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FOIPA Request No.: 1368142-000
Subject: Rockefeller, Nelson

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Below you will find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

Enclosed are 920 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure
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;

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The fourth generation is already standing on the threshold...

By Bernard Gruzer
Associated Press

The dream of any dynasty is continuity. In this, the House of Rockefeller is blessed.

Though the reigning third generation is full of vigor and in firm command, the fourth generation is already standing on the threshold, groomed and gifted for stewardship of one of the world's great fortunes.

It has 23 members, in a direct line from great-grandfather John D. Rockefeller, 19th century's principal oil magnate, to the arena of public service. One day they decided to accept its obligation.

They call themselves the Four.

A few of them, one is told, to ask what it is to be a Rockefeller.

In its various forms, when does a family become aware of itself?

Oh, I used to slide down onto the floor when we got near Brearley and stay hidden until the chairman gave me the signal, and then I got out. I was very self-conscious about being a Rockefeller.

There are those among them who are embarrassed; by their name, One believes legally changed here. Another sought to give away her fortune.

I never studied American history, I kept, because it wasn't my business, because I didn't want to sit in a chair and learn. I was an American suffering, any means that I was discriminated against.

I felt often that when people heard the name Rockefeller they never saw the person name Rockefeller.

That the name could be hazardous as well as a blessing was obviously in mind. John D. III in deciding the name for his eldest son, it was settled that would be John. Not John D. IV. Everyone calls him Jay. Now at 31 he is Secretary of State of West Virginia.

It was left to me to determine whether I wanted to be John D. Rockefeller. I decided that I did.

I have tremendous respect for the name to the end. It has, for example, spottability, conditioned from the family. My uncle, David, is a prominent live balance. My son is governor of New York and my uncle, William, governor of Arizona. He is the sort of man that a 20th-century man.

I am a member of...
FAMILY ALBUM

“At 21, a Rockefeller enters the society of cousins, which meets formally...”

West Virginia Secretary of State John D. Rockefeller IV—Jay—and his wife, Sharon.

That takes seriously the question of the quality of American life.

At 21, a Rockefeller enters the society of cousins, which meets formally to discuss mutual interests, such as philanthropies and investments, politics and philosophy, as well as art and theater and sports and child-rearing. There are 16 adult cousins, plus 11 spouses.

These are some of them with their interests and accomplishments:

Rodman, soon to be 37, is youngest son and an economist, Phil Beta Kappa. He can converse in Swahili and her brother, Jay, speaks Japanese. David Rockefeller Jr. knows his art and is a fine enough actor to have crevcd in the intrepid winner of the America Cup.

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Two of David Rockefeller’s daughters are busy in the Boston area. One is Abby, a gifted musician and an activist in the anti-draft movement, and the other is Nevis Kastor, magna cum laude at Radcliffe and currently writing a paper to a

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The Rockefeller family to launch a political career. He came to the state in 1965 as a community worker with Action for Appalachian Youth — Community Development.

"I came here because at the age of 25 I realized I had spent a great deal of time in Europe and Japan but never had a quiet, concentrated experience in America. That didn't seem normal for a guy at 25. I wanted to be involved in something meaningful, at a grassroots level. I thought first of working with American Indians and then learned of the plight of West Virginians. I felt this was a state that was being ignored," he says.

As a result of an analytical process, the question: How do you do something meaningful in this state? I thought that my work as part of the Appalachian project would be useful, but I could see that the real effective way was through political action. It wasn't a difficult decision. The fact that it removes privacy issues..."

The Rockefeller's were taught about money at an early age. "We are given small allowances," Jay recalls. "I remember having an allowance of 15 cents a week. We had to budget. Five cents for spending, five cents for saving, and five cents for giving."

No cents for lending, according to some other cousins. "It is not good to lend money to friends," one says. "You do, and they almost automatically think that because you are a Rockefeller they have no need to pay you back. That makes you wonder what sort of friend you have. So, our rule was, don't lend money.

" Corruption no longer ever has any money," says "reasonably" the president of the family's International Basic Economy Corporation, which is no less than a private foreign aid program.

"After the first million, you learn you have all this money, and you buy what you need, and then you know that you have to do something with it."
TO SACs WASHINGTON FIELD (128-162)
BUFFALO (62-994)
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ST. LOUIS
LAS VEGAS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED

MARCH THIRTYONE, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

NELSON H. ROCKEFELLER

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A PRESI-
DENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION INVOLVED NOT INDICATED. BORN
JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND
RESIDES IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CONTAINED IN WHO'S WHO.

ALL OFFICES EXCEPT LITTLE ROCK, ST. LOUIS, AND LAS VEGAS
SEE YOUR FILE INDICATING SPI INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR
ROCKEFELLER IN NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO. BRING UP TO DATE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT SPI STANDARDS.

NOTE: Request received from White House today.
Separate memo sent through re request.

Return to Mr. BURKE, Room 1254.
TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS OF
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY.
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER’S DIVORCE SHOULD BE VERIFIED
FROM COURT RECORDS, HOWEVER, NO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE
WITH HIS FORMER WIFE MARY T. CLARK ROCKEFELLER.
DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE
BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.
SPIN.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Galah

FROM: W. V. Cleveland

DATE: 3/24/69

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES WHITE HOUSE

Among the requests for investigations received from the White House today are the following, all of whom are for Presidential appointments:

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York

Franklin David Murphy, former Chancellor, University of California at Los Angeles, and presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of "Los Angeles Times" newspaper, Los Angeles, California

Lester Patrick Condon. He served as a Special Agent with the FBI from 1/6/47 until 1/12/51 when he resigned. His services were satisfactory. We have had cordial relations with Mr. Condon. He has been named Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

With regard to Governor Rockefeller, it is noted that wide publicity was given to his divorce from his first wife, Mary T. Clark, in 1962 and his subsequent marriage to Margaretta (Happy) Murphy. In these cases we follow the policy of interviewing a former spouse; however, we will not interview the former Mrs. Rockefeller. SAC, Albany, will be instructed to advise Governor Rockefeller that the Bureau is conducting this investigation.

ACTION: The cases have been ordered separately to the field for immediate attention. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations of Governor Rockefeller and Franklin David Murphy. Our files are being reviewed and you will be advised of any unusual developments.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Callahan

WHB: pnh
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FBI ALBANY

1:49 PM URGENT 3/25/69 KEM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBANY (161-965) IP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REBUTEL MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ON THIS DATE, GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WAS ADVISED

THROUGH HIS GENERAL COUNSEL ___________ BY ASAC

WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, THAT INVESTIGATION IS PROCEEDING SINCE

THE GOVERNOR IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR AN IMPORTANT POSITION

OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI ALBANY

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TO DIRECTOR AND OMAHA AND WFO

FROM ALBANY 161-965

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE,

NEXT.

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OMAHA, MARCH TWO SIX,

INSTANT.

OMAHA INTERVIEW GOVERNOR ROBERT RAY, IOWA, REGARDING

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER. (PP)

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FBI WASH DC*

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. SPI. BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE, NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO BOSTON AND WFO MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE

UNITED FRUIT CO., EIGHT O O BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.,

UNSUCCESSFUL. HAS SINCE RETIRED. CURRENTLY RESIDES

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY FBI DEC. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, RESULTS FAVORABLE. ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE WHEN APPOINTEE WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

LEAD AT WASHINGTON FIELD. WILL REINTERVIEW REGARDING APPOINTEE.

END

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FBI WASH DC*
FBI WASH DC

FBI ALBANY

547 PM URGENT 3/26/69 RJH 2P

TO: DIRECTOR; SACS BOSTON, DENVER, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK
OMAHA, PHILADELPHIA, PORTLAND, WFO.

FROM: ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI. BURED MARCH THIRTYONE NEXT.

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GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION INVOLVED NOT INDICATED.
BORN JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN EIGHT, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND
RESIDES IN EXECUTIVE MANSION IN ALBANY, NY.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S SECRETARY, ADVISED GOVERNOR CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH GOVERNOR FRANCIS
SARGENT, MASS.; GOVERNOR JOHN LOVE, COLORADO; GOVERNOR
HAROLD LEVANDER, MINNESOTA; GOVERNOR TOM MC CALL, OREGON;
GOVERNOR RAY SHAFER, HARRISBURG, PA., AND U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
ANTHONY TRAVIA, NEW YORK; AND SENATORS JAVITS AND GOODELL OF
NEW YORK, BOTH RESIDING WASHINGTON, D.C.

BOSTON, DENVER, MINNEAPOLIS, OMAHA, PHILADELPHIA, PORTLAND,
NEW YORK AND WFO, HANDLE INTERVIEWS THEIR RESPECTIVE

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ELETYPED TO: 5 APR 23 1969
TERRITORY. DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE
BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED. -P-

END

GMJ

FBI WASH DC

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAR. THIRTYONE, NEXT.

REBUTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ON MAR. TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, ROCHESTER, NY., ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FORTYONE WHEN THEY FIRST MET IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE ADVISED HE HAS HAD FREQENT BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, HABITS, MORALS AND ABILITIES AND ADDED HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

RUC

END?

YES END

CKG

FBI WASH DC
REFERENCE: Albany teletype to Director, 3/26/69.

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CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [ ] YES [ ] NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [ ] NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Bureau (AM)
1 Portland (161-227)

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APR 1 1969
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: March 27, 1969
Date:  
Office: Portland, Oregon

Field Office File #: 161-227
Bureau File #: 

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Governor TOM McCALL of Oregon recommends Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER without reservation.

DETAILS:

On March 27, 1969, Governor THOMAS LAWSON McCALL, State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon, advised he has known Governor NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1964, and has worked with him on several committees, both at the national governors' conferences and at the Republican governors' meetings. He supported Governor ROCKEFELLER vigorously for President, both in 1968 and 1964, and from his association with Governor ROCKEFELLER, which has been principally political, he knows nothing unfavorable as to character, associates or loyalty, and would recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER without reservation for any Presidential appointment for which he is qualified.

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DATE 12-17-69 BY 983 RDD/63C

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TO:       DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM:     SAC, LITTLE ROCK (161-172) -RUC-
SUBJECT:  NELSON ALDRICH ROYKELLER
          SPECIAL INQUIRY
          BUREAU

3/24/69.

Re Bureau teletype to Washington Field and other offices,

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES I.
ROBICHAUD on March 25, 1969:

The reference made to the applicant in Who's Who was
reviewed at the Public Library, 700 Louisiana, Little Rock,
Arkansas. Review of this reference failed to contain any leads in
Arkansas concerning applicant.

The applicant's brother, WINTHROP ROYKELLER, is
Governor of the State of Arkansas, and resides at the Governor's
Mansion, 1800 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, wife JEANNETTE.

No credit check is being made inasmuch as the State
Legislature is presently in session, and such a check could
conceivably cause some dissenion. In view of the above, no
further investigation is being conducted by Little Rock, UACB.
FBI WASH DC

FBI OMAHA

12:43 P.M. 3-27-69 URGENT TH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM OMAHA 161-437 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN.

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST.

IOWA GOVERNOR ROBERT D. DAY, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS AND GIVES HIM THE HIGHEST ENDORSEMENT FOR ANY APPOINTEE POSITION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM STANDPOINT OF CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, ABILITY, INTELLIGENCE, AND LOYALTY.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

P. SPIN.

END

GMJ

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL 161-6197-9

DATE 12-12-63 REDacted APR 17 1969
Date: 3/27/69  
Field Office File #: 161-168  
Bureau File #:  
Title: NELSON ALDRIAH ROCKEFELLER  

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY  

Synopsis: MARY C. ROCKEFELLER, Plaintiff, granted absolute divorce 3/16/62 at Reno, Nevada, from NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Defendant, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. No record of plaintiff at PD or SO, Reno.  

DETAILS:  
On March 27, 1969, Washoe County Clerk's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised as follows:  

Divorce action number 197412 was filed March 16, 1962, in Department 1, Second Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe, Reno, Nevada, by MARY C. ROCKEFELLER, Plaintiff, versus NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Defendant. This action was held March 16, 1962, in private, and transcript of the testimony was sealed. The record reflects that the parties were married at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1930. There were no minor children the issue of this marriage at the time of this action. Property and future support agreement, dated November 17, 1961, was stipulated as fair and adequate, and was not submitted to the court. Absolute divorce was granted to the plaintiff March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. The record indicates that plaintiff had been a resident of the State of Nevada for six weeks prior to this hearing.
On March 27, 1969, Lieutenant Identification Bureau, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised that MARY ROCKEFELLER established her six-weeks residence at Washoe County, Nevada, in 1962 and that the files of this office contain no record concerning her.

On March 27, 1969, Identification Bureau, Reno, Nevada, Police Department, advised that the files of this Bureau contained no identifiable record of MARY T. CLARK ROCKEFELLER.
URGENT 3-27-69 GCW

TO: DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD (128-162)
FROM: ST. LOUIS (161-C) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BDGED: MARCH THIRTYONE, NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ST. LOUIS VERIFYING EMPLOYMENT FOR ROCKEFELLER WITH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, FIFTY, TO NOVEMBER FIVE, FIFTYONE, AND WITH U. S. COMMERCIAL COMPANY, RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY FIFTEEN, FORTY-TWO, TO JUNE TWENTYFOUR, FORTY-TWO. PERSONNEL NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER UNABLE TO LOCATE RECORDS FOR OTHER EMPLOYMENTS AS LISTED IN WHO'S WHO AND ADVISED RECORDS POSSIBLY LOCATED WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON FIELD HANDLE.

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WFO
REPORT OF:
Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 161-2182

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Governor of Massachusetts and President of Dartmouth College recommend appointee without reservation. Credit and arrest negative.

DETAILS:
Investigation at Boston, Massachusetts conducted by SA's and at Augusta, Maine by SA JOHN H. KENoyer, at Seal Harbor, Bar Harbor, Ellsworth and Northeast Harbor, all Maine, by SA

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DATE: 12-17-91

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ACQUAINTANCES

JOHN SLOAN DICKEY, President of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, advised on March 27, 1969, that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for over thirty-five years. ROCKEFELLER graduated from Dartmouth with honors in 1930 and has had a close relationship with the college since that time. He was trustee of the college for a term in the late 1940's and has taken a keen interest in the development of Hopkins Art Center at the school. Normally, he visits the school at least once a year and this is usually during the fall to watch a football game. He is a close personal friend of DICKEY and in the President's opinion is a tough-minded, idealistic, but firm and realistic leader.

DICKEY advised he has always felt very privileged to have a close association with ROCKEFELLER and he gave him his highest recommendation. DICKEY concluded by advising that ROCKEFELLER is to be the featured speaker at the anniversary commencement of Dartmouth College this coming June.
On March 28, 1969, Governor FRANCIS SARGENT, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he is closely associated with Governor ROCKEFELLER and has known him for over five years. He described Governor ROCKEFELLER as an extraordinary, honorable person with excellent habits and behavior, and with no known weaknesses or faults.

Governor SARGENT is not acquainted with members of the appointee's family but he knows that Governor ROCKEFELLER is well respected. To his knowledge, Governor ROCKEFELLER has always associated with leaders of the business world, Government, and academic community. Governor SARGENT said that Governor ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding, loyal citizen and is qualified to perform in an excellent manner in any Governmental position.

Governor SARGENT enthusiastically recommends the appointee and renders his full endorsement as to character, loyalty, and associates, for employment in a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.
CREDIT

On March 26, 1969, [Blank] Clerk, Credit Bureau, 50 Columbia Street, Bangor, Maine, advised that their files contain no record of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. This credit bureau covers Seal Harbor, Maine.

It should be noted that there is no credit reporting agency for Hanover, New Hampshire.
ARREST

On March 26, 1969, Clerk, State Bureau of Identification, Maine State Police Headquarters, Augusta, Maine, advised SA JOHN H. KENOYER that the arrest records of that agency are negative concerning the appointee.

On March 26, 1969, MERRITT FITCH, Sheriff, Hancock County, Ellsworth, Maine Police Department, which covers Seal Harbor, advised that their files contain no information concerning NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. ROCKEFELLER'S summer home is located in Seal Harbor.

On March 26, 1969, Chief ALTON PINKHAM, Northeast Harbor, Maine Police Department, advised their files contained no record of appointee.

On March 26, 1969, District Court, Bar Harbor, Maine, advised their files contained no record of appointee.

DENNIS COONEY, Chief of Police, Hanover, New Hampshire, advised on March 27, 1969, that he could locate no arrest record for the appointee.

Supervisor, Identification Division, New Hampshire State Police, Concord, New Hampshire, advised on March 27, 1969, that he could not locate any arrest record for the appointee.
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY;

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MARCH TWENTY FOUR SIXTY NINE; ALBANY TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MARCH TWENTY SIX SIXTY NINE, ALBANY TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY NINE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONTAINED HEREIN NOT TO BE CONSIDERED ALL INCLUSIVE BUT AS SUPPLEMENT TO PRIOR INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER OF NINETEEN FIFTY TWO. REFERENCE REPORT OF SA LAWRENCE C. BAILEY, DECEMBER NINETEEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

INFORMANT

NEW YORK T-1, AS MENTIONED SUBSEQUENTLY, IS

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONTEMPLATED BY NEW YORK IN THIS MATTER INASMUCH AS IT IS FELT THAT FURTHER INQUIRY MIGHT RESULT IN ACCUSATIONS OF PROLIFERATION AND PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.
REFERENCE MATERIAL

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, VOLUME THIRTY FOUR, FOR THE YEARS SIXTY SIX THROUGH SIXY SEVEN CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME REGARDING APPOINTEE, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, PRESENT GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK:

BORN BAR HARBOR, MAINE, JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT; MARRIED MARRY TODHUNTER CLARK, SIX TWENTY THREE THIRTY, DIVORCED NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. CHILDREN, MICHAEL (DECEASED) AND SECOND MARRIAGE TO MARGARET FITLER MURPHY MAY SIXTY THREE,

ROCKEFELLER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR THROUGH FIFTY FIVE; GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK FIFTY EIGHT TO PRESENT; UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, FIFTY THREE TO FIFTY FOUR; CHAIRMAN MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, FIFTY SEVEN TO FIFTY EIGHT; TRUSTEE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND INCORPORATED, DIRECTOR UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES FOUNDATION INCORPORATED, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

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DEVELOPMENT, FOUNDER MUSEUM OR PRIMITIVE ART, CHAIRMAN
PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
FIFTY THREE - FIFTY EIGHT, CHAIRMAN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
FOUNDATION INCORPORATED, FIFTY THREE TO FIFTY EIGHT.
ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO APPOINTEE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL BACKGROUND: TO SA WILLIAM J. BARRON SHE VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS AS PREVIOUSLY REFLECTED, ADVISING THAT APPOINTEE'S

APPOINTEE CONSIDERS HIS LEGAL AND ACTUAL RESIDENCE AT THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY ESTATE AT POCANTICO HILLS, NEW YORK, AS DO ALL MEMBERS OF APPOINTEE'S FAMILY. APPOINTEE MAINTAINS AN NYC RESIDENCE AT EIGHT ONE ZERO FIFTH AVENUE, WHICH HE OCCUPIES WHEN THE NECESSITY ARISES FOR HIM TO BE IN NYC. APPOINTEE'S ALL MAINTAIN NYC RESIDENCES. WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER RESIDES AT WINROCK FARMS, MORRILTON, ARKANSAS.

APPOINTEE WAS DIVORCED BY HIS FIRST WIFE ON MARCH SIXTEEN SIXTY TWO IN RENO, NEVADA.
REGARDING APPOINTEE'S BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS,

APPOINTEE FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF ROCKEFELLER CENTER INC,
FIFTY TWO TO FIFTY EIGHT, SEVERED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THIS
FIRM UPON HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF NEW
YORK IN FIFTY EIGHT AND HAS ALSO DISCONTINUED ANY ACTIVE
POSITION REGARDING THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OF WHICH HE IS
PRESENTLY A TRUSTEE ON AN INACTIVE BASIS. HE IS PRESENTLY AN
TRUSTEE OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND INC ON AN INACTIVE
BASIS AND HAS ACTED AS AN INACTIVE TRUSTEE FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES FUND WHICH IS A PHILANTHROPICAL
ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN BOGATA, COLUMBIA. APPOINTEE ALSO
DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM ANY OF HIS PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES
IN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT (AIA) AND ALSO WITH INTERNATIONAL BASIC
ECONOMY CORPORATION (IBEC). APPOINTEE PRESENTLY TRUSTEE INACTIVE
OF MUSEUM OF PRIMITIVE ART. ALSO ACTIVE IN PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS BASED
IN WDC DURING PERIOD FIFTY THREE TO APPROXIMATELY FIFTY EIGHT,
WHICH ORGANIZATION NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE AND ALSO ACTIVE IN THE
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOUNDATION DURING SAME PERIOD OF TIME IN WDC.
INFORMATION PERTAINING TO APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND, AS SET OUT PREVIOUSLY, IS CORROBORATED IN INFORMATION APPEARING IN ARTICLES IN THE NEW YORK TIMES MORGUE.
ADVISÉD SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS AND HAS BEEN APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL AND PRIVATE SECRETARY DURING LARGER PORrION OF THIS TIME. DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS ONE OF FINEST, MOST INTELLIGENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS SHE HAS EVER COME INTO CONTACT WITH. STATED HIS REPUTATION, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, IS UNBLEMISHED, AND HIS MORALS, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY ARE OF HIGHEST. APPOINTEE AND ALL HIS FAMILY MEMBERS SHARE IN THE HIGHEST REGARD OF ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THEM PROFESSIONALLY OR POLITICALLY. APPOINTEE HAS DIVORCED HIMSELF FROM ALL PRIVATE AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AND HAS DEVOTED ALL OF HIS TIME TO THE SUCCESSFUL AND CONTINUOUS CHORES WHICH ARE HIS AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. SHE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

WITH REGARD TO APPOINTEE'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS,

NOTED THAT PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE VENTURES OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS ARE JOINT VENTURES BY NATURE THEY ARE LARGELY CONTROLLED BY THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMEN AND PRESIDENTS ARE LARGELY INTERLOCKING WITH ROTATING OFFICERS.
ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST, PERSONAL ASSISTANT AND ADVISOR TO APPOINTEE, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY. HE ADVISED HE HAS HAD CLOSE SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME.

VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S PRESIDENCY CAPACITY WITH THESE COMPANIES FROM INCEPTION IN FORTY SIX UNTIL APPOINTEE'S INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IN APPROXIMATELY FIFTY THREE. HE ALSO VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S FORMER PRESIDENTIAL AND CHAIRMAN POSITIONS WITH ROCKEFELLER CENTER, INC, HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD. HE STATES APPOINTEE'S ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS' OPERATIONS LARGELY CEASED SINCE HIS GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES, HAVING BEEN SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND LATER UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE. SINCE APPOINTEE'S ELECTION TO GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK IN FIFTY EIGHT, APPOINTEE HAS COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM ALL OF THE ROCKEFELLER INTERESTS AND HAS DEVOTED ALL OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY TO THE FULFILMENT OF HIS ELECTED OFFICE. APPOINTEE IS OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER.
REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES AND COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES. APPOINTEE AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY ENJOY HIGHEST REPUTATIONS PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY AS TO MORALITY, INTEGRITY, SINCERITY AND LOYALTY. HE SAID THAT ON BASIS OF HIS CLOSE SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE, HE COULD RECOMMEND NO ONE MORE HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE, IBEC, ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. BARRON THAT APPOINTEE WAS KNOWN TO HIM PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS. VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S PRIOR DIRECTORSHIP OF INSTANT CORPORATION AND APPOINTEE PRESENTLY INACTIVE IN ITS AFFAIRS. DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY, AND ENJOYS HIGHEST REPUTATION AS TO MORALS, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. APPOINTEE EXTREMELY CAPABLE IN MANY FIELDS AND IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS EXPERT ON LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. APPOINTEE HAS EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN VENEZUELA, AND NUMEROUS CONTACTS, PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL, IN SOUTH AMERICA. APPOINTEE DEVOTED TO SOLVING PROBLEMS OF HUMANITY AT HOME AND ABROAD AND RECOMMENDS, WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
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ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, ROCKEFELLER CENTER, INC.,

ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. BARRON THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE
PROFESSIONALLY AND社CIALLY FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY
THIRTY FIVE YEARS. VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S PRIOR PRESIDENCY AND
CHAIRMANSHIP AT THIS COMPANY PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY THREE
RELATING THAT APPOINTEE HAS RELINQUISHED HIS INTERESTS IN
THIS COMPANY SINCE HIS ENTRY INTO PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND GOVERN-
MENT SERVICE. HE KNOWS APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S IMMEDIATE
FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE PERSONS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND
UNQUESTIONABLE LOYALTY. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS GENEROUS,
CHARITABLE AND EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT WORLD PROBLEMS, AND
WHO HAS THROUGH HIS OWN PERSONAL AND OTHER ROCKEFELLER
INTERESTS DILIGENTLY ATTEMPTED TO ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS
BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS ONE OF THE
FINEST GENTLEMEN HE HAS EVER MET AND THAT APPOINTEE ENJOYS

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AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION, PROFESSIONALLY, SOCIALY, AND POLITICALLY, AS TO HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY.

RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY.
CHAIRMAN OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND, INC., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS, SOCIA LLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE IS TRUSTEE OF THIS FUND WHICH IS ROCKEFELLER FAMILY PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVEMENT OF WORLD ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS BEING AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MAN, PROFESSIONALLY, SOCIA LLY AND POLITICALLY, WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL THOSE WITH WHOM HE COMES INTO CONTACT. HE ADVISED HE AND THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS' PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND RECOMMENDED HIM MOST HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, ASSOCIATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY INTERESTS AND NEW YORK STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN YEARS, SOCIALY, PROFESSIONALLY AND POLITICALLY. HE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAS RELINQUISHED PRACTICALLY ALL OF HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY BUSINESS AFFAIRS NOTING THAT HE IS DEVOTING ALL OF HIS TIME AND ENERGIES TO HIS OBLIGATIONS AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A MAN OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, MORALS, SINCERITY AND CHARACTER WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL WHO KNOW HIM AS AN EARNEST AND SINCERE PUBLIC SERVANT AND ASTUTE BUSINESSMAN AND ADAPTABLE AND PERSUASIVE STATESMAN. HE IS RECOGNIZED BY MANY AS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGABLE REGARDING LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL. RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, [ ]
PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND, INCORPORATED,
A CHARITABLE AND PHILANTHROPICAL ORGANIZATION, ADVISED THAT
HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SocialLY WITH
THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS SINCE APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN FORTY. HE HAS HAD VARIOUS UNSUNDRY CAPACITIES WITH
THE VARIED ROCKEFELLER ENTERPRISES SINCE THIS TIME AND HAS
OVER THE YEARS DEVELOPED THE HIGHEST OPINION OF THE APPOINTEE
AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, MORALS, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY.
HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST HUMANITARIANS,
A FINE STATESMAN, AN ASTUTE BUSINESS MAN, AND A DEDICATED
PUBLIC OFFICIAL. APPOINTEE HAS BEEN OF GREAT SERVICE TO
UNITED STATES AND ITS PEOPLE AND [ ] RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE
MOST HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, the Assistant General Legal Counsel for the Rockefeller Family was advised that he has known the appointee approximately ten years on a principally professional basis. He described the appointee as being largely retired from private affairs and totally dedicated and devoted to public life for the betterment of all individuals. He stated Rockefeller is a sincere, earnest public servant as he was in his private affairs and stated Rockefeller is of the highest integrity, morals and character. Recommended appointee most highly.

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ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, SENIOR PARTNER AND HEAD OF LAW FIRM OF CRAVATH, SWAINE AND MOORE, ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWELVE YEARS AND ON OCCASION DURING THAT PERIOD HAD DONE LEGAL WORK FOR THE APPOINTEE. HE SAID HE AND HIS WIFE WERE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THE APPOINTEE AND THAT WHO HAD SERVED IN A VARIETY OF STATE REPUBLICAN POLITICAL POSITIONS SINCE THE APPOINTEE FIRST SOUGHT THE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED BY THE APPOINTEE TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY WERE OF GREAT INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL MEANS, THE APPOINTEE HAD NOT BEEN SPOILED, AS HAD SO MANY OTHERS WHO HAD COME FROM SUCH A WEALTHY BACKGROUND; BUT, TO THE CONTRARY WAS AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKING AND CONSCIENTIOUS INDIVIDUAL.
HE ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE WAS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR. ADVISED THAT IF INQUIRY WAS BEING MADE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE WITH REGARD TO HIS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT AS A ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO LATIN AMERICA, HE COULD THINK OF NO ONE BETTER QUALIFIED. HE SAID THE APPOINTEE HAD SERVED THE UNITED STATES AS CO-ORDINATOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA FROM NINETEEN FORTY - NINETEEN FORTY FOUR AND THROUGH HIS MANY PHILANTHROPIC AND INVESTMENT INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE PERSONALITIES AND PROBLEMS OF THAT AREA OF THE GLOBE. HE SAID APPOINTEE WAS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND RECOMMENDED HIM COMPLETELY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE, JUDGE ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, USDC, EDNY, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS L. LAMB, JR., THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKERFELLER APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS. HE DESCRIBED THE GOVERNOR AS DEDICATED AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT WITH SINCERE DESIRE TO DO RIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE. CLOSE FRIENDS FOR TEN YEARS. GOVERNOR INTELLIGENT, CONSCIENTIOUS, HARD WORKING PERSON. COMMENTED FAVORABLY CONCERNING THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY, MORALS, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. RECOMMENDED VERY HIGHLY FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE, JUSTICE SAMUEL RABIN, APPELLATE DIVISION, NEW YORK CITY SUPREME COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT LAMB HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKERFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS. HE HAS HAD SOME SOCIAL CONTACT. DESCRIBED GOVERNOR AS PERSONABLE, DIPLOMATIC AND MAN OF GREAT ABILITY. RECOMMENDED AS TO CHARAC-
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TER, LOYALTY, MORALS, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. WOULD RECOMMEND VERY HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE, JUSTICE A. DAVID BENJAMIN, APPELLATE DIVISION, SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT LAMB THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKERFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND FINDS HIM TO BE A COURTEOUS, CONGENIAL, DIGNIFIED, DIPLOMATIC PERSON, INTERESTED IN HUMAN BEINGS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. COMMENTED FAVORABLY AS TO CHARACTER, LOYALTY, MORALS, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. WOULD RECOMMEND VERY HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.
ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, MR.

WHICH IS ONE OF THE ROCKEFELLER ORGANIZATIONS AND IS HEADED BY NELSON ROCKEFELLER. HE SAID ITS PURPOSE IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES WHICH IS LOCATED IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA AND THAT ITS OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE OFFICES OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS AT THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC. HE SAID THAT IT IS A VERY FINE ORGANIZATION AND FULFILLING A VERY WORTHWHILE PURPOSE.
ON THREE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, ARCHITECT, FORTY FIVE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. BARRON THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY ON A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FORTY ONE YEARS. HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS REGARDING CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, LOYALTY, MORALITY, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. STATED APPOINTEE IS EXTREMELY ETHICAL IN ALL MATTERS, BUSINESS, POLITICS AND OTHERWISE. APPOINTEE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AS TO LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, POLITICALLY, Socially AND ECONOMICALLY. RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITHOUT RESERVATION.
On March Twenty Seven, Sixty Nine, Robert M. Morgenthau, United States Attorney for the District of New York, advised SA ____________________ that he has been politically acquainted with the appointee for over ten years. He noted that he ran on the Democratic ticket opposing Mr. Rockefeller for the New York gubernatorial election in Nineteen Sixty One. He stated that even though they are both of different political persuasions, he feels that Mr. Rockefeller is a dedicated, earnest and sincere public servant. He stated that recently in the public press he had read where Mr. Rockefeller was to be an advisor to President Nixon on Latin American affairs and from his knowledge of Mr. Rockefeller's background, he feels that he is eminently qualified for such a position. He knew of nothing that would prevent him from recommending him for such a position.
ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, REVEREND DOCTOR
PROTESTANT COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK, FOUR SEVEN FIVE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC, ADVISED
HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR YEARS AND HAS
HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIM. HE SAID APPOINTEE HAS NUMEROUS SOUTH
AMERICAN REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS AND HAD A GREAT INTEREST
IN SOUTH AMERICA PRIOR TO BECOMING GOVERNOR. HE STATED HE FELT
APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER TO SOUTH AMERICA WOULD BE
ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MOST OUTSTANDING APPOINTMENTS. HE
STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR SUCH A
POSITION.

ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, RABBI DOCTOR
TEMPLE EMANU-EL, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY SIXTY
STREET, NYC, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY
THIRTY SEVEN YEARS. HE HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR APPOINTEE AS
MAN, AMBASSADOR, GOVERNOR AND DIPLOMAT. HE FELT APPOINTEE IS
EXTREMELY EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN SOUTH AMERICAN
AFFAIRS AND THAT IT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT. HE
HEARTILY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR ABOVE APPOINTMENT.
ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, NYC, ADVISED SHE IS SECRETARY TO PASTOR, CHRIST CHURCH, FIVE TWENTY PARK AVENUE, NYC. IS ON TOUR AND WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL FOUR SEVEN NEXT.

SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE HE WAS IN STATE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO KNOWS HIS FAMILY, HAVING WORKED WITH SHE SAID SHE HAD A VERY HIGH OPINION OF THE APPOINTEE BOTH AS A DIPLOMAT AND A STATESMAN. SHE SAID HE WAS OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA. SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR POSITION WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.
On 3/28/69, JOHN V. LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of NY, advised that he has been acquainted with the appointee since 1958 at which time he was running for congress as the appointee was seeking the office of Governor of the State of NY. He stated that during his period of association with the Governor he has always considered him a person of reputable character. He stated he considered him a very loyal American, devoted to the State of NY and, of course, to his country. He stated the appointee has served in the Department of State and he considers him "eminently qualified" for any position to which the Administration might appoint him.
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DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK,
ONE TWO TWO EAST TWENTY SECOND STREET, NEW YORK CITY,
ADVISED SA LEON C. KELMER ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE
THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR ABOUT TEN
YEARS. HE DESCRIBED THE GOVERNOR AS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST
INTEGRITY, GOOD CHARACTER, GENUINE CONCERN FOR PEOPLE AND A
LOYAL AMERICAN. HE REGARDS GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER AS AN ABLE,
ARTICULATE ADMINISTRATOR WITH STRONG LEADERSHIP QUALITIES
AND KNOWS OF NOTHING TO DISQUALIFY HIM FROM ANY POSSIBLE
APPOINTMENT.
ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, MOST REVEREND TERENCE J. COOKE, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, FOUR FIVE TWO MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. HE HAS FOUND THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY, A VERY LOYAL AMERICAN, CONSCIENTIOUS, RELIABLE AND "TRUE TO HIS WORK." "HIS FORTHRIGHTNESS AND OPENESS HAVE ENCOURAGED US IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNOR."

"ALL CONTACTS WITH HIM AND LONGRANGE PLANNING THAT CATHOLIC AGENCIES HAVE HAD WITH HIS OFFICE INDICATE THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IS VERY ABLE AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR."

"MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNOR HAS GIVEN ME NO INDICATION OF ANYTHING THAT WOULD DISBAR GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FROM A POSSIBLE FEDERAL APPOINTMENT."
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ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, ______________________

CLERK, CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, NYC,

ADvised IC __________________________ HER FILES CONTAINED NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION.

ON THREE TWENTY SIX SIXTY NINE, ______________________

MANAGER, WESTCHESTER CREDIT BUREAU, THREE HUNDRED HAMILTON AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, ADVISED HER FILES CONTAINED NO UNFAVORABLE CREDIT INFORMATION.

ARREST

ON MARCH TWENTY SIX SIXTY NINE, CHIEF OF POLICE

PAUL OLIVA, TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT,

HAWTHORNE, NEW YORK, WHICH DEPARTMENT COVERS POCANTICO HILLS,

NEW YORK, ADVISED NO RECORD IN FILES ON APPOINTEE OR FAMILY.

ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, SA AUGUST J. MICEK

CAUSED RECORDS NYCPD TO BE CHECKED BY DEPUTY INSPECTOR ______________________

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION; PATROLMAN ______________________

INFORMATION UNTIL; SERGEANT ______________________

OLD RECORD-ROOM (ALL OF ABOVE OF NYCPD); AND ______________________

FINGERPRINT BUREAU, CRIMINAL COURT OF CITY OF NEW YORK. NO RECORD LOCATED

FOR APPOINTEE OR FAMILY MEMBERS.

Approved: __________________________ Sent ______ M Per ______

Special Agent in Charge
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ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, DETECTIVE
WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, POLICE DEPARTMENT,
ADVISED SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS
DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
WHOM HE KNOWS TO RESIDE
AT WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK.

Approved: _____________________ Sent __________ M Per __________

Special Agent in Charge
Governor HAROLD LEVANDER, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been acquainted with the applicant close to ten years. States character, loyalty and ability of the highest and he would have no hesitancy in recommending him for a position of trust.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Governor HAROLD LEVANDER was personally contacted by the writer on March 27, 1969 at his office. He advised that he had had a close personal relationship with Governor ROCKEFELLER for close to ten years. He stated that the applicant has been a representative at many local, state, and national conventions and that he, LEVANDER, had served with him on most of these committees. He added that he had also worked very closely with Governor ROCKEFELLER the past few years on the National Governors Conferences and as a result had grown to consider him a man of great integrity whose only interest, other than his family, was the welfare and future of his country.
Governor LEVANDER advised that as a result of their close association both he and his wife had stayed at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York, on many occasions and had grown to consider the applicant and his wife, HAPPY, as two of their closest friends. He added that he considered Governor ROCKEFELLER to be one of the most capable individuals in the U.S. today and a man in whom he would have no hesitancy in recommending for any position of trust. He concluded by stating that he felt honored and proud that the Governor had listed him as a reference.
NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was employed as Chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperation Administration, Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation. Employed as member of U.S. Commercial Company, Reconstruction Finance Corp., Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

A review on March 27, 1969, of the personnel records, National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records) St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was employed on November 24, 1950, as Chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperation Administration, at Washington, D.C., on a per diem basis, when actually employed. This employment was terminated on November 5, 1951, in the same position by reason of resignation - reason not shown.

Miscellaneous papers indicated that he was appointed on May 15, 1942, as a Member of the Board of Directors, of the U.S. Commercial Company, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, at Washington, D.C. This employment was terminated on June 24, 1942, in the same position by reason of resignation.

The date of birth was shown as July 8, 1908, however, the place of birth was not shown.

No other records could be located.

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

This completes our report.

No dissemination should be made of Internal Revenue Service information outside the White House, Department of Justice, and employing agency.
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323PM DEFERRED 3-28-69 MSJ
TO DIRECTOR     PLAINTEXT
FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373)  (RUC)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPI

RE ALBANY TELETYPE MARCH TWENTYSIX.


UACB NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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MLM FBI WASH DC

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HEREBY DECLASSIFIED DATE 12-17-61 BY 9803 R.DD/USP 9 DF
FBI ALBANY
12:00PM URGENT 3-28-69 DER
TO; DIRECTOR
FROM ALBANY /161-965/ NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE NEXT.

RE BUTEL TO WFO AND ALBANY, MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYNINE THAT ROCKEFELLER WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE ON NOVEMBER FOUR FIFTY-EIGHT AND TOOK OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY ONE FIFTYNINE. ROCKEFELLER WAS RE-ELECTED GOVERNOR ON NOVEMBER SIX SIXTYTWO AND AGAIN TOOK OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY ONE SIXTYTHREE. ROCKEFELLER WAS RE-ELECTED GOVERNOR ON NOVEMBER EIGHT SIXTYSIX AND TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY SIXTYSIX. ROCKEFELLER IS STILL SERVING AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE.

