service has transmitted to the Bureau two additional threatening letters, one of which is directed to the Secretary of the Navy and the other to the Secretary of the Interior. Both of these letters are postmarked May 10, 1969, at Alton, Illinois, and bear a return address of Jurgen Schmidt, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois.

There is enclosed herewith for each receiving office xerox copies and true copies of the above-described threatening letters together with a xerox copy of the envelope in which they were mailed.

The above-described letters have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination, and you will be advised of the results of same separately.

The Springfield Division is instructed to present the facts concerning the above two described letters to appropriate U. S. Attorney for his prosecutive opinion. Springfield should submit results of investigation including prosecutive opinion in a form suitable for dissemination by 6-6-69.

Enclosures - 10

- 1 - Chicago (9-5390) (Enclosures - 10) (Info)
- 1 - Alexandria (Enclosures - 10) (Info)
- 1 - WFO (Enclosures - 10) (Info)

SEE NOTE PAGE 2 . .

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NOTE:

Jurgen Schmidt has been arrested several times for Extortion. He is in the habit of mailing threatening type letters to prominent persons. He is well known to the Bureau and the Secret Service. On May 10, 1969, the subject directed a threatening letter from Alton, Illinois, to the Secretary of Defense, Melvin R. Laird. Prosecution was authorized concerning the letter directed to Secretary Laird and the subject was arrested on May 15, 1969. He admits sending the letters.

Secret Service furnished two additional letters to other cabinet members to the Bureau, also threatening in nature. Springfield has been instructed to secure prosecutive opinion concerning these additional letters.

Laboratory should advise interested offices results of examination.

SAC, Springfield (9-1464)

May 22, 1969

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Director, FBI

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CHANGED;

JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL, SECRETARY OF
THE INTERIOR - VICTIM; JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM;
HENRY FOWLER, FORMER SECRETARY OF
TREASURY; DAVID M. KENNEDY, SECRETARY
OF TREASURY - VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: SPRINGFIELD

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The title of this case is marked changed to include two additional victims, Henry Fowler and David M. Kennedy.

Through established liaison channels, Secret Service has transmitted to the Bureau two additional threatening letters, one of which was directed to Mr. Henry Fowler, the former Secretary of the Treasury, and the other was directed to Mr. David M. Kennedy, the Secretary of the Treasury. Both of these letters were postmarked May 10, 1969, at Alton, Illinois, and bear a return address of Jurgen Schmidt, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois.

There is enclosed herewith for each receiving office Xerox copies and true copies of the above described threatening letters together with a Xerox copy of the envelope in which they were mailed.

The originals of the above described letters have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination and you will be advised of the results of same separately.

Enclosures (6)

- 1 - Chicago (9-5390) (info) (Enclosures 6)
- 1 - Alexandria (info) (Enclosures 6)
- 2 - Washington Field (Enclosures 6)

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Letter to SAC, Springfield
RE; CHANGED; JURGEN SCHMIDT

The Springfield Division is instructed to present the facts concerning the above two described letters to the appropriate U. S. Attorney for his prosecutive opinion. Springfield should submit results of investigation including prosecutive opinion in a form suitable for dissemination by June 10, 1969.

Washington Field Office is instructed to advise appropriate local authorities concerning the threats contained in the aforementioned letters.

NOTE: On 5/10/69, the subject directed a number of threatening letters to various Cabinet members. The context of all of the letters is almost identical and threatens to kill the addressee unless he sends some money to the writer. The first of these letters was received by Defense Secretary Laird. Prosecution has been authorized in Springfield, Illinois, and the subject was arrested on 5/15/69 and admits sending the letters. Secret Service has submitted two more letters directed to the Secretary of the Treasury and the former Secretary of the Treasury. These have been submitted to the Laboratory for examination and Springfield has been requested to secure a prosecutive opinion. The Laboratory should advise interested offices of the results of their examinations and forward evidence to the office of origin.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/2/69

FROM : *JTM/* SAC, NEW YORK (9-5158) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN L. BAIRD,
Secretary of Defense;
ET AL-VICTIMS
EXTORTION
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ReWFOairtel to Director, dated 5/16/69.

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On 5/23/69, [REDACTED] HENRY FOWLER, 55 Broad St., NY, NY, was informed of the pertinent details of this investigation. On 5/23/69, [REDACTED] subsequently stated that Mr. FOWLER had been informed of the facts and he stated he had not received a letter of a threatening nature pertinent to this investigation.

In view of the above, the NYO will take no further action in this matter.

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2-Springfield
2-Washington Field (9-2271)
1-New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 6/6/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/4/69
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD; SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM; WALTER J. HICKEL, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR - VICTIM; JOHN H. CHAFEE, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM; HENRY FOWLER, FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY; DAVID M. KENNEDY, SECRETARY OF TREASURY - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY lmh
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES:

Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 5/19/69. *sh*

Bureau letter to Springfield dated 5/20/69.

Bureau letter to Springfield dated 5/22/69.

Alexandria airtel to Bureau dated 5/19/69.

Bureau letter to Alexandria dated 5/23/69.

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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>UB</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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Agency	<i>ice, Dept. of Defense, Treasury,</i>					<i>STAT SECT.</i>		
Request Recd.	<i>Nash, Delaney - per Recd.</i>							
Date Fwd.	<i>6/16/69</i>							
How Fwd.	<i>air</i>							
By	59 JUN 18 1969							

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LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Alton, Illinois

Will follow and report prosecutive action in this matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Extra copies of this report are designated for the Bureau in order that the Bureau might disseminate this information to appropriate departments within the administration of the Government.