CHARLES SCHOENECK, ATTORNEY, SYRACUSE, N.Y., AND CHAIRMAN OF NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN AND HE SERVED AS STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY UNDER ROCKEFELLER AND KNEW ROCKEFELLER WHEN HE, SCHOENECK, WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY. SCHOENECK STATED HE CONSIDERS ROCKEFELLER TO BE A MAN OF GREAT MORAL CHARACTER, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF END PAGE ONE

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ABILITY, ABUNDANCE OF ENERGY, GOOD COMMON SENSE, A DEDICATED AMERICAN AND ONE WHOM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE AS A SERVANT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ANY CAPACITY.

SENATOR EARL BRYDGES, NYS SENATOR AND SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, WAS INTERVIEWED ON MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE AND HE ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE OR FIFTYSIX. HE STATED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A TREMENDOUS PUBLIC SERVANT, DEDICATED TO HIS JOB AND TO THE PEOPLE WHOM HE SERVES, A MAN OF GREAT VISION, A MAN OF INTEGRITY, ONE OF GREAT MORAL CHARACTER AND ONE WHO WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

STANLEY STEINGUT, DEMOCRATIC MINORITY LEADER, NYS ASSEMBLY, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE, THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, A GREAT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, A MAN DEVOTED TO HIS STATE AND COUNTRY AND ONE WHO WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

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SENIOR JOSEPH ZARETSKY, DEMOCRAT, SENATE MINORITY LEADER, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND STATES HE CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR, A MAN OF DEEP RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND ONE WHOM HE ADMires MORE WITH EACH PASSING YEAR. SENATOR ZARETSKY STATED THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER DIVORCED HIS FIRST WIFE BUT DESPITE ANY POLITICAL CRITICISM OF THIS DIVORCE, HE STATED ROCKEFELLER WAS A MAN IN WHOM NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE COULD BE SAID AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF THIS DIVORCE. ZARETSKY STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND ROCKEFELLER HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH MURPHY, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR TWELVE YEARS AND HAS SERVED THE GOVERNOR AS A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF DURING THESE YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE GOVERNOR IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT INTEGRITY, A MAN OF GREAT CAPABILITY, A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR, A TREMENDOUS PUBLIC SERVANT AND ONE WHO HE WOULD RECOMMEND FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

VINCENT L. TOFANY, COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, STATE OF NEW YORK, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND HE IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER UNDER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER. HE STATED THE GOVERNOR IS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY, WELL INTENTIONED PURPOSES, A GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT, A MAN WITH WIDE-RANGING VISION BOTH IN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, A DEDICATED AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN WHO WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

LT. GOVERNOR MALCOLM WILSON, NEW YORK STATE, ADVISED HE
HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND DURING THESE YEARS HE HAS WORKED VERY CLOSELY AND INTIMATELY WITH THE GOVERNOR. HE ADVISED HE CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE INBRED IN HIM BY HIS MOTHER, THAT HE WAS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY, COMPLETELY HONEST, A TRULY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN, HAVING FAR RANGING INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENTAL PROBLEMS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND MOST ASSIDUOUS IN HIS DEVOTION TO DUTY.

LT. GOVERNOR WILSON STATED THERE WAS NO SCANDAL CONNECTED WITH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S DIVORCE FROM HIS FIRST WIFE AND THAT AMIABLE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH MRS. ROCKEFELLER AT THE TIME OF THIS DIVORCE.

HE ADVISED GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF SOUTH AMERICAN PROBLEMS.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, ALBANY PD, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD IN THE FILES OF THAT DEPARTMENT FOR GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER.

END PAGE FIVE
IN VIEW OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S POSITION AS GOVERNOR OF NYS AND HIS REPORTED WEALTH, NO CREDIT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT ALBANY, N.Y.

NO REPORT IS BEING SUBMITTED BY THE ALBANY DIVISION.

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FBI WASH DC
Synopsis: Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY, who has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately seven years, gives him the highest endorsement for a high appointive position in the Federal Government.

DETAILS:

On March 27, 1969, Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY, Des Moines, Iowa, advised he has known Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately seven years through political activities. Governor RAY said he would give Governor ROCKEFELLER the highest endorsement for a high appointive position in the Federal Government from the standpoint of character, integrity, ability, intelligence, and loyalty to the United States.
Copy to:

Report of:  Date:  3/28/69
Office:  Denver

Field Office File #:  Bureu File #:  161-712

Title:  NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character:  SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Governor JOHN LOVE, State of Colorado, advised he has known appointee since 1960, and has been closely associated with him since 1964. Governor LOVE described appointee as a very capable and outstanding administrator of unquestioned loyalty to this country, high character and desirable associates. He recommended him most highly.

DETAILS:

PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE

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Copy to:

Date: 3/31/69

Field Office File #: 161-5674 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:


DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on March 28, 1969.

Personnel Officer, made available an Official Personnel File for the appointee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, which reflected the following information:

June 11, 1953-Presidential appointment-Under Secretary Health, Education and Welfare (HEW)

December 22, 1954-Resignation as Under Secretary HEW-to accept another position.

December 23, 1954-Presidential appointment(without compensation) Special Assistant to the President, WHO

December 21, 1955-Resignation for Presidential appointment.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

Chief of Records, advised the files contained the following information:

January 24, 1953-Presidential letter Member of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization
January 16, 1958-Press release
   Member Armed Forces Museum Committee.

September 28, 1956-Representative of the President with rank of Special Ambassador for the Inauguration of the President - Elect of Panama.

September 21, 1960-Letter of Credence
   Personal representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador to attend the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the Independence of Nigeria.

November 10, 1965-Commission dated and signed by the President
   Member of the Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations-term of two years.

November 10, 1967-Commission dated and signed by the President
   Re appointment to above Advisory Commission.

March 21, 1969-Commission dated

March 26, 1969-Commission signed by the President
   Member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Board.

Executive Secretary, Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, advised that the appointee was recently appointed a member of the Board and that there has been no meeting of the Board since his appointment and would be unable to comment regarding the appointee.
On March 28, 1969, SA LAWRENCE E. BUSCHER interviewed Alexandria, Virginia

At that time, he advised that he was formerly an assistant of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1940 at which time he was his assistant in the Office of Inter-American Affairs, United States Department of State. He also served with ROCKEFELLER on other occasions in the State Department. He advised that he has always held the appointee in the highest regard and feels that he is a loyal American who has always had the best interest of the country at heart. He has never known ROCKEFELLER to associate with anyone with a questionable character or loyalty. He advised that he himself attempted to persuade ROCKEFELLER to run for the Presidency of the United States, as he feels he is the type of person who could serve as President with honor and distinction. He had never known anything derogatory concerning the appointee and would recommend him highly for any position for which he is being considered.
CRFDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SE caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on March 26, 1969, that the files contained no record for the appointee.

On March 26, 1969, IC determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

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 March 26, 1969, IC searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee.
caused a search to be made of the files of the bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on March 27, 1969, that Civil Service Commission (CSC) files disclosed that ROCKEFELLER was the subject of a CSC Report of Pre-Appointment Check for the position of Chairman, President's Special Committee on Government Organization, Office of Defense Mobilization in 1953.

CSC files further disclosed no further investigation conducted by CSC since FBI is handling Presidential appointees.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised on March 28, 1969, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning appointee since 1952 check.

caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on March 28, 1969, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on March 26, 1969, and disclosed that information possibly identical with the appointee is contained in the files of the United States Army Investigative Records Repository (AIRR) and the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS).
A review of the AIRR files, Fort Holabird, Maryland, on March 26, 1969, disclosed no derogatory information concerning the appointee.

On March 28, 1969, IC determined that the files of "The Evening Star" newspaper contained numerous clippings relative to the appointee's personal, social and political life, his travels and work in foreign relations. No derogatory information was contained in the files.

On March 28, 1969, IC determined that the records of the Library of Congress reflect the following publications by appointee:

"The Future of Federalism"
Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1962

"Medical Care For The Aged"
Social Security and Freedom of Choice
An address delivered to the state-wide conference New York City, May 1, 1962,

"Public Papers of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER"
53rd Governor of State of New York, 1959

"Unity, Freedom and Peace"

No references were located for the above publications in the Book Review Digests.
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FBI NEW YORK
2:00 PM URGENT 3-31-69 AWS
TO DIRECTOR (PLAIN)
FROM NEW YORK 161-2961

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED
MARCH THIRTYONE INSTANT, WITHOUT FAIL.

MR. ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NAACP, ONE
SEVEN NINE ZERO BROADWAY, NYC, ADVISED SA JAMES P. MANSFIELD,
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYNINE, THAT, BASED UPON WHAT HE KNOWS
OF APPOINTEE'S PUBLIC SERVICE BOTH BEFORE AND SINCE HE BECAME
GOVERNOR OF NY, HE RETAINS THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR
APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, ABILITIES
AND SINCERE CONCERN FOR PROMOTING THE BEST INTERESTS AND
WELFARE OF THE U.S. AND ITS CITIZENS. HE CONSIDERS
APPOINTEE TO BE AN EMINENTLY QUALIFIED CHOICE FOR ANY POSITION
OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEELS
APPOINTEE WILL CONTINUE TO DISTINGUISH HIMSELF, AS HE HAS IN
THE PAST, IN ANY POSITION TO WHICH HE IS APPOINTED.

END

MR. TOLSON
Mr. Delosch
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

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FBI WASH DC

56 APR 23 1969
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER SPI

Re WFO report of SA LAWRENCE B. BARRETT dated 3/31/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of IRS report dated 3/28/69.

The files of the House Committee on Internal Security were reviewed on 3/26/69 by SE [illegible] and no pertinent information regarding the appointee was located.

IC [illegible] caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters, and was advised on 4/1/69, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

On 4/2/69, Administrative Assistant to U.S. Senator CHARLES E. GOODLLL, New York, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN that Senator GOODLLL was unavailable but he was authorized to furnish the following information in the Senator's behalf. He stated the Senator would recommend the appointee for any position of high trust and confidence without reservation.
On 4/2/69, [name redacted] Administrative Assistant to U.S. Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, New York, advised SA AUSTIN that Senator JAVITS was unavailable but he was authorized to furnish the following information in the Senator's behalf.

stated the Senator has known the appointee many years as a close personal friend and he highly recommends the appointee for any position of high trust and confidence.

LEADS: WFO
USDS Passport
HEW Security Office
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gale

FROM: W. V. Cleveland

DATE: 4-4-69

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

At the request of the White House, received 3-24-69, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, since 1958. An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted in 1952 concerning Governor Rockefeller which was favorable. Current investigation is highly favorable and complete with the exception of a check of passport files and a check of the security file at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In 1962 he was divorced by Mary Clark Rockefeller, his wife of 32 years, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty. He married Margareta Fitler Murphy in 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from 1953 to 1954, and Special Assistant to the President from 1954 to 1955. He has served on other Presidential committees since that time and in March, 1969, he was appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

Governor Rockefeller has been mentioned in the press as the possible head of a special mission President Nixon is interested in sending to Latin America for a reevaluation of the Alliance for Progress.

Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the FBI for many years.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the summary of current inquiries conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller.

Enclosure 4 APR 17 1969

1 - Mrs. Brown 1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Egan
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (RUC)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPI

ReWFO report of SA LAWRENCE B. BARRETT dated 3/31/69, and WFO airtel to Bu dated 4/2/69.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State reviewed by SE on 4/3/69, disclose that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was last issued passport F 550892 at New York, New York, on February 11, 1965, for travel abroad, no definite plans given. He stated that he was born on 7/8/08, at Bar Harbor, Maine. This passport was renewed on or about 4/10/68, for travel abroad, plans not given.

He was issued the following passports:

On 11/12/54, he was issued passport (Spec.) at Washington, D.C., #44245 for propose travel to Venezuela as a tourist.

On 6/27/55, he was issued Dipl. passport 5176 at Washington, D.C., for travel to Germany on official business for the U.S. Government.
On 12/28/55, he was issued passport 815322 at Washington, D. C., for travel to Venezuela on pleasure.

On 1/18/60, he was issued Special Passport 226393 at Washington, D. C., no travel plans given. This passport was renewed at New York on or about 5/4/63, travel plans not given.

On 9/23/60, he was issued Dipl. passport at Washington, D. C., for propose six day travel to Nigeria, to head US delegation to the Independence Ceremonies of the Federation of Nigeria.

A review of the files of the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, by SA [redacted] on 4/3/69, disclosed the appointee was granted a "Top Secret" clearance on 8/7/53, based on an investigation (date not recorded) by the FBI. The clearance was cancelled upon his resignation.
April 7, 1969

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In accordance with your request received on March 24, 1969, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which were set forth in summary memoranda dated December 30, 1952, and February 3, 1953, which have been furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since February, 1953.

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

Information has been received from two governmental agencies* indicating that a check of their records concerning Governor Rockefeller has not been completed. When the results of this additional investigation are received, you will be advised.

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

Sincerely yours,

Cas Edward DeLoach

Enclosure

NOTE: See memorandum Cleveland to Gale, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, 4-4-69, RHE:lsk.
April 7, 1969

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Summary

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which were summarized in memoranda dated December 30, 1952, and February 3, 1953. This summary memorandum covers the period since February, 1953.

Governor Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Employment

June, 1953, to December, 1954

Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

December, 1954, to December, 1955

Special Assistant to the President

1953 to 1958

Chairman, President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization, Washington, D. C.

September, 1956

Representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador for the Inauguration of the President-elect of Panama

1958 to the present

Governor of the State of New York

September, 1960

Personal representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador to attend ceremonies in celebration of the Independence of Nigeria

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1965 to 1969

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D. C.

March, 1969

Appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

RHE: lsk

See memo Cleveland to Gale, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, 4-4-69, RHE: lsk.

Return to Mr. Egan, Room 7638
Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Governor Rockefeller has been a member of other governmental committees and has held various offices in Rockefeller Center, Incorporated. He has served in various capacities in behalf of philanthropical organizations such as the American International Association for Economic and Social Development, the International Basic Economy Corporation, and the Museum of Primitive Art. Personal secretary to Governor Rockefeller, New York, New York, advised that Governor Rockefeller has disassociated himself from all private and business relationships to devote his time and energy to discharging his responsibilities as Governor of the State of New York.

Marital Status

Governor Rockefeller married the former Mary Todhunter Clark on June 23, 1930, at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

Records of the Second Judicial District of the State of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, reveal that Mary C. Rockefeller filed a divorce action against Governor Rockefeller on March 16, 1962. A property and future support agreement dated November 17, 1961, was stipulated as fair and adequate and was not submitted to the court. An absolute divorce was granted to Mary C. Rockefeller March 16, 1962, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty.

In May, 1963, Governor Rockefeller married the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy and resides with her and at the Rockefeller family estate, Pocantico Hills, New York. Governor Rockefeller also maintains a residence at 810 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

Interviews

Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, advised that he has had a close personal relationship with Governor Rockefeller for approximately ten years. He said that Governor Rockefeller has been a representative at many local, state, and national conventions, and he has worked with him at many of these conventions. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be a man of great integrity whose only interest, other than his family, is the welfare and future of this country. He said that Governor Rockefeller is one of the most capable individuals in the United States today. He highly recommended Governor Rockefeller for a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.
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Robert M. Morgenthau, United States Attorney for the District of New York, New York, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor Rockefeller for more than ten years. He said that although he ran on the ticket opposing Governor Rockefeller for the office of Governor in 1961, he firmly believes that Governor Rockefeller is a dedicated, earnest, and sincere public servant. He said that Governor Rockefeller is eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

John V. Lindsay, Mayor of the City of New York, New York, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor Rockefeller since 1958. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be a very reputable individual who is a dedicated public servant. He said that Governor Rockefeller is eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

Samuel Rabin, Justice, Appellate Division, New York City Supreme Court, Second Judicial Department, New York, New York, who has known Governor Rockefeller for more than ten years, described him as a personable, diplomatic man of great ability. He recommended Governor Rockefeller as to character, loyalty, morals, reputation, and associates. He highly recommended Governor Rockefeller for a position of trust and confidence.

Joseph Zaretsky, New York State Senate Minority Leader, Albany, New York, advised that he has known Governor Rockefeller for 15 years and considers him to be an excellent administrator, a man of deep religious beliefs, and one whom he admires more every passing year. Senator Zaretsky stated that he highly recommends Governor Rockefeller for any position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York, New York, advised that he has the highest respect for Governor Rockefeller's character, loyalty, reputation, associates, ability, and sincere concern for promoting the best interests and welfare of the United States and its citizens. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be eminently qualified for any position of trust and confidence within the Federal Government and believes that Governor Rockefeller will continue to distinguish himself in any position to which he is appointed.
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Charles E. Goodell, United States Senator from New York, advised through his Administrative Assistant, in Washington, D.C., that he recommends Governor Rockefeller for any position of trust and confidence without reservation.

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, advised through his Administrative Assistant, in Washington, D.C., that he has known Governor Rockefeller for many years as a close personal friend and highly recommends him for any position of trust and confidence.

who requested anonymity; advised that he has only casual contact with Governor Rockefeller and sees him occasionally at functions.

He said that he

Thirty-two additional persons, including officials of the State of New York, co-workers, religious leaders, businessmen, members of both political parties, associates, and acquaintances, were interviewed, including those listed hereinafter. They advised that Governor Rockefeller is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. Governor Rockefeller was described by them as an outstanding administrator, highly intelligent, hardworking, conscientious, deeply dedicated, and extremely capable. Those acquainted with other members of his family advised they are highly reputable persons of excellent character and unquestionable loyalty. Governor Rockefeller was further described as a man of integrity, a man of great vision, and a dedicated public servant. It was stated that Governor Rockefeller is extremely capable in many fields and is acknowledged to be an expert on Latin American affairs. Governor Rockefeller was said to have extensive holdings in Venezuela and has numerous
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contacts of a professional, social, and political nature in South America. He was said to be generous, charitable and extremely concerned about world problems, an astute businessman, and an adaptable and persuasive statesman. He was recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

John A. Love
Governor of the State of Colorado

John Sloan Dickey
President of Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

Robert D. Ray
Governor of the State of Iowa

Francis Sargent
Governor of the State of Massachusetts

Tom McCall
Governor of the State of Oregon

Raymond P. Shafer
Governor of the State of Pennsylvania

Close Relatives

Governor Rockefeller's parents, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Greene Aldrich Rockefeller, are deceased. He has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife and minor children mentioned previously:
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 Governor Rockefeller and his immediate family.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Governor Rockefeller and his immediate family.

Agency Checks

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

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, Central Intelligence Agency; Defense Central Index of Investigations and United States Army Investigative Records Repository, Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee on Internal Security; Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command; United States Secret Service; 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 Governor Rockefeller.
Honorable John D. Ehrlichman  
Legal Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

By letter dated April 7, 1969, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

It has been determined that the files of the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., reveal that Governor Rockefeller was granted a top secret clearance on August 7, 1953, which was canceled upon his resignation.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, indicate that Governor Rockefeller has been issued six passports since November 12, 1954, for travel to various countries in Europe, Africa, and South America for pleasure and official business. These files contain no derogatory information concerning him.

This concludes the investigation of Governor Rockefeller.

Sincerely yours,

S.F.
Peru Aid Ruling Set Wednesday

The United States will make no decision on whether to cut off Peru's aid and sugar quotas until next Wednesday, the State Department said yesterday.

"Nothing will occur before April 9," Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said. That date is exactly six months from the day Peru's new military government last fall took over the refinery and oilfields of the American-owned International Petroleum Co., triggering the quota cutoff requirements in the U.S. Sugar Act.

State's legal advisers previously had determined, however, that any foreign aid cut-off would come five days earlier, because the Hickenlooper Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act dates the six-month period from the "nullification of contracts" rather than the expropriation.

It was on Oct. 4 that the Peruvian regime declared "null and void" IPC's agreement with the previous, constitutional government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry.

Now, McCloskey said, State has decided to combine the two deadlines "in view of the status of the discussions between the Peruvian government and Mr. Irwin."

John N. Irwin II, President Nixon's personal emissary to Lima, met yesterday with President Juan Velasco Alvarado and other junta members for the sixth consecutive day. The next meeting is expected on Monday.
WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER RECOGNIZING HIS PROPOSED ORGANIZATION INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT OF THE TOTAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE EFFORT.

THE ORDER INCREASES MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD, FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1954, FROM FIVE TO SIX. IT ALSO AUTHORIZES VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE WORK TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ON OTHER GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE WORK.

ACCESS TO THE BOARD FOR THE FIRST TIME WOULD BE GRANTED TO OFFICERS OF ALL OPERATIONS IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND ALEXANDRIA, CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF THE TIME-NETWORK.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED, 161-6197

HERALD DATE 12-17-91 BY 9803, RDD/HSA 01-60171-A

FOR MR. TOLSON

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your note of congratulations and good wishes. I deeply appreciate your taking the time and trouble to write me.

The FBI here in New York are most cooperative and helpful in all ways. They are thorough, dedicated and loyal.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.
Memorandum

TO: THE DIRECTOR

FROM: N. P. CALLAHAN

DATE: October 12, 1973

SUBJECT: Nelson Rockefeller

Pursuant to your telephonic instructions following the call you received at 1:00 PM CDT, 10/12/73, the information readily available in the Bureau's files at Washington Headquarters was put together and forwarded to General Haig at the White House at 5:45 PM, 10/12/73. Copies of the information delivered are attached.

Telephonic inquiries of the ranking official on duty at the FBI Offices covering the residences verified they had no current information of pertinence that was not already available to the Bureau.

While talking with you on the telephone General Haig called in response to the writer's call at which time it was pointed out to him that within the short time deadline given on this matter the Bureau would not be able to compile its usual detailed summary of information available on these individuals. General Haig stated he thoroughly understood and realized the short deadline.

The above is submitted for information, and record purposes.

Encs.

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ADDENDUM - 10/15/73

As of 9:30 AM on 10/15/73 no request had been received from the Senate Rules Committee for an investigation of Ford as reported by the Press and statements made by the Chairman of the Rules Committee.
Mr. Galo

W. V. Cleveland

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

At the request of the White House, received 3-24-69, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, since 1953. An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted in 1952 concerning Governor Rockefeller which was favorable. Current investigation is highly favorable and complete with the exception of a check of passport files and a check of the security file at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In 1962 he was divorced by Mary Clark Rockefeller, his wife of 32 years, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty. He married Margaretha Fitcher Murphy in 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from 1953 to 1954, and Special Assistant to the President from 1954 to 1955. He has served on other Presidential committees since that time and in March, 1969, he was appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

Governor Rockefeller has been mentioned in the press as the possible head of a special mission President Nixon is interested in sending to Latin America for a reevaluation of the Alliance for Progress, who requested anonymity.

Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the FBI for many years.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the summary of current inquiries conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller.

Enclosure 1 - Mrs. Brown
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

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ENCLOSURE
February 3, 1953

BY MESSENGER

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to my letter of December 30, 1952, which transmitted a summary of our inquiries concerning Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller. Additional information concerning Mr. Rockefeller has now been volunteered to this Bureau and it is included in the attached summary which also contains results of the check of our files on the pertinent individuals involved.

In the absence of a specific request from you no investigation will be conducted in this matter.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Date: 2/3/53]

[Handwritten note: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERE IS IDENTIFIEDDATE: 2/17/51 BY 2803 ROD/152]
IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. _______

February 3, 1953

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

A confidential informant of unknown reliability furnished the following information in view of Mr. Rockefeller's appointment to a position with the present administration.

The informant stated that

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflected the following information concerning one Lincoln Kirstein who may be identical with the individual mentioned by the informant:

In the testimony of Walter S. Steele before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, in 1938, one Lincoln Kirstein was indicated as a leader of the John Reed Club, National Headquarters, 430 6th Avenue, New York City. It was further indicated that this club was reported to be a revolutionary organization composed of artists and writers in the United States and was organized by Communists in memory of an American Bolshevik, "John Reed," who was deported to Russia where he died and where his remains were placed beside Lenin in Moscow. Mr. Steele also testified that in April of 1935 there was proposed a national convention of American revolutionary writers. One Lincoln Kirstein was listed as being among those who signed the call for the convention. This convention established the League of American Writers.
A bulletin published by the League of American Writers dated April and May, 1937, reflects that one Lincoln Kirstein was appointed to serve on a committee of the Second National Congress of the League of American Writers held in June 1937.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised in 1941, that one Lincoln Kirstein, 225 East 7th Street, New York, New York, was a member of the League of American Writers.

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contained the following information concerning the John Reed Clubs of the United States:

"1. 'Named after the founder of the American Communist Party.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 175.)

"2. 'Communist organizations named in honor of John Reed who was one of the earliest Communist leaders in the United States.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 270.)

"3. Among organizations created or controlled by the Communist Party or part of a united front with the party, which supported the First United States Congress Against War. The congress was openly led by the Communists. (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 462 and 466.)"

The League of American Writers was cited by the Attorney General of the United States as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

A confidential informant of known reliability furnished a letterhead of People's Songs, Incorporated, 126 West 21st Street, New York, New York. This letterhead carried one Lincoln Kirstein as a member of the Board of Sponsors for that organization.

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C., contained the following information concerning the People's Songs:

"1. Cited as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. "All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization." (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392)"

A confidential informant of known reliability advised on December 3, 1947, that Lincoln Kirstein, author and critic, spoke on October 26, 1947, at a conference of Cultural Freedom and Civil Liberties, which conference was sponsored by the Arts, Sciences and Professions Division of the Progressive Citizens of America.

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contained the following information concerning the Progressive Citizens of America:

"1. Cited as a 'new and broader Communist' front for the entire United States' formed in September 1946 at the direction of 'Communist steering committees' from the 'Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee' and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 369, and 1948, p. 354.)"

Another Government agency which conducts security-type investigations advised that one Lincoln Edward Kirstein, who presented himself as the Director General of the American Ballet, was in Brazil in June 1942. Kirstein went to Brazil 'on a private venture under the auspices of the New York Museum of Modern Art. On September 1942 Kirstein was interviewed by this agency at which time it was ascertained he was with the Office of the Coordinator of the Rockefeller Institute.
The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following information concerning one who may be identical with the individual mentioned by the informant:
December 30, 1952

Honorable Sherman Adams
Office of Dwight D. Eisenhower
Room 635
Commodore Hotel
New York 27, New York

My dear Governor,

Pursuant to the request from Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller that an investigation regarding him be conducted by this Bureau, there is attached a summary of the inquiries made concerning Mr. Rockefeller.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

All information contained herein is classified.
Date 12-17-91 by 9803 RDD/ISP
I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

The following biographical data was obtained from the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who In America":

Birth Date. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908 at Bar Harbor, Maine, the son of John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr. and Abby Greene Aldrich Rockefeller.

Education. He attended preparatory school at the Lincoln School of Teachers College, New York, New York from 1917 until 1926 when he graduated. Records at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire show that he was graduated cum laude with an A.B. Degree from that institution on June 17, 1930. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was selected as a Senior Fellow during his Senior year based upon excellence of character, dependability, and capacity for working on his own initiative.

The 1951 "Current Biography" shows that he was awarded an honorary Master of Arts Degree by Dartmouth College in 1942 and an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Fordham University in 1941 and by the Jewish Theology Seminary in 1950.

Marriage. He was married on June 23, 1930 to Mary Todhunter Clark and they have five children, namely, Rodman, Ann, Steven, and twins Michael and Mary.

Employment. His employment record as contained in the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who In America" and which has been verified through investigation is as follows:

Since 1931 - Director, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.
1940 to 1945 - Coordinator, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D.C.
March 23, 1945 to April 10, 1946 - Consultant, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D.C.
December 20, 1944 to August 25, 1945 - Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of American Republic Affairs, Washington, D.C.
1939 to 1941 and 1946 to date - President, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York.
1945 - Chairman, New York City Commission Victory Clothing Collection.
1946 - Chairman, Non-Sectarian Community Committee of New York on behalf of United Jewish Appeal.
1950 - Chairman, International Development Advisory Board (Point Four Program).
November 24, 1950 to November 5, 1951 - Chairman, International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperation Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C.
President, International Association for Economic and Social Development.
President, International Basic Economy Corporation.
Trustee, Committee for Economic Development.
Trustee, Dartmouth College.
Trustee, Museum of Modern Art.
Since 1939 - Vice President, Westchester County Board of Health, Westchester County, New York.

Club Memberships. He lists membership in the following clubs:

He is a member of the Psi Upsilon, and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

The 1951 "Current Biography" lists Nelson Rockefeller as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, American Academy of Political and Social Science and Director of National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In 1945, he was awarded the Order of Merit of Chile by President Rios and the National Order Southern Cross by Brazil in 1946.

According to the 1951 "Current Biography" he received the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle in February, 1949.

II. RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

Interviews. The following individuals stated in substance that the Appointee is loyal, of good character, and reputation, and well qualified for a position of trust with the United States government:

Frank Abrams, Chairman, Board of Directors, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.
and a member of the Committee for Economic Development.
Merrill M. Barlow, Business Manager and Comptroller,
National Conference of Christians and Jews, 341 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Henry Binnstein, Executive Vice President, United Jewish
Appeal, 220 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y.

Donald P. Blagden, New York, N. Y.,
retired, former Director, Metropolitan Opera Association, and
former Board Member of the Roosevelt Hospital.

W. C. Doane Candidge, retired, Building Contractor, Seal
Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Lydia B. Carter, Postmistress, Seal Harbor, Maine.

Robert O. Conant, Registrar; Dartmouth College, Hanover,
New Hampshire.

John Sloan Dickey, President, Dartmouth College, Hanover,
New Hampshire.

Gerald Donovan, Attorney, New York, N. Y.,
former counsel for the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Andrew J. Ferguson, Chief of Police, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Marion B. Folsom, Treasurer, Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, New York.

Berent Friele, New York, N. Y.,
Director of International Basic Economy Corporation and American
International Association for Economic and Social Development.

Gordon H. Glidden, Professor of Physics, Dartmouth College,
Hanover, New Hampshire.

Lewis Halle, Policy Planning Advisor, Bureau of Inter-
American Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Wallace K. Harrison, Architect, New York, N. Y.

Sydney C. Haywood, Secretary, Dartmouth College, Hanover,
New Hampshire.

Dr. William A. Holla, Commissioner of Public Health,
Westchester County, White Plains, New York.

Ernest H. Hopkins, President Emeritus of Dartmouth College,
Hanover, New Hampshire.

Kenneth R. Iverson, President, Institute of Inter-American
Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Francis A. Jamieson, Public Relations Director for
Rockefeller Brothers, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

Everett Jordan, Plumbing Supply, Seal Harbor, Maine.

Dumont Kenny, National Director of Programs, National
Conference of Christians and Jews, 341 Fourth Avenue, New York,
N. Y.

Thomas Klechek, Personnel Officer, Office of Inter-
American Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.
Paul Kruming, President, National Export Advertising Company, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.
John Lockwood, Attorney with the firm of Curtis, Mallett, Prevost, Colt, and Mosely, 63 Wall Street and 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.
James Maddox, Assistant Director, American International Association for Economic and Social Development, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.
Haywood P. Martin, Assistant Administrator for Management, Technical Cooperation Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C.
Edward G. Miller, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C.
Henry Montor, Vice President, American Financial and Development Corporation, 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y. and former Executive Vice President of the United Jewish Appeal.
Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, 270 Broadway, New York, N. Y. He was also associated with Rockefeller in the Victory Clothing Collection during 1945.
John Ogilvie, Vice President, Pan American World Airways, 135 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.
Joseph L. Parsons, Insurance Executive, Crum and Forster Company, 110 William Street, New York, N. Y.
Charles A. Peterson, Building Superintendent, 810 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Thomas Fyle, Bedford Road, Route 17, Pocantico Hills, New York.
Dr. Edwin Ramsdell, Chief of Staff, White Plains General Hospital and President, Westchester County Board of Health, White Plains, New York.
David C. Ranny, Cashier, Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Philip Reed, Chairman, Board of Directors, General Electric Company, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y. and Vice Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development.
Edward Rooney, Chief of Police, Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, New York.
Chauncey Rowe, Special Assistant to the Director of Personnel, Department of State, Washington, D. C.
Beardsley Rum, New York, N. Y.
Carl Spaeth, Ford Foundation, 914 East Green Street, Pasadena, California.
Charles L. Stone, Psychology Professor, Dartmouth College; Hanover, New Hampshire.
Morris J. Sullivan, New York, N. Y., retired, former President and Chairman of the Board, American Can Company.
Mrs. George W. Sutton, Darien, Connecticut, Treasurer of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, N. Y.

James C. Wall, retired, Merchant, Seal Harbor, Maine.

John Jay Whitney, Broker, New York, N. Y.

Howard S. Wood, Grocer, Seal Harbor, Maine.

In 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation concerning the loyalty, character, and associates of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller in connection with his appointment as Chairman of the International Development Program. The following individuals contacted during that inquiry furnished favorable information regarding the Appointee, however they were not available for recontact at this time:

- Allen W. Dulles, Lawyer, New York, N. Y.
- Edward K. Dunham, American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
- Ernest Kanzler, President, Universal C. I. T. Corporation, 1700 United Artists Building, Detroit, Michigan.
- Lieutenant Leo Powers, Police Department, North Tarrytown, New York.
- Henry Soderberg, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, 250 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y.
- LeBaron S. Willard, 1 Old Sleepy Hollow Road, Pleasantville, New York.

Miscellaneous Information and Comments. Confidential Informant T-1, a former highly placed Federal government official, advised that
Louis Budenz, a former highly placed official in the Communist Party, advised that he recalled a discussion with other Communist Party functionaries during the 1940's regarding the inability of the Party to infiltrate the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He said he never heard of Nelson Rockefeller associating with the Communist Party or any of its activities in any way whatsoever.

John C. McClintock, Assistant Vice President, United Fruit Company, 80 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he was Nelson Rockefeller's assistant at the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and also when Rockefeller was Assistant Secretary of State. He described the Appointee as a man of outstanding character, loyalty, and reputation, and regards him as being well qualified for a position of trust with the United States government.

Mr. McClintock recalled that in November, 1944, he and Rockefeller made an official visit to Ciudad, Trujillo, Dominican Republic, where Ellis Briggs was the United States Ambassador. Briggs openly and publicly snubbed Mr. Rockefeller, which action led officials of the Dominican Republic to also snub Mr. Rockefeller and thereby cause him considerable embarrassment and difficulty. According to Mr. McClintock, this behavior on the part of Briggs was entirely unnecessary and unbecoming for an Ambassador of the United States.

He explained that it was entirely possible that some Communists could have been employed in the Office of Inter-American Affairs during Rockefeller's tenure as Coordinator, however Rockefeller did not have any personal control over hiring any employees except those closely associated with him. He said further that Rockefeller would never knowingly hire or condone the hiring of anyone who was a Communist, or was affiliated with or interested in Communism.

Government Agency Checks. The records of the following Federal government agencies contained no unfavorable information concerning the Appointee:

United States Civil Service Commission.
Passport Files, United States Department of State.
Security Division, United States Department of State.
Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force.
Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy.
G-2, Department of the Army.
Central Files, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Relatives. Individuals interviewed during the course of the inquiry concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller who were acquainted with his immediate family and close relatives regarded them as individuals of good character, loyalty, and associates.

Credit and Criminal. The files of the law enforcement agencies listed below were checked and no reference to the Appointee was found:

- Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.
- Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.
- Bureau of Special Services and Investigations, New York City Police Department, New York, N.Y.
- New York City Police Department.
- Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, New York.
- New Hampshire State Police, Concord, New Hampshire.
- Police Department, Hanover, New Hampshire.
- Maine State Police, North East Harbor, Maine.
- Clerk of Court, Hancock County, Ellsworth, Maine.

No unfavorable reference to Mr. Rockefeller was found in the files of the following credit agencies:

- Credit Bureau, Washington, D.C.
- Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York.
- Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, N.Y.
- Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Cleveland

FROM: O. E. Coleman

DATE: 8-14-74

ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

ASSISTANT DEPUTY INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: TOWER BUILDING DALLAS, TEXAS INFORMATION CONCERNING NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

At 11:45 a.m. this morning Supervisor D. H. Young received a telephone call from captioned individual. He indicated that he has been in contact with our Dallas Office on several occasions during the past few days to furnish information concerning Nelson Rockefeller. He stated that he wanted the information made immediately available to President Ford so that Mr. Rockefeller would not be nominated to the Vice Presidency by President Ford.

He stated that the whole situation "was a vast swindle" and has "more ramifications than Watergate." He stated he had given the information in detail to the Dallas Office but wanted to be sure it was received here at Headquarters. He was thanked for his information.

SAC Gordon Shanklin was contacted and advised that has been a chronic complainer since 1958. He stated that he has talked with several times during the past few days and submitted a nitelight under a fraud against the Government caption outlining story.

1 - Mr. Gebhardt 1 - Mr. Cleveland 1 - Mr. Young
1 - Mr. R. E. Long 1 - Mr. Coleman 16-6-1974 39X

DHY: dmc (6) ALL INFORMATION CONTINUED - OVER 14 SEP 4 1974

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland

RE: [Blank]

ACTIONS:

That this memorandum be routed to the attention of the Accounting and Fraud Section for its information.

[Signatures]
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Cleveland

FROM: O. E. Coleman

DATE: 8-14-74

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Attached are memoranda containing the results of a check of Bureau files concerning the following individuals, all of whom have been mentioned in the press as possible Vice Presidential nominees:

Melvin A. Laird
Nelson A. Rockefeller
Elliot L. Richardson
Ronald Reagan
Howard H. Baker, Jr.
William Emerson. Brock III
Charles H. Percy
Robert A. Taft
Mark O. Hatfield
Robert Stafford
Edward W. Brooke
John B. Anderson
Albert H. Quie
Charles E. Goodell

Lowell Weicker, Jr.
John Rhodes
William Ruckelshaus
Edith Green
James Buckley
Dewey Bartlett
Marlow Cook
Hugh Scott
Thomas Meskill
John Williams
William Simon
Barry Goldwater
Anne Armstrong
George Bush

ACTION:

For information.

Encs.
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Information was received from the Special Prosecution Force on August 11, 1974, that, according to a confidential source, who reportedly

when interviewed by a representative of the Special Prosecution Force on August 12, 1974, stated

Intensive investigation is presently being conducted to resolve the foregoing allegations.
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was Governor of New York, Albany, New York, from 1958 to December, 1973, when he resigned to devote his time to the Commission on Critical Choices for America, an organization of which he was one of the founders. He is presently Chairman of the National Study Commission on Federal Water Pollution.

Governor Rockefeller was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1930, receiving an A.B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margaretta Filer Murphy, were married in May, 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from June, 1953, to December, 1954, and a Special Assistant to the President from December, 1954, to December, 1955.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES

Applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller for The White House in 1950, 1952, and 1969 were favorable. However, Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the Bureau for many years.

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REUBCALL, AUGUST 16, 1974 AND NYTEL

ON AUGUST 18, 1974,

ADvised SA John T. O'Shaughnessy He has known Nelson Rockefeller's father and brothers since 1938. Stated he was appointed by N. Rockefeller to serve on Moreland Act Commission 6 or 7 years ago. Stated N. Rockefeller would be most helpful in So. America and most advantageous to United States. Stated New York state has had only two governors, Alfred Smith and N. Rockefeller. Stated he is a Democrat and has had dinner at N. Rockefeller's home. Knows nothing derogatory concerning N. Rockefeller's moral character, associates or loyalty. Highly recommends.