No descriptions of additional victims in this matter have not been furnished to the Springfield Division and are, therefore, not being included in this report.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Springfield

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: 6/6/69

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR - VICTIM;
JOHN R. CHAFEE, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM;
HENRY FOWLER, FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY - VICTIM;
~~Character:~~ DAVID M. KENNEDY, SECRETARY OF TREASURY - VICTIM

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Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Additional letters sent by subject to Government Officials obtained and forwarded to FBI Laboratory. Content of letters set forth. FBI Laboratory advised that the JURGEN SCHMIDT signatures appearing in the return address area on at least three envelopes were written by JURGEN SCHMIDT, FBI No. 807989D. AUSA [] SDI, Springfield, advised that additional letters mentioned above constitute violations Title 18, Section 876, USC; however, no additional process will be filed but extent of letter writing will be made known to the court. Mr. VIOLANTI advised the court has appointed an attorney for the subject and on motion of the attorney, subject is being given psychiatric examinations in Springfield, Illinois, under Title 18, Section 4244, USC, and a report is being awaited.

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DETAILS:

Letters postmarked Alton, Illinois, May 10, 1969, with return address JURGEN SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois, 62002, and addressed to the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C., were turned over to the FBI Laboratory for examination. These letters contained the identical message which is as follows:

"Sir:

"I am going to kill you.

"Unless you pay your
"bill."Yes, I am going to
"kill you Sir."

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In addition, an identical envelope addressed to HENRY H. FOWLER, Washington, D. C., was forwarded to Mr. FOWLER in New York, which contained the following message:

"Sir:

"I am going to kill
"you, unless you
"send me some money.
"I am going to kill
"you.
"Soon you'll be
"dead."

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On June 4, 1969, Assistant United State's Attorney [redacted] advised, after being apprised of the additional letters which had come to the attention of this Bureau, that these additional letters would be considered a violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code; however, since identical charges have been filed against the subject in connection with Secretary of Defense, MELVIN R. LAIRD, no additional complaints would be issued. However, the extent of the letter writing on the part of the subject would be made known to the court.

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[redacted] further advised that the court had appointed an attorney for the subject and that through his attorney, the subject is being examined by psychiatrists at Springfield, Illinois, to determine his competency to stand trial in accordance with Title 18, Section 4244, U. S. Code.

1-Mr. Hegvold



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Alexandria (9-5)**

Date: **June 4, 1969**

Re: **JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VIKEX
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-49576**
Lab. No. **D-690522006 JB
D-690523001 JB**

Examination requested by: **Alexandria, Springfield**

Reference: **Airtel dated 5/19/69**

Examination requested: **Bureau letter to Springfield, 5/22/69
Document-Fingerprint**

Remarks:

The results of the latent fingerprint examination requested and the return of Q7 and Q8 to Alexandria will be handled separately.

The two items submitted by Alexandria airtel dated 5/15/69 were returned to Alexandria with Lab report dated 5/23/69. These items should be resubmitted if latent fingerprint examination is desired.

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Tolson _____ Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
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Mohr _____ 2-Springfield (9-1464) Enclosures (6) (Q9-Q12, 2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Alexandria (9-5)

Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VIREX

Date: June 4, 1969
FBI File No. 9-49576-14
Lab. No. D-690522006 JB
D-690523001 JB

Specimens received 5/21/69

- Q7 Blue envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 10 1969 AM," which bears the handwritten address "To: Secretary of the Army Washington D. C."
- Q8 Accompanying letter on blue ruled paper bearing handwritten note beginning "Sir; I am going to....."

Specimens available at the Bureau

- Q9 Blue envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 10 AM 1969" bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of Treasury Washington D. C."
- Q10 Accompanying letter on yellow ruled paper beginning "Sir; I am going to kill you unless....." ending "....going to kill you Soon..."
- Q11 Pink envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL. 62002 MAY 10 AM 1969" bearing the handwritten address "Henry F1. Fowler Washington D. C. "
- Q12 Accompanying letter on blue ruled paper beginning "Sir: I am going to kill you...." ending "...Soon you'll be dead"

Result of examination:

I It was determined that the writing appearing on Q7 through Q12 was prepared by the writer of Q1 through Q6, previously submitted in this case. It was further determined that the "Jurgen Schmidt" signatures appearing in the return address area on the Q7, Q9 and Q11 envelopes were written by JURGEN SCHMIDT, FBI#807989B, whose known writing consists of signatures on fingerprint cards.

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Q7 and Q8 will be returned to Alexandria separately. Q9 through Q12 are forwarded with copies of this report to Springfield. Photographs of this evidence are retained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VICEX
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

File # 9-49576-14
Lab. # D-690522006 JB

Examination requested by: ALEXANDRIA (9-5) A 5/19/69

Examination requested: Document - ~~Fingerprint~~ Date received: 5/21/69

Result of Examination:

Fingerprint
Examination by: *6-2-69*
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Ident Q7 → Q12 = with Q1 → Q6. Ident. "Jurgen Schmidt" sigs in return address area Q7, Q9 & Q11 envelopes by Jurgen Schmidt, FBI # 807989 D

T.F. Lats rep = Q7 & QB to AX
2 items subm by AX airtel 5/15/69 returned = Lab rpt 5-23-69. Resubmit if LFP exams desired.

Specimens submitted for examination

Blue

Q7 Envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 10 1969 AM," which bears the handwritten address "To: Secretary of the Army Washington D.C."

Accompanying letter on blue ruled paper
Q8 Slip of paper bearing handwritten note beginning "Sir; I am going to . . ."

2 - Springfield (9-1464) forward Q9 → Q12 PHOTOGRAPHED

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Q11 } envelopes Jürgen Schmidt

FBI# 807989D

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Re: JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL, SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR - VICTIM; JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM; HENRY FOWLER,
FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY; DAVID M. KENNEDY,
SECRETARY OF TREASURY - VICTIMS; EXTORTION OO: SPRINGFIELD

File # 9-49576-14
Lab. # D-690523001 JB

Examination requested by: Springfield (9-1464) 5/22/69

Examination requested:

Bureau letter to Springfield 5/22/69
Document

Date received: 5/22/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: HEGVOLD

See D 6905 22006

Specimens available at the Bureau

Specimens submitted for examination

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- Q12 Accompanying *letter on* blue ~~MX~~ ruled ~~XXXXX~~ *paper* beginning "Sir: I am going to kill you,, ending,, "Soon you'll be dead"

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5/19/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (9-5)

SUBJECT: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VICEX
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

Re Alexandria teletype to Director, Chicago, Springfield, St. Louis, and WFO 5/13/69; Springfield teletype to Director, Alexandria, Chicago and WFO 5/14/69; Chicago teletype to Director, Alexandria, Springfield, and WFO 5/15/69; and Alexandria airtel to Director 5/15/69.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following:

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2. Letter which reads as follows:

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
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1 - St. Louis (Info)
1 - WFO (Info)
2 - Alexandria (9-5)

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"Sir;

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by Springfield.

The same latent fingerprint examination is
requested on the envelope and letter addressed to the
Secretary of Defense previously submitted by Alexandria
airtel to the Director dated 5/15/69.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet
LATENT

NO LAB FILE

Re: **JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
VICE
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)**

File # **9-49576-14**
Lab. # **D-690522006 JB**

Examination requested by: **ALEXANDRIA (9-5) A 5/19/69**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Date received: **5/21/69**

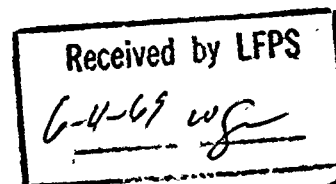
Result of Examination:

Examination by: **HEGVOLD**

*Return Q7 and Q8 to AX - AEF 6/2/69
Q7 & Q8 returned by*

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Specimens submitted for examination

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM;
WALTER J. HICKEL, SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR - VICTIM; JOHN H. CHAFEE,
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY - VICTIM; HENRY FOWLER,
FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY; DAVID M. KENNEDY,
SECRETARY OF TREASURY - VICTIMS; EXTORTION OO: SPRINGFIELD
Examination requested by: Springfield (9-1464) 5/22/69

File # 9-49576-14
Lab. # D-690523001 JB

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/22/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: HEGYOLD

*Photos neg.
encl - Serial 3*

Forwarded to SI

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q9 Blue envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL 62002 MAY 10 AM 1969" bearing the handwritten address "Secretary of Treasury Washington D. C."
- Q10 Accompanying letter on yellow ruled paper beginning "Sir; I am going to kill you unless" ending "going to kill you Soon."
- Q11 Pink envelope postmarked "ALTON, IL. 62002 MAY 10 AM 1969" bearing the handwritten address "Henry Fl. Fowler Washington D. C."
- Q12 Accompanying blue ~~XX~~ ruled ~~XXXX~~ letter beginning "Sir: I am going to kill you," ending "Soon you'll be dead...."

EVIDENCE RETURNED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 7/31/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/13/69 - 7/25/69
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ET AL - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY vh
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 6/6/69,
Alexandria letter to Springfield dated 6/19/69 interoffice,
WFO letter to Springfield dated 6/23/69 interoffice.

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LEADS: SPRINGFIELD DIVISIONAT ALTON, ILLINOIS

Will follow and report prosecutive action in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Springfield

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: July 21, 1969

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ET AL - VICTIMb6
b7C

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

By letter dated 6/23/69 the Washington Field Office advised that information pertaining to letters in this matter had been brought to the attention and made available to [redacted] Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. and further, that the United States Secret Service was already aware of the threats made, in view of several letters being first brought to their attention. Information provided by [redacted] Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, set forth. Letter received by Secretary of the Army also set forth. Subject SCHMIDT sentenced on 6/9/69 to custody of Attorney General under Section 4244 and 4246 Title 18, U. S. Code until mental competency to stand trial is determined.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

On May 13, 1969, [REDACTED]
Physical Security Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of
Defense (Administration), Pentagon Building, advised that
upon receiving the letter from JURGEN SCHMIDT to the Secretary
of Defense he checked with Secret Service, Washington, D.C.,
and was advised that Secret Service has a file under the
subject's name which involved numerous threats to prominent
persons dating back to 1962. The file indicated that
SCHMIDT has spent time in a mental institution and was last
interviewed by Secret Service in 1967. He was reported to
have written a threatening letter to Secret Service in St.
Louis, Mo., in 1963. Secret Service file describe JURGEN
SCHMIDT as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	November 9, 1940
Place of Birth	Germany
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Status	German alien

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[REDACTED] advised that Secretary of Defense
LAIRD is scheduled to go to Chicago and to arrive at 4 p.m.,
Friday, May 16, 1969. He will go to the "Chicago Sun Times
Daily News" Building for one hour and proceed to the Conrad
Hilton Hotel where the Imperial Suite has been reserved for him.
He will attend a 6:50 p.m. reception and a 7:30 p.m. dinner at
the hotel and will depart Chicago at 10:30 p.m., May 13, 1969,
by military aircraft from Midway Field to Washington, D.C.

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He advised that Col. ZAIZE of the Provost Marshal's Office, First Military Police Detachment (CI), Office of the Provost Marshal General, Forrestal Building, Chicago, has been assigned to handle Secretary LAIRD's security while in Chicago in view of the threat made by SCHMIDT in his regard.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/22/69b6
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[redacted] Physical Security Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), Pentagon, advised that his office also received a letter addressed to the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., postmarked May 10, 1969, at Alton, Ill. The return addressee was shown as JURGEN SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Ill.

The letter read as follows:

"To the Defense

"You I am going to kill. You sonabitch.