END

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 9:00 A.M.
AUGUST 19, 1974.

RE BUCAI AUGUST 16, 1974.

THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WERE CONTACTED ON AUGUST 16,
1974:

WILLIAM E. KIRWIN, SUPERINTENDENT, NEW YORK STATE
POLICE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, STATED HE HAS HAD A PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION WITH ROCKEFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN
YEARS AND DURING THAT TIME HAS HAD NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST
PRAISE FOR HIM. HE DESCRIBED ROCKEFELLER AS A DYNAMIC,
PROGRESSIVE, PUBLIC MINDED AND EXCEEDINGLY CAPABLE
INDIVIDUAL. KIRWIN ADDED, "HIS (ROCKEFELLER'S) DIVORCE
SITUATION WAS HANDLED WITH THE UPMOST DECENCY".
CHARLES C. MC CLOSKEY, JR., DIRECTOR, NEW YORK STATE
BUREAU FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SERVICES, ALBANY, NEW YORK (MPT, DCJS), FORMER
SA, FBI, AND FORMER SHERIFF, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK,
ADvised his professional association with Rockefeller
dates back to 1958. In fact, he said, while sheriff he
travelled with Rockefeller extensively. He stated
Rockefeller is undoubtedly qualified for any position since
he possesses keen insight and astute judgement in all matters.
He remarked Rockefeller "has done more for professional
law enforcement in the state of New York than any man in
history". He highly endorsed him.

WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MPT, DCJS, AND
FORMER ASAC, ALBANY OFFICE, FBI, said his professional
association with Rockefeller exceeds four years and he has
had knowledge by reputation exceeding 16 years. He
described Rockefeller as "one of best governors in the
United States, who is liberal in a conservative fashion."
FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE, NOW RETIRED, LOUDONVILLE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS HAD NO BUSINESS OR SOCIAL CONTACT WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER, HE KNOWS HIM BY REPUTATION AND HAS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY DURING HIS TENURE AS GOVERNOR. HE SAID HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER.

CHIEF JUDGE JAMES T. FOLEY, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ALBANY, NEW YORK, A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE NEVER MET ROCKEFELLER PERSONALLY AND HAS NO REAL INSIGHT CONCERNING HIM, IT IS HIS OPINION ROCKEFELLER WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR DUE TO HIS YEARS OF EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE ON A STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. JUDGE FOLEY STATED HE KNEW NOTHING WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON ROCKEFELLER'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, MORALS, AND LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY.

MALCOLM E. ELLIS
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SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SCHENECTADY FOR TWELVE YEARS, A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN ADVISED
HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ROCKEFELLER AND CONFERRED
WITH HIM ON MANY OCCASIONS CONCERNING LEGISLATION AFFECTING
SCHENECTADY. ELLIS STATED THAT ROCKEFELLER WAS THE
MOST OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK. HE SAID THAT HE IS FULLY QUALIFIED BY VIRTUE
OF LEADERSHIP ABILITY, PERSONALITY, AND SOUND BUSINESS
ACUMEN TO ASSUME AN ACTIVE VIGOROUS ROLE OF POSITION OR
TRUST TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY. ELLIS ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER
IS A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER WhOSE LOYALTY
IS UNQUESTIONED AND HEARTILY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR AN
EXECUTIVE POSITION.

BENDER SOLOMON, 

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS
A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, ADVISED HE MET ROCKEFELLER ON JUST
ONE OCCASION AND HAS VIEWED HIS CAREER WITH INTEREST FOR
THE PAST 20 YEARS. SOLOMON ADVISED IT IS HIS OPINION THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY; THAT HE IS A MAN OF FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, WHO IS BEHOLDEN TO NO ONE AND DOES NOT HAVE TO SEEK POWER AND GLORY. HE SAID THAT HE IS A PERSON WHO DEFINITELY CAN BE TRUSTED AND FEELS THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD SUPPORT HIM IN ANY POSITION TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO APPOINT HIM.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED ON AUGUST 17, 1974:

FRANK J. DUCI, MAYOR, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK AND A REPUBLICAN, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE ROCKEFELLER ENTERED POLITICAL LIFE OF NEW YORK STATE IN 1957. DUCI SAID THAT HE HAS HAD NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH ROCKEFELLER ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS OVER THE YEARS AND HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN HONEST, DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS "NO AX TO GRIND". DUCI SAID HE HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR ROCKEFELLER AS BEING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS TO HIS COMMITMENTS AND IS A PERSON OF GREAT INTEGRITY. HE HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE OF ROCKEFELLER'S PERSONAL LIFE SINCE HE HAS ONLY DEALT WITH HIM CONCERNING OFFICIAL MATTERS, BUT HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER.

MR. JOHN HART TERRY, FORMER CONGRESSMAN, 32ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN FORMER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FROM JANUARY 1, 1959 THROUGH APRIL, 1961. SINCE THAT TIME, HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ROCKEFELLER THROUGH REPUBLICAN PARTY FUNCTIONS AND MATTERS. IT IS NOTED THAT TERRY SERVED IN THE NYS LEGISLATURE 18 YEARS AT WHICH TIME ROCKEFELLER WAS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

MR. TERRY ADVISED THAT HE HAD THOROUGHLY ENJOYED SEVERAL YEARS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH MR. ROCKEFELLER. HE STATED THAT HE WAS "HONORABLE IN ALL RESPECTS". HE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER WHO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG MEMBERS OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES.

MR. TERRY ADVISED THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER IS A FASCINATING PERSON WHO HAS AN EXTREMELY AGILE MIND. HE HAS AN ABILITY
TO COMPREHEND SALIENT ISSUES OF ANY SUBJECT IN THE BRIEFEST TIME. HE ALSO HAS THE FACILITY FOR, AND IS, A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR. ACCORDING TO MR. TERRY, MR. ROCKEFELLER'S MORALS ARE UNQUESTIONABLE AND HE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO QUESTION MR. ROCKEFELLER'S LOYALTY. MR. TERRY STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM ANY SOURCE REGARDING AN INCIDENT WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR EMBARRASS MR. ROCKEFELLER. HE ADVISED THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER'S DIVORCE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ANY TAINT OF NOTORIETY OR SCANDAL, AND WAS SO TREATED BY THE NEWS MEDIA. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND MR. ROCKEFELLER WITHOUT HESITATION, FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

CHIEF OF POLICE EDWARD MC ARDLE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, ADVISED THAT HE HAS MET GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SOCIA LLY ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS, BUT HAS NEVER WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM IN ANY CAPACITY.

CHIEF MC ARDLE ADVISED THAT IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYONE SPEAK IN AN UNFAVORABLE MANNER REGARDING
ROCKEFELLER'S MORALS, CHARACTER, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHIEF MCARDLE ADVISED THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS AN ADMINISTRATOR AND AS AN EXECUTIVE.

IT IS NOTED MAYOR ERASTUS CORNING, ALBANY, NEW YORK, IS AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE OF THE ALBANY OFFICE; HOWEVER, CHIEF MCARDLE REMARKED THE MAYOR IS VACATIONING IN MAINE AND HAS PROPERTY ADJACENT TO NELSON ROCKEFELLER. IN FACT, THE CHIEF SAID THESE TWO ARE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS.

GEORGE A. MURPHY, NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC., ONEIDA, NEW YORK (REGISTERED REPUBLICAN), ADVISED HE HAS HAD CLOSE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, AND CONSIDERS HIM AN OUTSTANDING PERSON. MURPHY STATED ROCKEFELLER'S ABILITIES AND WARM PERSONALITY WOULD MAKE HIM EXTREMELY SUITABLE FOR HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITION AND MIGHT BE JUST THE PERSON NEEDED TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST
JAMES S. KELLY, PRESIDENT, KELLY FOUNDRY AND MACHINE COMPANY, INC., UTICA, NEW YORK, (REGISTERED REPUBLICAN), ADVISED HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ROCKEFELLER BUT OPERATED HIS BUSINESS UNDER ALL OF ROCKEFELLER'S TERMS AS NYS GOVERNOR. HE STATED THE ROCKEFELLER ADMINISTRATION HAD, OVERALL, BEEN GOOD AND THE STATE IMPROVED UNDER HIM. ROCKEFELLER WAS DESCRIBED AS INSPIRING COOPERATION BY HIS STATE AGENCIES WITH BOTH LABOR AND BUSINESS AND INSURED THAT BUSINESS FIRMS WERE KEPT WELL APPRISED OF AVAILABLE LABOR, AREA, NATIONAL AND EVEN FOREIGN MARKETS. THERE WAS CRITICISM OF HIGH COSTS OF GOVERNMENT UNDER ROCKEFELLER BUT HIS PROGRAMS, ACCORDING TO KELLY WERE PROVED TO BE SOUND AND PRODUCTIVE.

ROCKEFELLER IS DESCRIBED AS ONE WHO IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY WHEN MEETING WITH PERSONS OF ALL LEVELS AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ASSET IN FURTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

MR. CHARLES A. SCHOENECK, JR., ATTORNEY AND FORMER NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN, 110 JUNEWAY ROAD, SYRACUSE,
NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER
SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR IN EXCESS OF 20 YEARS.
HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE GOVERNOR TO BE A HARD-
WORKING, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, ADMINISTRATOR WHO POSSESSES
HIGH MORAL STANDARDS, A PATRIOTIC ATTITUDE AND A DEEP
SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN FOR OUR NATION AND
AWARENESS OR PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. SCHOENECK STATED THAT HE WOULD
NOT BE HESITANT TO RECOMMEND THE GOVERNOR FOR ANY HIGH
POSITION OF TRUST.

MR. JAMES SULLIVAN, JR., USA, NDNY, SYRACUSE, NEW
YORK, 104 WINTERTON DRIVE, DEWITT, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT
HE HAD KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY 18
YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS. SULLIVAN STATED HE CONSIDERS
ROCKEFELLER TO BE A COMPETENT, INTELLIGENT AND HONEST PUBLIC
OFFICIAL POSSESSING HIGH MORAL STANDARDS AND AN INDIVIDUAL
WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MR. SULLIVAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD
SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED AN ADMINISTRATION AS GOVERNOR OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR 15 YEARS AND ENCOUNTERED NO SCANDALS
WHILE IN OFFICE. SULLIVAN STATED, BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE
OF THE GOVERNOR, HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION
OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CONTACTED ON AUGUST 18,
1974:

DEAN IRA E. HARROD, DEAN OF STUDENTS, RENSSELAER
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TROY, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA

THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH GOVERNOR
ROCKEFELLER ON TWO OCCASIONS AT RPI. DEAN HARROD STATED
THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL FOR HIGHER
EDUCATION FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK. GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER
IS A DEFENDER OF THE REGENT SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM AND HIS
ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLE
TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. DEAN HARROD
STATED THAT HE THINKS GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IS A GOOD MAN
AND IS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIM.

JAMES A. FITZPATRICK, CHAIRMAN, NEW YORK STATE POWER
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AUTHORITY, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE, PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK.

HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR 15 YEARS. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF ROCKEFELLER'S PLATFORM COMMITTEE EACH OF THE FOUR TIMES HE RAN FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE, AND HAS HAD EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HIS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. HE HAS LIBERAL SOCIAL VIEWS BUT HIS STRONG BACKGROUND IN FINANCE GIVES THESE AN EXCELLENT BALANCE.

ROCKEFELLER HAS ALL THE QUALITIES NECESSARY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN, A PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR AND A MAN OF COMPLETE INTEGRITY, WITH VISION AND IMAGINATION.

MR. FITZPATRICK IS CONVINCED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM IN LATIN AMERICA, AND HIS CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD QUALIFY HIM TO A VERY HIGH DEGREE FOR AN EXECUTIVE POSITION.

RONALD B. STAFFORD, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR, 42ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT, WAS INTERVIEWED AT PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK.
HE SAID THAT HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER SINCE 1964, WHEN STAFFORD WAS WORKING WITH SENATOR KEATING. HE CONSIDERS ROCKEFELLER TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. HE FEELS HE KNOWS ROCKEFELLER AND HIS POLICIES WELL AND GREATLY ADMires THEM; ROCKEFELLER BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED STATES IS THE STRONGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD AND CONSIDERS IT TO BE IMPERATIVE THAT THE UNITED STATES MAINTAIN ITS STRENGTH.

ROCKEFELLER IS A PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR WHO WOULD CAPABLY FILL ANY HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICE TO WHICH APPOINTED.

JOHN M. PERHACH, SHERIFF, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD A LONG-STANDING ASSOCIATION WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION INVOLVING TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. SHERIFF PERHACH ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND ABILITIES.

EDWIN L. CRAWFORD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR A POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
CRAWFORD ADVISED THAT HE IS PHILOSOPHICALLY ALIGNED WITH ROCKEFELLER AND HAS OBSERVED HIM TO BE AN HONEST, STRAIGHT FORWARD INDIVIDUAL. CRAWFORD RECOMMENDED ROCKEFELLER AS AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR ANY POSITION.

ROBERT E. FISHER, JUDGE, NYS SUPREME COURT, INTERVIEWED BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER TO BE A STRAIGHT FORWARD, "TWO FISTED" INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN AND WILL MAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS. JUDGE FISHER ADVISED HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN ROCKEFELLER'S ABILITIES TO PERFORM ANY JOB.

SAC, ALBANY HAS MET NELSON ROCKEFELLER ON OCCASION; HOWEVER, HAS HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF HIM FROM EITHER A PERSONAL OR SOCIAL STANDPOINT. THE INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL OF THIS OFFICE WHO HAVE HAD OCCASION TO CONTACT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OVER THE PAST YEARS, HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERATE TREATMENT AND PROMPT AND CORDIAL ATTENTION GIVEN CONCERNING ANY INQUIRIES CONDUCTED. THE CONSENSUS OF NOT ONLY THE OFFICE PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING WITHIN THE TERRITORY COVERED BY THE DIVISION
IS THAT NELSON ROCKEFELLER IS A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR WHO IS, AND HAS BEEN, HIGHLY REGARDED BY THOSE WITH WHOM HE ASSOCIATES. THERE IS NO KNOWN DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN PRIMARILY FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

END

MSY FBIHQ
RE BUJEAU CALL, AUGUST 16, 1974.

ON AUGUST 19, 1974, HIS EMINENCE TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NEW YORK, ADVISED SA

HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM A DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT. HE STATED ROCKEFELLER HAS PERFORMED HIS DUTIES INVERY-CREDITABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS AND UPRIGHT MANNER AND NOTHING HAS EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO DOUBT HIS INTEGRITY, RELIABILITY OR GOOD NAME. HE ADDED HE OPPOSED ROCKEFELLER’S STAND ON ABORTION BUT HE REGARDS HIM AS AN ABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ADMINISTRATOR.

END
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Cleveland

FROM: O. E. Coleman

DATE: 8/19/74

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

A request was received on 8/16/74, from The White House for a discreet inquiry and a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Rockefeller, former Governor of New York, who is among those being considered for appointment as Vice President.

Applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969 were favorable, except for the comments of:

Information was recently received from the Watergate Special Prosecution Force and the Office of Counsel to the President concerning allegations that

Enc. 8/19/74

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Auerswald

OJA: dcm 7/3
(7)
Memorandum Coleman to Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

During the current inquiries, 21 established sources of the Albany and New York Offices were contacted and they furnished favorable comments concerning Rockefeller. They are aware of nothing which should preclude his appointment to a position of responsibility with the Government. One established source, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York City, now retired, referred to rumors he has heard concerning Rockefeller's "extramarital affairs," but said he feels they are unfounded. He stated he is of the opinion Rockefeller would be an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State, although he, personally prefers Barry Goldwater, U.S. Senator from Arizona.

Comments of FBI Personnel, Albany and New York Offices

Assistant Director John F. Malone of the New York Office advised he has been in contact with Rockefeller on numerous occasions. He considers Rockefeller to be forthright and honest, and a man who always takes a direct approach to matters. Mr. Malone described Rockefeller as an excellent administrator and said Rockefeller holds the Bureau in very high regard.

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Memorandum Coleman to Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

SAC John W. Burns of the Albany Office is not personally acquainted with Rockefeller, but has met him. He stated he is aware of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning Rockefeller who, to his knowledge, is held in high regard by everyone.

Rockefeller is not personally known to other personnel of the Albany and New York Offices.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter furnishing The White House a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Rockefeller as well as the results of the current inquiries concerning him.
General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Haig:

In accordance with a request received on August 16, 1974, limited inquiries have been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York. The information set forth hereinafter contains the results of those limited inquiries as well as a summary of the results of applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969.

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1930, receiving an A. B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margareta Fitler Murphy, were married in May, 1963.

For many years Governor Rockefeller held various offices in Rockefeller Center, Incorporated, New York, including that of President. He served as Coordinator of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., from 1940 to 1945, and was later an Assistant Secretary of State and Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Governor Rockefeller was a Special Assistant to the President during 1954 and 1955. He was Governor of New York from January, 1959, to December, 1973, when he resigned to devote his time to the Commission on Critical Choices for America, an organization of which he was one of the founders. Governor Rockefeller is presently Chairman of the National Study Commission on Federal Water Pollution.

NOTE: See cover memorandum Coleman to Cleveland dated 6/19/74, Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, OJA:dom.

OJA:dom 6/19/74
General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969. During those investigations more than 100 persons, including Governor Rockefeller's professional associates and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, and described him as an outstanding administrator and astute businessman who is intelligent, conscientious, hardworking, and capable. He was further described as a man of unquestioned integrity and great vision, and a dedicated public servant. Governor Rockefeller was said to have extensive holdings in Venezuela and he was described as an expert on Latin American affairs.

During the 1952 investigation of Governor Rockefeller, one individual, a [redacted], who requested anonymity, advised [redacted].

All other persons interviewed during the investigations of Governor Rockefeller recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

The Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and Office of Counsel to the President furnished information to this Bureau on August 11 and 13, 1974, respectively, alleging that [redacted].
General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

During the current limited inquiries, twenty-one established sources of the New York City and Albany, New York, offices of the FBI were contacted. They furnished favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller and advised they are aware of nothing which should preclude his appointment to a position of responsibility with the Government.

One established source, who advised he is not personally well acquainted with Governor Rockefeller, said he has heard rumors concerning Governor Rockefeller's "extramarital affairs," but feels they are unfounded. He stated he is of the opinion Governor Rockefeller would be an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State. This individual advised the only reservation he has concerning Governor Rockefeller is his own personal preference for a person like Barry Goldwater, United States Senator from Arizona, who "made it in politics on his own and was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth."
General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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

The limited inquiries currently conducted consisted of discreet contacts with established sources and do not constitute a full field investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
    SAC, BUFFALO (161-394)
    SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)
    SAC, WFO (161-5674)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

NY S SENATOR MARY ANNE KRUPSKAK, DEMOCRAT-LIBERAL,
CANAJOHARIE, NY, ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER HAS DISTORTED
ISSUES TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE AND HAS MADE THE STATE
LEGISLATURE SUBSERVIENT TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.
SHE SAID ROCKEFELLER HAS USED LOOPHOLES IN THE STATE
CONSTITUTION AND IN THE LEGAL STRUCTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. SHE ADVISED FURTHER SHE HAS RECEIVED
INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE THAT ROCKEFELLER HAD USED HIS
INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN VERY CHEAP LEASES ON SECTIONS OF THE ADIRONDACK PRESERVES FOR SOME OF HIS FRIENDS. SHE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ROCKEFELLER.

INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING PROMINENT DEMOCRATS KNOW ROCKEFELLER WELL:

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ANTHONY TRAVIA, NEW YORK CITY;
NYS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MOSES WEINSTEIN, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK;
AND NYS ASSEMBLY MINORITY LEADER STANLEY STEINHUT, NEW YORK CITY.

THE AUGUST 17, 1974, ISSUE OF THE "TIMES UNION" DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED ALBANY, NY, CONTAINED AN ARTICLE WHEREIN IT WAS REPORTED THAT MRS. BETTIE DURYEA, WIFE OF NYS REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY SPEAKER PERRY B. DURYEA, SENT TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT FORD AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WHEREIN SHE TERMED ROCKEFELLER AS UNFIT FOR "EVEN THE OFFICE OF DOG CATCHER".

THE AUGUST 21, 1974, EDITION OF THE "TIMES UNION" REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

NOVEMBER, 1958, DEFEATED INCUMBENT NYS GOVERNOR W. AVERILL HARRIMAN; NOVEMBER, 1962, WON A SECOND FOUR-YEAR
TERM AS GOVERNOR BY DEFEATING U.S. ATTORNEY ROBERT MORGENTHAU; NOVEMBER, 1966, WON ELECTION TO A THIRD FOUR-YEAR TERM BY DEFEATING QUEENS COUNTY (NEW YORK) DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK D. O'CONNOR; NOVEMBER, 1970, WON A FOURTH TERM AS GOVERNOR BY DEFEATING FORMER U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ARTHUR GOLDBERG.

NYS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ADVISES FORMER COUNSEL TO FORMER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER NOW IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN NEW YORK CITY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

BUFFALO AND NEW YORK BEAR IN MIND ALLEGATIONS OF KRUPSAK DURING INTERVIEWS.

NEW YORK SECURE COMMENTS OF ABOVE DEMOCRATS AND FORMER POLITICAL OPPONENTS HARRIMAN, MORGENTHAU AND O'CONNOR.

IT IS NOTED MRS. DURYEA, SUPRA, RESIDES NEW YORK. NEW YORK THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW MRS. DURYEA.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW

NEW YORK AND WFO REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF GOLDBERG AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

END.

HOLD FOR TWO

DSS FBIHQ
749PM URGENT 8-21-74 CJR
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
BOSTON (161-2182)
FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P P
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.
DONALD S. HARRINGTON, NEW YORK STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERAL PARTY PRESENTLY IN DENMARK, MAINE, AND CAN BE REACHED AT 207-452-2192.

BOSTON INTERVIEW HARRINGTON.

END HOLD
NR 009 AL PLAIN
6:55 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 21, 1974

TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM ALBANY (161-965) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INFORMATION RECEIVED ROCKEFELLER MEMBER OF, OR CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, INC. (COFR). VERIFY THIS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION. FOR BACKGROUND THIS ORGANIZATION REFER YOUR FILE 9-628 CAPTIONED "COFR, 58 E 58TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, U.S. SENATORS, AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES - VICTIMS, EXTORTION."

END

DSS FBIHQ CLR

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

DATE 12-17-91 4803 RDP/152

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58 JAN 4 1975
TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)
NEW YORK (161-2961)
ALBANY (161-965)
BOSTON (161-2182)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDEDI.

AUGUST 21, 1974

URGENT

AUGUST 23, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TODAY.

WITH REGARD TO INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER'S FINANCES,
THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AGENT ACCOUNTANTS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED
AS COORDINATORS FOR THIS PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION:
JOSEPH E. HENEHAN,

AND ROBERT P. KEEHAN.

ROCKEFELLER IS TO BE INTERVIEWED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22,
1974, FOR BACKGROUND DATA AND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS
FINANCES, AND SA HENEHAN WILL PARTICIPATE. LATEST INFORMATION
INDICATES ROCKEFELLER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ON
AUGUST 22, 1974, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW BY WASHINGTON
FIELD ARE BEING MADE.

RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.
NR003 AL PLAIN

350 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 21, 1974 VSH IP

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDGED AUGUST 28, 1974,

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

THE BINGHAMTON, NY, OFFICE OF NYS SENATOR WARREN M. ANDERSON, REPUBLICAN, ADVISED ANDERSON VACATIONING CORN HILL COTTAGES, CARE OF MASSACHUSETTS. ANDERSON IS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER IN NYS SENATE AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF NOMINEE.

BOSTON INTERVIEW ANDERSON.

END.
NR002 AL PLAIN

1250 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 21, 1974 VSH 1P

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

GOVERNOR MALCOM WILSON S OFFICE ADVISED ASAC GEORGE R.

STEEL THAT THE GOVERNOR IS IN A TRAVEL STATUS AND WILL FIRST

BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TOMORROW IN HIS NEW YORK CITY

OFFICE. SHOULD BE CONTACTED

IMMEDIATELY AND INTERVIEW ARRANGED WITH GOVERNOR FOR

AUGUST 22, 1974.

END.
355 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 21, 1974 VSH 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) AP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELTYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

EMPLOYEE OF MR. NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND PROMINENT NYS ATTORNEY, WILL BE IN NYC UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY, 1974.

NEW YORK CITY INTERVIEW

END.

HOLD

LRF FBIHQ FOR TWO
TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)
NEW YORK (161-2961)
ALBANY (161-965)
BUFFALO (161-394)
ST. LOUIS
Baltimore
PHILADELPHIA (161-1373)
DENVER (161-712)
OMAHA (161-437)
MINNEAPOLIS (161-510)
BOSTON (161-2132)
PORTLAND (161-227)
ALEXANDRIA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDGED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TODAY INITIATING INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER.
IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, IT IS
ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT RESULTS OF YOUR COMPLETED
INVESTIGATION REACH THE BUREAU ON OR BEFORE COB ON THE
DEADLINE. NO DELAY WHATSOEVER WILL BE TOLERATED.
TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)
NEW YORK (161-2961)
ALBANY (161-965)
BUFFALO (161-394)
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BOSTON (161-2182)
PORTLAND (161-227)
ALEXANDRIA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDGED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TODAY.

RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE SET FORTH
IN REPORTS UNDER APPROPRIATE CAPTIONS IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS
INTERVIEWED AS TO THEIR OCCUPATIONS, SUCH AS "INTERVIEWS
WITH LABOR LEADERS," "INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIARY," ETC., WHERE APPROPRIATE. REPORTS CONTAINING
RESULTS OF ISOLATED INTERVIEWS NEED NOT CONTAIN SUCH CAPTIONS.

OJA: dec.
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FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.
TO SAC SACRAMENTO
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITED INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT.

SACRAMENTO INTERVIEW CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN.

SUBMIT 6 COPIES OF REPORT TO REACH BUREAU BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 28, 1974.

IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT RESULTS OF YOUR COMPLETED INVESTIGATION REACH THE BUREAU ON OR BEFORE COB ON THE DEADLINE. NO DELAY WHATSOEVER WILL BE TOLERATED.

SPIN.

RETURN TO MR. RITTER, ROOM 1258.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Cleveland

FROM: O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 8/21/74

Pursuant to advice received from the Director's office on the evening of 8/20/74, we have initiated an investigation of Governor Rockefeller. The investigation was ordered to the field this morning for immediate attention.

The field has been instructed to conduct a complete and extensive investigation commensurate with the high office to which Governor Rockefeller has been nominated. The investigation will include interviews with federal, state, and local governmental officials; leaders in the fields of politics, labor, and religion; members of the legal profession; and representatives of minority and ethnic groups. Organizations in which Governor Rockefeller presently holds membership or has held membership are being ascertained and investigation will be conducted to determine whether these organizations have any discriminatory practices.

In accordance with our established procedure concerning highly prominent persons such as Governor Rockefeller, we have instructed the field to conduct no neighborhood investigation of him unless some reason to do so arises, at which time Bureau approval should be requested.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt (R.E. Long, Room 2244)
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Auerswald

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CONTINUED - OVER
Memorandum Coleman to Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

It is noted that General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., at The White House advised that Governor Rockefeller will not be available for interview regarding background data necessary for the investigation until Thursday, 8/22/74. He will be interviewed as soon as he is available and additional leads will be set out as quickly as this information is obtained.

The Accounting and Fraud Section of the General Investigative Division is assisting in the assignment of personnel to handle the financial aspects of this investigation similar to the manner in which the investigation of President Gerald R. Ford was handled. As soon as a determination can be made as to the scope of that matter, appropriate instructions will be issued to the field. In all probability, this cannot be definitely determined until Governor Rockefeller is interviewed.

ACTION: For information.
8/21/74

General Nelson A. Rockefeller,

We will see Mr. Rockefeller 8/22/74. We then will be able to estimate how much we need to do to wind out the investigation. We can then give you an estimate of the completion date. When we do this, hopefully 8/23/74, will you give this information to General Haig as well as Mr. Canaan.

[Handwritten note: 15 Aug 21 1974]
IMMEDIATE

AUGUST 21, 1974

TO SAC/WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674) - ENC. (4) (BSM)
NEW YORK (161-2961)
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ALEXANDRIA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUREAUC

AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAUS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTI-
GATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT.
INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.
ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1903, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER
GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK; SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 2679,

NOTE: Request received today from White House.

OJA: dcm

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 21 1974

RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.
TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA.


VERIFY CURRENT RESIDENCES OF CLOSE RELATIVES AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS.

INTERVIEW PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, OPPONENTS IN POLITICAL ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HIS AND OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTIES. ALSO INTERVIEW NATIONAL LABOR OFFICIALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ATTORNEYS, MINORITY AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATIVES, AND APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY. INSURE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ARE CHECKED FOR LOCAL AND STATE TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM.

DETERMINE WHETHER ANY REAL PROPERTY ROCKEFELLER PERSONALLY OWNS OR HAS OWNED ENCUMBERED WITH ANY COVENANTS PERTAINING TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, OR RELIGION.
TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

CHECK NEW YORK STATE AND NEW YORK CITY INCOME TAX RECORDS FOR ANY DELINQUENCIES. WASHINGTON FIELD CHECK INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, PASSPORT, AND STATE SECURITY. WASHINGTON FIELD ALSO REVIEW FILES OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR REVIEWS OF ANY PUBLICATIONS AUTHORED BY HIM.

CHECK APPROPRIATE NEWSPAPER MORGUES.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH ROCKEFELLER, WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 22, 1974, AND EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION DESIRED CONCERNING HIS FINANCES WILL BE SET FORTH IN TELETYPE TO FOLLOW.

IDENTIFY ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH HE HAS HELD MEMBERSHIP, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAD OR HAVE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION RE ROCKEFELLER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO EXISTS, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED.

ST. LOUIS CHECK NPRC-C AND BALTIMORE MAKE CURRENT CHECK OF DCII.
TELETYPEx TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT 6 COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR, AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

MAKE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE DATA IS INCORPORATED IN ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES RATHER THAN DETAILS OF REPORT.

ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY TELETYPE.

FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUSINESS BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

SPIN.
MR. CLEVELAND

Bill,

Re my telcal to you 6:25 PM 8/20/74.

Jim Adams advised me at 6:20 PM, 8/20/74, that Mr. Kelley had just called him after talking to General Haig at The White House. General Haig advised that Vice President designate, Rockefeller, would not be available until Thursday for interview regarding background necessary for investigation. However, General Haig added there was no objection to commencing general background investigation immediately.

You advised Gene Coleman outgoing teletypes to the field ordering investigation could wait till the AM of 8/21/74.

For your information, I asked Adams if any specific time had been designated for Rockefeller's interview on Thursday. He said no, however, he would advise you when this information becomes available.

Ken

\[\text{Mr. Staffeld}\]
\[\text{Mr. Coleman}\]
Memorandum

TO: The Director

FROM: Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONFERENCE AUGUST 21, 1974

DATE: 8/22/74

You requested me to attend the Attorney General's Conference of 8/21/74.

The conference began at 4:39 PM in the Attorney General's Conference Room and the Attorney General advised that the President has instructed the Attorney General to report by 9/1/74, proposed procedures by which the President could grant amnesty to draft evaders and deserters from military service whose desertions were based on conscientious objection to participation in the Vietnam War. The Attorney General pointed out that there are approximately 4,500 draft evaders outside of the United States and some 1,500 residing within the country. The provisions for granting amnesty to these persons will be worked out by the Department of Justice and the provisions concerning the approximately 6,000 deserters will be worked out by the Department of Defense.

The Attorney General said that the crucial question is a policy matter and it concerns the means of implementing the President's intention to grant amnesty. The program could be administered through the existing Selective Service System offices or a separate agency could be created specifically for this purpose. The Attorney General pointed out that there will be difficult questions in regard to the responsibility for locating employment for those persons granted conditional amnesty and it will be difficult to insure that those promising to work in return

1 - Mr. Callahan
2 - Mr. Mintz

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERETO IS CLASSIFIED AS NOT RECORDED.
Memorandum to The Director
Re: Attorney General's Conference
August 21, 1974

for amnesty actually do so. The Attorney General made no assignments to the FBI in this regard and indicated that the work is being coordinated by the Office of Criminal Justice Policy in the Department and that any suggestions should be forwarded to that office.

The Attorney General then mentioned the investigation of the nomination of Governor Rockefeller for Vice President. He commented that it will be a monumental task for the FBI to complete a thorough investigation of this matter. He said that he is aware that certain matters will be difficult to resolve such as sealed court decrees involving the Governor's divorce. The Attorney General asked Assistant Attorney General Petersen of the Criminal Division whether the FBI would be authorized to have access to such sealed decrees. Mr. Petersen answered that in his opinion such information would not be available unless there was a waiver by the Governor and by all other persons who are protected by the sealing of the decree. The Attorney General made no further comment along these lines. He then asked the Deputy Attorney General to furnish his observations concerning the recent annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

Deputy Attorney General Silberman advised that a proposal was made at the Bar Association meeting for the creation of a new Federal agency to oversee grants and research supported by Federal funds but that the proposal was not approved by the membership. He also advised that he had recommended to the leadership of the American Bar Association that they take steps to encourage their membership and state and local bar associations to support increases in judicial salaries.

The Attorney General observed that without the needed increase in judicial salaries it is becoming very difficult to find qualified persons who are willing to accept appointments as judges.

The Attorney General advised that he recently discussed with the President a list of appointments being recommended by the Department of Justice and it was his understanding that all appointments recommended by the Department have been accepted by the White House and have been forwarded for confirmation. He noted that this is not

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Memorandum to The Director  
Re: Attorney General's Conference  
August 21, 1974

true in the case of appointments recommended by other Departments.

The Attorney General asked for any comments by anyone else and then adjourned the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

ON THIS DATE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED COMMISSIONER MARIO A. PROCACCINO IS CURRENTLY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE OFFICE, TWO WORLD TRADE CITY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AT TELEPHONE NUMBER

INVESTIGATION HAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT ALLEN W. BROWN, RETIRED BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN TANNERSVILLE, GREEN COUNTY, NEW YORK, WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER 518-589-5488.

INVESTIGATION AT WADDINGTON AND MASSENA, NEW YORK, DISCLOSED

161-6177 50
That Republican New York State Assemblyman K. Daniel Haley is presently at a Republican fund raising function at the Harvard Club in New York City.

Investigation at Albany, New York, disclosed Benjamin R. Schenck, Superintendent of Insurance, State of New York, is working out of his office, Two World Trade City, Room 8288, New York City, Telephone number 212-486-4124.

New York handle above interviews.

End.

MSY B FBIHQ
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) (161-6197) AND SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (1P)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU TELETYPETO WFO DATED AUGUST 21, 1974 AND WFO
PHONE CALL TO NEW YORK DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

ON INSTANT DATE [ ] NOMINEE'S SECRETARY, ADVISED
THAT INFORMATION REGARDING RESIDENCES OF NOMINEE'S IMMEDIATE
FAMILY IS BEING COMPILED BY [ ] OF THE LAW FIRM
OF MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY AND MC CLOY, 1 CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA,
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. [ ] CAN BE REACHED AT
TELEPHONE NUMBER [ ] AND WILL HAVE INFORMATION READY FOR
BUREAU AGENT AT MID-MORNING ON AUGUST 23, 1974, AT HIS OFFICE.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), REVEALS THAT
IN THE LABOR FIELD THE NOMINEE IS KNOWN BY MR. HARRY VAN ARSDALE,
PRESIDENT, CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

NOMINEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS LISTED AS [ ]
NEW YORK HANDLE.

END.

[[1] Bureau (By Mail)
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[1] WFO

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE: 8/17/91

58 Approved: D./M.

Sent M Per

To: Director, FBI (Mail) (161-6197) and SAC
New York (161-2961)

From: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (2P)

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller. SPIN. BUDED August 28, 1974,
without fail.

On August 22, 1974, Congressman Otis G. Pike, Democrat,
New York, advised that he has grave doubts concerning nominee's governmental morals due to large amounts
and sources of money spent by nominee on his New York gubernatorial campaign. Pike advised the money came from nominee's personal wealth, from members of his family and from corporations controlled by nominee. Pike believes money from nominee's corporations was funneled in a carefully concealed manner to his campaign and that this was illegal. Pike believes nominee won the elections due to this massive infusion of money.

Pike advised this information came from Perry B. Duryea,
Montauk, Long Island, New York, who is Speaker of New York State Assembly. Pike received this information through a second
SOURCE WHO PIKE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY SAYING SOURCE COULD ADD NOTHING FURTHER. PIKE KNOWS NO SPECIFICS SUCH AS AMOUNTS OF MONEY INVOLVED OR CORPORATIONS INVOLVED BUT ADVISED DURYEA SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE DETAILS. PIKE SAID DURYEA HAS PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR NOMINEE AS HE HAS BEEN "SCREWED" BY HIM IN THE PAST. DURYEA IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT NOMINEE AND IS ALSO CLOSE FRIEND OF PIKE.

PIKE HAS MADE ABOVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

PIKE ADVISED DURYEA'S WIFE SENT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT FORD RECENTLY SAYING NOMINEE IS "NOT FIT TO BE DOG CATCHER." PIKE DISCOUNTS THIS SAYING SHE HAS DRINKING PROBLEM AND WAS DRUNK AT THE TIME.

PIKE DOES NOT RECOMMEND NOMINEE, ADVISING HE HAS GONE ON PUBLIC RECORD SAYING NOMINEE IS "SECOND CHOICE TO ANYONE" FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW PERRY B. DURYEA.

END.
NR 003 AL PLAIN

5:14 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 22, 1974 LVV

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965 TP)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SSpIn, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INVESTIGATION THIS DATE, NEW YORK STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT, 1450 WESTERN AVENUE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, REVEALED HARRY W. ALBRIGHT, JR., IS SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS, NEW YORK STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT, AND CAN BE REACHED AT THAT DEPARTMENT: 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE 488-2310. ALBRIGHT HAS HELD POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS.


NEW YORK HANDLE ABOVE INTERVIEWS.

END.

GHS FBIHQ ACK FOR OE PLS HOLD FOR ONE CLR

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

DATE 12-17-91 BY 9803 R003 RDS 435N

58 JAN 4 1975
To Director (161-6197)

Boston (161-2182)

From Buffalo (161-394) IP

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller.


New York Executive Advised Edward V. Reagan, Erie County Executive, is currently on vacation at Wauwinet, Nantucket Island, Mass., telephone number 617-228-1843, and is not expected to return to Buffalo until September 3, 1974.

Boston. Interview Edward V. Reagan in regards to referenced teletype.

End
NR34 NY PLAIN
820PM URGENT AUGUST 22, 1974 EPW
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
ALBANY (161-965)
FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) (P)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.
RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.
ALBANY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE STERRY R. WATERMAN, ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT.
ON AUGUST 22, 1974, ___________ CLERK, HARVARD CLUB, 27 W. 44TH ST., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN K. DANIEL HALEY CHECKED OUT AT 10:00 AM, AUGUST 22, 1974, DESTINATION UNKNOWN.
ON AUGUST 22, 1974, SECRETARY OF CALVIN WILLIAMS, BKLYN., NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAMS CAN BE REACHED AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ON AUGUST 23, 1974, AFTER 10:30 AM.
WILLIAMS IS AN ASSEMBLYMAN FROM BROOKLYN IN THE NEW YORK ASSEMBLY.
ROBERT F. KELLY, ATTORNEY, MEMBER 1971 NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY,

All information contained
Headed as received
Date: 12-17-91 by 9803 ADD/CR

581AM 1975
ALBANY CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

INTERVIEW WILLIAM J. DROHAN, ROUTE 22, SALEM, NEW YORK.

DROHAN WAS APPOINTED BY ROCKEFELLER TO RUN THE NEW YORK STATE PAVILLION AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

END
NF91 NY PLAIN
743PM URGENT 8-22-74 CJR
TO DIRECTOR
ALBANY
NEW HAVEN
FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 2P P
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BURED AUGUST 28, 1974
WITHOUT FAIL.
RE BUREAU TEL; AUGUST 21, 1974, AND NEW YORK TEL CALL
TO NEW HAVEN, AUGUST 22, 1974.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT.
INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.
ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE. SUBMIT SIX COPIES OF REPORT
TO BUREAU.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER NEW
YORK STATE GOVERNOR. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

THIS CONFIRMS RE TEL CALL TO INTERVIEW JUDGE J. 161-6197-506
EDWARD LOMBARD, USCA, SECOND CIRCUIT, RE NOMINEE. NEW
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS ACCEPTED
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HAVEN ALSO CONTACT JUDGE WALTER R. MANSFIELD, USCA, RESIDENCE
202 DAN'S HIGHWAY, NEW CANNAN, CONN., TELEPHONE 203-W06-1069;
JUDGE LEONARD P. MOORE, USCA, MYSTIC, CONN., TELEPHONE 203-
536-8482; JUDGE WILLIAM H. TIMBERS, USCA, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.;
JUDGE JOSEPH J. SMITH, USCA, HARTFORD, CONN.; JUDGE ROBERT P.
ANDERSON, USCA, MYSTIC, CONN.

ALBANY AT BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, CONTACT JUDGE JAMES
L. OAKES, USCA.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197
OMAHA (161-437)
FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) (P)
Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, SPIN
BUDED: AUG. 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD AND OTHER OFFICES,
COPY TO OMAHA, AUG. 21, 1974.

Canon Episcopat Dioceses of Western New York, Buffalo, Advised That

Dubuque, Iowa 52001 is Personal Friend of Rockefeller and a Former Classmate of Rockefeller at Dartmouth.

Omaha at Dubuque Iowa. Interview

END.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TO DIRECTOR 161-6197
BOSTON 161-2184
SAN DIEGO
FROM NEW YORK 161-2961 2P
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

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GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE
2679, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW SPECIAL ADVISOR
ON ATOMIC ENERGY TO GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IN 1959.
PRESENTLY VACATIONING AT RANCHO, SANTA FE,
CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER
BOSTON INTERVIEW COUNSEL TO NOT RECORDED

DATE 12-17-91 BY 9803 ADD/CSK

68 JAN 1 4 1975
ROCKEFELLER IN 1959. PRESENTLY VACATIONING AT
SAKONNET POINT, LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND, TELEPHONE

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS
OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS
WHERE APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT
SIX COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY
NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS
MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR, AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN
MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

MAKE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE DATA INCORPORATED IN
ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES RATHER THAN DETAILS OF REPORT.

ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY
FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY TELETYPewriter.

FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY
ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE
BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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HOLD
TO SAC BOSTON (161-2182)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTED AUGUST 21, 1974.

INTERVIEW ELLIS O. BRIGGS, FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR, WHO IS LISTED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF WHO'S WHO AS RESIDING HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREBY CONFIDENTIAL
DATE 12-17-91 9803-ADD/KSR
TO SAC, DALLAS
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL

THIS CONFIRMS BUCALL TODAY INSTRUCTING THAT DALLAS
REVIEW ITS FILE 60-297 AS WELL AS ANY OTHER FILE REFERENCES
AND PREPARE A REPORT CONCERNING

WHO HAS CORRESPONDED WITH THE BUREAU OVER MANY
YEARS REGARDING ALLEGED CORRUPTION AND WRONGDOINGS ON THE
PART OF NUMEROUS PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS WELL AS HIS CRITICISM
OF THE "ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE."

IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER,
IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT RESULTS OF YOUR REVIEW
REACH THE BUREAU IN REPORT FORM WITH SIX COPIES ON OR BEFORE
CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE DEADLINE. NO DELAY WHATSOEVER
WILL BE TOLERATED.
Operators,

100 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 22, 1974 VSH 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
      SAC, WFO (161-5674)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-665) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPETO WFO DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO U.S. CONGRESSMAN CARLETON J. KING, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, ADVISED TODAY THAT KING CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE IN THE RAYBURN BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C., PHONE 202-225-5615.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT CONGRESSMAN SAMUEL STRATTON REVEALED THAT HE CAN BE REACHED AT AREA CODE 202, 225-5076, RAYBURN BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C.

WFO HANDLE.

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TO SAC NEW YORK (161-2961)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDGED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

THIS CONFIRMS BUCCALL TODAY INSTRUCTING THAT COMMENTS
OF ROCKEFELLER'S FORMER WIFE SHOULD BE OBTAINED DURING
INVESTIGATION.

AUGUST 22, 1974

RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE

ALBANY: BUREAU

DATE: 1/2/74

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCES

Albany report of 6 January 1974
Albany teletype to Bureau dated 11/21/73

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

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DISMISSAL REQUESTED 1/2/74

Dissatisfied: Referred at Attached Report

1/2/74

G. V. L.
Records of CSEA, Albany, New York, searched with negative results in effort to locate minutes of meeting held by CSEA with NYSP, Albany, New York, on 10/21/63. CSEA, advised he attended all CSEA-NYSP meetings during pertinent period and advised verbatim transcripts of such meetings were not maintained. Stated unable to recall any comment at meetings that NYSP personnel were engaged in spying activities on NYS legislators.

DETAILS:

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

On November 22, 1974, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Albany, New York, advised that a diligent search of all records pertaining to meetings held by CSEA with New York State Police (NYSP), Albany, New York, failed to disclose minutes of a meeting held on October 21, 1963. Advised that an index is maintained on minutes filed in the Closed Exhibits Section and these indices were negative regarding any meeting held on October 21, 1963. Advised that the file search revealed records were maintained only from 1969 to the present.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
stated that he had personally attended all CSEA-NYSP meetings during the pertinent period and recalled that the purpose in those days was to promulgate rules for promotions within the NYSP. He said that verbatim transcripts of the meetings were not maintained and only summaries of pertinent information were prepared. He advised that no comments were ever made in his presence that NYSP personnel were engaged in spying activities on New York State legislators.
On March 27, 1969, Governor Thomas Lawson MC CALL of Oregon recommended Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER without reservation. On August 21, 1974, Governor MC CALL expressed his enthusiastic support for and strong recommendation on behalf of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States of America.

details:

On March 27, 1969, Governor THOMAS LAWSON MC CALL, State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon, advised he has known Governor NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1964, and has worked with him on several committees, both at national governors' conferences and at Republican governors' meetings. He supported Governor ROCKEFELLER vigorously for President, both in 1968 and 1964, and from his association with Governor ROCKEFELLER, which has been principally political, he knows nothing unfavorable as to character, associates or loyalty, and would recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER without reservation for any Presidential appointment for which he is qualified.

On August 21, 1974, Governor MC CALL was interviewed at his office located at the State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon. At the outset, Governor MC CALL stated he enthusiastically supports the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He added his association with
the nominee dates to 1964 with his most recent meetings being the visits of ROCKEFELLER to the State of Oregon on June 4, 1973, and March 1, 1974. Governor MC CALL reaffirmed his previous statements, in an interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, March 27, 1969, and said he has no knowledge of any unfavorable information concerning ROCKEFELLER's associations, character or loyalty. The Governor stated he could personally attest to the nominee's sobriety and moral integrity. He further added he is not aware of any property or business interests, campaign practices or funding, which would be a source of embarrassment to the nominee or the Government.

Governor MC CALL concluded by stating he considers the former New York Governor an excellent nomination in that he will provide an able and strong Vice Presidency for the American people. He recommended, without qualification or hesitation, NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM: Mr. H. A. Boynton, Jr.

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 8/22/74

At 5:15 p.m., 8/21/74 Supervisor Robert H. Haynes telephonically contacted the office of General Alexander M. Haig, Special Assistant to the President, and spoke to General Haig's secretary. Haynes explained to General Haig that the Bureau is most anxious to interview Rockefeller as early as possible in order to secure background data which would assist in our Special Inquiry Investigation, and that it was our understanding that Rockefeller might be available on Thursday, 8/22/74. General Haig stated that General Haig was tied up at that time but stated she would check with him and call back.

[Signature]

She stated it was General Haig's understanding that Rockefeller would be in Washington "some time" Thursday, 8/22/74, but that his schedule included a number of pressing demands and General Haig was not sure that he would be available to the FBI on that date. General Haig estimated that Rockefeller would not be available for FBI interview before the early part of next week. General Haig is aware that delay in the FBI interview of Rockefeller will cause a delay in the prompt completion of the Special Inquiry Investigation.

At 9:30 a.m. today, General Haig's office contacted SA George Saunders, the WFO Agent assigned to the White House, and advised arrangements are underway for an interview of Rockefeller today, either on Capitol Hill around noon or at Rockefeller's Foxhall Road residence at about 5:45 p.m.

ACTION:

For information.
Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller
Vice President Designate
Special Inquiry

ADDENDUM - INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  8/22/74    RHH:jcp

Interview of Rockefeller has now been set for 5:45 p.m. at his Foxhall Road home.
Rockefeller's first wife, the former Mary Todhunter Clark, is being interviewed in connection with this investigation. They were married in 1930 and she was granted a divorce from him on 3-16-62 on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Five children were born of that marriage. Rockefeller married the former Margaretta (Happy) Fitler Murphy in May, 1963, and they have two children. His divorce and subsequent marriage received wide publicity.

During a Special Inquiry conducted concerning Rockefeller in 1969 for The White House, his divorce was verified; however, the transcript of the testimony in that matter was sealed.

The present Mrs. Rockefeller divorced Dr. James Slater Murphy, to whom she had been married for 14 years, shortly before her marriage to Rockefeller. The Murphys and Rockefellers were neighbors in Pocantico Hills, New York, and the Murphys also had a summer home at Seal Harbor, Maine, where the Rockefellers have their summer homes. The Murphys had four children and they were later involved in a bitter custody battle which, according to the press, was won by Dr. Murphy, with Mrs. Rockefeller being granted visitation rights.

In the absence of information which may be received from the first Mrs. Rockefeller or others to indicate an interview with the present Mrs. Rockefeller's former husband, Dr. James Slater Murphy, would be advisable, we do not contemplate interviewing him during this investigation. It is noted that in Special Inquiries we do not normally interview the former husband of the present wife of an individual under investigation.

ACTION: For information.

1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Auerswald
By memorandum dated 8/21/74, O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland, it was stated that the Accounting and Fraud Section of the General Investigative Division will be assisting in the assignment of personnel to handle the financial aspects of this investigation, similar to the manner in which the investigation of President Gerald R. Ford was handled.

The General Investigative Division (GID) has been working closely with the Special Investigative Division, as well as the Administrative Division, concerning coordinating personnel to handle the financial investigation. It is, therefore, recommended that the following individuals be assigned to this financial investigation in the capacity of coordinators:

SAA Joseph E. Henehan, Inspection Division (in charge) -
SAA Henehan is a CPA and is very knowledgeable in financial matters

SAA GID (assistant to SAA Henehan) -
SAA is a CPA and is also very knowledgeable in financial matters

SAA New York City - former IRS Agent and very knowledgeable in taxation matters

SAA Houston Division - SAA is a CPA and lawyer, and very knowledgeable in financial and taxation matters

SAA presently assigned to Minneapolis, assisted in the President Ford investigation and can be used in New York for investigative purposes. He was formerly assigned to the New York Division.

SAA Robert P. Keehan, GID, on special assignment, will be in New York briefing the necessary individuals as SAA Keehan was in charge of the financial accounting investigation concerning President Ford in the past.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

All the above individuals have been alerted and will be notified at the appropriate time to commence the investigation.

ACTION It is, therefore, recommended that the above individuals be placed on necessary special assignment to coordinate the financial investigation.
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY.
BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 23, 1974.

MRS. CLARE BOO THE LUCE, HONOLULU, MEMBER OF PRESIDENT’S
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB) WITH NOMINEE,
FAVORABLY RECOMMENDS NOMINEE AND DESCRIBES NOMINEE AS BEING
A PERSON OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, AN EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR
AND LOYAL AMERICAN OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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LRF FBIHQ
3:20PM URGENT AUGUST 23, 1974 AMS
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
INDIANAPOLIS
FROM BUFFALO (161-394) 3P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDEED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL

FOR INFORMATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, THE BUREAU ADVISED BY
IMMEDIATE TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974, THAT THE BUREAU HAS
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DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

ON AUGUST 23, 1974, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO JAMES D. GRIFFIN, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT GRIFFIN HAD DEPARTED BUFFALO, NEW YORK, BY A PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILE AT 5:00 AM, INSTANT, AND EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, EARLY AFTERNOON, INSTANT. GRIFFIN IS IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA TO ATTEND INTERSTATE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (ILC) AND WILL TELEPHONE UPON ARRIVAL SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AS TO HOTEL WHERE HE WILL BE
RESIDING AND TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED.

INDIANAPOLIS AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. WILL ATTEMPT TO
DETERMINE, THROUGH LOCAL LEGISLATORS, LOCATION OF ILC AND
INTERVIEW GRIFFIN RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

BUFFALO WILL FOLLOW WITH NAME OF HOTEL AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER WHEN AVAILABLE.

END

TKS A BUNCH

AMW FBIHQ CLT

CLR
NR003 AL PLAIN

1240 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 23, 1974 VSH 3P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 23, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INVESTIGATION THIS DATE REFERS TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1967, WHEREIN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING WAS BEING INVESTIGATED BY
MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK HOGAN'S OFFICE. THE
GOVERNOR WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SPENT A RECORD FIVE MILLION
Dollars in his successful campaign for a third term last year
AGAINST HIS DEMOCRAT OPPONENT FRANK O'CONNOR. THE ARTICLE
STATED THAT CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALFRED SCOTTI
SAID THAT THINGS WERE BROUGHT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
ATTENTION BY STATE SENATOR MANFRED JOHNSTEGE, A DEMOCRAT FROM
MANHATTAN, AND SENATOR JACK BRONSTON, QUEENS, NY, WHEREIN THEY

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CHARGED THAT 2.5 MILLION CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CLUB AND THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE AGAINST THE LAW. BRONSTON'S AND OHRNSTEIN'S INFORMATION WAS GATHERED FROM A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORT MADE SHORTLY AFTER ELECTION DAY TO THE THEN SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN P. LOMENZO. ALBANY VERIFIED THAT EXPENSE REPORTS WERE FILED IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, AND THAT THE ELECTION LAW DID NOT REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CHECK THE FINANCING OR SPENDING. THE RECORDS REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S THIRD TERM CAMPAIGN HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN J. GHEZZI ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT AS OF JUNE 1, 1974, THERE HAS BEEN A LIMITATION PLACED ON CAMPAIGNS OF CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR WHICH CANNOT EXCEED $4,600,000. HE STATED THAT PRESENT EXPENSE REPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. HE ADVISED RECORDS ARE ONLY MAINTAINED NOW FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, UNDER PRIOR TIMES IT WAS FOR ONLY A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, WILL INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR
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NOT THERE IS ANY BASIS FOR A GRAND JURY PRESENTATION REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN SPENDING FOR HIS THIRD TERM. IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, INTERVIEW BRONSTON AND OHRNSTEIN RE KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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Bureau teletype to Albany dated 8/21/74.
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Some individuals contacted during the current inquiries were interviewed telephonically at their own request due to other commitments on their part which precluded personal contact by Agent personnel within the period not exceeding Bude.

Secret Service has been advised locally and FD-376 with LHM attached has been sent to the Bureau for disseminating to Secret Service Headquarters regarding statement by [redacted] concerning the thought he had 12 years ago re the shooting of former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

Several individuals are unavailable for interview due to extended vacations and business commitments. Their contemplated return will be after Labor Day. No leads are being set forth to interview these persons UACB.
AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

1. Will vigorously pursue all outstanding leads and expedite contact with those individuals who have previously been unavailable for interview.

2. Will handle on an expedite-immediate basis any and all additional leads developed as a result of interviews conducted.

3. Will submit next report to reach Bureau by COB, Wednesday, 8/28/74.
Numerous individuals including state and local legislators, Federal, state and local judges, Federal, state and local officials, religious, business and union leaders, news media representatives, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, minority representatives and state and local officials of both major political parties were interviewed concerning NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. Those who know him well commented favorably concerning his loyalty, character and ability, and highly recommend him. Others who know him professionally and by reputation also commented favorably and recommended. Employment as Governor, State of New York, from 1/1/59 to 12/18/73, verified. He was variously described as capable, aggressive, energetic, forceful, competent, of sound business acumen and one who has the ability to select highly qualified assistants. It was stated he is law and order oriented and the best Governor New York State ever had.
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concerning [blinded] One religious leader would not recommend based on ROCKEFELLER'S pro-abortion stand. Arrest checks for ROCKEFELLER, wife and [blinded] negative. Information concerning law regarding political contributions set forth. Results of newspaper morgue check set forth with accompanying articles.

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DETAILS:

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was the subject of an inquiry conducted at the request of The White House in 1969. Results of that inquiry have been incorporated into this report.
I

BACKGROUND
Rocky briefly

A chronology of Nelson A. Rockefeller's life and public career:

July 8, 1908—Born in Bar Harbor, Maine, the third of six children of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller.

June 1926 - Graduated from Lincoln School, New York City.

1930 - Graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College with a degree in economics. Married Mary Todhunter Clark.

1940 - First appointment in federal government; President Franklin Delano Roosevelt named Rockefeller coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

1944-45 - Assistant Secretary of State for American Republic Affairs.

1950 - Appointed chairman of the International Development Advisory Board by President Truman.

1952-59 - Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization under President Eisenhower. His efforts led to creation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare where he briefly served as undersecretary.

1954 - Special assistant to the President for foreign affairs.

1956-59 - Headed two studies of New York State's constitution authorized by the Legislature.

November 1958 - Won election to his first of four terms as New York's governor by defeating incumbent Democratic Governor W. Averell Harriman.

March 1962 - Divorced Mary Todhunter Clark after 32 years of marriage and five children.


1963 - Married for the second time to the former Margaretta Filler Murphy; they have two sons, Nelson Jr. and Mark.

1965-69 - While still governor, served as a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations by appointment from President Johnson.

November 1966 - Won election to a third four-year term by defeating Queens County District Attorney Frank D. O'Connor.

1969 - Appointed by President Nixon to National Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. At Nixon's request, he undertook a fact-finding trip to Latin America.

November 1970 - Won a fourth term as governor by defeating former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg.

Dec. 18, 1973 - Announced he would resign as governor to devote full time to his self-created National Commission on Critical Choices.

Aug. 20, 1974 - Chosen as vice president by President Ford. Must be confirmed by majority vote of both houses of Congress.
II
CLOSE RELATIVE
The following investigation was conducted by SA_______ on August 22, 1974.

Chief of Police ROBERT VAN NESS, Middlebury, Vermont, advised that the___ is____ and ______ has resided at Vermont, for the past two or three years. Chief VAN NESS advised _______ enjoys an excellent reputation in the community.
III
EMPLOYMENT
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ] on August 23, 1974:

Secretary to the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, advised that her records reveal that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was first sworn into the Office of Governor of New York State on January 1, 1959 and was subsequently sworn into this same office on the following dates:

January 1, 1963; December 30, 1966; and December 31, 1970.

[ ] stated that ROCKEFELLER'S letter of resignation as Governor was dated December 18, 1973 and was accepted by Secretary of State JOHN J. GHEZZI on that same date.
IV
STATE OFFICIALS
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

THOMAS P. SALMON, Governor of the State of Vermont, advised that he has known the nominee on a professional basis for the past four years and that he considers the nominee to be of excellent character, loyalty and reputation and an administrator of the highest caliber and the nominee would be recommended by him for any position of high trust. Governor SALMON stated that the only member of the nominee's family that he has had contact with is a[____] who maintains a summer residence in[________] Vermont. He further advised that he knows of no derogatory information regarding either the nominee or any members of the family. He further stated that his professional contacts with the nominee have been in connection with his official business and were limited to approximately six meetings.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974:

Albany, New York, advised he knew the nominee during the fifteen years he served as Governor of New York. He stated he served under him as

stated that nominee is one of the most outstanding human beings he has ever known and believes him to be one of the most capable leaders he has known. He advised that nominee possesses unusual ability and aggressiveness which make him an outstanding leader.

stated ROCKEFELLER is certainly a very loyal American and dedicated to the cause of keeping this a great Nation.

said he knows of no one whom he feels would make a better Vice-President than Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and feels he will be most outstanding through his knowledge and abilities to conduct the duties of this office. He stated he knows nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the nominee.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

Major General JOHN C. BAKER, Chief of Staff to the Governor of New York for Military and Naval Affairs, Albany, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally since 1959. He stated ROCKEFELLER'S character is exemplary, his loyalty to the United States is above reproach and he is one of the nation's greatest administrators. He stated ROCKEFELLER is a dynamic individual who has excellent leadership qualities and is of outstanding moral character. He stated he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER or his family.

NEIL KELLEHER, Assemblyman and Acting Speaker of the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker, Troy, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER in a professional capacity for over eight years and personally for the last four years. He stated ROCKEFELLER is of outstanding character and reputation, and his loyalty is considered unquestionable. He knows of no associations that the nominee belongs to other than professional and political organizations, none of which could be a potential source of embarrassment. He stated that the former Governor of New York is considered a great administrator who has the ability to seek skilled individuals for high positions in Government. He does not have any personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER'S family and knows of no derogatory information pertaining to ROCKEFELLER or his family, and stated he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President. KELLEHER, a member of the Republican Party, further stated that he and the former Governor have publicly disagreed on political issues; however, he still considers him to be a very brilliant individual.
The following investigation was conducted by SAL-I on August 21, 1974:

To Governor MALCOLM WILSON, Albany, New York, stated that since 1958, he has served as to the Lieutenant Governor, State of New York, until the present Governor succeeded Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Governor. stated that he had no personal contact with the nominee but that he had knowledge of the nominee through his working with the Lieutenant Governor.

stated he has no knowledge of any information that would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's character, reputation or morals. He stated that he has never heard anything but favorable information regarding the nominee.

stated that he feels the choice of the nominee for Vice-President is an excellent one and that he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER very highly for this position.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ] on August 22, 1974.

LOUIS J. LEFKOWITZ, Attorney General, State of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally, personally, and socially, since 1956. LEFKOWITZ described ROCKEFELLER as being an honest, straightforward, and compassionate person. LEFKOWITZ further stated that ROCKEFELLER understands the needs of the people and is a very down-to-earth individual.

LEFKOWITZ described ROCKEFELLER as a person who is trustworthy and possesses an outstanding moral character and reputation. He stated ROCKEFELLER is a highly skilled and qualified administrator, who has the ability to attract talented and competent individuals into governmental work. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and stated that President GERALD FORD, by nominating ROCKEFELLER for Vice President, did the best thing he could have done for the American people and the world. LEFKOWITZ knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by New York State Department of Commerce, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on both a professional and personal basis for some 16 years. He stated that ROCKEFELLER'S character and loyalty to the United States are beyond reproach. He advised that he would consider ROCKEFELLER'S administrative ability to be the best in the country at this time. Advised that he knows ROCKEFELLER'S wife, brothers, and children, and he considers them all to be excellent people. Concluded that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER'S background, and said he would recommend him highly for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA[________] on August 22, 1974:

ALBERT BERKOWITZ, Attorney, 43 Main Street, Grandville, New York, who is Chairman of the New York State Correction Commission, was contacted. Mr. BERKOWITZ served as a New York State Senator from 1957 until 1964 in Albany, New York and has had a close professional and social acquaintance with ROCKEFELLER. He has visited the ROCKEFELLER home at Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, New York on several occasions. He feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's selection as the Vice Presidential nominee is excellent and he knows ROCKEFELLER to be a premier executive and administrator. He has devoted his adult life to the people's welfare and to Government service and has exhibited the highest integrity. ROCKEFELLER's moral character, loyalty to the United States and caliber of his associates are above reproach.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 23, 1974.

ERSA H. POSTON, President of the New York State Civil Service Commission, Albany, New York, advised that she has worked for NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1963. She first served as a confidential assistant to him in his own office in New York City, and was also a professional programmer during the same period of time. Her area of work was with youth and anti-poverty programs during which time she worked very closely with him. She came to Albany, New York, in 1967, when he appointed her to her present cabinet position. She was the only black woman appointed to a major cabinet position in New York State at that time. Because of her appointment, ROCKEFELLER received a great deal of criticism which did not seem to affect him in any way whatsoever. She described him as broad-minded, fair with people and "a man with a heart." He is an extremely hardworking and harddriving individual and expects those around him to perform in the same manner. He is extremely energetic and she doubts that many young people could follow his daily routine in the same efficient manner. His loyalty to the United States speaks for itself because of his long history of public service, and his integrity and honesty are also a matter of public record. She knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and feels that he is highly qualified to be the Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA and SA on August 22, 1974.

EWALD B. NYQUIST, Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, and President of the State University of the State of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for the last five years and on a personal basis for over ten years. He stated that ROCKEFELLER's character is exemplary and above reproach and should be a model for all politicians. He advised that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States is complete and total, and he is a dedicated public servant.

Concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative abilities, NYQUIST advised that ROCKEFELLER is most certainly a qualified man, and in particular, a leader of men. He stated that ROCKEFELLER's greatest asset is that he gets the job done. As far as personal qualities, NYQUIST added that ROCKEFELLER easily greets and receives people, is outgoing, and friendly, candid and honest, and in general a good human being; NYQUIST explained that he has met most of ROCKEFELLER's family in the past and feels that they also are good solid citizens. NYQUIST stated that he knows of no derogatory information in ROCKEFELLER's background and he would positively recommend ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States as he feels that he is the best qualified. Commissioner NYQUIST concluded that he is the Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, not as a result of appointment by ROCKEFELLER, but as a result of an appointment received from the Board of Regents and his recommendations should not be considered biased.
The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 23, 1974:

Doctor HOLLIS S. INGRAHAM, M.D., Commissioner of Health for New York State, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959. Dr. INGRAHAM was appointed to his present position by ROCKEFELLER in December of 1962. His association with ROCKEFELLER has been strictly professional with the exception of staying at ROCKEFELLER's residences in New York and Washington, D.C. on two or three occasions. Dr. INGRAHAM advised that in his capacity, he dealt with ROCKEFELLER on a fairly regular basis concerning water pollution programs and areas relating to hospitals, such as inspections, rate structures, number built and the lending of money to different hospitals. Dr. INGRAHAM described ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability as superb. He stated that on the whole ROCKEFELLER chose good people for his appointments and staff. He delegated responsibility but he was also aware of what was happening in each State Department through his administrative control known as "programmed associates". Dr. INGRAHAM stated that this involved a group of young vigorous men, who would maintain close contacts with various New York State departments and would obtain information and reports both good and bad from these departments and forward them to the Governor's secretary who would channel them to the Governor. Dr. INGRAHAM found ROCKEFELLER to be a very fair person who was a good listener and would discuss an issue thoroughly prior to making a decision. He stated ROCKEFELLER had a remarkably retentive memory and could explain complicated programs in simple terms. Dr. INGRAHAM did state that ROCKEFELLER very strongly disagreed with people or proposals on a few occasions. Dr. INGRAHAM stated that he traveled with ROCKEFELLER during ROCKEFELLER's town meetings whereby various officials and citizens of New York could meet with ROCKEFELLER while he was Governor and discuss any issue relating to the operation of New York State. Dr. INGRAHAM stated that he found ROCKEFELLER to be accessible if he needed to speak with ROCKEFELLER on any issue. Dr. INGRAHAM stated that ROCKEFELLER is a "100% American," whose life was bound up in trying to do
something for New York State and the United States. He stated that ROCKEFELLER appears to be a perfectly honest, and straightforward man. He stated that he has no knowledge of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. Dr. INGRAHAM advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER's second wife on a number of occasions and he described her as a very pleasant woman. Dr. INGRAHAM highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and does not believe that anyone could do a better job.
The following investigation was conducted by [deleted] on August 23, 1974.

Doctor ALAN D. MILLER, Commissioner, New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, Albany, New York, advised he has been employed with this department since July, 1964, and has been its Commissioner since February, 1966. He stated he has had close contacts with ROCKEFELLER since that time and found him to be a person with exemplary leadership qualities and integrity. He advised that the nominee gave him a free hand in the operations of the Department of Mental Hygiene, and always came to his assistance whenever Doctor MILLER needed a major policy decision. He stated that nominee never required Doctor MILLER to make a professional decision based upon partisan, political considerations.

Doctor MILLER further described the nominee as a man with excellent character, loyalty, and associates, about whom he knows nothing derogatory. He highly recommends the nominee for a high administrative position with the United States Government.

Doctor MILLER stated further he has met nominee's wife on numerous occasions socially, and found her always to be a "lovely lady."
The following investigation was conducted by \text{SA} on August 21, 1974.

ROBERT E. DOYLE, 1038 Brierwood Boulevard, Schenectady, New York, a registered Republican, advised that he is a commissioner and member of the Board of Directors, New York State Liquor Authority with headquarters in New York City. DOYLE advised that he has been personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1959, at which time ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the State Liquor Authority. DOYLE stated that ROCKEFELLER is eminently qualified to assume the duties of Vice President, as he has a tremendous background on a State, National, and International level during which time he has more than ably demonstrated his executive administrative ability in solving complex governmental problems.

DOYLE advised that ROCKEFELLER is a hardworking administrator, whose character, morals, reputation, and loyalty to this country are beyond reproach. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as an easy conversationalist, who speaks out in a candid, forthright manner and makes decisions after careful study and deliberation. DOYLE stated he feels that ROCKEFELLER will be a definite asset to the President and recommended him without reservation for the Vice Presidency of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA[________] on August 21, 1974.

G. COLLINS LYDEN, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Division of Public Information, New York State Department of Commerce, 845 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1959, when he (LYDEN) was Vice President of the Broome County Republican Club. He stated that since that time he has worked in the capacity of Advance Man for NELSON ROCKEFELLER's campaigns. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a loyal American citizen, who is devoted to public service. He considers his moral character and integrity to be beyond reproach. LYDEN continued that ROCKEFELLER's 15 years of experience as Governor of New York can only help him in the position of Vice President of the United States. LYDEN concluded that he would strongly recommend without reservation NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and at no time since 1959 has he encountered anything derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

ABE LAVINE, Commissioner of Social Services, State of New York, advised he has held this position for the past two years having been appointed to this position by former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

LAVINE advised that prior to being appointed Commissioner, he was appointed in 1969 to the position of being ROCKEFELLER'S liaison man with the various State employees unions.

He stated that ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation with the leaders of the various unions and that ROCKEFELLER has a deep insight into the various labor problems.

He added that ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator and has terrific leadership qualities.

He stated that he knows of nothing which can reflect unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER.

He added that he has no information regarding the cause of the divorce between ROCKEFELLER and his first wife and has no knowledge of the varied financial interests of ROCKEFELLER's.

He considers ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding choice for Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 21, 1974:

JOHN J. GHEZZI, Acting Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, advised that he has been closely associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately fifteen years. GHEZZI stated that ROCKEFELLER is an individual of outstanding character and he considers him to be a loyal American citizen whose honesty and integrity are above reproach. GHEZZI advised that he has a great amount of respect and admiration for ROCKEFELLER, and feels that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator who has the ability to attract outstanding individuals for government service. He described ROCKEFELLER as being "born to be a leader".

GHEZZI stated that he has never heard any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. He noted that ROCKEFELLER insisted on excellent performance by individuals in his administration and would not tolerate any misconduct by these individuals. GHEZZI advised that he was the area director for ROCKEFELLER's re-election campaign for New York State Governor in 1966 and he indicated that this campaign was operated in a meticulous fashion and it met all legal requirements.

GHEZZI stated that ROCKEFELLER's associates are all of high caliber and reputation and, like ROCKEFELLER, they are all above reproach. GHEZZI advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and he was unable to comment on ROCKEFELLER's personal affairs due to his lack of personal contact with ROCKEFELLER. GHEZZI stated that in his opinion, there is "no one quite like ROCKEFELLER", and he indicated that ROCKEFELLER is by far the best candidate in the country for the office of Vice President of the United States. GHEZZI advised that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for this office.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974.

RAYMOND THOMAS SCHULER, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER on a professional and personal basis for approximately ten years. SCHULER described ROCKEFELLER as being honest, dedicated, and of excellent character. SCHULER further advised that ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty is beyond reproach and that he is an unique individual in that his finest personal quality is his concern for the people of the United States and of the world. SCHULER stated that ROCKEFELLER is the best qualified individual for the position of Vice President and he recommended him without reservation. SCHULER could think of absolutely no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 21, 1974:

ALBERT M. DANZIG, Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a political-professional basis for approximately seventeen years. DANZIG stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER a personable, articulate, energetic, and hardworking administrator. DANZIG indicated that ROCKEFELLER had a tremendous capacity for carrying out his responsibilities as New York State Governor, and he considers him to be an excellent administrator.

DANZIG advised that ROCKEFELLER is of outstanding character, and loyalty, and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him or his former administration. DANZIG advised that ROCKEFELLER's associates, to his knowledge, are all of excellent character and reputation. DANZIG noted that ROCKEFELLER has always demanded perfection in his staff and his administration and he is highly regarded by those individuals who have had the opportunity of working with him. DANZIG stated that he personally feels that ROCKEFELLER is highly qualified to fill the office of Vice President of the United States and he recommended him for the Vice Presidency.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 22, 1974:

JOSEPH H. MURPHY, former New York State Tax Commissioner, and Commissioner of Taxation and Finance in NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S cabinet from 1959 to 1969, advised that he is extremely well acquainted with ROCKEFELLER both on a professional and social basis. MURPHY advised that he is also a member of the following organizations:

New York State Housing Finance Agency - member from 1960 to 1969; 1969 Chairman of the Board.

Chairman of the New York State Municipal Bond Bank Agency from 1972 to present.

Chairman of the New York State Medical Care Facility and Finance Agency from 1973 to present.

Member of the Advisory Board of New York State Office for Local Affairs; made Chairman in 1969.

Member of the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1959 to present.

All these positions were appointments by former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

MURPHY stated "NELSON is the finest man I have ever known and have ever worked for". He advised that he has made many favorable observations in behalf of ROCKEFELLER regarding his character, integrity and reputation. He advised that ROCKEFELLER possesses the qualities and experience which will be an asset to the FORD Administration. MURPHY advised that ROCKEFELLER has the ability to work with all groups of people, including minorities, and seems to generate rapport with these groups. He advised that ROCKEFELLER will be a valuable asset to the FORD Administration and highly recommended him for the position to which he has been nominated without reservation.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

NORMAN F. GALLMAN, retired Commissioner, Department of Taxation and Finance, who currently resides at Schroon Lake, New York, advised that he has been associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately 16 years. GALLMAN indicated that he was Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance for 10 years and Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance for 4 years prior to his retirement from this position in 1973. GALLMAN advised that he personally considers ROCKEFELLER a very honest individual of outstanding character and integrity. GALLMAN stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER had a tremendous grasp of state government and a tremendous capacity for absorbing and retaining facts which made him an outstanding administrator. GALLMAN advised that ROCKEFELLER constantly insisted on outstanding performance from his staff members and to his knowledge ROCKEFELLER's personal associates are all of high caliber and character.

GALLMAN stated that in his position as Commissioner, he was aware that ROCKEFELLER filed his personal state income tax returns on time and they were always prepared in a comprehensive manner. GALLMAN further stated that at no time did ROCKEFELLER ever request any personal favors concerning his payment of taxes or that of his associates and at no time did he ever attempt to influence or interfere in any tax matters. GALLMAN advised that ROCKEFELLER's tax returns were routinely audited by his department and nothing of a questionable nature was ever discovered. GALLMAN stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER a loyal American and he recommended him for the office of Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by SAL-I on 8/22/74:

J. EDWARD CONWAY, Apartment 114, Building 222, Heritage Village Apartments, Albany, New York, stated that he had served as Chairman of the State Human Rights Appeal Board from 1968 until his retirement. Mr. CONWAY stated that he had been appointed to this Chairmanship by former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated that prior to that time, he had been President of the State Civil Service Commission, having been appointed by then Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY. In 1954, Governor DEWEY had appointed him to the State Commission Against Discrimination and this subsequently became known as the New York State Commission For Human Rights. He also served as Commissioner of this body, having been reappointed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. CONWAY stated that during the 12 years that he was associated in this work, he had some contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that he found him to be a person who was absolutely sincere and dedicated to help all people, particularly those who were members of deprived ethnic groups. Mr. CONWAY stated nominee not only gave physical support in striving to obtain equality of races but also supported them through his budgetary ability.

Mr. CONWAY stated that nominee certainly is a man of the highest integrity and he knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon his character, reputation or morals. He stated he feels the nominee has been most outstanding in his dedication to public service and feels that he will be a very active and productive statesman as Vice President. He highly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for this position.
The following investigation was conducted by SA [Name] and SA JOHN P. KOSAKOWSKI, JR., on August 23, 1974.

RUSSELL G. OSWALD, Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Compensation Board, 875 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for 17 years, both professionally and socially. OSWALD was appointed Commissioner of New York State Parole Board by former Governor HARRIMAN, in 1957. In 1971, a consolidation of the Parole Department and Correctional Department formulated the New York State Department of Correctional Services, and ROCKEFELLER appointed OSWALD as the first Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services.

Mr. OSWALD stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S character and loyalty, ability, reputation, and associates are beyond reproach. OSWALD highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and personally feels that ROCKEFELLER was the only logical choice.

Regarding the efforts which took place at the Attica State Prison in September, 1971, OSWALD commented as follows:

When the prison uprising began, ROCKEFELLER advised that all decisions would be cleared through the Governor's office. The demand by the rioting prisoners that Governor ROCKEFELLER meet with them personally was presented to the Governor by Commissioner OSWALD. OSWALD felt that if the Governor was to comply with this demand, his life might be put in jeopardy and nothing constructive would have been accomplished by meeting the demand and OSWALD so advised ROCKEFELLER. ROCKEFELLER was agreeable to meeting with the rioting prisoners if any useful purpose would have resulted. OSWALD felt that the Governor's role in the Attica Prison uprising was proper.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ] on August 21, 1974:

WALTER LANGLEY, 74 State Street, Albany, New York, an attorney and a Republican member of the New York State Senate was interviewed.

MR. LANGLEY advised that as a member of the New York State Senate he has had many conferences with ROCKEFELLER on State issues.

MR. LANGLEY stated that on one occasion a bill calling for an elected school board for the city of Albany came before the Senate and there was one question regarding this bill in which he and ROCKEFELLER disagreed and he accused ROCKEFELLER of dirty politics and publicly stated so. MR. LANGLEY stated that he thought ROCKEFELLER and the Democratic City of Albany Administration were working jointly to defeat the elected school board official bill. However, MR. LANGLEY stated that despite the accusation he made against ROCKEFELLER, ROCKEFELLER never showed any vindictiveness toward him and always treated him cordially.

MR. LANGLEY stated ROCKEFELLER had a very progressive attitude toward minority groups which was reflected in the many bills passed by the Legislature regarding housing and education for these minority groups.

MR. LANGLEY stated ROCKEFELLER opposed the Taylor Law, which law gave the employees of New York State the right to collective bargaining.