"I am going to kill you soon.

"I am threatening you with your life."

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[redacted] stated that this letter was opened in the Secretary of Defense mail room by [redacted] at about 5:45 p.m. on May 12, 1969, when it arrived at the Secretary of Defense mail room.

[redacted] made available the above described letter and envelope.

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On 5/13/69 at Arlington, Va. File # Alexandria 9-5
by SA [redacted] /psm Date dictated 5/20/69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/22/69b6
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[redacted] Administrative Support Group, Office of Secretary of the Army, Room 3-5 715, Pentagon, advised that his office received a letter on May 14, 1969, addressed to the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C., postmarked May 10, 1969, at Alton, Ill., showing the return address as JEROME SCHMIDT, 1914 Washington Avenue, Alton, Ill.

The letter read as follows:

"Sir

"I am going to kill you unless you pay some money.

"You I am going to kill real soon."

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SPADA advised that this letter was opened in the Secretary of the Army mail room by [redacted]

On May 15, 1969, SPADA made available the above described letter and envelope.

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On 5/15/69 at Arlington, Va. File # Altonville 9-5
by SA [redacted] :pm Date dictated 5/20/69

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On July 25, 1969 Assistant United States Attorney, [redacted] Seventh District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois advised that subject was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States on June 9, 1969 under Sections 4244 and 4246 of Title 18, U. S. Code until his mental competency to stand trial is determined, or until the pending charges against him are disposed of. [redacted] stated that any further proceedings have been continued in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 9/29/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/23/69
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ET AL - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY jac
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 7/31/69.

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LEADS:SPRINGFIELD DIVISIONAt Alton, Illinois

Will follow and report prosecutive action in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Springfield

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: September 29, 1969

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ET AL - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Records, Office of USA, SDI, Springfield, Illinois, disclosed subject still under treatment and will be returned to Springfield to stand trial when mentally competent to do same.

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DETAILS:

On September 23, 1969, [redacted]
[redacted] United States Attorney [redacted] Southern District
of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, advised that records of
that office disclosed that JURGEN SCHMIDT is still confined
in a Federal institution at Springfield, Missouri, until such
time as he is found mentally competent to stand trial. She
stated that it is indicated in the files that when he is
mentally competent, he will be returned to Springfield, Illinois,
for trial.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 11/26/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/18/69
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM <i>K</i>		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY BLH
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE SI report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 9/29/69.

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LEADS SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, SPRINGFIELD

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: November 26, 1969

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: United States Attorney, SDI, Springfield, issued Petition, Order and Writ for Habeas corpus od prosecundum on 10/31/69. Subject at Springfield, Mo. found mentally competent to stand trial.

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DETAILS:

On November 18, 1969 records of the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, were reviewed and it was determined that on October 31, 1969 by order of the United States Attorney, a Petition, Order and Writ for habeas corpus od prosecundum was issued for the delivery of subject, JURGEN SCHMIDT to the Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois to stand trial. These records further determined that subject SCHMIDT while at Springfield, Missouri was found to be currently mentally competent to stand trial.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 1/26/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/22/70
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY jac
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES, dated 11/28/69.

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LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Alton, Illinois

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Springfield

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: January 26, 1970

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIMb6
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Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Subject appeared in USDC, SDI, Springfield, 1/22/70 for arraignment before Judge OMER POOS. Through attorney [] defendant entered plea of not guilty to violation Title 18, Section 876, U.S. Code. [] indicated he would seek more detailed psychiatric examination for defendant.

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DETAILS:

JURGEN SCHMIDT appeared in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, before Judge OMER POOS on January 22, 1970, for purposes of arraignment.

Through his attorney, [] defendant entered plea of not guilty to a violation of Title 18, Section 876, U.S. Code. [] stated to the court that he wished to seek more detailed psychiatric examination for his client.

Judge POOS stated he would allow thirty days for the defense to file any further motions in this matter before setting the case for trial.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 3/20/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/10/70
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY ral
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 1/26/70.

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LEADS: SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Alton, Illinois

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, SPRINGFIELD

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: MARCH 20, 1970

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

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subject's trial set for 4/27/70, in USDC, SDI,
Springfield.

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DETAILS:b6
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On March 10, 1970, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, reviewed the file as it exists in the Office of the United States Attorney and advised that subject's trial has been docketed for April 27, 1970, at Springfield, Illinois. He further advised that no new developments had transpired with regard to motions by the defense in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO: SACS SPRINGFIELD (9-1464)
ST. LOUIS

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FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (9-49576) — *20*

TELETYPE

JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE, ET AL. - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: SPRINGFIELD.

REURTEL FOUR TWENTY-ONE LAST. SA ARTHUR E. HEGVOLD
CONDUCTED DOCUMENT EXAMINATIONS THIS CASE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO TESTIFY IN SPRINGFIELD ON FOUR TWENTY-NINE NEXT, REGARDING
THE IDENTIFICATIONS REPORTED IN LAB REPORT FIVE TWENTY-THREE
LAST. KNOWN WRITING USED CONSISTS OF SIGNATURES ON THREE
FINGERPRINT CARDS IN IDENTIFICATION RECORD OF SCHMIDT. PERSONS
TAKING FINGERPRINTS NEEDED AS WITNESSES TO AUTHENTICATE
FINGERPRINT CARD SIGNATURES AS KNOWN SIGNATURES OF SCHMIDT. ALL
THREE CARDS RECEIVED FROM U.S. MARSHALL'S OFFICE SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS. FINGERPRINTS ON TWO CARDS TAKEN BY
CARDS DATED FOUR SEVEN SIXTY-TWO AND ONE ELEVEN SIXTY-THREE,
BOTH NUMBERED TWO SEVEN FIVE. FINGERPRINTS THIRD CARD TAKEN
BY DATED FIVE SEVENTEEN LAST AND NUMBERED ONE NINE

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TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD
ST. LOUIS
JURGEN SCHMIDT
9-49576

SA HEGVOLD WILL ARRIVE ST. LOUIS AT NINE ZERO FOUR
AM ON FOUR TWENTY-EIGHT NEXT, VIA TWA FLIGHT FOUR NINE ONE.