MR. LANGLEY related that ROCKEFELLER is a man of sixty-six years but despite his age he is an energetic and tireless worker. He also added that ROCKEFELLER is a strong executive and a great administrator and that in these two facets he is able to select personnel for various assignments who are probably without question the best men in their fields.
MR. LANGLEY added that ROCKEFELLER spent very little time in Albany and that his executive offices were in New York City.

Regarding ROCKEFELLER's divorce, MR. LANGLEY stated that he has no knowledge of anything in this divorce which would reflect unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER and stated that he believes that this divorce was obtained by the first wife of ROCKEFELLER in Las Vegas, Nevada.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent[________] on August 22, 1974:

TARKY LOMBARDI, Jr., New York State Senator, Syracuse, New York advised he has known ROCKEFELLER through his work in the New York legislative and executive branches for approximately nine years, and can state unequivocally that he does not know anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty.

He continued that through the years he has been at odds with ROCKEFELLER on a number of issues; primarily, government spending and although ROCKEFELLER favors large budgets, he is not adverse to cutting his budgets in time of need.

Mr. LOMBARDI concluded that he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for Vice President and believes that he will be a great leader in the United States Government.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

DOUGLAS HUDSON, Senator, New York State, Albany, New York, who is also the Republican County Chairman for Rensselaer County, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for some 16 years on a political, legislative, and personal basis. Senator HUDSON stated that ROCKEFELLER has the greatest integrity of any man he has come in contact with. He stated that ROCKEFELLER'S moral character is above reproach. Senator HUDSON concluded that without hesitancy or reservation, he would most certainly recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA____ on August 21, 1974.

Albany, New York, was interviewed. ________ advised that he is presently ________ of the Senate, State of New York. He advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since ROCKEFELLER first became Governor of New York in the 1950's. During association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, ________ has met with ROCKEFELLER on many occasions, both socially and professionally at ROCKEFELLER's private residence and at the Governor's mansion. ________ also advised that he has been with NELSON ROCKEFELLER on occasions when very important legislative matters were discussed concerning the State of New York.

________ advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is of the highest moral character. His loyalty is above reproach and his associates are of the finest caliber.

________ has the greatest regard for the ability of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as a political leader and administrator and feels that ROCKEFELLER is fully capable of being Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT R. HAZELWOOD on August 22, 1974:

FRANCIS J. BOLAND, New York State Assemblyman from Binghamton, New York, and a Republican, advised that he and his wife are close personal friends of NELSON ROCKEFELLER. Mr. BOLAND stated that his association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER precedes his, BOLAND's, nine years in the New York State Assembly. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be extremely intelligent, competent and a man of integrity. He would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for any political office with the United States Government.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ______ on August 21, 1974:

THOMAS W. BROWN, 100 State Street, Albany, New York, an attorney and a New York State Assemblyman was interviewed. Mr. BROWN advised he is a member of the Democratic Party and that he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

Mr. BROWN advised that ROCKEFELLER is a man dedicated to public service and a man who is well qualified to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the position of Vice President.

Mr. BROWN stated that ROCKEFELLER is thoroughly honest, has great ability as an administrator and has the knack of getting things done.

Mr. BROWN stated that ROCKEFELLER has an excellent record dealing with minority groups and that he is a man of great compassion and understanding.

Mr. BROWN related that on one occasion he recalls that during the debate on the important issue of abortion in the State Legislature, he and ROCKEFELLER discussed this issue for over an hour and although ROCKEFELLER had a different position than he, BROWN, and he admired ROCKEFELLER for his patience and understanding and his interest in this important issue.

Mr. BROWN stated that he knows of no property owned by ROCKEFELLER in the Capital District area.

Mr. BROWN related that he has no knowledge of anything relating to ROCKEFELLER's divorce and knows of nothing which would reflect on ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty in any way.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974:

Mr. FRED DROMS, Republican Assemblyman for the 108th Assembly District, State of New York, who resides in Rexford, New York, advised he has known the nominee on a professional basis for approximately eight years. During this period, he has found the nominee to be of the highest character and loyalty.

Mr. DROMS stated that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is one of the best administrators that New York State has ever had and believes that the nominee is about ten years in front of his constituents in his progressive thinking. He stated that he is a tough-minded individual, in that he will ask his staff for recommendations and then when he decides what is right, he is very hard to change. He stated that the nominee will ask for advice, and then do what he believes is right and will continue on this path. Mr. DROMS stated that he knows no derogatory information whatever concerning the nominee, and would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal position.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN P. KOSAKOWSKI, JR. on August 22, 1974:

FREDERICK G. FIELD, JR., Republican, New York State Assembly, 103rd District, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER on a limited professional basis for the past six years. FIELD knows nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and has always considered him an outstanding administrator. ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, associations and ability have never been questioned by FIELD. There is no reason for FIELD not to recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high position such as Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA __________ on August 21, 1974:

GLENN HENRY HARRIS, Canada Lake, New York, advised that he is a New York State Assemblyman from the 109th District, Majority Whip of the Assembly, and is a member of the Republican Party. He said he has known ROCKEFELLER since he entered political life in 1964 and since that time he has had a very close political relationship with ROCKEFELLER. He said he has met with ROCKEFELLER personally on many occasions during the course of conducting the Assembly's business.

Mr. HARRIS said that in the years he has known ROCKEFELLER, he would consider ROCKEFELLER to be an individual of unquestionable loyalty, both to New York State and to the United States. He said that ROCKEFELLER's leadership in New York State at all levels would more than qualify ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He said that under ROCKEFELLER's leadership, New York State has enacted many new and progressive laws and has proven its leadership among the 50 states. He said that ROCKEFELLER will bring a high level of leadership to the Federal government and in addition, will bring a new set of ideas to the highest levels of Federal leadership. He said there is no question of ROCKEFELLER's moral character or associates and he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal administrative position. Mr. HARRIS said that he knows of no derogatory information whatsoever concerning ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by SA_______ on August 22, 1974:

Former Republican New York State Assemblyman KENNETH S. LEASURE advised that during his tenure as New York State Assemblyman, he had met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions. He stated that while he and Mr. ROCKEFELLER disagree philosophically on several issues and in fact, had public disputes over matters such as taxation, he nevertheless considers ROCKEFELLER to be a person of integrity and extremely qualified to perform any position to which he may be nominated.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

EDWYN E. MASON, State Assemblyman, Box 236, Hobart, New York, advised that he has been in the State Legislature since 1958, before ROCKEFELLER was elected Governor of New York State. He advised that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER had no concept of how ordinary people live and surrounded himself with associates who were innovators and intellectuals. He stated that during his terms as Governor of New York State, ROCKEFELLER was interested in promoting his own future and that his fiscal policy of "pay as you go" had hurt the State of New York greatly. He stated ROCKEFELLER'S fiscal policies had a depressing effect on business and commerce in the State of New York over the past years as a result of this. He advised that ROCKEFELLER, while Governor of New York State, was extremely difficult to see in an official capacity and that he considered him to be an absentee Governor, as he spent little time in the State of New York. He advised that he could not recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States in view of the foregoing.

It is noted that Mr. MASON is a member of the Republican Party.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

Mr. RCCGO PIRRO, New York State Assemblyman, Onondaga County, 550 Charles Avenue, Solvay, New York, has been an assemblyman only since February, 1974, and has had no personal contact with ROCKEFELLER during this period. Based upon PIRRO’S experience as a State Legislator, he has no basis to question the nominee’s character, integrity, or loyalty, knows of no derogatory information, and would recommend his confirmation.

It is noted that Mr. PIRRO is a member of the Republican Party.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 21, 1974:

LLOYD S. RIFORD, JR., New York State Assemblyman, 125th District, Auburn, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER personally for about three years and has conferred with him in groups and in private on several occasions. While he has not always agreed with the nominee's point of view on some political matters, he has no question regarding the nominee's character or integrity. He considers ROCKEFELLER a very loyal American of whom he knows nothing of a derogatory nature and highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

It is noted that Mr. RIFORD is a member of the Republican Party.
The following investigation was conducted by SAL-1, on August 21, 1974.

ANDREW W. RYAN, Republican, New York State Assemblyman, 111th District, Plattsburgh, New York, stated that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1968 in an official capacity. He has met him at least monthly, and considers him to be above reproach as regards character, loyalty and associations. He rated the nominee's administrative ability as being excellent. He has the facility for surrounding himself with well qualified people. He recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA______ on August 22, 1974:

GERALD B. SOLOMON, 23 North Road, Queensbury, New York, a New York State Assemblyman for the past two years, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years. He has had contact with ROCKEFELLER professionally during this period, and knows him socially as well. SOLOMON classifies himself as a political and financial conservative which he states ROCKEFELLER is not. SOLOMON has scrutinized ROCKEFELLER's administration since SOLOMON has been an Assemblyman and SOLOMON feels that ROCKEFELLER was right in what he set out to do in connection with his massive spending programs. However, Mr. SOLOMON feels that ROCKEFELLER might have tried to accomplish too much too soon resulting in high taxes. Their difference in viewpoint in this regard is a question of emphasis according to Mr. SOLOMON, who said he closely investigated the ROCKEFELLER administration in New York State and he found it to be thoroughly honest and competent. He feels that ROCKEFELLER stressed less emphasis on politics and more on accomplishment among his subordinates.

Mr. SOLOMON highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency, for moral character and for the caliber of his associates. ROCKEFELLER is unquestionably loyal to the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by
on August 21, 1974:

DONALD L. TAYLOR, New York State Assemblyman
for the 314th District, and a Republican, who resides in
Watertown, New York, advised that he has known the nominee
during his political career through contacts between the
Legislative and Executive Branches of the New York State
Government. He noted that the frequency of his contacts
was seldom and that the contacts were usually quite brief.
He said that there is no question in his mind whatever
as to the nominee's character, loyalty, or ability and
he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to have a clean reputation
and to be a man of integrity. He has never met any members
of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S family. He advised that he would be
more than pleased to add his recommendation for
Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S appointment as Vice President of the
United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA

CHARLES A. SCHÖNECK, JR., Attorney, Syracuse, New York, and Chairman of New York State Republican Party, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known ROCKEFELLER since 1957 and served as State Chairman of the Republican Party under ROCKEFELLER and knew ROCKEFELLER when he, SCHÖNECK, was a member of the State Assembly. SCHÖNECK stated he considered ROCKEFELLER to be a man of great moral character, a tremendous amount of ability, abundance of energy, good common sense, a dedicated American and one whom the President of the United States would be happy to have as a servant of the Federal Government in any capacity.

Senator EARL BRYDGES, New York State Senator and Senate Majority Leader, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1955 or 1956. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a tremendous public servant, dedicated to his job and to the people whom he serves, a man of great vision, a man of integrity, one of great moral character and one who would be a tremendous asset to the President of the United States.

STANLEY STEINGUT, Democratic Minority Leader, New York State Assembly, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and considered the Governor to be a man of high moral character, a great public administrator, a man devoted to his state and country and one who would be a tremendous asset to the President of the United States.

ARTHUR LEVITT, New York State Comptroller, and a member of the Democratic Party, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and he considered the Governor to be a man of extraordinary ability, a man of excellent character and reputation, an individual in whom he could put complete trust, a man who is dedicated both to the Government of New York State and the Government of the United States, and a man who would be a great asset to the President of the United States.
Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI, Democratic Senate Minority Leader, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for 15 years and stated he considered the Governor to be a great administrator, a man of deep religious beliefs and one whom he admires more with each passing year. Senator ZARETZKI stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER divorced his first wife but despite any political criticism of this divorce, he stated ROCKEFELLER was a man of whom nothing of a derogatory nature could be said against because of this divorce. ZARETZKI stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER highly for any position of trust with the Federal Government.

Commissioner JOSEPH MURPHY, New York State Department of Taxation, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for 12 years and had served the Governor as a member of his staff during these years. He stated that the Governor is a man of excellent integrity, a man of great capability, a great administrator, a tremendous public servant and one whom he would recommend favorably for any position with the Federal Government.

VINCENT L. TOFANY, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of New York, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1958 and was then serving as Motor Vehicle Commissioner under Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated the Governor is a man of great ability, well intentioned purposes, a great public servant, a man with wide-ranging vision both in State and Federal Government, a dedicated American citizen and a man who would be a tremendous asset to the President of the United States.

MALCOLM WILSON, then Lieutenant Governor, New York State, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and during these years he had worked very closely and intimately with the Governor. He advised he considered the Governor to be a man of high principles which were inbred in him by his mother, that he was a man of great ability, completely honest, a truly patriotic American, having far ranging interests in Governmental problems both at home and abroad, and most assiduous in his devotion to duty.
LT. GOVERNOR WILSON stated there was no scandal connected with Governor ROCKEFELLER'S divorce from his first wife and that amicable arrangements were made with Mrs. ROCKEFELLER at the time of this divorce.

He advised Governor ROCKEFELLER would be a tremendous asset to the Federal Government because of his great knowledge of South American problems.
V

INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS
The following investigation was conducted by SA________ on August 21, 1974.

ERASTUS CORNING, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, was interviewed. Mayor CORNING stated that his family, the ROCKEFELLER family and the CLARK family, all were neighbors in Maine for many summers. He stated that MARY CLARK was the first wife of ROCKEFELLER.

Mayor CORNING stated he knows MARY CLARK very well and stated he knows nothing unfavorable regarding the divorce between MARY CLARK and ROCKEFELLER.

Mayor CORNING advised that prior to ROCKEFELLER becoming Governor of New York State, ROCKEFELLER and he both served on the Constitutional Convention for New York State.

When ROCKEFELLER became Governor, he worked very closely with Mayor CORNING in many of the urban renewal projects within the City of Albany.

Mayor CORNING stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man of great wealth, but, despite his own wealth, he has a compassion and understanding for the poor and underprivileged.

He advised that ROCKEFELLER is a man endowed with great administrative and leadership abilities, and has a way of getting things done in a hurry. He also stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man who is completely honest and a loyal American citizen.

He added that to his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER does not have any financial interests in the Capital District area and does not own any real estate in the Capital District area.

Mayor CORNING added that although ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of New York State, his executive offices were in New York City and he only occasionally came to Albany on business.

Mayor CORNING added that President FORD's choice of ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President was an excellent decision and good for the people of the United States.
Mayor CORNING advised that the Albany County Democratic Party Chairman DANIEL O'CONNELL is too ill to be interviewed at the present time.
The following investigation was conducted by SA[ ] on August 16, 1974.

MALCOLM E. ELLIS, 846 State Street, Schenectady, New York, former Mayor of the city of Schenectady for 12 years, and a Republican, advised he is personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and conferred with him on many occasions concerning legislation affecting Schenectady. ELLIS stated that ROCKEFELLER was the most outstanding Governor in the history of the State of New York. He said that he is fully qualified by virtue of leadership ability, personality, and sound business acumen to assume an active vigorous role in a position of trust to serve his country. ELLIS advised that ROCKEFELLER is a person of the highest moral character whose loyalty is unquestioned and heartily recommended him for an executive position.

The following investigation was conducted by SA[ ] on August 17, 1974.

FRANK J. DUCI, Mayor, Schenectady, New York and a Republican, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since ROCKEFELLER entered political life in New York State in 1957. DUCI said that he has had numerous contacts with ROCKEFELLER on an official basis over the years and he considers him to be an honest, dedicated individual who has "No Ax To Grind." DUCI said he has great respect for ROCKEFELLER as being an individual who holds to his commitments and as a person of great integrity. He has no knowledge of ROCKEFELLER'S personal life since he has only dealt with him concerning official matters, but he has never heard of anything derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 18, 1974.

EDWIN L. CRAWFORD, County Executive, Broome County, New York, stated he would highly recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a position with the Federal Government.
CRAWFORD advised that he is philosophically aligned with ROCKEFELLER and has observed him to be an honest, straightforward individual. CRAWFORD recommended ROCKEFELLER as an outstanding candidate for any position.
The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent________________________ on August 22, 1974:

New York, advised that he is a member of the Democratic Party
and has had no personal or political association with ROCKEFELLER.
He stated that he does not believe in ROCKEFELLER'S political
philosophy but knows nothing to indicate any impropriety on
ROCKEFELLER'S part. He stated that in view of the fact that he
is not personally acquainted with the former Governor, he is
not in a position to recommend him for the position of
Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 21, 1974:

[Redacted] Attorney, [Redacted] New York, advised he has only met the nominee once casually in connection with an association meeting of [Redacted] Attorneys and former Governor ROCKEFELLER. From this contact and public information he considers the nominee an honorable, straightforward individual about whom he knows nothing of a derogatory nature and has no reason to question his character, integrity or loyalty.
The following investigation was conducted by Attorney, [redacted] on August 22, 1974. He was contacted and he advised as follows:

- Stated his relationship with Rockefeller is casual, and no personal or professional relationship exists between them.
- Stated he has only met Rockefeller on a few occasions, primarily at Republican functions.
- Stated he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's character, reputation, or associates, and has no doubt concerning Rockefeller's loyalty to the United States.
- Stated Rockefeller appointed him [redacted] as [redacted].
- Advised he believes Rockefeller is an excellent administrator and would recommend him to fill any high Federal position.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974. Attorney residence New York, advised that he has personally met and observed the nominee on about three occasions at political meetings in Central New York, during the past six years.

stated that the nominee is a pleasant, impressive and aggressive speaker and in his opinion, has an extensive grasp of economic, domestic, and foreign issues. In his opinion, the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation and there is no question concerning his personal morals or integrity.

He stated he heartily supports ROCKEFELLER as the Vice Presidential nominee.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

New York advised that he was employed as for the Hudson River Valley Commission of which the Executive Director was ROCKEFELLER’s cousin ALEXANDER ALDRICH. noted that he met ROCKEFELLER socially on several occasions and was very much impressed by his stature. He also has the utmost respect for the ROCKEFELLER family and described them as a dedicated hardworking family who choose the most qualified people as assistants regardless of party affiliation.

He knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER or his family and recommends him highly for the position of Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Mr. GEORGE DUNN, Executive Director, Onondaga County Bar Association, 433 South Warren Street, Syracuse, New York advised that he has not had any personal contact with ROCKEFELLER, but has been in a position where he could scrutinize his efforts and position in law enforcement and judicial matters. He stated that he has a great deal of respect for Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man and business official. He is appreciative of the progress that ROCKEFELLER made in improving the New York State Judicial System.

DUNN stated that he has never received information of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and that based on his observations, his character is most impressive. Mr. DUNN stated that he also had no reason whatsoever to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and based on his assessment of the ROCKEFELLER'S accomplishments, he would recommend him for the position to which he has been nominated.
VI

INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES
The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 16, 1974.

Chief Judge JAMES T. FOLEY, United States District Court, Northern District of New York, Albany New York, a registered Democrat, advised that although he has never met ROCKEFELLER personally and has no real insight concerning him, it is his opinion ROCKEFELLER would probably be a good administrator due to his years of executive experience on a State, National, and International level. Judge FOLEY stated he knows nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER'S character, reputation, morals, and loyalty to the country.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

JUSTIN J. MAHONEY, Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, United States Post Office and Courthouse, Albany, New York, who resides at 2707 15th Street, Troy, New York, advised he formerly was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York from 1960 until 1969. Judge MAHONEY stated he has never been personally acquainted with Governor ROCKEFELLER either on a business or social level. He advised that he does not know factual data on a first-hand basis concerning ROCKEFELLER and declined to make any observations whatsoever concerning ROCKEFELLER's qualifications as the Vice Presidential nominee.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 21, 1974:

Honorable EDMUND PORT, Federal District Court Judge, Northern District of New York at Auburn, New York, advised he was never formally introduced to ROCKEFELLER but has personally encountered him at a political rally while he was campaigning in New York State for Governor. Judge PORT also had indirect contact with him through ROCKEFELLER's legal counsel and through his cooperation, a possible volatile issue in regard to a strike was averted. He noted that ROCKEFELLER has served three United States Presidents in important posts and he has no reason to doubt nominee's character, integrity or loyalty to the United States. He stated he knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and favorably recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 23, 1974.

JAMES L. OAKES, United States Judge, Second Circuit, advised that he has known the nominee personally since about 1959, when he was active in the nominee's campaign and later served as the nominee's Vermont and New England co-campaign manager. Judge OAKES advised that he has maintained social and political contact with the nominee over the years and that he considers him to be an excellent selection for the position of Vice President of the United States. Judge OAKES stated that he has only the highest regard for the nominee's honesty, integrity, and ability and that he would take great pleasure in recommending him most highly.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 23, 1974, at Norwich, Vermont:

STERRY WATERMAN, Judge, (retired), U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, advised that he has been acquainted with nominee for many years in a social and political capacity and that he considers him to be a man of integrity and honor. Judge WATERMAN advised that he is acquainted with the nominee's family and considers them all to be persons of high repute. He stated in his opinion, the appointment by the President was an excellent one and he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States.
STATE AND LOCAL
The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Judge LOREN N. BROWN, Saratoga County Judge, Ballston Spa, New York, advised that he has been associated with ROCKEFELLER for 15 years both politically and professionally. BROWN described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American of the highest integrity with unimpeachable character. BROWN stated that he has campaigned for ROCKEFELLER and that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a most notable and able administrator. BROWN advised that ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States, even though it is such a high Government position, would be able to maintain contact with the people at all levels. BROWN advised that he, without reservation, would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and throughout his association with ROCKEFELLER, professionally and politically, he knows of no derogatory information which would preclude ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

CON G. CHOLAKIS, Rensselaer County Judge, Troy, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally and politically for approximately eight years. He described ROCKEFELLER as being of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, who is considered to be an excellent administrator about whom he knows nothing of a derogatory nature. He stated he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA______ on August 21, 1974:

DALWIN J. NILES, 8 South William Street, Johnstown, New York, former New York State Senator and Family Court Judge, advised that he served in the New York State Senate from 1964 until 1972 from the 44th District as a member of the Republican Party. He said as a member of the Senate he had occasional political and business contacts with ROCKEFELLER and a few social contacts. He advised that there has never been any question about ROCKEFELLER's sincerity, his loyalty to the United States and his ability to administer the State of New York. He said he never questioned ROCKEFELLER's integrity or his honesty and he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. Mr. NILES advised that ROCKEFELLER has a tremendous drive and this drive enables him to work long hours on complicated and tedious issues. Mr. NILES said he would definitely recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal administrative position. He said that ROCKEFELLER is a strong individual who tends to set forth his own viewpoint on issues when it comes to dealing with other individuals. He said that this is simply an indication of the type of person ROCKEFELLER is and he would consider this to be an asset in an administrative position.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

Broome County Judge STEPHEN SMYK, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER approximately 12 or 13 years. ROCKEFELLER appointed Judge SMYK as an interim District Attorney for Broome County in 1962 and then in 1970, ROCKEFELLER appointed Judge SMYK as Broome County Judge. He does not know ROCKEFELLER socially and has had limited contact with him but stated that he has never heard any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER or his family and that the only comments he has heard of ROCKEFELLER are those that praise his virtues.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

Honorable RICHARD CARDAMONE, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Oneida County, Utica, New York, a former Oneida County Republican Party Chairman, advised that over the past fifteen years he has had occasion to meet with, and confer with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, and has always been impressed with ROCKEFELLER'S conduct and professional ability. He said that he is not on social terms with ROCKEFELLER or any member of his family, and therefore, his comments are restricted to his professional associations. He said that he has never known or heard of any incident or characteristic which would render ROCKEFELLER unsuitable for a high office in the United States Government and he believes that because of his wide range of experience, ROCKEFELLER will be an excellent Vice President for the United States.

Honorable HUGH R. JONES, New York State Court of Appeals, State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, Utica, New York, advised that he has been a very close associate of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past fifteen years both professionally and personally. JONES served for ten years on the State Board of Social Welfare and in fact, chaired that Board for several years. In 1964 he was appointed trustee of the State University of New York. From 1970 to 1972 JONES served on Select Committee of Correctional Institutions and Programs. In December, 1972, he was appointed to the Bench. Former Governor ROCKEFELLER twice asked JONES to serve in his cabinet as Superintendent of Insurance but he declined, preferring to remain in the private practice of law. JONES also served in numerous organizations during these years as personal emissary of the Governor to the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare in matters relating to social welfare. JONES at one time was Co-chairman with NELSON ROCKEFELLER of the New York State Committee of Revenue Sharing. He said that through these years he has had many occasions to confer with ROCKEFELLER in matters of great concern to the New York State Government and that he has gone through all these experiences with the very highest personal and professional regard for NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He said that ROCKEFELLER has always exhibited a high standard of personal integrity and conduct and demanded and received the same high standards from the members of his staff, most of whom JONES has known well through the years. JONES described ROCKEFELLER as a thoroughly loyal American who has proven through many years of service that he is dedicated to the American democratic form of Government. He said that ROCKEFELLER is a highly skilled
administrator, a man of wide background, and in his opinion, is eminently qualified to serve his country as Vice President. JONES said that ROCKEFELLER is emotionally stable. He expressed high praise for ROCKEFELLER and said in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER never abused the power of his Governorship. He said that ROCKEFELLER was, in his opinion, always quite open and candid in the administration of his office as Governor.

JONES said that he is also acquainted with ROCKEFELLER'S current wife and their children. He is not acquainted with but to his knowledge, there is nothing unfavorable about any member of the ROCKEFELLER family.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [blank] on August 21, 1974.

Honorable ELLIS J. STALEY, JR., Supreme Court Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department, New York State Supreme Court advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1958, and considers his relationship with him to be both personal and professional. Justice STALEY stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and character are beyond reproach and advised his administrative abilities and personal qualities are the finest that one person can possess. Justice STALEY advised he gives his highest recommendation to NELSON ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by J. CLARENCE HERLIHEY, Presiding Judge, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, Third Department, State of New York, with Chambers at Albany, New York, who resides in Glens Falls, New York, was contacted at his office in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York. He has known ROCKEFELLER since 1955 and has dealt closely with him since ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the Appellate Division. Judge HERLIHEY feels that ROCKEFELLER is eminently well qualified for the Vice Presidency and feels that he is an excellent executive and administrator as exemplified by the fine staff ROCKEFELLER developed when Governor of New York. He said ROCKEFELLER is extremely honest and intelligent, and has unquestioned integrity and moral character. He is very loyal to the United States and Judge HERLIHEY has no reservations about recommending him.

Judge JOHN DIER, Family Court Judge, Warren County, New York, was contacted at his office in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York. Judge DIER was appointed a Family Court Judge by ROCKEFELLER in 1971 and County Court Judge in October, 1973 and most of Judge DIER's contact has been through professional and political circles with minimal social contact. He highly regards ROCKEFELLER for his executive and administrative ability and highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency. He has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's moral character or the caliber of his associates and feels that his loyalty to the United States is unquestioned.
On August 21, 1974, the following investigation was conducted by SA

FRANCIS BERGAN, 5 Circle Drive, Albany, New York, former Judge of The Court of Appeals, Albany, was interviewed regarding the nomination of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States.

BERGAN advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for approximately 20 years on a business basis. He stated that he was also acquainted with ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis while a Judge of the Court of Appeals which he retired from in January, 1973. BERGAN advised he has had no contact with him since January, 1973, as he is now practicing law at his home address.

BERGAN stated that the loyalty and morals of ROCKEFELLER are beyond reproach. BERGAN stated that the character of ROCKEFELLER is of the highest caliber and the associates of ROCKEFELLER are also of the highest caliber.

BERGAN further advised that ROCKEFELLER has the personal qualities and administrative ability that are necessary to fulfill the job as Vice President of the United States. BERGAN advised that he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA____ on August 21, 1974.

Judge MILTON ALPERT, New York State Court of Claims, 7 Harvard Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1928, when ROCKEFELLER and Judge ALPERT were students at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Judge ALPERT stated that while a student at Dartmouth, ROCKEFELLER was "a very nice, unassuming, outstanding student." Judge ALPERT stated that ROCKEFELLER was a member of the Student Fire Fighting Force, and also taught Sunday School at a church in the vicinity of the college.

Judge ALPERT stated that ROCKEFELLER was one of six to ten seniors who were designated Special Scholars with the title of either Daniel Webster or Shoate Scholar. Judge ALPERT advised that the next time he had an occasion to be associated with ROCKEFELLER was during ROCKEFELLER'S Gubernatorial Campaign in 1958. After his election, ROCKEFELLER undertook a project to help local officials and created the "Office For Local Government". Judge ALPERT became Counsel of this project in the summer of 1959 and in that capacity, worked closely with ROCKEFELLER and his staff. In the summer of 1967, at the New York State Constitutional Convention, Judge ALPERT was designated as Special Assistant to the Governor and worked closely with the Governor in the area of Public Retirement Systems. ROCKEFELLER appointed Judge Alpert to his present position in January, 1968, and his contacts with ROCKEFELLER have been of a social nature since that time. Judge ALPERT stated that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States is beyond question and ROCKEFELLER is "dedicated to laying down his life in the service of Government of the Country." Judge ALPERT stated he was not aware of any irregularities in the moral character of the nominee. He stated that ROCKEFELLER possesses "very high moral and ethical standards, personally and in government, and he expects the same from his staff and appointees." Judge ALPERT described ROCKEFELLER as an excellent administrator and stated that he did a fine job as Governor of New York State.
ROCKEFELLER developed the capacity to work with the State Legislature and made necessary adjustments and compromise in order to get programs passed into law which he thought were necessary for New York. Judge ALPERT knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

He feels that ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the Vice Presidency is an excellent choice and he highly recommends him for a high Federal administrative position.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 21, 1974, at Utica, New York:

Honorable VINCENT DE IORIO, New York State Court of Claims, State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, a former Chairman of the Republican Party of Oneida County, advised that he has been acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER for the past fifteen years, but that his relationship was always restricted to the functions of his duties as County Chairman. He said that he has long followed the political career of ROCKEFELLER and has always admired ROCKEFELLER and knows of nothing unfavorable about him, any member of his staff, or any member of his family. He said that his meetings with the former Governor have always been on the highest plane and that he feels that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ], on August 22, 1974:

Judge J. RAYMOND AMYOT, New York State Supreme Court, Ballston Spa, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for 15 years and has met him on several occasions. AMYOT described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American, who showed integrity during his tenure as Governor of New York State. AMYOT stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is of the highest and that he has a tremendous understanding of peoples' everyday problems. He further described ROCKEFELLER as a highly skilled administrator. AMYOT highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position as Vice President of the United States and said he has no knowledge of any derogatory information which would preclude ROCKEFELLER's appointment.
The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [___________] on August 22, 1974:

RICHARD ARONSON, Judge, New York State Supreme
Court, Syracuse, New York advised that he has known
ROCKEFELLER since 1959. He collaborated with him
on several legislative matters while he (ARONSON) was
counsel to Senator HUGHES of New York State. He also
attended several social functions with the nominee and has
had an opportunity to chat with him personally on numerous
occasions. He stated that he has an innate ability to
determine the salient problems of matters entrusted to
him. He is an administrator beyond parallel as experienced
by his handling of the Governorship of New York State
since 1959. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man whose
integrity is unquestionable. Regarding ROCKEFELLER's
loyalty, Judge ARONSON stated that it is obvious that
he is one of the most dedicated Americans in public
service today. His associations are without question
and his character is unimpeachable. Judge ARONSON
stated that he has never heard of any derogatory in-
formation regarding ROCKEFELLER and would recommend
him for the position to which he had been nominated.
The following investigation was conducted by Arthur C. Aulisi, 40 North Main Street, Gloversville, New York, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, from the Fourth Judicial District, advised he has known Rockefeller for the past 16 years on a political basis. He advised that he has had limited contact with Rockefeller during these years but he has followed Rockefeller's activities and he sees Rockefeller at least once a year at political or social functions. Mr. Aulisi said that he greatly admires Rockefeller and feels that there could not have been a better man picked for the position of Vice President. Mr. Aulisi said that he considers Rockefeller to be absolutely honest and there would be no question concerning Rockefeller's integrity. He said that Rockefeller attracts good people to government service and Rockefeller has proven his qualities of excellent service throughout his years as governor. Mr. Aulisi said he knows of no derogatory information concerning Rockefeller. He said that Rockefeller has confidence and is a fighter for his convictions. He said Rockefeller has done a lot for New York State as far as public projects are concerned and Rockefeller has the courage to stick to his convictions on any given issue. Mr. Aulisi said he would definitely recommend Rockefeller for a high Federal position and he would consider Rockefeller's administrative abilities to be outstanding.
The following investigation was conducted by [SA] [_____] on August 22, 1974:

RICHARD T. BARTLETT, State Administrative
Judge, New York State Supreme Court with offices at Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, and 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York, New York, was contacted. He has known ROCKEFELLER since 1958 when he was a candidate for the New York State Assembly and ROCKEFELLER was the gubernatorial candidate. They have been close politically and socially since that time with Judge BARTLETT serving as Chairman of three separate crime-oriented committees at ROCKEFELLER's direction between 1961 and 1973. He knows ROCKEFELLER to be an extremely forceful, vigorous, forthright, and highly capable executive and he highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency. ROCKEFELLER can handle extreme pressure and responsibility very capably and is also receptive to ideas from his subordinates. ROCKEFELLER possesses excellent moral character, loyalty to the United States and associates. He enjoys a close family relationship with his wife, [_____] and particularly with [_____] He also noted that ROCKEFELLER makes decisions very well and once made he stands by them.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent_______ on August 21, 1974:

EDWARD S. CONWAY, Supreme Court Judge, State of New York advised that he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER professionally for the past fourteen years. CONWAY stated that he, CONWAY, was serving as Republican Chairman of Albany County, New York in 1962 when ROCKEFELLER ran for Governor. CONWAY stated that he has attended numerous breakfast meetings at the Governor’s Mansion and has observed ROCKEFELLER dealing with numerous state problems. During his association with ROCKEFELLER, he has never known the nominee to engage in any unfair or unethical practices even though ROCKEFELLER himself was the victim of some questionable tactics at the 1964 Republican Convention.

Judge CONWAY stated that as a Governor ROCKEFELLER was unsurpassed as a political leader and organizer in government. In CONWAY’s opinion, ROCKEFELLER has the talent of selecting outstanding people to fill key spots in his administration. Judge CONWAY has no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER. He mentioned the fact that some people still look with displeasure on ROCKEFELLER’s divorce and remarriage. Judge CONWAY stated that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

New York State Supreme Court Judge LOUIS M. GREENBLOTT, Binghamton, New York, is a candidate for election to the New York State Court of Appeals. He advised he first met ROCKEFELLER in 1958 during the time that he was running for re-election as District Attorney of Broome County while ROCKEFELLER was running for election as Governor of the State of New York. Judge GREENBLOTT met ROCKEFELLER on two later occasions, in 1961 and 1969 when ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the bench. Over the years, Judge GREENBLOTT has met many people who have known ROCKEFELLER and he never heard anyone speak derogatorily concerning him. ROCKEFELLER never attempted to influence the outcome of any decision or case pending before Judge GREENBLOTT and ROCKEFELLER has displayed a keen awareness of the separation of the Executive Branch of the Government from the Judiciary.

Broome County Family Court Judge DANIEL S. DICKINSON, Jr., Binghamton, New York, advised as follows:

Judge DICKINSON first met ROCKEFELLER when ROCKEFELLER was elected Governor of the State of New York in 1958. At that time, Judge DICKINSON, was serving in the New York State Legislature and he naturally met ROCKEFELLER in connection with Legislative matters. He occasionally met him socially when ROCKEFELLER would invite members of the Legislature to social functions. Judge DICKINSON has heard nothing but the highest praise regarding ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 21, 1974:

HAROLD E. KOREMAN, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, Albany, New York, with residence at [Redacted] Albany, was interviewed at Room 1104, Twin Towers Building, Albany.

Judge KOREMAN advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER as the Governor of New York on solely a social basis, that being at social functions given by ROCKEFELLER. Judge KOREMAN described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American who has throughout his career shown to be of a high character and a person with unquestioned morals. ROCKEFELLER is described as an honest person and one who possesses great administrative ability.

Judge KOREMAN recommends very highly and without reservation ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and he further stated he knows of absolutely no derogatory information concerning him.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 21, 1974:

DANIEL MC AVOY, New York State Supreme Court Judge (retired), advised that he has had limited professional and social contacts with the nominee. He advised that the nominee possesses unquestioned abilities and control. MC AVOY stated that during his personal observations of the nominee's political career, he observed the most frequent criticism to be the policy of spending too much of the State's funds in various governmental projects. MC AVOY advised that he has observed the nominee's handling of critical situations such as the Attica situation to be entirely proper and correct. MC AVOY is unaware of any derogatory information concerning the nominee.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

DeFOREST C. PITT, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Troy, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally since 1958. He described ROCKEFELLER as a man of high moral character whose loyalty to his country is above reproach. He considers ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability to be excellent and described him as one of the best administrators New York State has ever had. He knows of no organizations or associations that ROCKEFELLER belongs to other than professional organizations. He stated that ROCKEFELLER possesses charisma and is the type of individual that this country expects of its top leaders. He stated that he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President and feels that President FORD could not have made a better choice. Mr. PITT is not knowledgeable of ROCKEFELLER'S family and knows of no derogatory information regarding the nominee.

A. FRANKLIN MAHONEY, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Troy, New York, advised that he has no personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he has known him only as a public figure and has not been part of any of ROCKEFELLER'S administrations. He added that he knows no derogatory information pertaining to the nominee.

JOHN T. CASEY, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Troy, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER for over fifteen years and considers him to be of the highest moral and ethical character. His loyalty to the United States cannot be questioned. He stated ROCKEFELLER had the ability to administrate the finances of New York State in an excellent manner and has the ability to communicate with people of all classes. He stated that he does not know ROCKEFELLER'S family personally and said he knows of no derogatory information pertaining to him. He stated that he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President. CASEY also stated that aside from professional organizations of which ROCKEFELLER is a member, he is aware that ROCKEFELLER is a sponsor of the arts and particularly the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Judge CASEY also advised that while he was connected with the New York State District Attorney's Association, he had several occasions to meet with ROCKEFELLER and found ROCKEFELLER to be a very cooperative and understanding individual who was "no push-over" but who was amenable to "give and take" communications with the District Attorney's Association concerning matters pertinent to law enforcement. He stated that 'although ROCKEFELLER is no lawyer, he has an excellent understanding of matters of a legal nature.'
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ______ on August 22, 1974:

New York Supreme Court Judge EDMUND L. SHEA, Ogdensburg, New York, advised that he has been associated with the nominee through political activities over a number of years. He advised that former Governor ROCKEFELLER appointed him a County Judge and when the former Supreme Court Judge in the area, PAUL D. GRAVES, died approximately three years ago, he was appointed Supreme Court Judge by the nominee. Over the years, he has had contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER perhaps twice each year and has been associated with the nominee's staff in connection with reviews of constitutional law. From his personal knowledge and from the reputation of the nominee, he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be of exceptional character, loyalty, associates and ability. He has met the former Governor's present wife socially on a number of occasions and has the highest personal regard for her. He feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER should be very highly recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government and is happy to add his personal comments in this regard.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

Judge MICHAEL E. SWEENY, New York State Supreme Court, Ballston Spa, New York, advised that he has been associated professionally for 15 years with former Governor ROCKEFELLER and that he has met him several times at social gatherings. SWEENY advised that he is tremendously impressed with ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability and his ability to get things done. SWEENY feels that ROCKEFELLER would be a tremendous asset in the position of Vice President of the United States and he stated that ROCKEFELLER's character and loyalty are of the highest and that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the Vice President of the United States. He said he has no knowledge of any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER.
VII

FEDERAL OFFICIALS
The following investigation was conducted on August 17, 1974.

Mr. JAMES SULLIVAN, JR., United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, Syracuse, New York, 104 Winterton Drive, De Witt, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately 18 years on a professional basis. Mr. SULLIVAN stated he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a competent, intelligent and honest public official possessing high moral standards and an individual who has worked for the best interest of the American people.

Mr. SULLIVAN pointed out that ROCKEFELLER had successfully operated an administration as Governor of the State of New York for 15 years and encountered no scandals while in office. Mr. SULLIVAN stated, based on his knowledge of the nominee, he would recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF VERMONT
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EUGENE F. CABLE, on August 21, 1974:

GEORGE W.F. COOK, United States Attorney, District of Vermont, Rutland, Vermont, advised he had slight personal contact with nominee when Mr. COOK was a delegate to the Republican Party conventions of 1960 and 1964, being committed to the nominee. Mr. COOK advised he has had no other personal contact or professional contact.

Mr. COOK believes nominee to be of the highest ability and integrity, knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee or his family, and has no knowledge other than that gained through public sources.
MAGISTRATES
The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ] on August 16, 1974.

BENDER SOLOMON, 316 South Main Avenue, Albany, New York, United States Magistrate for the Northern District of New York for the past 30 years, a registered Democrat, advised he met ROCKEFELLER on just one occasion and has viewed his career with interest for the past 20 years. SOLOMON advised it is his opinion that ROCKEFELLER is a person of the highest integrity; that he is a man of financial independence who is beholden to no one and does not have to seek power or glory. He said that he is a person who definitely can be trusted and feels that the majority of people in this country would support him in any position to which the President might wish to appoint him.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

CHARLA G. HULL, United States Magistrate, Binghamton, New York, advised that she has had no personal or professional contact with the nominee. She is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and advised that although she differs philosophically with him, she considers him to be an honorable individual. She advised she would recommend him for the position to which he has been nominated.
The following investigation was conducted by SAL-I on August 21, 1974.

DANIEL SCANLON JR., United States Magistrate, Washington Street, Watertown, New York, advised that he has met the former New York Governor Rockefeller at ceremonies at various times over the past several years. He indicated that he had contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER perhaps somewhat less than once a year. Although he can state nothing from personal experience regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, associates, or ability, he has the highest opinion of the former New York Governor from Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S reputation, and at one time while he, Mr. SCANLON, worked in the Washington D. C. area, he had an opportunity to look over a suggested government reorganization plan which Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been involved with and became very impressed from some of the ideas that had been put forth. He has never met any members of the ROCKEFELLER family and can offer no information concerning them. He feels that he can recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States based on Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S grasp of the organizational needs of the Presidency.
VIII

INTERVIEWS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS
The following investigation was conducted by SA [____] on August 22, 1974:

Reverend [____] pastor [____] Baptist Church, [____] Albany, New York, advised ROCKEFELLER spoke at the church a few times and he (Reverend [____]) met him on those occasions. Reverend [____] stated he really is not well acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and basically can only comment indirectly about him. He said most of what he knows about ROCKEFELLER was learned through members of his congregation who used to work for the former Governor. Reverend [____] always understood that ROCKEFELLER is a man of character and is highly respected by his subordinates. He feels ROCKEFELDER is a man of proven administrative ability who is a well known international diplomat. Reverend [____] is not aware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER's associates, morals, or character. He stated he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States and feels he will be a definite asset to President FORD's administration.
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The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974.

Pastor [Church], New York, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions.

He stated that he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty or moral character, nor is he aware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. He stated that from a personal viewpoint, he is not an enthusiastic ROCKEFELLER supporter. He is glad that ROCKEFELLER was nominated for the Vice Presidency because it will probably keep him out of The White House as President. He stated that he cannot recommend ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States based upon his stand on abortion.

Also stated that he does not think highly of ROCKEFELLER's fiscal policy while he was Governor of New York, primarily relating to the building of the Albany South Mall. He stated that he feels the cost of this project is very excessive and he said that if a policy such as the one pertaining to the South Mall was applied on a National level, it would mean a great deal of expense for the country. He emphasized that these are personal opinions and he is not speaking for In summary, he stated he would rather have seen someone else nominated for the Vice Presidency.
The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ] on August 21, 1974.

[ ] New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1961 primarily due to his work [ ] of Churches. [ ] stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is "terrific". If a question was presented to ROCKEFELLER and he could not personally answer it, he would immediately obtain the correct answer to any question put to him from his assistants, rather than attempt to evade the issue or give false information. [ ] also stated that ROCKEFELLER surrounds himself with capable people. A concept which was introduced by ROCKEFELLER which [ ] spoke highly of was ROCKEFELLER's "Town Meetings" whereby he would travel around the State and would invite various people to meet with him and discuss issues and ask questions and get answers concerning the operation of the State Government. [ ] stated that he feels that ROCKEFELLER is not too fond of Episcopalians due to the fact that the Episcopal Church would not marry him for a second time. He described ROCKEFELLER as not one of his heroes. [ ] stated that ROCKEFELLER's divorce and remarriage have troubled him. He stated he met ROCKEFELLER's first wife, MARY, and described her as a lovely woman.

The Bishop did not like the idea of [ ] stated that his main criticism of ROCKEFELLER's performance as Governor of New York State/centers on the construction of the Albany South Mall. [ ] feels that the original idea was a good one, but the cost of the Mall has become astronomical. Whenever a labor dispute arose concerning wages of construction workers on the South Mall, ROCKEFELLER would give the workers anything they asked for and consequently the cost kept increasing at a very high rate. [ ] feels that ROCKEFELLER is "100 percent American" and he knows of no derogatory information concerning him. He stated that in view of the total national situation, he feels that ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for the Vice Presidency of the United States and recommends him.
The following investigation was conducted by S[ ] on August 21, 1974.

Rabbi HAYYIM KIEVAL, Rabbi of Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for approximately 15 years. His association with ROCKEFELLER has consisted of meeting him on a number of occasions at official state functions and he was also appointed by ROCKEFELLER to the State "Commission Against Discrimination", now known as the "Commission for Human Rights." Rabbi KIEVAL advised that he is no longer associated with this commission. He stated that he was also appointed to the Religious Advisory Committee to the New York State Health Department. Rabbi KIEVAL stated that he has also assisted the ROCKEFELLER Administration in preparing official statements regarding Jewish religious politics. Rabbi KIEVAL advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER a "top flight" administrator, and he has never found any fault with the way ROCKEFELLER ran the State of New York. He stated ROCKEFELLER has an exceptional ability for attracting talent. Rabbi KIEVAL described ROCKEFELLER's loyalty as impeccable and he has never found anything to criticize regarding the moral character of ROCKEFELLER. He knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER and he has nothing but positive feelings and opinions about ROCKEFELLER and his nomination. Rabbi KIEVAL highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States and stated that President Ford has made "a remarkably fine nomination."
The following investigation was conducted by SA L-1 on August 22, 1974.

Dr. CARLYLE ADAMS, Stated Clerk, of the Presbytery of Albany, 64 Summit Avenue, advised that he has had a slight association with ROCKEFELLER since 1958. Dr. ADAMS has served as Religion Representative at Official State Functions and has discussed the moral and spiritual implications of State Government with ROCKEFELLER on a number of occasions. Dr. ADAMS stated that he has a great admiration for ROCKEFELLER and feels that he is the most competent administrator in Government today. Dr. ADAMS advised that although he is not a Republican he feels that ROCKEFELLER had the most able government administration in the country. Dr. ADAMS advised that he has no reservations concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability and all State appointments made by ROCKEFELLER were favorable. He stated that he has no question or reservations concerning ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and added that ROCKEFELLER possesses a genuine kind of loyalty. Dr. ADAMS advised that he spoke with ROCKEFELLER at the time of the death of ROCKEFELLER's son, MICHAEL, and also at the time of ROCKEFELLER's marital difficulties and he was impressed with ROCKEFELLER's absolute candor and honesty in these situations. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER clean, in both his life and language and temperate in his habits. Dr. ADAMS knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and he feels that he made the decision after a great deal of soul searching. Dr. ADAMS offered the opinion that ROCKEFELLER with his experience in Government would feel comfortable as Vice President, and would probably bring more significance to the Office of the Vice Presidency. Dr. ADAMS feels that ROCKEFELLER is extremely well-qualified and recommends him without reservation for the Office of Vice President.
IX

INTERVIEWS OF BUSINESS LEADERS
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974:

DANIEL W. VOOYS, President, Bank of New York, 112 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has met with ROCKEFELLER on at least six to seven different occasions at various public functions. He advised that he first met and chatted casually with ROCKEFELLER approximately 10 years ago. He considers ROCKEFELLER's moral character to be excellent and he has exceptional associates in that he surrounds himself with people of the highest integrity. ROCKEFELLER has an excellent capacity for bringing in people who can get the job done. He knows people all across our country and would be able to receive opinions of National importance and to make use of the opinions. He would be able to receive assistance from these contacts that he has made. Mr. VOOYS highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

RICHARD F. LINDSTROM, President, Bankers Trust Company of Albany, New York, advised that he has encountered ROCKEFELLER socially approximately six to eight times over the past several years. He advised that he does not feel he knows ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning his character, loyalty or associates but said he would characterize Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being an impeccably sound individual, a superior man with great intelligence, and a man who makes a great impression and seems genuinely sincere in all of his efforts. LINDSTROM advised he would unquestionably recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974.

KENNETH BUHRMASTER, Chairman of the Board, First National Bank of Scotia, 201 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for the past 17 years. BUHRMASTER was appointed by ROCKEFELLER to membership on the New York State Regents Advisory Board (RAB) and the New York State Commission of Equalization and Assessment, as well as to the National Commission called COMPACT. BUHRMASTER is also President of the New York State School Advisory Board, Chairman of the New York State Conference Board and is a member of the New York State Teacher's Retirement System. The above boards and/or commissions have brought BUHRMASTER into contact with ROCKEFELLER several times annually regarding both Legislative, administrative and State Educational functions of the Governor of New York. He described ROCKEFELLER as a person with the highest moral character and integrity and as a warm and extremely capable person, who is very conscientious in performing his duties to the best of his ability. BUHRMASTER stated he has never been "led astray" by ROCKEFELLER and that he has always been forthright in their associations. He spoke of ROCKEFELLER and his associates in Albany being of impeccable character. He is a dedicated, loyal American and BUHRMASTER highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974.

MARRIALL HANNOCK, President, Home Savings Bank of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has seen NELSON ROCKEFELLER over the past 12 years at various banking functions. Mr. HANNOCK stated he does not know the nominee on a personal basis, but is enthusiastic about him becoming the Vice President of the United States. Mr. HANNOCK believes NELSON ROCKEFELLER was the best selection that could have been made for Vice President.

PATRICK F. RYAN, President, Fidelity Bank of Colonie, New York, advised that during the past ten years, he has attended numerous political fund raising dinners and bankers' conventions at which the nominee was present. Mr. RYAN said he does not know him personally, but feels he did a great job as Governor of New York. Mr. RYAN stated he is delighted at NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S being selected Vice President.

CLARENCE VISSCHER, President, Community State Bank, Albany, New York, advised that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER over the past three to four years at numerous banking functions. Mr. VISSCHER stated he feels the nominee will do a good job as Vice President and is enthusiastic with his selection.

ROBERT F. BURNS, President, Citibank, Colonie, New York, advised that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis; however, he has met him at a number of professional functions. Mr. BURNS said he has attended many Chamber of Commerce and bankers' dinners at which the nominee has spoken. Mr. BURNS stated Mr. ROCKEFELLER was a fine Governor and will make an excellent Vice President.

FREDERICK W. STOLZ, President, City and County Savings Bank, Albany, New York, advised that he has had no contact either personal or professional with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. Mr. STOLZ said he could not comment on the nominee as he only knows that he had been Governor of the State of New York.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 21, 1974:

LESTER W. HERZOG, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board, National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, 60 State Street, Albany, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER socially for the past 16 years. He described ROCKEFELLER as being a man of outstanding moral character and associates, and a truly dedicated and loyal American. He considers ROCKEFELLER a very capable man, being both receptive and responsive. He considers ROCKEFELLER to possess the ability to carry out the responsibilities of the Vice Presidency and recommended him with no hesitation for this position.
The following investigation was conducted by

HOWELL R. WOOD, Jr., President, National Savings Bank of Albany, 90 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER and has spoken with him casually at many public functions throughout New York State within the past several years. WOOD advised that he does not know ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning his moral character, associates or loyalty other than that they are all favorable to his knowledge. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as a responsible individual, devoted to serving New York State and added that he has served New York State extremely well. He advised ROCKEFELLER is extremely well qualified to serve in a high Federal executive position and favorably recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

FRANK WELLS MC CABE, retired Chairman of the Board, National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, 60 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for approximately 16 to 17 years. MC CABE was appointed by ROCKEFELLER to the position of Chairman of the Hudson River Valley Commission and was appointed Vice Chairman of the temporary State Commission of the Capital City. MC CABE advised there is no criticism at all that he has heard which would reflect unfavorably on ROCKEFELLER's character. He described ROCKEFELLER as a dedicated public servant with an unequalled ability to carry out his responsibilities. He considers ROCKEFELLER most able and willing to work with and for the people of our nation. He described ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and associates as unquestionable and highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA[________] on August 22, 1974:

ARTHUR GRALLA, President, Bankers Trust Bank of Binghamton, New York, advised that he has had no opportunity to deal with ROCKEFELLER on a professional, personal or social level. He advised that while he has certainly read of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's political career and followed it in his capacity as a voter, he could provide no information of interest concerning the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

STUART MC CARTY, President, First City National Bank, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has had very limited social contact with the nominee. He advised in view of that limited contact he is unable to comment on the nominee's character or abilities. He is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

HARTWELL P. MORRIS, JR., President of Marine Midland Bank, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for fifteen years through his membership in the Governor's Club of New York, an association of approximately five hundred leading businessmen in New York State who regularly meet with the Governor twice yearly to advise him regarding fiscal and economic matters. Mr. MORRIS commented that ROCKEFELLER is absolutely the finest person he has ever met, one whose executive ability he rates as outstanding. ROCKEFELLER'S reputation for honesty and integrity among leading businessmen in New York State is of the highest caliber and it is well known that he is not a person whose performance can be influenced by outside considerations.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. MOYER, President, Wilbur National Bank, Oneonta, New York, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER three or four times over the past years. He advised that early in his career he had been considered as an appointee to ROCKEFELLER'S staff but that due to personal commitments, he had not accepted the job. He stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER had done a respectable job as Governor of New York State and will do an excellent job in the capacity of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974.

PETER GORDAN, Chairman of the Board of the Endicott Bank of New York, Endicott, New York, advised that he has been a life-long resident of New York State and has met ROCKEFELLER only when the nominee visited the Binghamton, New York area. He advised that he does not know ROCKEFELLER personally, but has never heard any information from the business or banking community that was even remotely detrimental to ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, integrity, or ability.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent __________ on August 22, 1974:

ROBERT G. COX, President, Lincoln First Bank, 1 Lincoln Center, Syracuse, New York, advised that he does not know the nominee on a personal basis. COX advised that since he has been President of the bank for the past three and a half years, he has had no personal dealings with the nominee either personally or otherwise, but based on his record as former Governor of New York State, considers the nominee to be well qualified in leadership ability dealing with governmental affairs. COX advised that he had some dealings with ROCKEFELLER when he was Dean of the School of Business for Syracuse University dealing in academic programs from 1964 to 1970. COX advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of high principles and integrity and would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President or any other position that the President may consider him for without reservation.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [blank] on August 21, 1974:

ROYAL L. O'DAY, Chairman of the Board, Marine Midland Bank - Central, 360 South Warren Street, Syracuse, New York advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee in a business capacity since 1959. During that time, he has contacted the nominee as the President of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, and as the Chairman of the Board, Syracuse University. Mr. O'DAY described the nominee as a man of outstanding character with unimpeachable credentials. His loyalty to this country and its principles are beyond question. His associates have been selected for their adherence to the same cause. He has a unique ability to administrate important offices and matters. Mr. O'DAY stated that he has observed ROCKEFELLER at numerous functions and has never seen him conduct himself in a way which would be embarrassing to anyone. He has never heard any derogatory information regarding the nominee and stated he would recommend him for any high Federal position.
The following investigation was conducted by SAL-I on August 22, 1974.

THOMAS W. HIGGINS, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer, Merchants National Bank, Fayette and South Warren Streets, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally and by reputation since 1956 or 1957, when the nominee was first starting his political career. HIGGINS noted that his personal contact with ROCKEFELLER has been limited to meetings with the nominee held with leaders of the Syracuse area business and banking community. He stated that he has not always agreed with the nominee on fiscal matters and that he believes the nominee has spent money too freely; however, HIGGINS noted that this is a philosophical difference and it in no way relates to ROCKEFELLER's abilities. He characterized the nominee as an outstanding administrator, who has the ability to attract quality people to government service and the ability to accomplish his goals. HIGGINS declined to comment on the nominee's character and morals in that he has not had sufficient personal contact to form an opinion on these matters. He stated that the nominee's loyalty to the United States is above question and he regards ROCKEFELLER's nomination to Vice President as a good choice by President FORD.
The following investigation was conducted by [SA] on August 21, 1974:

RITA F. MACKEY, President, Marine Midland Bank, Northern, Watertown, New York, advised that she has only met the nominee on one occasion when he visited the Watertown area several years ago. She cannot comment from any personal experience on his character, loyalty, or ability, but from his reputation she feels that he will be an asset to President FORD because of his administrative ability, presence of mind and a great many other pluses which include Mr. ROCKEFELLER's financial status. In addition, in her opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER "knows his way around". She can offer no comment concerning members of the ROCKEFELLER family, since she has never met any of them. She would recommend him for the high office for which he has been nominated and would vote for him if necessary.
The following investigation was conducted by SA______ on August 23, 1974.

CARL SPAD, President, Capital City Associates, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally since 1958. During his 1958 campaign, Mr. SPAD said he was the nominee's chief aide, introducing him to people and handling his administrative matters. Mr. SPAD stated he was Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appoint- ments officer and political arm for eight years. Mr. SPAD stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER is the soul of integrity and will do a fine job as Vice President of the United States. Mr. ROCKEFELLER's record as Governor and his administrative ability highly qualify him to be Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

JOHN W. VANDERVORT, Director of Public Affairs, Carrier Air Conditioning Company, Syracuse, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1958 having worked for his Election Committee for Governor in Rochester, New York. He has since had frequent contact with ROCKEFELLER in regard to his work at Carrier and would describe ROCKEFELLER as a dedicated and dynamic individual. VANDERVORT noted that ROCKEFELLER is greatly concerned with human rights, education, health care, business and labor in the whole realm of human services and had made great advances in these areas in New York State while he was Governor.

VANDERVORT stated that ROCKEFELLER was also a great stimulus to business and his leadership in this area is unsurpassed.

VANDERVORT concluded that through his sixteen years of association with ROCKEFELLER, he knows of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character or loyalty, and is very pleased with his nomination for Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by [SA] on August 23, 1974.

HERMAN R. HILL, Vice President and General Manager, Steam Turbine Generator Products Division, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, advised that he has had only limited contact with ROCKEFELLER since he has only been in New York for a short period of time. He said he does not know of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and he would have no reservations about ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty to the United States. HILL said he is sure that ROCKEFELLER can handle a complex administrative position in the Federal Government.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

SVEN TUNANDER, 127 South Seward Avenue, Albany, New York, retired former manager for W. T. Grant retail store system, advised that he was casually acquainted with the nominee as a fellow student at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. He advised that the nominee had to live on a budget set by his father like other students, and he never tried to operate on his family name. At that time, the nominee, though unassuming, was very popular and a "big man" on the campus as a result of his individual efforts and outstanding personality. ROCKEFELLER was also a member of honor societies and an outstanding student. During this period, Mr. TUNANDER had no basis to question ROCKEFELLER'S character, integrity, or loyalty and heard of no derogatory information concerning the nominee. He stated that while he has sometimes differed with the former Governor on some political viewpoints, this was merely as a resident of New York State and in no way would bar him from the nomination as Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

Manager, International Business Machines (IBM), Endicott, New York, advised that he has had no personal or professional contact with the nominee. Additionally advised that he is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1974.

JAMES S. KELLY, President, KELLY Foundry and Machine Company, Inc., Utica, New York, (Registered Republican), advised he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER but operated his business under all of ROCKEFELLER'S terms as New York State Governor. He stated the ROCKEFELLER Administration had, overall, been good and the State improved under him. ROCKEFELLER was described as inspiring cooperation by his state agencies with both labor and business and insured that business firms were kept well apprised of available labor, area, national and even foreign markets. There was criticism of high costs of government under ROCKEFELLER but his programs, according to KELLY, were proved to be sound and productive.

ROCKEFELLER is described as one who is extremely friendly when meeting with persons on all levels and would be considered an asset in further Government service.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 22, 1974:

GEORGE RAYMOND, President, The Raymond Corporation, Greene; Chenango County, New York, advised he has met the nominee on a few occasions socially, and in the presence of others has met with him in the Capitol at Albany, New York when the nominee was Governor of New York State. Among Mr. RAYMOND'S friends and business associates, ROCKEFELLER has an extremely favorable reputation for integrity and honesty. He advised ROCKEFELLER'S character is on a level superior to most of his contemporaries.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

RAYMOND LONG, President of Singer Simulation Products Division, Binghamton, New York, advised that he met Governor ROCKEFELLER once at a social event in Albany, New York within recent years. He advised that for Singer Simulation Products Division is associated with who is a close confidant of Governor ROCKEFELLER and Mr. LONG commented that he has always received a positive input regarding the Governor.
The following investigation was conducted by SA[_________] on August 17, 1974.

JOHN HART TERRY, Former Congressman, 32nd Congressional District, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years. He was an Administrative Aide to Governor ROCKEFELLER from January 1, 1959, through April, 1961. Since that time, he has been associated with ROCKEFELLER through Republican Party functions and matters. It is noted that TERRY served in the New York State Legislature 18 years a portion of which time ROCKEFELLER was Governor of the State.

Mr. TERRY advised that he had thoroughly enjoyed his association with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he was "Honorable in all respects." He is a man of outstanding character and enjoys an excellent reputation among members of both political parties.

Mr. TERRY advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a fascinating person who has an extremely agile mind. He has the ability to comprehend the salient issues of any subject in the briefest time. He also is a good administrator. According to Mr. TERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER's morals are unquestionable and he has absolutely no reason whatsoever to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty. Mr. TERRY stated that he had never received any information, directly or indirectly, from any source regarding any incident which might compromise or embarrass Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's divorce was accomplished without any taint of notoriety or scandal, and was so treated by the news media. He stated that he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER without hesitation, for any position of trust.

The following investigation was conducted by SA[_________] on August 17, 1974.

CHARLES A. SCHOENECK, JR., Attorney and
former New York State Republican Party Chairman, 110 Juneway Road, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER socially and professionally for in excess of 20 years. He stated that he considers him to be a hardworking, honest, intelligent, administrator who possesses high moral standards, a patriotic attitude and a deep sense of responsibility and concern for our nation and awareness of problems confronting the various levels of the American society. SCHOENECK stated that he would not hesitate to recommend the Governor for any high position of trust.

The following investigation was conducted by SA_______ on August 18, 1974.

JAMES A. FITZPATRICK, Chairman, New York State Power Authority, was interviewed at his residence, 62 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

He has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. He was chairman of ROCKEFELLER'S Platform Committee each of the four times he ran for Governor of New York State, and has had excellent opportunity to know his political philosophy. He has liberal social views and his strong background in finance gives these an excellent balance.

ROCKEFELLER has all the qualities necessary for a position of trust and confidence. He is a loyal American, a proven administrator and a man of complete integrity, with vision and imagination.

Mr. FITZPATRICK is convinced that ROCKEFELLER is held in high esteem in Latin America, and his contacts throughout the United States and the world qualify him to a very high degree for an executive position.

RONALD B. STAFFORD, New York State Senator, 42nd Senatorial District, was interviewed at Plattsburgh, New York.
He said that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1964, when STAFFORD was working with Senator KEATING. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American of impeccable character and reputation. He feels he knows ROCKEFELLER and his policies well and greatly admires them; ROCKEFELLER believes that the United States is the strongest country in the world and considers it to be imperative that the United States maintain its strength.

ROCKEFELLER is a proven administrator who would capably fill any high Government office to which appointed.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 23, 1974, at Utica, New York:

ALEXANDER PIRNIE, former member of the United States House of Representatives, 31st Congressional District of New York from 1959 to 1973, currently in the private practice of law in Utica, New York, advised that he has closely followed the career of NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1958 when he and ROCKEFELLER began their campaigns together for elected office in Herkimer County, New York. He said that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER'S record of many years of public service and honest government should serve as a strong recommendation. He said that ROCKEFELLER'S education and over 25 years of service to the public, make him eminently qualified. He said that to his knowledge, there never has been the slightest hint of any shortcomings in ROCKEFELLER'S personal behavior. He added that one of the trademarks of ROCKEFELLER'S administration and staff was that he expected and received a high standard of personal conduct from those associated with him. He added that in all respects, he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER one of very few of the most qualified men in the nation who could have been selected to serve as vice president.
INTerviews of News Media Representatives
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Syracuse Herald-Journal, Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York, stated that his association with the nominee dates back to 1959. He stated that the relationship is of a professional nature. He has personally discussed matters with ROCKEFELLER when ROCKEFELLER had visited the office of his paper during visits to the Syracuse, New York, area. He stated that he frequently disagrees with ROCKEFELLER and his political philosophy, but finds him a man with a character which cannot be impugned. He stated that he has never heard of any incident or situation which could blemish the nominee's character or reputation and he noted that his reputation is excellent, or appears to be excellent, throughout the country. [redacted] stated that the nominee's associates that are known to him are all "wholesome types". He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory about the nominee or the people who are associated and connected with him.

Concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability, [redacted] stated that he has a great facility for charming and handling people. However, since he personally disagrees with ROCKEFELLER's political philosophy, he has not always agreed with certain legislation passed during ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor of New York.

Concerning the nominee's loyalty, he stated that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty is above reproach. He described him as a man who would never do anything to harm the welfare of the United States. In closing, [redacted] stated that he would recommend the nominee for any position of trust and confidence no matter how high the administrative office might be.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974.

Gannett News Service, Albany, New York, and has covered NELSON ROCKEFELLER since his first Governor's campaign in 1958. said he has written his columns regarding the nominee's efforts to pass bills, his policies, and past efforts to become President. stated he could not say enough good things about Mr. ROCKEFELLER and has the highest praise of his character and administrative ability. Mr. ROCKEFELLER always treated the press properly and in a professional way.

On August 23, 1974, advised that he has been covering the Albany political scene for Gannett News Service since 1966. said he has written miles of articles covering NELSON ROCKEFELLER's political activities as Governor and considers him a good choice as Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Name] on August 22, 1974:

Auburn Citizen Advertiser, 25 Dill Street, Auburn, New York, advised he has met the nominee on three or four occasions in his capacity as a newspaperman covering political rallies in which the nominee was running for Governor of New York State. He also attended a budget briefing for newspapermen at Albany conducted by ROCKEFELLER. He advised he has no basis to question ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, or integrity and he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and would recommend him favorably.
The following investigation was conducted by [SA] on August 21, 1974.

J. LEONARD GORMAN, Executive Editor, Syracuse Post Standard, Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since he first ran for the Governorship of New York State in 1958. He has encountered him frequently as a result of his position with the Syracuse paper. He stated that he has the highest respect for ROCKEFELLER and considers him to be one of the most competent administrators that he has witnessed in State Government. Mr. GORMAN described ROCKEFELLER as a dedicated and loyal American, who is earnestly searching for the best for America and the American Democratic form of Government. In that regard, to the best of Mr. GORMAN's knowledge, he associates only with individuals who hold similar views and objectives.

Mr. GORMAN characterized ROCKEFELLER as a trustworthy man, who adheres to a high code of personal ethics. Because of his discretion on personal matters, he enjoys a reputation which has not been tainted. Mr. GORMAN stated that he would recommend, without any hesitancy whatsoever, the nominee for a governmental administrative position.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 21, 1974.

Albany, New York, "Times Union" Newspaper, and The Hearst Corporation, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER both professionally and socially for the past five years. stated ROCKEFELLER is a sincere, honest person who is trustworthy and possesses an outstanding moral character. He advised ROCKEFELLER is an extremely competent and skilled administrator who possesses an ability to attract talented individuals into Government work. stated he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and he knows of no derogatory information.
The following investigation was conducted by JOHNSON, Senior Editor and Publisher, "The Watertown Daily Times" newspaper, Watertown, New York, on August 21, 1974:

JOHN B. JOHNSON, Senior Editor and Publisher, "The Watertown Daily Times" newspaper, Watertown, New York, advised that he has known former New York Governor ROCKEFELLER for a number of years, both personally and in a business sense. He estimated that he probably had contact with the nominee once a year. He noted that in 1964, he even argued with Governor ROCKEFELLER over the State Power Authority, but he feels that he, JOHNSON, won, so he certainly does not hold that against the nominee. He feels that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is a very nice and friendly individual, and a good man and knows of no derogatory information concerning his character, loyalty, associates, or ability. He said that he would recommend the nominee for a high position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

"The Watertown Daily Times" newspaper, Watertown, New York, is also the President and Treasurer of WWNY-TV, Watertown, New York.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. ROSS on August 21, 1974:

Binghamton, New York daily newspapers, The Sun Bulletin, and The Evening Press, advised that he has met Governor ROCKEFELLER several times as a . He advised that he is aware of no information detrimental to the character, reputation, or ability of Governor ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by SA[----------] on August 16, 1974.

JAMES E. SCRIPPS, formerly associated with SCRIPPS-HOWARD Newspaper Alliance, now retired, Loudonville, New York, advised that although he has had no business or social contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, he knows him by reputation and has great admiration for his accomplishments, especially during his tenure as Governor. He said he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

GEORGE F. SPRING, Vice-President and General Manager, WRGB Television, Channel 6, WGY and WGFM, Schenectady, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for the past eight years. He said he has had frequent contacts with ROCKEFELLER due to the nature of his profession and he considers him to be an outstanding individual who has the highest character. He said he knows of absolutely nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and he said there is no question of ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States. SPRING said that he believes ROCKEFELLER will be able to convey to President FORD a continuing series of sound opinions on world affairs and domestic affairs. He said he knows of no family problems involving ROCKEFELLER and he would definitely recommend him for a high position with the Federal Government. He said that ROCKEFELLER conducts himself on a high professional level.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974:

of WTEN, 341 Northern Boulevard, Albany, New York, advised that he has been in the New York area only since [redacted] and has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER only once personally. This occasion was a dinner held at the Governor's Mansion following a meeting of editors, publishers and broadcasters. [redacted] characterized ROCKEFELLER as an intelligent, dynamic individual who commands respect. [redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER'S character and reputation are outstanding, having survived public scrutiny for over fifteen years. [redacted] has nothing personally derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER but stated criticism could be heard over ROCKEFELLER'S monetary policies, which made New York State one of the highest taxed states in the nation. Overall, [redacted] stated he has "lots of respect" for NELSON ROCKEFELLER and expressed the belief that ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ] on August 21, 1974:

The Urban League of Albany, advised that he has worked with the Governor on behalf of the Black Community in the Capital District since 1965. [ ] stated that the State of New York is the largest employer in the capital district and the ROCKEFELLER Administration has been responsible for upgrading and greatly expanding the employment of Blacks in various state positions. [ ] gives ROCKEFELLER the major credit for expanding the State University System and creating the South Mall Project in downtown Albany. [ ] said both of these projects will help to re-vitalize the inner city.

[ ] described ROCKEFELLER as a person with international status who has the experience, reputation, and vision necessary to be a Vice President capable of representing all of the people.

[ ] concluded by stating that when viewed in their entirety, ROCKEFELLER'S terms as Governor were a time of progress for Blacks in the Capital District. [ ] highly recommended NELSON ROCKEFELLER for Vice President stating the President could not have made a better choice.
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INTERVIEWS OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS
The following investigation was conducted by SA__________ on August 22, 1974.

NORMAN TINKARD, Director of Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County, Aloj Building, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately four or five years on a professional basis. TINKARD said he first met the nominee in 1968 when he acted as a spokesman for an AD Hoc Committee meeting of minority groups from the Syracuse, New York area, along with the nominee, at a town meeting in Syracuse, New York, to discuss problems of the Black Community. TINKARD stated that he has been extremely impressed with ROCKEFELLER'S response to the problems of minority groups. He characterized the nominee as an outstanding man, with a very fine character who placed representatives of black groups in his administration. ROCKEFELLER was described as an outstanding administrator with above average organizational abilities. TINKARD stated that he bases his opinion regarding the nominee's administrative and organizational abilities on the fact that the nominee was always able to effectively relate to the problems in the minority community. TINKARD stated that President FORD'S nomination of ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding choice which he enthusiastically supports.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

CLIFFORD FORSTADT, Director, American Civil Liberties Union, State Tower Building, Syracuse, New York advised that although he has never met ROCKEFELLER, he is well aware of his position on Civil Rights and feels that he speaks for the Civil Liberties Union at large when he states that he is very pleased with the nomination of ROCKEFELLER for Vice President and believes that he will be an asset to the country.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974.

Reverend FRANKLIN J. UPTHEGROVE, Executive Director of the City of Utica, New York, Commission on Human Relations and a Negro leader in Utica, New York, advised that although he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER, he has had several contacts with the nominee and believes him to be a very dedicated and competent politician. UPTHEGROVE stated that on several occasions the nominee has shown great "presence" in handling racial problems. In addition, the nominee has shown a concern for problems of the inner city and minority groups, and is considered by Negro leaders to be especially approachable regarding minority problems. Reverend UPTHEGROVE noted he does not agree with the nominee's conservative trend of the past seven years, but feels the nominee was following a realistic political course for New York State. Reverend UPTHEGROVE highly endorsed the nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States.
XII

INTERVIEWS OF UNION LEADERS
The following investigation was conducted by Dr. THEODORE C. WENZEL, President, Civil Service Employees Association, a union of New York State employees, 33 Elk Street, Albany, New York, advised he knew nominee during the fifteen years nominee served as Governor of New York. He stated that as President of the union that represents the employees of the State of New York, he had limited contact with him and possibly on three occasions, socially.

Dr. WENZEL stated he found nominee to be one of the hardest working individuals he has known. He stated he feels nominee possesses outstanding ability as a leader and is dedicated to public service.

He advised he never knew nominee to be biased toward racial or ethnic groups, and never knew of anything in his background that would reflect unfavorably upon nominee's character or reputation or anything that would be a cause of embarrassment to anyone.

Dr. WENZEL stated he feels nominee is an outstanding choice to be Vice-President and he knows of no one whom he feels is more qualified or dedicated who could effectively fulfill this position.
The following investigation was conducted by SA at Schenectady, New York, on August 22, 1974.

New York State, AFL-CIO, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately eight years, and he stated he personally met ROCKEFELLER as Governor on approximately one occasion each year. He stated that during meetings with ROCKEFELLER concerning labor matters, he found ROCKEFELLER to be a fair individual who, in his words, "met the needs of the people." He indicated that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER's character and integrity are beyond reproach and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him or his associates. He stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the office of the Vice Presidency of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

[redacted], for the Greater Syracuse Labor Council of the AFL-CIO, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately ten years and had one occasion to dine with the former Governor and his family approximately four years ago. He advised that he considers the nominee to be a great asset to the FORD Administration and knows of nothing derogatory whatsoever regarding him. He advised "even though I am a registered Democrat, I have voted for NELSON ROCKEFELLER." He advised that both he and the labor union that he represents are behind ROCKEFELLER 100 percent and would not hesitate for one moment to recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility as the Vice President of the United States.
XIII

INTERVIEWS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS
The following investigation was conducted by Assistant Special Agent in Charge GEORGE R. STEEL, on August 16, 1974.

WILLIAM E. KIRWIN, Superintendent, New York State Police, Albany, New York, stated he has had a professional association with ROCKEFELLER for approximately 15 years and during that time has had nothing but the highest praise for him. He described ROCKEFELLER as a dynamic, progressive, public-minded, and exceedingly capable individual. KIRWIN added, "His (ROCKEFELLER'S) divorce situation was handled with the utmost decency."

CHARLES C. MCSKOEY, JR., Director, New York State Bureau for Municipal Police Training, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, New York (MPT, DCJS), former Special Agent, FBI, and former Sheriff, Cattaraugus County, New York, advised his professional association with ROCKEFELLER dates back to 1958. In fact, he said, while Sheriff, he traveled with ROCKEFELLER extensively. He stated ROCKEFELLER is undoubtedly qualified for any position since he possesses keen insight and astute judgement in all matters. He remarked ROCKEFELLER "has done more for professional law enforcement in the state of New York than any man in history." He highly endorsed him.

WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, Deputy Director, MPT, DCJS, and former Special Agent, FBI, said his professional association with ROCKEFELLER exceeds four years and he has had knowledge by reputation exceeding 16 years. He described ROCKEFELLER as "one of the best Governors in the United States, who is liberal in a conservative fashion."
The following investigation was conducted by SA[ ] on 8/17/74.

Chief of Police EDWARD MC ARDLE, Albany, New York, Democrat, advised that he has met Governor ROCKEFELLER socially on one or two occasions, but has never worked closely with him in any capacity.

Chief MC ARDLE advised that in his official capacity as Police Chief of the city of Albany, he has never heard anyone speak in an unfavorable manner regarding ROCKEFELLER'S morals, character, reputation, or loyalty to the Government of the United States.

Chief MC ARDLE advised that Governor ROCKEFELLER, to his knowledge, enjoys an excellent reputation as an administrator and as an executive.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on 8/18/74.

JOHN M. PERMACH, Sheriff, Broome County, New York, advised that he has had a long-standing
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association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and would highly recommend him for any position involving trust and confidence. Sheriff PERHACH advised that ROCKEFELLER is an individual of outstanding character and abilities.
The following investigation was conducted by [SA_______] in August 18, 1974.