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IF PRESENT OZARK STRIKE NOT TERMINATED, ST. LOUIS
IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH BUREAU CAR FOR TRAVEL OF SA HEGVOLD
AND SA [REDACTED] OF THE ALEXANDRIA DIVISION FROM
ST. LOUIS TO SPRINGFIELD MORNING FOUR TWENTY-EIGHT NEXT.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISE THE BUREAU ATTENTION LABORATORY
SHOULD SCHEDULE OF TRIAL BE CHANGED.

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (9-1464) (1P)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Hegvold

JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
ET AL - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: SPRINGFIELD.

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R AUSA [] SDI, SPRINGFIELD, ADVISED []
TODAY TRIAL SCHEDULED TO BEGIN USDC, SPRINGFIELD, CAPTIONED
MATTER APRIL TWENTYNINE NEXT. [] REQUESTED PRESENCE OF
HANDWRITING ANALYST WHO HANDLED HANDWRITING COMPARISONS
INSTANT MATTER AND SUBMITTED REPORT DATED MAY TWENTYTHREE,
SIXTYNINE.

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advised.
Hegvold.

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[] ALSO REQUESTED PRESENCE OF SA []
OF THE ALEXANDRIA DIVISION IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CHAIN OF
EVIDENCE CONCERNING EXTORTION LETTER AND [] SHOULD APPEAR
TO TESTIFY UACB.

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[] REQUESTED THAT HANDWRITING ANALYST BRING WITH HIM
NECESSARY EXHIBITS FOR PRESENTATION IN COURT. PRESENCE OF
LABORATORY ANALYST AND SA [] REQUESTED FOR TWELVE NOON ON
APRIL TWENTYEIGHT NEXT FOR NECESSARY PRETRIAL CONFERENCE.
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CC-MR. ROSEN

4/24/70
to SAC Springfield
SAC St. Louis
AEH:law

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : [redacted] *Due*

DATE: May 1, 1970

FROM : [redacted] *7/10*

SUBJECT: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE, et al. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

On April 29, 1970, SA Arthur E. Hegvold appeared in U.S. District Court, Springfield, Illinois, to testify regarding the handwriting identifications made in connection with this case.

Jurgen Schmidt, an often time mental patient, was charged with sending a threatening communication through the U.S. mails threatening the life of the Secretary of Defense. SA Hegvold testified that certain writings appearing on this letter were made by Schmidt. The Defense was contending that Schmidt was suffering from a mental illness at the time the offense was committed.

SA Hegvold was released prior to a verdict being returned and the outcome is not known. *a*

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen [redacted]

1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Hegvold

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 5/16/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/1/70 - 5/4/70
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY jah
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 3/20/70.

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ENCLOSURES:TO BUREAU

One copy of Disposition Sheet concerning final disposition in this matter.

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AND HANDLED SEPARATELY

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Date: May 16, 1970

Office: SPRINGFIELD

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Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: On 5/4/70, jury returned verdict of not guilty.

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DETAILS:

Trial was held in U. S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, in instant matter commencing on April 29, 1970, and concluding on May 4, 1970. At the conclusion of the trial, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty to a violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

REPORT

of the

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May 21, 1971

TO: SAC, Alexandria

RE: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
HONORABLE MELVIN R. LAIRD
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 4/30/71

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Alexandria

SPECIMENS: Three envelopes, Q13, Q15, Q17
Three letters, Q14, Q16, Q18

Listed Q specimens further described in separate
Laboratory report.

Two latent fingerprints developed Q18. No
latent prints of value developed remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints
Jurgen Schmidt, FBI #807989D.

Q13 through Q18 enclosed.

Tolson _____
Sullivan _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Brennan, C.D. _____
Callahan _____
Casper _____
Conrad _____
Dalbey _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Tavel _____
Walter _____
Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Enc. (6)

2 - Springfield (9-1464)

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE **NO LAB FIEL**
RECORDED 5/5/71 mab Recorded 5-18-71 3:30 p.m. mjk Received 5-18-71
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

LATENTFile # **9-49576-23**
Lab. # **D-710504084 JB**

JURGEN SCHMIDT;
Hon. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense - VICTIM
EXTORTION

LC#A-7199

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b7CExamination requested by: **Alexandria (9-5) A. 4/30/71**Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint** Date received: **5/3/71**Result of Examination: Examination by: **HEGVOLD**

Named Subject:

JURGEN SCHMIDTNoted by:  *wcc*

FBI # 807-989-D
No lab work
Q18 to photo (rim).
No lab at other Q's - min or sub
CI search requested
packet being sent 5/19 (Quen)
Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 Envelope postmarked "A TON, IL APR 9 PM 1971 62002"
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 Washington D. C."

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 I'll kill..."

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Melvin Laird Washinton D. C."

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 "Dear Blood I'll kill..."

Q17 Envelope postmarked "TROY, IL APR 13 AM 1971 62294,"
 bearing handwritten address "Secretary of Defense
Melvin Laird Washington D. C."

Q18 ^{handwritten} Accompanying one-page/letter beginning "Dear Blood
 You I'll kill..."