GEORGE A. MURPHY, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc., Oneida, New York, (Republican), advised he has had close personal and official contacts with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past 15 years, and considers him an outstanding person. MURPHY stated ROCKEFELLER's abilities and warm personality would make him extremely suitable for a high Government position and he might be just the person needed to restore public trust in the Government.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 21, 1974:

ROBERT SPONABLE, Sheriff, Cayuga County, Auburn, New York, advised he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a couple of occasions when ROCKEFELLER was campaigning for the Governorship in the Auburn, New York area. He advised he knows nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and has no reason to question his character, integrity or loyalty and on his general reputation, would recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

JOHN T. COSTELLO, Chief of Police, Auburn, New York, and an FBI National Academy graduate, advised that he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a couple of occasions in the Auburn, New York, area when ROCKEFELLER was campaigning for the Governorship and COSTELLO's department provided security. He stated the nominee was always courteous and respectful on contacts and he has no basis to question his character, integrity, or loyalty and he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

JOSEPH J. BENENATI, Jr., Sheriff of Chenango County, Norwich, New York advised he first met Governor ROCKEFELLER in 1966 or 1957 and has met him several times since then. Governor ROCKEFELLER'S reputation among the law enforcement communities of Upstate New York is most favorable. His administrative expertise was instrumental in improving the effectiveness of the New York State Police and because of this, Governor ROCKEFELLER earned the endeared nickname, "ROCKY, The Cop." Governor ROCKEFELLER will undoubtedly perform very well as Vice President of the United States, according to Sheriff BENENATI.
The following investigation was conducted by Paul E. Guay, Sheriff, Clinton County, Plattsburgh, New York, a registered Republican, has known Rockefeller in an official capacity for sixteen years. He considers him to be loyal and of excellent character. He knows of no blemishes on his record of any kind, but stated that Rockefeller would not have been his first choice for the position of Vice President. He does think that Rockefeller will help a great deal with foreign policy and economic factors and will bring critical issues to the forefront and help to solve them in the best possible way.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [__] on August 21, 1974:

LEVON A. TELIAN, Sheriff, Delaware County, Delhi, New York, advised that he has met the nominee on several occasions but is not personally acquainted with him. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and it is his opinion that the nominee will do a very good job as Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974.

was located at New York.

advised he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions, however, no personal relationship was ever developed. 

advised he knows of nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, or associates.

stated, however, that he would not recommend ROCKEFELLER for any high Federal position since he believes that ROCKEFELLER would favor big business over the public interest.

said this opinion is based on his observation of the nominee during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 22, 1974:

IRVING P. ANGEL, Jefferson County, New York, Sheriff, and a graduate of the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for a number of years in connection with escort and protection activity when the Governor visited the Northern New York area. As far as he can recall, he has met the Governor perhaps four times. He knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, or ability and considers him a great executive officer. He has never met any members of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's family. He feels that he can recommend the former New York State Governor very highly and without any reservation for the position to which ROCKEFELLER has been nominated.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent _______ on August 21, 1974:

THOMAS J. SARDINO, Chief of Police, Syracuse, New York, Police Department, Syracuse, New York, stated that he had met the nominee infrequently while he has performed as a ranking police officer and more recently as the Chief of Police. These encounters which have occurred over the past ten years, were of a professional nature and SARDINO stated that he has never had any reason to doubt the loyalty of the nominee. He advised that the nominee was especially proficient in the preparation and passing of bills relating to law enforcement. He described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American whose character is beyond criticism. He stated that as a police officer he has never received any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER and would recommend him for a high administrative position.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

Bureau of Criminal Investigations, New York State Police, Syracuse, New York, advised that he assisted the Governor's Protection Detail frequently during years. During that time, he observed ROCKEFELLER at numerous political and business functions. He was also in a position to observe the Governor when he was out of the public eye. He stated that he was impressed with the Governor's personal conduct both in public and private situations. He advised that the Governor is a social drinker only. He treats everyone with respect and dignity and is a very charitable person. His statements never indicated that he was anything other than a loyal American. He stated that he has never received any information, directly or indirectly, which might embarrass the nominee.
XIV

INTERVIEWS OF EDUCATORS
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Dr. ALBERT T. SKINNER, President, Auburn Community College, Auburn, New York, advised he personally met the nominee when ROCKEFELLER was the speaker at the Auburn Community College, about 15 years ago. He said he has been present at several college conventions where ROCKEFELLER appeared as the speaker, and has corresponded with him regarding college financing in New York State.

Despite no close contact, Dr. SKINNER said he has been an admirer of ROCKEFELLER and was a subscriber as one of a group of academicians in support of ROCKEFELLER for the nomination as the Republican Party candidate for President in 1968. Dr. SKINNER advised he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee, has no basis to question his character, integrity, or loyalty, and would highly recommend him.
The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

CLIFFORD D. CLARK, Acting President,
State University of New York, Binghamton, New York,
advised that he has had limited professional contact
with the nominee. Mr. CLARK advised that he was
employed as a research assistant to a commission studying
workmen's compensation procedures in New York State
approximately ten years ago. The commission reported to
ROCKEFELLER who accepted the recommendations which were
unfavorable to his administration and then instituted
the appropriate action. Mr. CLARK advised that the
situation could have been ignored or whitewashed by the
nominee; however, he accepted the recommended action
and did not attempt to hide anything. Mr. CLARK
is unaware of any derogatory information concerning the
nominee.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

DR. SIGMUND A. SMITH, President of Broome Community College, Binghamton, New York, advised that in 1966, he was Vice President for Administration at Buffalo College, Buffalo, New York. In this capacity, he worked closely with Governor ROCKEFELLER's advance men and representatives of the New York State Police in planning visits the Governor made to the college. Dr. SMITH never heard any derogatory comments regarding the reputation or character of Governor ROCKEFELLER from the representatives of the New York State Police or the Governor's Advance Men. The persons with whom Dr. SMITH came in contact always spoke very highly of Governor ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent_ on August 21, 1974:

WILLIAM F. KENNAUGH, President, State University Agricultural and Technical College, Delhi, New York, advised that he had met the nominee when he had appeared at the college campus as well as at convocations in Albany, New York. He stated that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee but considers him to be a man of foresight and vision. He stated that ROCKEFELLER saw the need for higher education in the State of New York and was greatly responsible for an improved State University system within the State. He advised that he was favorably impressed by the appointments made by ROCKEFELLER, especially in the area of higher education and feels that he is an exceptionally good choice for Vice President of the United States. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, advised that he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he is familiar with several of ROCKEFELLER'S appointments to the Board of Regents and the Commission for Higher Education in New York State. He advised that the people ROCKEFELLER appointed had been highly recommended and were excellent choices for their positions. He advised that the college never objected to ROCKEFELLER'S policies while he was Governor of New York State and he feels ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President.

DR. CLIFFORD J. CRAVEN, President, State University College at Oneonta, Oneonta, New York, advised that he has never met ROCKEFELLER and does not feel that he can comment on ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty or associates, as he does not have any information other than what he reads in the newspapers on which to base his judgments. He stated, however, from what he has read in the newspapers, he feels that ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by SAL-I on August 21, 1974.

Plattsburgh State University College, Plattsburgh, New York, has known the nominee for several years and has met him personally several times each year. He feels that the nominee is a man of excellent character, loyalty and reputation. He thinks this is a great nomination as ROCKEFELLER is a tremendously effective person who will make an excellent teammate for President FORD in both domestic and foreign policy. He will persuade the top minds in the country to come to work for the United States.

GILBERT A. DUKEN, Principal, Broad Street School, Plattsburgh, New York, a Democrat, stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER and is very much impressed by his personality, character and ability. He feels the nominee has proved over the years that he is an excellent administrator. He is a splendid candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States.

Educator, and Member of the Plattsburgh State University College Council, Plattsburgh, New York, stated that she has known ROCKEFELLER for several years and thinks he is a person of excellent personality, ability, and administrative experience. He is versed in domestic and foreign affairs and she sincerely hopes he will be confirmed as Vice President.

Mrs. GLADYS G. MC SHANE, Executive Director, Clinton County Association for Retarded Children, Plattsburgh, New York, a Republican, stated that she is fully in favor of the nomination of ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He has proven his ability as an administrator and has tremendously increased the opportunities for education in New York State. He is concerned with the rights and dignity of people and will be a fine Vice President, according to Mrs. MC SHANE.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

JAMES J. FITZGIBBONS, President, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally for over fifteen years. President FITZGIBBONS has been with the State Education System since 1949 and has been very active in legislative matters concerning higher education and, through this association, has met with former Governor ROCKEFELLER on many occasions. He described ROCKEFELLER as a person of outstanding character and integrity who understood the problems of educators and who was also alert and knowledgeable during these sessions. He stated ROCKEFELLER told members of the Education Committees how he felt on particular issues and was not the type of individual who would promise things that he knew he could not deliver. He stated that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and knows of no derogatory information pertaining to him or his family which would be a bar to his holding such a high office.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

President CHARLES U. WALKER, Russell Sage College, Troy, New York, advised that President WALKER is currently on vacation and not expected to return to Troy for at least another week. He advised that WALKER has been at Russell Sage College for only four years and to his knowledge is not personally acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, advised that President GROSH is currently on vacation and will not return to Troy before Labor Day. She stated that President GROSH has been in Troy less than three years and to her knowledge, is not personally acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 18, 1974.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, advised that he has spoken with Governor ROCKEFELLER on two occasions at RPI. He stated that ROCKEFELLER has done a great deal for higher education for the State of New York. ROCKEFELLER is a defender of the regents scholarship system and his actions in the field of education have been very favorable to private institutions of higher learning. He stated that he thinks ROCKEFELLER is a good man and is very favorably impressed with him.
The following investigation was conducted by [SA] on August 22, 1974:

JOSEPH C. FRANGELLA, President, Fran Mushroom Company, Ravena, New York, advised he is Chairman of the Republican Committee, Albany County, New York. He stated he first met nominee in 1958 when nominee was running for the office of Governor, State of New York and he, Mr. FRANGELLA, was a Republican Committeeeman. He stated from that time forward, he has had a close personal relationship with the nominee. He stated he has known the nominee to be an honest and honorable man of impeccable character and reputation.

Mr. FRANGELLA stated he has always found the nominee to be a very candid and straightforward person and in dealing with people around him will not tolerate those of questionable morals or character.

Mr. FRANGELLA stated nominee, as Governor, never seemed to let political party affiliation interfere in making appointments, but rather used the person's ability as the criteria.

He stated there is no question in his mind but that nominee is a loyal American and feels he is fully capable and most qualified to carry out the duties of Vice President. He said he could only give the highest of recommendations for the nominee.
XV

INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS
The following investigation was conducted by Sal on August 21, 1974, at Plattsburgh, NY.

BERNARD AMELL, Chairman, Clinton County Democratic Committee advised he does not know ROCKEFELLER personally but feels he was a good Governor and would be a good Vice President of the United States. He fully approves of the nominee's character, loyalty, and associates, and stated that "the only thing wrong with him is that he is a Republican."

JAMES H. ANDRE, Chairman, Clinton County Republican Committee, stated that he has known the nominee for three or four years, but knows a great deal about him for the last twenty years. He highly approves of his character, administrative ability, and efficiency. He is sure he is a loyal American, who would do an excellent job in foreign relations as well as in domestic affairs. He recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

New York, advised that he has had no contact whatsoever with ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he believes ROCKEFELLER is an honorable man and knows of no dishonesty or corruption in his administration as Governor of New York State. He advised that he feels ROCKEFELLER lacks the ability to make delicate decisions; however, he is of the opinion ROCKEFELLER is probably as good as a selection as the Republican Party could come up with for Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by GERALD FORCIER, President, Chazy and Westport Telephone Company, Westport, New York, and Chairman, Essex County Republican Party, advised he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a few occasions and these occasions were primarily reception lines or public meetings, and therefore, no personal or professional relationship exists. FORCIER advised he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee’s character, reputation, or associates, and has no doubt concerning the nominee’s loyalty to the United States. FORCIER advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent administrator as demonstrated during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York, and therefore, FORCIER stated he would recommend him highly for any Federal position.
The following investigation was conducted by
SA [ ] on August 21 and 22, 1974:

EARL FARBER, Hamilton County, New York, Republican Chairman and the County Clerk, who resides in the Town of Morehouse, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for about 15 years. Their association has been strictly political except for one social contact in a group. Mr. FARBER said he and most of the Hamilton County residents are extremely conservative financially and ROCKEFELLER is not known to share their views in this regard, this in no way alters the fact that Mr. FARBER has an extremely high regard for ROCKEFELLER. He highly recommended him for Vice President, mentioning that anything ROCKEFELLER ever promised he delivered and he, therefore, feels him to be very trustworthy. He said that ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation, is a competent administrator of unquestioned loyalty to the United States and he associates with reputable individuals.

HERMON BENJAMIN of the Town of Dresden, New York, who is the County Republican Chairman and Treasurer of Washington County, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. They have had minimal social contact except in large public groups and most of their contact has been political. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency, feeling he is a highly capable administrator and a loyal American of excellent character and morals whose associates are reputable persons.
The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on August 21, 1974.

H. BEN MITCHEL, Jefferson County, New York Clerk and Chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Committee who resides in Watertown, New York, advised that he has had contact through the years with the nominee on a political basis and has been in contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER in one form or another perhaps once or twice a year. There is no question in his mind whatever as to Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, associates, ability, integrity, or honesty. He is not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the extent that he can comment on any of his personal qualities. He has never met any of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S children; however, he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S first wife and current wife, and has the highest regard for them. He feels that he can most certainly recommend the former New York State Governor for the position of Vice-President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 21, 1974:

WILLIAM H. FRANCHELL, Madison County Democratic Chairman, 436 Washington Avenue, Oneida, New York, stated he does not know the nominee personally. FRANCHELL stated, however, that the nominee has a reputation for fairmindedness, integrity, administrative ability and dedication to public service. FRANCHELL stated he believes the nominee will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

PETER W. MITCHELL, Madison County Republican Party Chairman, 5 Mill Street, Cazenovia, New York, stated he does not know the nominee personally but the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation for personal integrity, political know-how, administrative ability and loyalty, and he would highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 23, 1974.

EDWARD F. MC DONOUGH, Democratic Chairman, Rensselaer County, Troy, New York, advised that the essence of his association with ROCKEFELLER has been of a political nature and that he has only known ROCKEFELLER as a public figure. He said he has never personally met ROCKEFELLER. MC DONOUGH advised that he has no reason not to think ROCKEFELLER's character and loyalty are above reproach. MC DONOUGH advised that ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability will be an asset to the office of the Vice President and that he would recommend him highly for that position. MC DONOUGH said that he knows of no derogatory information that would preclude him from being Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974.

THOMAS J. LOWERY, JR., Chairman, Democratic Party of Onondaga County, Monaco Plaza, Syracuse, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for approximately ten years. He stated that he was appointed to the New York State Lottery Commission in 1970 by the nominee; however, he has had only limited personal contact with the nominee. He characterized the nominee as an excellent American, of the very highest character and morals, who has always associated with individuals of the same caliber. ROCKEFELLER is described as an outstanding administrator who never hesitated to cross party lines in appointing a man the nominee believed was the right man for a position. LOWERY highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA______ on August 22, 1974.

JAMES R. FOLEY, Saratoga County Republican Chairman, Saratoga Springs, New York, advised that he has been associated with ROCKEFELLER politically for 12 years, and considers him to be a loyal American, whose character is above reproach. Concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability, FOLEY described ROCKEFELLER as a "doer", willing to take advice and listen to all the people. He advised that ROCKEFELLER possesses the ability to attract competent individuals to fill positions who are the most qualified. FOLEY advised that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high position with the United States Government and that to his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER's reputation is above reproach. FOLEY stated that he has no information of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 23, 1974:

GARY LEE was interviewed and advised he is the past Tompkins County, New York, Chairman of the Republican Party, and the current Chairman of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives. LEE advised he is also the Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He stated he has known ROCKEFELLER for ten years. He stated he has met ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions at political meetings in Steuben and Tompkins Counties, New York. He stated he has been invited to ROCKEFELLER's residence on two occasions and visited him and his family then on a social basis.

LEE stated he last saw ROCKEFELLER in 1970 in Ithaca, New York, at which time he consulted with him on political matters. LEE advised he considers ROCKEFELLER to be of excellent character and would give him his highest vote of confidence. LEE highly recommended him for the position to which he has been nominated.
The following investigation was conducted by [Redacted] on August 21 and 22, 1974:

Mrs. JOAN HAGUE, Rolling Ridge, Queensbury, New York, Vice Chairman, Warren County Republican Committee and County Jury Commissioner, stated she has known ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. She knows him professionally and has had social contact through political receptions. She also has had some contact through work she has done on his campaigns. She highly recommends him for his executive and administrative ability, moral character and his loyalty to the United States. She highly recommends him for Vice President.

CARL DE SANTIS, 113 Auction Road, Queensbury, New York, Warren County Republican Committee Chairman, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1964 mostly through politics with periodic contacts in large groups. He differs in political thought with ROCKEFELLER's fiscal approach in New York State, feeling he spent too much of the taxpayers' money but he has never questioned ROCKEFELLER's sincerity insofar as his feeling that the money was being well spent. Mr. DE SANTIS characterized himself as a fiscal conservative and said this in no way deters him from highly recommending ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President. He feels ROCKEFELLER is strong in administrative and executive ability and is of excellent moral character and associates. His loyalty to the United States Government is without question.

JAMES MURPHY, Attorney, former Mayor of Saratoga Springs, New York, and Administrative Assistant to United States Representative CARLETON J. KING, 26 Division Street, Saratoga Springs, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years. Most of their contact has been through political circles with some social contact through political functions. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and stated his administrative and executive abilities are excellent. He advised he has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty, morals, or character, and said his associates are above reproach.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 23, 1974 at Norwich, Vermont:

HENRY BLACK, Attorney, White River Junction, Vermont, advised he has known the nominee for over ten years and in 1964 he had been the Vermont State Chairman of the nominee's Presidential campaign. He stated that he considers the nominee to be a man of integrity and honor and that he would most highly endorse him as the Vice President of the United States.
XVI

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST NOMINEE
AND RELATED INVESTIGATION
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

was interviewed concerning NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and advised [redacted] has observed ROCKEFELLER in his political life since [redacted] met him on several social occasions, [redacted] could not say [redacted] knows ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis.

[redacted] does not question ROCKEFELLER's morals, character, or loyalty to the United States; however, [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER is a poor choice, in [redacted] opinion, for the position of Vice President. [redacted] feels that ROCKEFELLER has distorted issues to his own advantage and has made the State Legislature subservient to the Executive Branch of Government. [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER has used loopholes in the State Constitution and in the legal structure for the benefit of the Executive Branch. [redacted] does not think ROCKEFELLER had been a good chief executive for New York State and said [redacted] would not recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States. [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER has basically run a one-man show in New York, and is not the type of individual who should be introduced into the Federal Executive Branch.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had informed [redacted] in the past that [redacted] that ROCKEFELLER had used his influence to obtain very cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for some of his friends. [redacted] could provide no further information concerning this allegation.

[redacted] could not provide any further specific details concerning ROCKEFELLER's management of the State Government other than [redacted] feeling that he has misused his power.
The following investigation was conducted at Albany, New York by Special Agent on August 22, 1974: [b6]

ARNOLD R. FISHER, Commissioner, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that he has been associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional and political basis for approximately 20 years. FISHER indicated that he first became acquainted with ROCKEFELLER while he, FISHER, was the County Leader of the Republican Party in Madison County. FISHER advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER an honest individual of "untouchable integrity" and stated that he is a "tremendous administrator". FISHER advised that ROCKEFELLER has been very careful in the selection of his staff members and would not tolerate any misconduct on their part. FISHER stated that to his knowledge all of ROCKEFELLER'S associates and friends are "high caliber individuals". FISHER advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and he has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. FISHER stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and he feels that ROCKEFELLER will do a "great job" in this office.

JAMES L. BIGGANE, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER on both a professional and political basis for approximately 20 years. BIGGANE indicated that he is closely associated with ROCKEFELLER'S who BIGGANE advised was deeply involved in movements. BIGGANE stated that ROCKEFELLER is of "sterling character" and he considers him a "good straight honest man, with a lot of integrity". BIGGANE advised that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator and organizer and he, at all times, maintains a highly qualified staff. BIGGANE stated that all of ROCKEFELLER'S associates are "top notch individuals" and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates. BIGGANE advised that he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States Government and he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President, noting that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER is the best choice for the job that President FORD could have made.
Mr. BIGGANE was specifically questioned concerning the allegation that ROCKEFELLER had used his influence to obtain very cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for some of his friends. BIGGANE stated that this allegation was not true, as the Adirondack Preserve is a part of the Forest Reserve in New York State consisting of 2,400,000 acres which must be kept wild and cannot be leased, sold or exchanged per Article 14, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution. BIGGANE advised that it is his direct responsibility by law to administer the Adirondack Preserve and he reiterated that there is no truth to this allegation. BIGGANE did indicate that to his knowledge, presently owns approximately acres in the Adirondack area, and his cousin, AVERY ROCKEFELLER (now deceased), did own some property near the Saranac Lake area; however, he indicated that these properties had no connection with the Adirondack Preserve. BIGGANE stated that also to his knowledge, he is aware that did at one time, own some property in the Adirondacks; however, this property was given to an unrecalled educational institution and had no connection with the Adirondack Preserve.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

Assemblyman CLARENCE D. RAPPLEYEA, Jr., Norwich, New York, a Republican, advised that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis but has had several professional contacts with him on the floor of the Legislature and has been in his company socially on occasions at the Governor's Mansion.

RAPPLEYEA advised that ROCKEFELLER was an excellent administrator while Governor of New York and presented his programs to the Legislature in a forceful, honest and persuasive manner. ROCKEFELLER was always available for consultation among both majority and minority members of the Legislature, possessed tremendous personal stamina and exercised good judgement in many of his decisions and appointments.

RAPPLEYEA stated he does not know ROCKEFELLER's family and, therefore, cannot comment regarding them. He advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an honest, trustworthy person of irreproachable character, morals, and reputation and a thoroughly loyal American. He said that he would recommend him without reservation for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

RAPPLEYEA advised that ROCKEFELLER was always considered to be a very strong and forceful executive. He said that he knows of no instances wherein ROCKEFELLER has ever distorted issues to his own advantage in an attempt to subvert the Legislature. He stated that any allegations to the effect that ROCKEFELLER used his influence to obtain cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for his friends are entirely without basis in fact and would be regarded by him as strictly "street talk" promulgated by ROCKEFELLER's political enemies.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Senator RONALD B. STAFFORD, New York State Senator, 43rd Senatorial District, a Republican, was interviewed at Plattsburgh, New York. He stated that there is no way in which anyone can lease State property in the Adirondack Preserve. He stated the nearest thing that he knows of to a lease is the permit issued to individuals for tent platforms in the Adirondack Preserve. He said these cost a very small annual flaterate, the rate being the same for everyone. He said this program is being phased out.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 23, 1974:

New York, furnished the following information:

stated that in November 1958, resigned as Chairman of the New York State PSC because of Deputy Chairman automatically assumed the office as Acting Chairman until incumbent Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER took office January 1, 1959, at which time he appointed his running mate, JAMES A. LUNDY, to the position of PSC Chairman. LUNDY was the unsuccessful candidate on the ROCKEFELLER ticket for the office of State Comptroller.

stated that the PSC took tremendous pride in being a non-political commission not influenced by any politicians, Democratic or Republican. He stated there was not the slightest inclination of pressure brought on the PSC to give favorable recommendations for rate increases on any public utility under its control. stated that at all times there were one or more requests pending by Consolidated Edison for rate increases as there are presently and that naturally rate increases are granted following sufficient evidence being produced by the public utility.
Mr. Brown, former director of the Off-Track Betting Commission, New York State, advised he held that position from October, 1970, until his retirement in January, 1974. He stated the Off-Track Betting Commission was abolished on July 1, 1973, and the current New York State Racing and Wagering Board was established. He said he is a Republican although he has not been active in politics. He advised he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959, and has met with him on several occasions, including business conferences and social functions, some of which were held in the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York. He said ROCKEFELLER'S morals, character, and loyalty to the United States are above question. He stated he considers him to be an individual of high standards and said he is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President. He knows absolutely nothing of a derogatory nature pertaining to him."
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents and on August 23, 1974:

New York, who is also employed as the advised he has known stated that his dealings with years. have been through meetings, and He described as being a very outspoken individual who appears well educated and articulate, is evidently a advised consider to be an odd-ball who certainly approaches community issues in a different light. Specifically stated he has had problems with which have included complaints concerning 

stated has had several other controversial ideas such as
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents and on August 22, 1974:

New York, advised he has been acquainted with for approximately years. He described as a highly opinionated, persistent and articulate individual who is easily provoked by issues. He is a self-styled crusader of individuals’ rights.

stated he is not personally or professionally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

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MISCELLANEOUS
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
The following investigation was conducted by 
Special Agent on August 23, 1974, at Albany, New York:

New York State Department of State, was questioned concerning his knowledge of the probe of the ROCKEFELLER campaign funds during ROCKEFELLER'S campaign for Governor in 1966. stated that under the state law at that time candidates for the office of Governor were required to file expense records with the Secretary of State's Office and these records were only examined by the Secretary of State to determine if they were sworn to. advised that these records were open for examination and review by the press and the public and it was not the responsibility of the Secretary of State's Office to examine these records to determine the candidates' financing for the office of Governor. stated that under the law at that time expense records for these candidates were retained for three years and thereafter destroyed. advised that during this period he vaguely recalled the above inquiry, but indicated that it is a common occurrence for the Secretary of State's Office to receive calls from various individuals after an election to complain about financing of these campaigns; however, he indicated that this matter did not fall within their jurisdiction. did indicate that he did not recall any court action being taken against ROCKEFELLER for the above incident.

stated that under a new law in New York State which went into effect on June 1, 1974, the responsibility of accepting and maintaining the expense records of the candidates has been transferred to the State Board of Elections. advised that under the new law a candidate for Governor cannot spend more than $4,600,000 on his campaign and these expense records are now maintained for five years.

The following investigation was conducted by 
Special Agent on August 23, 1974, at Albany, New York:

State Board of Elections, 162 Washington Avenue, advised that the State of New York does presently require candidates and committees to file forms with the state regarding expenditures for various political candidates. stated that June 1, 1974, a new law was passed designating an individual in charge of the scrutinizing expenditures by
candidates. He stated prior to the new law of June 1, 1974, there was no one in State Government who reviewed records of expenditures submitted by candidates or committees. He stated that the records were open to the public and it was usually the news media or other candidates who had lost elections who scrutinized the expenditures of those who won the elections. He stated that the State of New York previously kept the forms which were filed for three years. He stated under present law the forms are now kept for five years. He stated that any such forms for the years 1966 or 1970 have been destroyed. It was asked if it was possible that the forms for former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER may have been kept for historical value and he stated, "No," that they would have been automatically destroyed along with other documents which have been held for three years. He stated that they presently have no records of campaign expenditures filed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER or committees which contributed to his campaigns.
Special Agent stated some records are not readily available, but limited research has disclosed that the 1966 election would have been governed by the old penal law effective September 1, 1966. Section 781 of the penal law (copy set forth herein after) was applicable and specified a maximum expenditure of $20,000 per candidate and $20,000 for committees which would make a $40,000 maximum. He added, however, that the law contained terminology "solely" which allowed for authorization of multiple committees thus enabling circumvention of the law. Continued that Section 455 (attached), specified the sum of 10 cents for each voter enrolled in such candidate's party in the political subdivision in which he is a candidate and a registered voter.

The McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York, Annotated, Book 17, Election Law information, Section 455, set forth herein specifies limitation of amounts to be expended by or for candidates, as mentioned by reiterated that no records have been maintained concerning any of the above-mentioned elections and stressed that finances were a matter for public and news media scrutiny during the appropriate period. Since, according to, no suits were filed with regard to any of the campaigns of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER by opponents, he can only speculate that it was made a matter of issue by opponents for a short time in the press and subsequently dropped.

§ 781. Limitation of amounts to be expended by or for candidates

1. The total amount expended by a candidate for a public office, voted for at an election, by the qualified electors of the state or any political subdivision thereof, for any of the purposes specified in section seven hundred and sixty-seven of this chapter, for contributions to political committees, as that term is defined in section three hundred twenty of the election law, or for any purpose tending in any way, directly or indirectly, to promote, or aid in securing his nomination and election shall not exceed the amount specified herein. By a candidate for governor, the sum of twenty thousand dollars; by a candidate for any other elective state office, other than a judicial office, the sum of twelve thousand dollars; by a candidate for the office of representative in congress or presidential elector, the sum of eight thousand dollars; by a candidate for the office of state senator, the sum of four thousand dollars; by a candidate for the office of member of assembly, the sum of two thousand dollars; by a candidate for any other public office to be voted for by the qualified electors of a county, city, town or village, or any part thereof, if the total number of votes cast therein for all candidates for the office of governor at the last preceding state election, shall be five thousand or less, the sum of one thousand dollars; if the total number of votes cast therein at such last preceding state election be in excess of five thousand, the sum of six dollars for each one hundred votes in excess of such number may be added to the amounts above specified. Any candidate for a public office who shall expend for the purposes above mentioned an amount in excess of the sum herein specified shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. The amount expended in the election of an individual candidate by all committees taking part solely in his election and by all persons other than the candidate shall not exceed in all the amount authorized by the preceding subdivision to be expended by such candidate. Any person who knowingly shall aid or participate in the expenditure for the purposes mentioned in this subdivision of an amount in excess of the amount specified in this subdivision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. As amended L.1922, c. 641, § 10; L.1947, c. 66; L.1953, c. 365, eff. March 30, 1953.
§ 455. Limitation of amounts to be expended by or for candidates
1. The total amount expended by a candidate for a public office, or a party position voted for at a primary or general or special election, by the qualified electors of the state or any political subdivision thereof, for any of the purposes specified in section four hundred thirty-nine of this chapter, for contributions to political committees, as that term is defined in section three hundred twenty of the election law, or for any purpose tending in any way, directly or indirectly, to promote, or aid in securing, such nomination or election shall not exceed the amounts specified herein.

a. In any primary election for party position the sum of ten cents for each voter enrolled in such candidate's party in the political subdivision in which he is a candidate.

b. In any primary election for nomination for a public office the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars if the total number of voters enrolled in the candidate's party in the political subdivision in which he is a candidate shall be twenty-five thousand or less; if the total number of voters enrolled in such candidate's party in such political subdivision shall be in excess of twenty-five thousand, the sum of ten dollars for each one hundred enrolled voters in excess of such number may be added: When such primary election is for state-wide office such candidate may spend an amount not to exceed the sum of ten cents for each voter enrolled in said candidate's party in the entire state.

c. In any general or special election if the total number of votes cast in such political subdivision for all candidates for the office of governor at the last preceding state election shall be fifty thousand or less, the sum of five thousand dollars; if the total number of votes cast in such political subdivision at such last preceding state election be in excess of fifty thousand, the sum of ten dollars for each one hundred votes in excess of such number may be added to the amounts above specified.

d. Any candidate for a public office who shall expend for the purposes above mentioned an amount in excess of the sum herein specified shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. The amount expended in the election of an individual candidate by all committees taking part solely in his election and by all persons other than the candidate shall not exceed in all the amount authorized by the preceding subdivision to be expended by such candidate. Any person who knowingly shall aid or participate in the expenditure for the purposes mentioned in this subdivision of an amount in excess of the amount specified in this subdivision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.


Subd. 1, opening par., formerly part of entire subdivision, amended L.1968, c. 854, eff. June 22, 1968. L.1968 inserted "or a party position" and "primary or general or special"; substituted "as for "as", "such nomination" for "and election", and "amounts" for "amount", and omitted provision specifying specific amounts to which candidates for enumerated offices are limited in their expenditures.


Section derived from Penal Law of 1900, § 751; amended L.1922, c. 641, § 10; L.1947, c. 66; L.1953, c. 365; repealed by Penal Law of 1968, § 300.05, eff. Sept. 1, 1967.

Said section 751 was from Penal Code § 412(c), L.1881, c. 676; added L.1907, c. 334, § 1.
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The following individuals advised that they were not personally acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and, therefore, declined to make any comment regarding him:

Doctor J. MARTIN CAROVANO, President, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York

JOHN H. SPAIN, U. S. Magistrate, Troy, New York

KENNETH P. WHITING, JR., Broome County, New York Family Court Judge, Binghamton, New York

JOHN H. PENNOCK, Supreme Court Judge, State of New York, Albany, New York

DAVID F. LEE, New York State Supreme Court Justice, Norwich, New York

United States Marshal, District of Vermont, Rutland, Vermont
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ARREST CHECKS
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ] on March 26, 1969:

Lieutenant [ ] Identification Division, Albany Police Department, advised that there was no record in the files of that department for Governor ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ ] on August 23, 1974:

Captain [ ] Identification Division, Albany, New York Police Department, advised he could locate no records in their files identifiable with the nominee and his wife.
The following investigation was conducted by

Chief of Police ROBERT VAN NESS, Middlebury,
Vermont Police Department, advised that his records
contain no record for the nominee's
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NEWSPAPER MORGUE
The following newspaper articles were taken from various editions of the "Times Union", a daily newspaper published in Albany, New York. Selected from the voluminous materials available were only these items concerning NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S stand on controversial issues. They are grouped by subject matter as follows:

A. ABBORTION
B. CRIME
C. DRUGS
D. EDUCATION
E. HUMAN RIGHTS
F. SOUTH MALL
G. U. S. POLICY
H. WATERGATE
I. WELFARE
J. CAMPAIGN FINANCES
CATEGORY A. - ABORTION
Rocky Signs Abortion Bill

By JOE PICCHI
Capitol Correspondent

Governor Rockefeller signed into law Saturday the virtual elimination of all restrictions against abortions in New York State starting July 1.

The sweeping reform measure passed the Senate by a 31-26 vote on Friday and the Assembly by a 76-73 vote on Thursday after extensive emotional debate.

Under the new law, a woman must have a legal abortion up to 24 weeks into her pregnancy, with the consent of a physician.

The only allowances for abortions under the present law—if a mother’s life is endangered—is also included in the new statute: Rockefeller’s quick action comes hours after Terence Cardinal Cooke, speaking on behalf of Catholic bishops throughout the state, urged that the governor reject the changes.

The New York State Catholic Committee in a telegram sent by Albany’s Catholic Bishop Edwin B. Broderick requested for a public hearing before Rockefeller took action.

For nearly 140 years, New York State law had a very restrictive law on abortions and the

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The battle had been waged since 1966 when Democrat Albert Blumenthal of Manhattan first proposed changes in what he and other described as an “archaic” law.

Initially, Blumenthal’s reform measure never even got out of committee, let alone as far as the floor of either the Senate or Assembly.

Blumenthal’s less liberal measure was debated in the Assembly last year and narrowly defeated. It would have expanded the grounds for allowable abortions to victims of rape or incest, the possibility of a child being born mentally or physically disabled, or if a woman were not mentally or physically able to care for the child.
Rocky Backs Tighter Law On Abortion

Governor Rockefeller today proposed a restriction in the six-month-old state abortion law that would deny the operation to about 5 per cent of potential patients.

He announced his support for the State Public Health Council's recommendation that the gestation-age limit for abortions be reduced from 24 to 20 weeks.

Purpose of the proposal is to avoid the possibility of live births resulting from abortion acts.

The new state abortion law, replacing an 1899 statute, permits physicians to perform abortions on counseling women up to the sixth month of pregnancy. Mr. Rockefeller's proposal would virtually ban abortions after the fifth month.

The governor's recommendation will undoubtedly strengthen the case of the legislators seeking a restriction in the liberal new law. Both Senate Majority Leader El H. Brydges and Assembly Speaker Perry B. Durryea have said they would be willing to see a limitation in the gestational age permitted for abortions.

The State Health Department, in a report on the first four months of the new law, said a reduction in the gestational age limit from 24 to 20 weeks would shrink by 5 per cent the number of women for whom abortions are legal.

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By ROBERT McMANES JR.

Gov. Rockefeller submitted to the Legislature Friday a bill seeking to lower from 24 to 18 weeks the period during which a woman could legally choose to terminate a pregnancy.

Rockefeller termed his proposal a "positive amendment" to the state's current abortion law, which is under vigorous attack and possibly could be repealed outright by the Legislature next week.

The governor reaffirmed his determination to veto such a repeal, however, stating "the toll in human suffering, under the old law (is) a matter of record."

The Assembly meanwhile deferred debate on the repeal measure until early next week, opting to spend the weekend at home and reconvene Monday morning, while an identical measure appeared for the first time on a Senate calendar.

And, as has been the case all week, groups of pro and anti-abortion advocates jammed Capitol corridors seeking audiences with individual legislators and seeking to dramatize their causes in various ways.

A group from Long Island, for instance, ordered about a dozen funeral-style floral wreaths and had them delivered to the office of Assembly Speaker Perry B. DiRienzo.

A spokesman said the gesture was an effort "to memorialize the unborn victims of abortion."

Gov. Rockefeller's bill lowering the time limit was a change from a previously announced position; last month he had said he would support a 16-week limit on the operation but said Friday "that from a medical and social point of view an elective period of 18 weeks would be more desirable."

Sen. James H. Donovan, Chadwicks Republican and Senate sponsor of the repeal bill, immediately attacked Rockefeller's proposal, terming it "an effort to thwart the will of the Legislature," and promising to fight it.

"The Codes Committees of both houses voted overwhelmingly to put (repeal) on the floor (for debate) and this in an effort to settle the issue without debate," Donovan said.

Donovan, who chairs the liberal abortion subcommittee, said he thought a number of legislators "just don't want to handle this one" and indicated he thought the possibility of compromise would be attractive.

The Senate, however, probably will not get a chance to vote on repeal unless the Assembly actually passes its bill, something that is not at all certain.

Debate was scheduled to begin Friday, but was put off at least until Monday at the request of the bill's sponsor, according to a DiRienzo spokesman.

The reason for that, Assemblyman Tom Brown indicated later, is to allow time for additional pressure to be put on assemblymen who might be wavering.

"The delay," he said, will give us a chance to get to undecided assemblymen."

In a related development, the state Conservative Party has gone on record in favor of repeal. State Chairman J. Daniel Mahoney said in a prepared statement the repeal bills "are of paramount importance and should be immediately passed by the Legislature."
CATEGORY B. - CRIME
Gun License
JAN 28 1968
Action Pushed
By Governor

NEW YORK (UPI)—Governor
Rockefeller proposed a law for
lighter cremation control
laws Saturday and took a swipe
at gun-hoos who "see to it
these bills are kept anything.

The proposed legislation,
which has been sponsored by
the normally loyal Repub-
lican leadership in both
houses, would require regist-
ration of both handguns and
rifles.

Rockefeller said it would require
a license a person would
- Have to be over a certain
age.
- Have a knowledge of the
safe use of firearms.
- Make known his reason
for buying a gun.
- Be of "good character,"
meaning not having a criminal
record, or being a drug-addicted
alcoholic or "mentally
unstable.

- Appeal Board Planned

The program would provide
for an appeals board so that
anyone denied, a license could
seek legal recourse.

"As New Jersey, in just six
months under a new anti-guns
law, 265 hardened criminals, al-
coholics, drug addicts and uni-
stable persons were denied gun
licensing," Rockefeller said in
speech at the annual luncheon
of the State District, Athens.
Crime Board, Rockefeller Asks

Governor Rockefeller called in the Legislature Monday to organize the Crime Victims Compensation Board because of a heavier workload and increasing difficulty to consider fully and fairly each of the claims.

Rockefeller's latest recommendations would permit board-appointed employees to initially decide claims and limit the full nine-member board to appellate and rule-making functions.

The chairman, who now is former Assemblyman Stanley W. VanDerZwaag of Saratoga, would be required to review an initial decision. The three-member board would subsequently review decisions recommended by the chairman or if claims apply to such a review.

The bill would also give the chairman the power of chief executive officer to supervise the day-to-day operations of the board.

"In its short history," said Rockefeller, "the board has given invaluable aid to many New Yorkers who otherwise would have suffered serious hardships because of criminal acts."

New York was one of the first states to give financial aid to innocent victims of crimes when it created the board in 1965.
Governor Rockefeller has said he does not understand the killings of four students at Kent State University in Ohio and the state's highest military officer said New York National Guardsmen would not, ordinarily be issued live ammunition to control campus disorders.

"When this is all over we are going to come out all right," the governor said yesterday. "We will be a much more mature people," he added, noting that by "all-over" he meant the current wave of student protests.

MAJ. GEN. A.C. O'HARA, commanding general of the state National Guard, contacted separately yesterday, said only under extraordinary circumstances would guardsmen called into duty to quell disturbances be issued live ammunition and added the decision to issue it would come, if at all, from his office.

The general said the National Guard has considerable autonomy at the state level in how to cope with campus riots and noted "decisions in this area flow from the state and the governor."

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Rocky Asks New Anti-Crime Agency

The Rockefeller administration sent to the Legislature Tuesday a bill to create a new Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Executive Department.

Under the terms of the measure submitted by the governor's office, the new agency would combine within it the functions now performed by the Division for Local Police in the Office for Local Government, the State Identification and Intelligence System and the Division of Criminal Justice in the Office of Planning Service.