2- **SI (9-1464)** Examination completed 705 5/20 Dictated 5/20
 Time Date Date Date

2 fgs of value Q18 (run)
No lab Q18 w/sr

Lab not Q fgs schmidt
Q13 - Q18 incl.
5/20

FBI

Date: 4/30/71

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

Via _____
(Priority)TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49576)
(Attention: FBI Laboratory)

FROM : SAC, ALEXANDRIA (9-5)(P)

JURGEN SCHMIDT
Hon. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense-VICTIM
EXTORTION

710504084

OO:SPRINGFIELD

Re Alexandria letter to Director, 5/19/69; report
of SA ROBERT C. HAYNES, dated 5/19/69, at Springfield.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following:

1. Envelope addressed to the Secretary of Defense from JURGEN SCHMIDT, postmarked April 9, 1971, at Alton, Illinois, enclosing letter bearing Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense, stamp dated 14 April, 1971.
2. Envelope addressed to the Secretary of Defense from JURGEN SCHMIDT, postmarked April 12, 1971, at Alton, Illinois, bearing Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense, stamp dated 15 April, 1971, enclosing a letter marked # 2 for identification.
3. Envelope addressed to Secretary of Defense from JURGEN SCHMIDT, postmarked April 13, 1971, at Troy, Illinois, enclosing a letter. Both envelope and letter bear the Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense stamp dated 15 April, 1971.

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(3) - Bureau (Encl. 3) ENCLOSURE

2 - Springfield (9-1464) (Encl. 3)

2 - Alexandria (9-5)

MMC:bjm (7)

Approved: _____

Sent _____ M

Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for the Springfield Division are copies of each of the above envelopes and letters.

The enclosures were made available by the Security Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Room 3B272 on April 14 and 16.

It should be noted that the subject was previously tried in U. S. District Court, Springfield, Illinois, for a similar offense involving the Secretary of Defense. The final disposition of that case is not known by the Alexandria Division.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed specimens with previous submissions in this case and determine if written by the subject.

The Identification Division is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination on the enclosed specimens and if latents obtained, compare with the fingerprints of JURGEN SCHMIDT.

LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD

At Troy, Illinois

Will conduct appropriate investigation and contact Assistant U. S. Attorney for prosecutive opinion.

ALEXANDRIA

At Arlington, Virginia

Will maintain contact with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, and advise of results of investigation.

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5/5/71 mab

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FIEL

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

LATENT

File # **9-49576-23**
Lab. # **D-710504084 JB**

JURGEN SCHMIDT;
Hon. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: **Alexandria (9-8) A. 4/30/71**

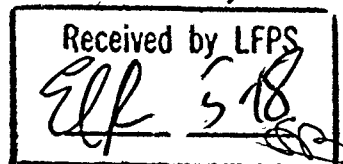
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Date received: **5/3/71**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **HEGVOLE**

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813-818 returned by LFPS 5/21/71 [signature]*



Specimens submitted for examination

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9-49516-23

ENCLOSURE

MAY 21 1971

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Bufile No. 9-49576
LC No. A-7199
Date of Relet 4/30/71 (AX 000001)
Examiner [redacted]
Noted by [redacted]
No. of Photos 4

Jurgen Schmidt
Hon. Melvin R. Laird -
Victim
Extortion

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

Handwritten initials

To: **SAC, Alexandria (9-5)**

Date: **May 18, 1971**

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Re: **JURGEN SCHMIDT;
HON. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense -
VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: Springfield**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-49576**
Lab. No. **D-710504084 JB**

Examination requested by: **Alexandria**

Reference: **Airtel 4/30/71**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

The results of the latent fingerprint examination requested and the return of the evidence will be handled separately.

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9-49576-24

19 MAY 20 1971

Tolson _____
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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Springfield (9-1464) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Alexandria (9-5)

Date: May 18, 1971
FBI File No. 9-49576
Lab. No. D-710504084 JBRe: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
HON. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Specimens received

5/3/71

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- Q18 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear Blood You I'll kill..."

Result of examination:

It was determined that the writing appearing on Q13 through Q18 was prepared by the writer of Q1 through Q12, previously submitted in this case.

It was further determined that the Schmidt signatures appearing in the return address areas on the Q13, Q15 and Q17 envelopes and the Schmidt signature on the Q16 letter were written by JURGEN SCHMIDT, FBI#907989B, whose known writing consists of signatures on fingerprint cards.

Specimens Q13 through Q18 have been photographed and will be returned separately.

Tolson _____
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Tele. Room _____
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5/5/71 mab

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO LAB FIEL

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

LATENT

File # 9-49576 24
Lab. # D-710504084 JB

JURGEN SCHMIDT;
Hon. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense - VICTIM
EXTORTION

00: Springfield

Examination requested by: Alexandria (9-5) A. 4/30/71

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 5/3/71

Result of Examination:

Examination by: HEGVOLD

Ident Q13 → Q18 = with Q1 → Q12, prev.
subm.

Ident Schmidt sig return addresses Q13, Q15
and Q17 and Schmidt sig Q16 letter
= Jurgen Schmidt, FBI #0807989B
T.F. Lab rep.

Specimens submitted for examination

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Washington D. C."

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Lab report
5/18/71
A.E.H. mat Q18 Accompanying one-page/letter beginning "Dear Blood
You I'll kill..."

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Q13 (return address) *Jurgen Schmidt*

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Q15 (return address) *Jurgen Schmidt*

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Q16 (return address) *Jurgen, Schmidt*

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Q17 (return address) *Jurgen Schmidt*

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FBI# 807 989D

Jurgen Schmidt

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 5/24/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/14/71
TITLE OF CASE JURGEN SCHMIDT; HONORABLE MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT C. HAINES	TYPED BY kks
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

Alexandria airtel to the Bureau 4/30/71.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
APPROVED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE							DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Springfield

Report of: SA ROBERT C. HAINES
Date: 5/24/71

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Field Office File #: SI 9-1464

Bureau File #: 9-49576

Title: JURGEN SCHMIDT;
HONORABLE MELVIN R. LAIRD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Three letters addressed to Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C., postmarked in April, 1971, with return address JURGEN SCHMIDT, 200 East Taylor, Troy, Illinois, contained threats against Secretary of Defense. Subject admits writing letters but claims had no intention of carrying out threats. Administrator of Professional Care Home, which is residence of subject, Troy, Illinois, disclosed subject admitted to her he wrote such letters, stating he became annoyed and mentally disturbed because of restrictions placed on occupants of Shelter Care Home. AUSA, SDI, Springfield, declined prosecution of subject for violation Extortion Statute in view of his mental state, because of his mental condition which was elicited in prior trial for extortion.

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DETAILS:Predication

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon receipt of information that three (3) letters were received by the Office of the Secretary of Defense all of which were postmarked in April, which are described as follows:

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I. Description of Letters

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II. Content of Letters

The letters contained the following:

"Dear Blood"

"I'll kill you real soon
I mean it.
I'll kill you.
I might go to jail, But I
don't care
Will you please deport me
back to Germany
if not I'll kill you."

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"May 1, 1971"

"Dear Blood"

"I'll kill you
I'll Kill you soon
Bstd"

"JURGEN SCHMIDT"

"Dear Blood"

"You I'll kill you
real soon"

"Yours,
Blood"

SI 9-1464

III. Interview of JURGEN SCHMIDT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 24, 1971

JURGEN SCHMIDT was interviewed at his employment, Specialized Services, Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois. At the outset of the interview, an Advice of Rights and Waiver form was furnished to SCHMIDT which he signed. This form was explained to him by Special Agent ROBERT C. HAINES.

Xerox copies of letters addressed to the Secretary of Defense and which are quoted verbatim above were displayed to SCHMIDT, and he readily admitted that he wrote the letters. He said that to the best of his recollection, he wrote approximately six such letters in mid-April, 1971, because he was mentally disturbed over limitations imposed on residents of a shelter care home where he lives in Troy, Illinois. He identified the shelter care home as the Professional Care Home at 200 East Taylor, Troy, Illinois. SCHMIDT stated that whenever he becomes disturbed over outside influences or feels confined or restricted in some way, he becomes upset and is motivated to write letters.

SCHMIDT stated that he had no intention whatsoever of carrying out the threats and that after writing the letters, he felt somewhat relieved. He further advised that he lost his sense of tenseness after the restrictions on residents of the shelter care home were lifted in Troy, Illinois. SCHMIDT expressed remorse at writing the letters quoted above and reiterated the fact that he would never harm anyone. The following is a description of JURGEN SCHMIDT obtained from observation and interrogation.

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	30 years
Date of Birth:	November 9, 1940
Place of Birth:	Hamburg, Germany
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status	Single

On 5/14/71 at Alton, Illinois File # SI 9-1464

by SA ROBERT DALE SCHULER
SA ROBERT C. HAINES RCH/kks Date dictated 5/20/71

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IV. Interview of [redacted]

[redacted] Professional Care Home, 200 East Taylor, Troy, Illinois, advised on May 14, 1971, that JURGEN SCHMIDT is a resident at the Professional Care Home and that he is staying there under a shelter care situation as a releasee from the Alton State Hospital. [redacted] stated that in mid-April, 1971, SCHMIDT told her that he had written some letters to the Secretary of Defense in Washington, D. C., and that he was concerned at writing them because he knew this was wrong on his part. She said that he wrote the letters after some restrictions were placed on residents of the Professional Care Home in Troy, Illinois, by the City Administration. She further stated that after the restrictions were lifted, SCHMIDT seemed to relax mentally and physically and was responding well to psychiatric care as well as to the shelter care residence and employment. She said that reports on his work at the Specialized Services in Alton, Illinois, which was also an affiliate of the Alton State Hospital, were good and that the matter had been discussed with his supervisors at Specialized Services after his admission as to writing the above-mentioned letters.

[redacted] stated that in view of the fact the administrators and supervisors were aware of JURGEN SCHMIDT's propensity for writing letters, they would take more precautions to censor his mail in the future and would attempt to offer him more guidance during psychiatric sessions.

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V. Prosecutive Opinion

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FBI

Date: 5/14/69

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	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Transmit the following in

PLAINTEXT

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Via TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO,
ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-NEW)

JURGEN SHMIDT; MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - VICTIM,
b6 per US Secret Service, per FBI
EXTORTION (OO: SPRINGFIELD). b7C per US Secret Service, per FBI

RE ALEXANDRIA TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

SECRET SERVICE AGENT [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D.C.

ADVISES LAST SECRET SERVICE INTEREST IN SUBJECT, SECRET
SERVICE FILE NUMBER [REDACTED] AUG.

TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN PATIENT AT ALTON STATE
HOSPITAL, ILLINOIS. FILE SHOWS MENTAL CONFINEMENTS
NINETEEN FIFTYNINE - NINETEEN SIXTY AND NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE -
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, DIAGNOSED AS PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE
PERSONALITY. OTHER PLACES OF CONFINEMENT JACKSONVILLE STATE
HOSPITAL, ILLINOIS, SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL CENTER, ILLINOIS
HAS WRITTEN THREATENING, OBSCENE LETTERS IN PAST TO HENRY
FOWLER, FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND TO SECRET SERVICE,
ST. LOUIS.
b6 per US Secret Service, per FBI
b7C per US Secret Service, per FBI

② Bureau
3-Teletype Unit
2-WFO

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Approved: [REDACTED]

56 MAY 20 1969

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)WFO 9-NEW
PAGE TWOb6 per US Secret Service
b7C per US Secret Service

SEVERAL ARRESTS FOR EXTORTION AND THREATS THROUGH
MAIL, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
INTERVIEWED BY SECRET SERVICE IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, WAS
DISGUSTED, DEPRESSED AND REMORSEFUL, PROMISED TO WRITE NO
MORE LETTERS.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WITH HIS MOTHER, ELSIE GRAHAM,
THREE THREE ZERO NORTH AURORA, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISE IF THOROUGH REVIEW OF SECRET SERVICE
FILE DESIRED. P.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 5/16/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2271) (P)

SUBJECT: JURGEN SCHMIDT
MELVIN L. LAIRD, Secretary
of Defense, et al - VICTIMS
EXT
(00:SI)

For info of New York, subject mailed letter of a threatening nature on May 10, 1969 at Alton, Illinois to Secretary of Defense. Was identified and arrested at Alton, Illinois by Bureau agents on 5/14/69 for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 876, for this offense. When interviewed he stated he had also written and mailed letters on the same date to HENRY H. FOWLER, the Secretaries of Army, Navy, Interior, and possibly the Secretary of State.

b6 Per NCIS and FBI
b7C Per NCIS and FBI

On 5/15/69, [redacted] Headquarters of the Naval Investigative Service, Arlington, Virginia, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that he was in possession of the letter sent to the Secretary of Navy. He advised that he had notified Secret Service and one of their agents was en route to pick it up.

- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - New York
- 2 - Alexandria (Info)
- 1 - WFO

WEN:jej
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15 MAY 19 1969

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per [Signature]

WFO 9-2271

On the same date, U. S. Secret Service agent [] advised SA [] that his office was in possession of the letter received by the Secretary of Navy and also the one received by the Secretary of Interior. He stated he would make these available to the Bureau liaison contact on the following day. Additionally, he advised that mail addressed to former Secretary of Treasury HENRY FOWLER is forwarded to him at Goldman, Sachs Company, 55 Broad Street, New York, New York, or his residence at [] New York, New York.

Also on the same date, [] Protective Services Division, United States Department of State, advised SA [] that no threatening letters had been received by the Secretary of State this week.

The letter sent to the Secretary of Army has been obtained by the Alexandria Division.

LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. Contact former Secretary of Treasury HENRY FOWLER at above set forth addresses to determine if letter received this week from the subject, and if so, forward to Lab.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

b6 per USSS and NCIS
b7C per USSS and NCIS

Date: May 16, 1969

BY LIAISON

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: SA [redacted] *STH*
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: [redacted]

On May 14, 1969, your Bureau arrested the subject in Alton, Illinois, for violation of 18 USC 876. [redacted] was charged with writing an extortion letter to Secretary of Defense Laird. SA [redacted] of your Washington Field Office is aware of the full details of this case. b6 per US Secret Service, per FBI
b7C per US Secret Service, per FBI

Attached are the originals of two additional letters authored by the subject, which may constitute violations. The first is addressed to the Secretary of the Navy.

SA [redacted] received the letter [redacted] on May 15, 1969. Both have initialed the letter. [redacted] has been provided background

information on the subject from our files. The second letter is addressed to the Secretary of the Interior.

SA [redacted] received the letter from [redacted] Director of Security, Department of the Interior, on May 15, 1969. SA [redacted] initialed the letter; however, [redacted] did not. [redacted] has also been provided background information on the subject.

Please furnish this Service your report in this matter as well as all previous reports available on the subject.

Attachments

ENCLOSURE

Two original letters from subject

b6 per USSS
b7C per USSS

*Let SAC, Springfield
5-20-69*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

b6 per USSS and NCIS
b7C per USSS and NCIS

TO : [REDACTED] U.S. Secret Service

DATE: 15 May 1969

FROM : [REDACTED] Naval Investigative Service

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. As you asked in your call this morning, [REDACTED] recent letter to the Secretary of the Navy is attached. Since it was apparently opened in S2CNAV's mailroom, and handled through intermediate mailrooms on its way to me, you may not be able to develop any of [REDACTED] prints under all the others. I have handled it by its edges. Please return a copy of the letter to me for our files. We would also like to have a copy of any report you may make on [REDACTED] current threats against senior officials.

[REDACTED]

9 - 49576-10
ENCLOSURE

T R U E

C O P Y

Sir;

I am going to kill You
unless You Pay Your
Bill.

Yes, I am going to
kill You Sir.

T R U E

C O P Y

9-49576-10
ENCLOSURE

T R U E

C O P Y

Sir;

I am going to kill

You soon unless

You Pay Your Bill

Yes, I am going

to kill You.

T R U E

C O P Y

May 15, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached advises that
the individual who mailed a threatening communication to Secretary of Defense Laird, was interviewed by our Springfield Office on 5/14/69. He admitted writing and mailing the letter to the victim and threatening communications to several other Governmental officials. U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois, authorized prosecution, warrant was obtained and ~~the subject~~ ^{the subject} arrested 5/14/69. Secret Service is being advised as well as the other individuals reportedly receiving letters.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226 b6 per US Secret Service, per FBI
b7C per US Secret Service, per FBI

Date: May 20, 1969

BY LIAISON

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Special Agent
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

Reference is made to my letter of May 16, 1969.

Attached are the originals of two additional letters, which may constitute violations. The first is addressed to Mr. Henry Fowler, Former Secretary of the Treasury. The second is addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury (unnamed). I received the letters on this date from the office of [redacted] Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement and Operations. [redacted] of that office, advised the letters were forwarded to her from the Treasury Department's Executive Secretariat. No initials appear on the letters except mine. The letters are date stamped by the Executive Secretariat.

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Attachments

Two original letters

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TRUE COPY

Sir;
I am going to kill you unless you pay
your Bill,

Yes I am going to kill you soon.

TRUE COPY

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TRUE COPY

Sir;
I am going to kill you, unless you send me
some money. I am going to kill you.

Soon you'll be dead.

TRUE COPY

ENCLOSURE

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