In submitting the bill, Rockefeller said the consolidation was designed to strengthen the state's anti-crime efforts through the formation of a single criminal justice entity that would oversee planning, analysis, training and standard-setting for local police, information gathering and dissemination.

"While enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state has traditionally been viewed as principally a local responsibility, the state has a serious obligation to provide appropriate technical assistance to improve the capability of localities to meet this responsibility," Rockefeller said in a memo.

At the present time, the Division for Local Police administers a program of training and standard setting for local police agencies. It is also authorized to conduct police studies, disseminate information about important developments in police work and encourage professionalism in police administration.

NYSIS collects information concerning the arrests and convictions of persons charged with crime and supplies that information to courts at the time of arraignment to facilitate prompt court decisions about bail and parole eligibility.

"The agency is also authorized to engage in research and studies, making the results available for the benefit of criminal justice improvement.

The Division of Criminal Justice is responsible for administering the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act in the state.

"Under the federal statute, the division receives federal funds for improvement of the criminal justice system in the state.

Rockefeller said in a memo attached to the bill that the combined agency would be funded out of appropriations made to the separate agencies for the functions transferred under the bill.

The governor said the combined agency would require no additional funds and could well realize some savings in administrative and support services.

Rockefeller said the combination of the three merged agencies would "better enable the state to concentrate its criminal justice improvement efforts in a single, well-coordinated thrust."
CATEGORY C. - DRUGS
Rockefeller Proposes Drug Program Aimed at Young

Governor Rockefeller Saturday announced a new state program aimed at prevention of addiction and drug abuse among the young, he asserted.

Rockefeller disclosed that the Advisory Council on Drug Addiction and news stories have underscored the growing magnitude of this problem and the need to move quickly to improve and expand available treatment resources.

Rockefeller proposed the training of 10,000 school teachers in the use of a new curriculum on narcotic addiction.

He said he would urge involvement by the news media and industry in developing and bringing home the message on how to identify the young drug users and inform parents where to get help.

The governor said his program setting aside 100 places in Division for Youth facilities for the treatment of addicts.

The funds for the program will be provided in by the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

Rockefeller said that while the state has provided residential care for troubled youths within training schools and Division for Youth facilities, there is now a clear need for specialized treatment services and program specifically for youths with drug abuse problems.

"As a result," he said, "the state could not shoulder the proposing the expenditure of $1 services for the youth with a have directed that such specialized programs be developed need the help of local governments immediately."

Rockefeller pointed out that this is why, he said, he was asking the legislature to authorize the expenditure of $1 million for locally run facilities.

"Our goal is to provide the fullest possible range of prevention and addiction must be eliminated immediately," he explained.

"The costly toll of drug abuse on the addict and drug industry in developing and spreading the message on the problem," he explained.

"Our goal is to provide the fullest possible range of prevention and addiction must be eliminated immediately," he added.

February 15, 1970
Rocky Unveils $265 Million Plan for War on Drugs

By RICHARD CHADY
United Press International

Governor Rockefeller, moving to preempt a major election year issue, has proposed a $265 million program of "total war" on teenage drug addiction.

The program, announced with more fanfare than any other gubernatorial proposal this year, includes $200 million in loans for building local treatment centers, $65 million in operating aid, instruction for 10,000 teachers in drug education programs, and a State Investigation Commission probe of "hard drug" traffic.

"Nothing less than a total mobilization of community effort will suffice," the governor said, announcing the program Tuesday.

Assembly Democratic Leader Stanley Steingut was quick to criticize the plans for concentrating more on construction of facilities than immediate rehabilitation efforts, but deferred a decision on whether to support it.

Rockefeller delayed his news conference for 45 minutes while last minute touches were applied and chairs were set up for various leaders endorsing the plan.

The included Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Senate GOP Leader Earl W. Brydges, Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist, Lawrence W. Pierce, chairman of the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission, and SIC Chairman Paul J. Curran. Democratic leaders were not invited.

The program includes:
- $200 million in loans from the Housing Finance Agency for construction of local treatment centers.
- $65 million for the state to share half the operating costs of centers.
- $55,000 for the Board of Regents and Education Department to expand drug education programs and train 10,000 teachers in such courses.
- An SIC probe on "all facets of the heroin and hard drug problem faced by metropolitan authorities, particularly in the New York City area."

Both the Regents and the SIC were scheduled to discuss implementing the plans at meetings today in Albany and New York City, respectively.

The program's aim, Rockefeller said, was to "make it plain to the corrupters of our youth that this is war."

"Our society can and must meet this challenge--for if we don't, we have a new "lost generation" on our hands," he said.

Particular emphasis is on the schools and drug users under 18, he said, since current programs concentrate on older addicts.

"Organized crime is unquestionably in control of the heroin traffic," Curran said. "And I think one of the most important things here is that we have to look at the whole quality of law enforcement on the local, state, and federal level."

Steingut reacted to the announcement by saying, "The program is too far in the future. There are ways we believe that can get underway much faster."

The Democratic leader said many state facilities, such as the downstate medical complex in Brooklyn, are not being utilized.

Citing the minority proposal for $3 million in immediate aid to local programs, Steingut said, "If these facilities could be financed adequately it would make one helluva dent."

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Under existing state law, all schools in the state must begin, on Sept. 1 a special education program warning the dangers of drugs, smoking and drinking.

Rockefeller said "every effort" must be made at all levels of government to step up enforcement of drug laws by "attacking" the channels of distribution and cracking down on pushers.

He said enforcement would be handled by the State Office of Crime Control Planning which is responsible for the development of a statewide comprehensive crime control plan.

Democratic legislative leaders claimed the program paralleled their party's proposals made earlier this year.

They did not say, however, whether they would support legislation to implement it.

The governor said narcotics addiction among the young is the No. 1 problem confronting the society.

"Plainly, a mandate of conscience rests upon the community and especially those charged with responsibility for education —a mandate for leadership and a declaration of total war on this evil threat to present and coming generations," he asserted.

Rockefeller asked the Board of Regents, which will be meeting in Albany today, to organize all "the massive forces of education in this state to this single purpose."

He suggested the Regents appoint a special subcommittee on drug education for general policy guidance of a statewide public and pupil education program against drugs.

He proposed that the state unit in the Education Department, which is now responsible for drug education, be expanded into a full fledged division at a cost of $250,000.

He asked that special curriculum be developed and special aid provided for expansion of counseling staff in the schools at a cost of another $250,000.

He also called for "immediate start" of the program to train initially 10,000 school teachers in the use of the new curriculum on narcotic addiction and drug abuse.
Rocky Declares 'Total War' on Drug Use

By VIC OSTROWIDZKI
Political Affairs Editor

Governor Rockefeller and Republican legislative leaders Tuesday declared "total war" on drug addiction by proposing sweeping programs in the areas of education, treatment and law enforcement.

Backed by legislators, education and narcotics agency officials, Rockefeller said the "skills and facilities" of state and local governments must be made available to make it "plain to the corruptors of our youth that this is war."

He warned that unless the challenge is met, the state will have "a new lost generation on our hands."

In unveiling the program, parts and pieces of which were made public previously, Rockefeller called on local governments to redouble enforcement efforts and urged establishment of locally sponsored treatment and rehabilitation facilities for the young.

He said up to $200 million would be earmarked by the State Housing Finance Agency for loans to local governments and non-profit groups for construction of facilities.

He said the Health and Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Corporation would be authorized to build and lease these facilities and that the state would pay for 50 per cent of operating costs of locally supervised treatment and rehabilitation programs.

The governor also urged establishment of a mammoth drug education program and ordered the State Commission of Investigation to undertake inquiry into all facets of hard drug problems.

The program was endorsed by Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges and Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea.

Assemblyman Raymond C. Skuse and Fred Field, Albany Republicans, were among the group of legislators attending the press conference in the Red Room of the Capitol.
Drug Law Study Bill Signed

BY VIC ORMOWIDZKI

Governor Rockefeller Saturday signed a bill establishing a temporary state commission to study and evaluate the state's drug laws.

In signing the measure Rockefeller decried the growing wave of drug abuse and said the commission would be asked to provide information on how to cope with the situation.

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Drug Law Study Bill

Corporal drug use is no longer a negligible problem for society and the addiction and rehabilitation for drug addicts since 1967, he said.

While the state, Rockefeller said, has had the most thorough program of treatment and rehabilitation for drug addicts, he said, "dreaded malady continues to ensnare new recruits." He said last week the state's current drug fighting efforts have failed.

Rockefeller said that reliable information is needed to launch a campaign against drugs and warned that drug epidemic would continue unless answers can be found to many questions.

The effects of present laws and how well they are being enforced, and the commission, which will be made up of experts in various fields relating to drug abuse, will be asked to analyze the effects of the penal law as it relates to the use, possession and sale of dangerous drugs.

The commission's other mission will be to evaluate scientific data on how drugs affect the mind and body and the dangers they pose to individuals and society, Rockefeller said.

The governor said he would also ask the commission to find out: - How many people are using drugs and the distribution system that supplies them.
- The effects of marijuana, amphetamines, LSD and other drugs on the mind and body.
- How much education can be done in keeping young people from beginning to use drugs.

Rockefeller said that the growing wave of drug abuse witnessed in recent years poses a threat of overwhelming magnitude.

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U. S. Asked to Aid Drug Fight

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By CARL C. CRAFFT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Leading New York political figures from both parties have launched a joint effort for more federal help to keep off a drug problem they say has reached plague levels.

Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, emerging from a private strategy meeting with members of his state's congressional delegation, said Wednesday the fight against drug abuse "has spread to the schools and even from the high schools down into the elementary schools."

Rockefeller said he would seek President Nixon's backing for a new funding approach aimed at pumping bigger doses of federal drug-fighting cash into hard-hit cities including New York, Los Angeles and Miami.

The governor also said he agreed with Democratic Rep. Edward I. Koch, who told newsmen heroin addiction has become a plague in New York City with 100,000 addicts.

"We have a bubonic plague," Koch stated, "but today it's heroin addiction. We should put the same amount of time, effort, money, energy and planning to dispose and get rid of that as we would as if we had bubonic plague raging in that city."

Rep. Emanuel Celler, a Brooklyn Democrat, said attempts also would be made to discourage importation of drugs from other nations.

Koch said the delegation urged that "countries like France, Turkey and other countries that are the suppliers of heroin that comes into the country ... be held responsible."

"And when the foreign aid bill comes up," he added, "we're going to think of some way where we can impress upon those countries they can't be the recipients of money from this country, when they are selling poison to the kids in this country."

Rep. Shirley Chisholm, a Democrat and the only black woman in Congress, said the drug problem "now has penetrated just about every class and every ethnic group in our society."

Koch said more than money, "we need real enforcement on the part of the police officials, we need to involve the communities ... and we've got to get across the educational aspect."

"These kids are ruining their lives, they're dying, there are hundreds of them die during the year from overdoses, and we're simply not getting the message across."

Meanwhile, Democratic Rep. Bertram L. Podell, of Brooklyn, said drug addiction costs the American public $5 billion a year in crime because many addicts steal to support their habit. He called for $200 million for drug centers to offer a wide range of services for heroin addicts.

He also introduced a resolution calling on the United Nations to buy the world's heroin supply at its source.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller called Sunday for medical solutions to drug addiction, contending that rehabilitation programs have not provided an answer to the rising addiction problem.

Rockefeller said that New York State has spent more funds on addiction rehabilitation programs than any other state or the federal government, "but we have not found the answer to this problem yet."

"I don't think we as yet have found a cure for heroin addiction," he said, noting that methadone was only a substitute drug for heroin addicts.

He called on the medical profession to develop methods of cure for drug addiction.

Rockefeller made his remarks at a communion breakfast of The St. George Association of the Police Department. He received the group's Golden Rule award. The Association is made up of Protestant police officers and has about 5,000 members.

He told the organization, "the greatest challenge to you is to protect the community against both the pushers and those who are hooked and must steal every day to support their habit."

The governor also defended the right of policemen to live outside the city limits.

The city recently suggested members of the uniformed forces should live in the city, but Rockefeller said such a rule would force police and other municipal employees "trying to find a decent place to live... to violate the law."

Rockefeller received the group's annual award for being an "adviser to four Presidents, Inter-American expert, statesman, humanitarian and effective administrator."

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller told more than 150 representatives of the New York Farm Bureau recently that "the drug situation is the most baffling problem which we have confronted in the 14 years I have been here.

The governor acknowledged that the state has spent over $800 million on drug abatement in the past 10 years and has met only with limited success. "We must be much tougher on the big guys—the pushers... We must do everything we can to get these groups off the street," the governor added.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT said he would propose a federal "Manhattan-type" project which would have the best people in the world seeking solutions to the drug situation.

When queried about an 11 per cent cut in Cornell University's research budget, the governor reported that $250,000 had been restored in the executive budget for the Geneva Experiment Station.

State Farm Bureau Vice President Harold Hawley of Weedsport expressed concern over a Fleischmann Commission recommendation for a minimum school district size of 5,009 pupils. Mr. Hawley felt this could result in busing children distances previously considered impractical, and the extra cost of busing and lost time in traveling could nullify any educational advantages which might be gained by such a large school district.

IN RESPONSE, the executive head noted that the recommendations of the Fleischmann Commission are not expected to be acted upon immediately. He did indicate that although there is pressure for some smaller schools to merge, traveling more than a certain distance may have an adverse effect.

Saratoga County representatives participating in the day's activities included Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Center, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peck, Hans Rogan, Edgar King, William Oliver, Mrs. Stephen Koval and Mrs. Fred Peck.

These farm leaders also met with Saratoga County Assemblyman Fred W. Droms and State Senator Douglas Hudson.

During the evening banquet, Farm Bureau members heard talks by Lt. Gov. Malcolm A. Wilson and Henry Diamond, commissioner of environmental conservation.

RICHARD McGUIRE of Salem, State Farm Bureau president who presided at the banquet, expressed concern over the recent defeat of an agricultural labor relations bill in the Assembly Labor Committee.

Recognizing the danger of a total loss of income to the farmer, the absence of a commodity in the marketplace and a rise in food cost should a strike affecting perishable farm commodities occur, Farm Bureau proposed a farm labor relations bill which would set up a means of arbitrating disputes without disrupting the flow of farm produce. "The Legislature will have to be held accountable if there are any farm labor disputes this year," the farm leader concluded.
Rockefeller told the committees a toll-free, hot-line would be established at the Narcotics Addiction Control Commission so any addict seeking assistance before the new law went into effect, presumably on January 1, can be enrolled in a treatment-program.

Under our present laws said Rockefeller, only two per cent of narcotics arrests in New York City result in jail terms.

"What kind of a deterrent is that?" questioned the governor. "It's a 98 per cent safety factor for pushers."

Rockefeller also said an answer for those critics who claimed his drug plan would be too tough on pushers.

"TO SOMEONE who has been hooked, whose life has been destroyed, it makes no difference whether the pusher was a pro or a pat, a hardened addict or a supposedly naive teenager," declared Rockefeller.

Senator Douglas Barclay of Pulaski, who with Assemblyman Dominic L. DiCarlo of Brooklyn acted as chairman of the hearing, said in conclusion that will be made on the governor's drug plan until other hearings are held.

"There probably will be some modifications," Barclay said, with a smile.

Other committee members questioned many aspects of the governor's proposals.

Assemblyman Arthur Eve of Buffalo referred to the proposals as "ghetto genocide" with "people turning on each other, addicts killing at an enormous rate, and merchants moving out."

Instead of eliminating payoffs, said Eve, there will be "things payoffs with guns and knives."

Rockefeller answered that all of these conditions Eve claimed that result from enactment of the proposals are present in the ghetto today. He also pointed out to Eve that the Rev. Oberlin Dempsey talked of black genocide because of drugs.

Eve claimed that addicts committing a crime will have to make an "immediate decision" on whether to murder the victim to prevent "witnesses who could inform on him."

Others like Assemblyman Clark Wemple of Schenectady said the magnitude of the drug problem is an "indictment of the criminal justice system of the state."

Albany Assemblyman Thomas Brown sought evidence that the governor's plans would combat the problem. Brown also questioned what happens to the concepts of rehabilitation in the prison system if a person has a mandatory life sentence with no parole.

Senator Joseph O'Brien of New York City asked if New York wouldn't receive complaints from neighboring states after being the "Pied Piper by driving pushers away."

"When drugs come in from Mexico, Texas is avoided because of hard laws," said Rockefeller. "We would force other states to follow suit."

Other legislators feared that addicts, to finance their habits, would plant drugs on innocent people and turn them in for the $1,000 reward.
Rockefeller's Stand on Pushers: Is It Constitutional?

By JOE PICCHI
Capitol Correspondent

Governor Rockefeller's proposed hard line on drug pushers received a sympathetic ear Wednesday from both sides of the legislative aisle, but many lawmakers questioned the constitutionality of the tough approach.

Rockefeller's "war on narcotics" was one of the few spots in the governor's 15th message to the Legislature where Republicans and Democrats seemed to agree.

As usual, Republican leaders praised the governor's outline of the "State of the State," while Democratic leaders were equally as quick with their castigations.

Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea applauded Rockefeller's call for a re-alignment of the various levels of responsibility on government.

Without commenting specifically on the governor's tough approach to drug abuse and pushers, Duryea said "the battle must continue to be waged and won" even though the present approach has not been successful.

The new Senate majority leader, Warren Anderson of Binghamton, was more specific.

"I have always felt that persons who traffic in narcotics should be dealt with severely in such a way that they will be forever deterred from resorting again to this insidious and debilitating practice," said Anderson.

The Senate leader, however, forewarned possible constitutional obstacles to some of Rockefeller's proposals regarding drug pushers.

"SALIM PHILIP" were expressed by Democratic-Senator Mary Anne Krupsk, who was taking her seat in the upper chamber for the first time.

Rockefeller's proposal, raising two questions in the mind of Miss Krupsk, an attorney. She felt it would be a violation of the federal constitution to equal protection of law for all criminals.

"Secondly," said Miss Krupsk, "if there is absolutely no prospects of parole will we be creating potential leaders for future Atticas?"

Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut called Rockefeller's message "a sorry reflection of the state's failure to meet the growing problems of the past 14 years."

"THE BROOKLYN:" Democrat declared 1973 "must be the year in which this independent Legislature takes the lead in basic statewide institutional reform."

"A new area" legislator, Gerald H.B. Solomon of Queensbury, said he favored the law and order proposals "very much," but was opposed to the governor's recommendations for more state commissioners, boards, and inspectors.

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For that reason, Rockefeller said, his recommendations "are not an immediate solution to the problem of drug addiction. They are part of a larger solution which must involve education, rehabilitation, and punishment."

The governor proposed a three-part plan to deal with drug addiction:

1. Education: He proposed establishing a commission to study the problem and develop a comprehensive education program.
2. Rehabilitation: He favored the use of more rehabilitation centers and treatment programs to help addicts overcome their addiction.
3. Punishment: He recommended increasing penalties for drug trafficking and possession, with a focus on preventing the spread of drugs and protecting public health.

Rockefeller also called for reducing the demand for drugs by targeting the sources of supply and by providing alternative opportunities for young people. He saw education, rehabilitation, and punishment as interrelated elements of a comprehensive strategy to address the drug problem.
To protect consumers from garnishment abuse, the governor recommended legislation to:

1. Raise from $30 per week to $50 per week the amount of wages exempt from a wage assignment, as has already been done, with respect to garnishments;
2. Authorize the Industrial Commissioner to commence action on behalf of any employee who has been discharged from his employment because of wage assignment or income execution was filed against him.

THE GOVERNOR reminded the lawmakers that the Permanent Commission on Public Employee Pension and Retirement Systems, which is reviewing all pension legislation before its adoption, would present, before the end of the session, a comprehensive new pension program for public employees.

He asked for a hike in the state minimum wage for farm workers to $1.75 per hour, effective on Jan. 1, 1974. The governor also wants a 10 per cent hike in welfare aid and legislation to repeal cutbacks in medicated enacted in 1971.
Rocky Scored on Life-Sentence-for-Pushers Proposal

By DAVID SHAFFER

Associated Press Writer

One Democrat called Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's proposal for life sentences for hard drug pushers "a cheap shot."

A Republican-Conservative from Brooklyn said the governor did not go far enough.

And the New York Civil Liberties Union called it "an obviously dishonest attempt through headlines and tough-sounding rhetoric to convince the public the drug problem is being resolved."

In his annual message in the legislature Wednesday, Rockefeller said a "reign of terror" by drug addicts on the streets "must stop."

He said he would submit legislation seeking mandatory life sentences for sellers of heroin, LSD, ampheta-mines and hashish, and mandatory life sentences for violent crimes committed under the influence of drugs.

And he said he would propose a $1,000 state bounty for information leading to the conviction of a hard-drug pusher.

Rockefeller said the combined problems of crime and drugs are one of the two most important challenges to "the effectiveness of our society."

The other, he said, is "the inertia and unresponsiveness of small bureaucracies and vested interests."

He declared that attempts to rehabilitate drug addicts have accomplished little and that attempts to solve social problems with new agencies have created administrative nightmares.

The answer, he argued in forceful language, is tough new steps against drug-related crimes, and the establishment of watchdog agencies to keep tabs on the bureaucracy.

Immediately after the

speech, Deputy Assembly Minority Leader Albert Blumenfeld of Manhattan told reporters that the life sentence proposal is a cheap shot. They can't even get the ones they catch now in jail.

"When are we going to open the concentration camps?" asked Sen. Manfred Ohrenstein, another Democrat from Manhattan.

Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut of Brooklyn said he would favor life sentences "in certain circumstances, for the hardest pushers." But he said Rockefeller should have focused some attention on prison reform.

Assembly Speaker Perry Duryea issued a statement that avoided any mention of the life-sentence proposal. It called the speech in general "visionary yet realistic," but focused specific praise only on the recommendations for the environment and no-fault insurance.

Assemblyman Vitto Battista, a Republican-Conservative from Brooklyn, said the life-sentence plan offered only "half a loaf" for the fight against crime. "I was deeply disappointed that he did not mention the need for return to the death penalty for murder crime, including the most violent crimes, and the establishment of parole for drug pushers stand in sharp contrast to parole that is now available for people convicted of every crime, including the most violent crimes, and the establishment of parole for drug pushers stand in sharp contrast to parole that is now available for people convicted of every

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Rocky Submits to Legislature—Hard-Line Narcotics Measure

By VIC OSTROWIDZKI

Political Affairs Editor

Governor Rockefeller submitted his much heralded and tough anti-narcotics bill to the legislature Wednesday which calls for mandatory life imprisonment for convicted drug pushers and addicts found guilty of committing violent crimes under the influence of drugs.

The bill contained a provision making youthful drug pushers, between 16 and 19 years of age, eligible for parole after having served 15 years of their life prison sentences.

It also recommended that a flat $1,000 bounty be awarded to a person or people whose information leads to conviction of even one dealer of hard drugs.

UNDER THE TERMS of the bill, life sentences would be meted out, with no chance for plea bargaining, suspended sentences, or ultimate freedom on parole.

In a special message to the lawmakers, many of whom have reservation about the constitutionality of the proposed law, Rockefeller described a drug pusher as "a cold and cynical destroyer of lives as much as any killer."

"The only way to deter this commerce in tragedy," the governor said, "is by measures so strong, so effective, so fully enforced that the hard drug pusher will no longer risk his own life and freedom by jeopardizing the lives of others."

"I will not accept the idea," he said to those who are objecting to his tough legislation, "that society must cringe helplessly before the tragic end products of the drug traffic."

knowingly taken by any means an unlawfully possessed hard drug:

A presumption of knowing ingestion would arise on determination that within 48 hours after the crime the hard drug substance was found in the defendant's body.

The bill would authorize payment by the State Division of Criminal Justice Services of $1,000 reward for providing information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the hard drug pusher.

Such information would be communicated to the Division through a statewide toll free telephone line.

The bill would become effective July 1.

The governor also told the lawmakers in his special message that he would submit legislation soon to strengthen the rehabilitation program of the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

Rockefeller said he would recommend that the commission's authority be extended to treat persons using non-narcotic dangerous drugs.

The governor, as he had done previously in his "state of the state" message, said that the state had spent so far more than $1 billion in its effort to rehabilitate the addict.

"The time has come," he said, to take "stern measures that, I have become convinced, common sense demands."
ROCKEFELLER received strong support for his bill Wednesday from U.S. Sen. James L. Buckey, who fully endorsed the plan.

In a telegram to Rockefeller, made public by his Albany office, Buckey agreed that "only the most forceful means can make any real impact on the trafficking in narcotics and other hard drugs."

Under present law, which is based partly on the quantity of drugs involved, drug pushers may receive sentences of 15 or 25 years to life with the possibility of parole—\textit{in cases where more than one pound of heroin, cocaine, morphine or opium is sold.}

\textbf{THEY MAY BE} sentenced to 25 years for the sale of illicit drugs to individuals younger than 21 years of age, or for the sale of between eight ounces and one pound of hard drugs.

The proposed bill would provide that a person who is convicted of selling, with or without consideration, any quantities of hallucinogens, including LSD and hashish, or an amphetamine, excluding marijuana, would be guilty of selling a dangerous drug in the first degree.

Persons indicted for this crime would not be eligible to plead guilty to a lesser offense, and upon conviction be imprisoned for life.

Defendants between 16 and 19 years of age would also be sentenced to life but would be eligible for parole consideration after 15 years.

\textbf{UNDER THE PROPOSED bill}, conviction of \textit{any} kind of selling a dangerous drug would be similarly punished.

Moreover, the same penalty would apply to persons convicted of possessing or conspiring to possess large quantities of narcotics.

The bill would also make a new crime to commit murder, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, burglary in the first degree, criminal mischief in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual abuse in the first degree, any degree of arson, robbery, kidnapping or manslaughter, or having
State of the State

Rocky's 'Hit the Pusher' Bid Faces Hill Struggle

By JAY AMBROSE


As the Republican district attorney of New York County, Mr. Whitman achieved statewide fame for his successful prosecution of these four underworld gunmen and rode that fame to his election as governor. He presided over state affairs from 1915 to 1918.

NEXT TO BEING a crook, going after crooks has long been one of the best ways to get somewhere in politics. Republican Governor Thomas E. Dewey, one of the most conspicuous examples, made his reputation as an assistant U.S. attorney and later a special prosecutor investigating racketeers, dishonest officials, extortionists, loan sharks and stock swindlers. A big coup for him: the conviction of Charles Luciano, organizer of prostitution syndicates.

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WHAT THE GOVERNOR wants are mandatory life sentences with no chance of parole for all convicted pushers of hard drugs. With addiction eating away at the vitals of society, virtually everyone hates pushers, and locking 'em up and throwing away the key is bound to be a popular idea.

But serious objections to these proposals have been raised. The counsel for a state commission on drug laws suggests they may be unconstitutional. Legal scholars say they won't deter pushing. And judges have argued that the laws would be unworkable.

EVEN SOME OF the Legislature's most conservative lawmakers point to numerous technical difficulties. One noted that a pusher could "murder all witnesses, stand trial for homicide, and thus be eligible for parole.

The upshot is that one Legislature is unlikely to pass the measures without substantial modification and that the governor is going to get off the hook on the narcotics issue.

If he seeks a fifth term in 1974—and it looks increasingly as if he will—the governor will be able to tell Democratic critics that he tried to do something about the drug problem, but that the Legislature wouldn't let him. He has already been quoted as saying, "what the Legislature does with it (his package of drug bills) is their responsibility.

THE QUESTION of drug abuse is sure to be an issue in the gubernatorial election. It was widely used by the Democrats in the legislative campaigns this fall. State Senate Candidate Leonard A. Weiss of Albany argued that "the state has poured $421 million into a much touted Methadone Maintenance Program which has cured only 140 addicts at a cost of $3 million each."

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The Narcotics Addiction
Central Commission showed up at the Capitol for a press conference to refute such charges, but in his State of the State message the governor conceded that state drug expenditures of ever $1 billion had “achieved very little permanent rehabilitation.”

HE ALSO NOTED in that message that “virtually every poll of public concern documents that the number one growing concern of the American people is crime and drugs.”

Part of what bothers critics of the governor’s proposals is that hashish is included as a “hard drug” and that youths 16 to 19 years old would not be eligible for parole until after 15 years in prison. Hashish is a derivative of the Cannabis plant, the same as marijuana, and is frequently used by the same people who smoke marijuana. Most experts say it is not “hard.”

During his town meetings this fall, the governor was confronted by a school-newspaper editor who pleaded for Jeffrey G. Smith, a 24-year-old student who has been sentenced to prison for seven to fifteen years some three years ago for selling marijuana to an undercover policeman. “All he wants to do is get out and do graduate work at Vassar,” the governor was told. He was quoted as replying, “I respect the gentleman for wanting to go to Vassar.”

BUT MR. SMITH was one of six inmates whose sentences were commuted by the governor at Christmas time this year.

The Christmas spirit subsides quickly.
Rocky Requests New Judges for Fight on Drugs

By BETSY BUECHNER

Reacting to criticism that his proposed hard-line drug legislation would overload the courts and prisons and prove unworkable, Governor Rockefeller made it clear yesterday he means business.

The governor announced he would recommend spending nearly $50 million to expand the state's court system, including the creation of 100 temporary Supreme Court judgeships, and to increase the capacity of state prisons for 4,900 more inmates. Reshuffling prisoners in existing facilities could make room for another 10,000, the governor said.

Another $5.5 million would be spent for the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission's expanded role to treat non-narcotic drug users, under the governor's proposal.

In a no-nonsense statement, Mr. Rockefeller backed up his proposals for mandatory life prison sentences for hard drug pushers and those who commit violent crimes while under the influence of hard drugs with these other recommendations:

- Appointment of special district attorneys, recruitment of volunteer attorneys to act as defense lawyers and prosecutors and recruitment of additional court staff, probation and correction officers.

- Provide additional courtroom space in existing court facilities and other public buildings, including expansion of the Special Narcotics Court and the Emergency Felony Case Processing program in New York City.

- Insure the availability of additional detention facilities on the local level.

To implement his plan to extend the state Narcotic Addiction Control Commission's authority to treat non-narcotic drug abusers (NACC has been limited to treating only users of heroin and opium derivatives), the governor said he would spend $5.5 million more to provide another 3,800 spaces at existing facilities, on top of the $3.3 million increase recommended in his 1973-74 budget to make an additional 8,900 spaces available.

A state budget division spokesman said the governor's proposals would not mean any new capital construction.

The extra space in prisons and NACC centers can be made by doubling up and making use of unoccupied cells and beds, the spokesman said.

Since he proposed the stiff penalties for drug traffickers, Mr. Rockefeller's plan has come under attack from some legislators, judges and most recently the State Bar Association, which, in effect, challenged him to put up additional funds or else see the courts further clogged and prisoners convicted of other violent crimes released from jail.

Mr. Rockefeller retorted by saying he is up to taking "strong measures" to put across his proposals.

- Only two choices confront the state, the governor said: "Either we are willing to live with the degradation, death, violent crime and fear it spawns, or we are willing to take drastic actions to break the back of this contagion once and for all."

- Elaborating on his court expansion proposal, the governor said he would submit legislation to create the 100 judgeships for terms extending to Dec. 31. Beyond that, the number of extra judges will depend upon what happens with court reform measures and whether no-fault insurance legislation will be enacted.

- The governor has said that passage of no-fault could mean freeing more than 110 judges from motor vehicle accident lawsuits to handle other cases.

Mr. Rockefeller said the temporary judges would be appointed after "close consultation" with the New York City and state bar associations, and specifically named Bernard Botein and Francis Phipps as among the past presidents he would consult.

The $30 million Mr. Rockefeller said he would need to carry out his court expansion program would be on top of the $1.25 million in state funds recommended in his fiscal budget and federal monies to operate special narcotics courts.

Likewise, the estimated $19.5 million needed to accommodate 4,900 more inmates by July 1 would be over and above a $1.4 million proposed budget increase to expand the capacity of state correctional facilities by 1,400 inmates.

With the governor's proposed expansion of the NACC program, 12,700 spaces would be available, 4,700 of these in programs.
Rocky Would Call Even Pill-Sharing Housewife 'Pusher'

By JAY AMBROSE

Refusing to budge an inch on his get-tough drug proposals, Governor Rockefeller says even a housewife giving diet pills to a neighbor should be included in his legislation mandating life sentences for all hard drug pushers.

If his bills become law, he said under questioning by legislators yesterday, a planned four-month campaign advertising the penalties would deter the amphetamine-sharing housewife by making her aware of how serious her activities are.

The GOVERNOR, dressed in a gray suit, red tie and blue-striped shirt, was the solo witness at a two-hour hearing of the Senate and Assembly Codes Committees. It was one of the rare instances in which he has subjected himself publicly to interrogation by lawmakers.

Defending the drug plan which has become the most controversial and publicized issue of this year's session of the Legislature, he fielded dozens of questions, most of them politely phrased. But hostility broke out when the governor tangled with a black Democratic assemblyman who once called for his impeachment.

Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, D-Buffalo, said near the end of the session in the South Mall Legislative Office Building that he had not planned to question the governor because "I find it's an emotional thing talking to you at times."

"It's mutual," the governor responded.

THE ASSEMBLYMAN called the governor's proposal a "ghetto genocide bill" and one of "the most serious pieces of dehumanization in years." He said it would lead to chaos in the ghetto and that blacks and Puerto Ricans would be going to jail, not large-scale pushers.

The bespectacled governor, who listened with hand on chin, replied that "the conditions you say will happen exist today." The people suffering most from the consequences of drug addiction are the people in the ghetto, he said. And he quoted a black Harlem minister as saying that addiction now was causing genocide.

Assemblyman Eve, who was one of a number of intermediaries between inmates and officials during the Attica prison uprising, was highly critical of the governor's order to assault the prison and called for his impeachment last year in an Assembly speech.

The governor started the session yesterday by reading an eight-page statement while about two dozen legislators and some 50 visitors in the hearing room gallery listened and while seven television cameras focused on him.

"In response to critics who call this a hard-line program," he said, "I say it is indeed a hard-line program - hard on the pusher. But it is motivated by compassion for the victims and their families."

Several of the legislators, however, voiced concern that the governor's program was technically flawed and impractical.

Assemblyman Dominick L. DiCarlo, R-Brooklyn, chairman of the Assembly Codes Committee, asked if the governor's proposals wouldn't put a "premium on escape" and lead to more murders. He was referring to a proposal that would mandate a life sentence with no chance of parole for addicts committing violent crimes while under the influence of drugs. A mass murderer, he pointed out, would be eligible for parole.

The governor said this was "a risk," but that criminals commit murders when faced

with lesser penalties. He cited a case in which a state policeman was killed by a man attempting to avoid a speeding ticket.

SENATOR BERNARD C. Smith, R-Northport, questioned the governor's plan to give a $1,000 reward to those turning in pushers. He said police hire addicts to help catch pushers and that some of these addicts might be led to concoct false evidence in order to collect the much-needed money.

Senator H. Douglas Barclay, R-Putaski, chairman of the Senate Codes Committee, said upstate district attorneys were fearful that juries might not convict pushers if there were a mandatory life sentence without chance of parole.
Hard Drug Law
Signed; Rocky
Criticizes Foes

By BETTY FLYNN
Chicago Daily News Service

NEW YORK — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, signing into
law the nation's toughest anti-drug law, scoffed at the
"misguided softliners" who criticized the mandatory life
sentences that the law demands for some drug pushers.
"We are creating the strongest possible tools to protect
our law-abiding citizens from drug pushers—providing (officials)
are willing to use these laws vigorously and effect.
ively," the governor said in Albany yesterday as he signed
the controversial bill into law.

THE LAW WAS toned down considerably from Mr.
Rockefeller's original proposal that called for mandatory
life sentences for drug pushers, with no possibility of parole,
and a complete cutoff of "plea bargaining" — the reduction of sentences in order to obtain information for convictions.

The new law, which takes effect Sept. 1, calls for certain mandatory minimum prison sentences, a limited form of plea bargaining and life sentences that would permit parole but require lifetime supervision of the person paroled.

Mayor John Lindsay, former Police Commissioner Pat
rick Murphy, many district attorneys and judges, most ex-addicts, as well as social workers working with addicts opposed the plan, stating it would interfere with existing police efforts to track down big-time narcotics operators through the use of small-time traffickers as informants.

FURTHER, they believed it would clog the courts with thousands of extra-drug trials, and would impose unbelievably harsh penalties on drug addicts, most of whom are also small-time pushers in order to support their habits.

To pick up a 16-year-old junkie who was peddling dope to other junkies to get a fix, Mr. Lindsay maintained, would be mere of a crime than the original crime, and would demonstrate no understanding of the drug victim and his potential rehabilitation.

He pledged the addition of at least 100 judges to handle extra cases, but admitted under questioning by reporters those judges would probably not be appointed until next year — when Mr. Rockefeller is expected to seek an unprecedented fifth gubernatorial term.
CATEGORY D. - EDUCATION
Governor Keeps Cool During Heated Debate

The woman was mad and she came loaded for bear, but the governor kept his cool.

"The legislature recently approved $100 million for a Cultural Center for your pet project (South Mall)," said the woman, her eyes blazing, "and that money could have been used to educate the children in New York City.

"I resent the money of the state being used in such a manner in view of the problems my children have with their education," she concluded, turning to leave.

"Now don't make a statement and walk away," said Governor Rockefeller. "Listen a minute. The Cultural Center money is not in the budget; it's in bonds and the bonds are sold by Albany County. The items can't be interchanged and they are not in competition.

"It was the governor in full flight of explanation, a posture he quickly adopted during a 90-minute question-and-answer session with about 500 members of the United Parents Association Monday afternoon in Chancellors Hall.

The governor was closely questioned at times, and the discussion centered mostly on New York City schools and the effects of a proposed Rockefeller spending cut.

The governor spent quite a bit of time explaining that his proposed cut will not mean the City University of New York will be without a freshman class next fall. The City University has had $4 million cut from its appropriation next year, said Rockefeller, but it will actually get a net increase of $18 million in state aid.

The governor has been at odds with New York City Republican Mayor John V. Lindsay and City University officials as to what the spending cut will mean to city education. The governor called a press conference last week to refute Mayor Lindsay's figures.

"When we get taken to the cleaners on misrepresentation," commented the governor, "I get little disturbed." The governor added that it was "absurd" to suggest that the cut will mean some schools will close.

Rockefeller said later that the suggestion that enrollment will be cut — which is what City University officials have been saying — "is made to frighten people so they will put pressure on the legislature."

At the close of the session, the governor thanked the parents for coming and commented: "I know I haven't given you answers you wanted to hear." The observation was correct.

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Rockefeller Rejects Private School Parent Aid
SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller rejected Friday the idea of state aid to parents of private school children and more money for the state's "Big Six" cities to ease financial burdens.

He made his comments during a brief stop-over in his trip to Auburn where he was scheduled to address a Cayuga County Republican dinner Friday night.

The governor commented on the so-called 'Spence' bill of financial grants to parents of children in private schools during an interview at WHEN-TV. It was taped for broadcast later.

The governor's flight from New York City was held up for about an hour when a woman telephoned Hancock Airport and said "there's a bomb in the place and I hope it gets Rocky." State Police said:

Troopers searched the terminal building but did not find any bomb.

In his remarks, Rockefeller said "It's a quick and easy solution to the crisis in the Catholic schools but in the cities it would mean white parents would take their children out of public schools and build their own private schools."

Southern states would seize the measure and use it to continue segregated education facilities, he said.
CATEGORY E. - HUMAN RIGHTS
Blasts Democrats
Civil Rights Stand

BY WARREN ROGERS
Chief Washington Correspondent, Hearst Headline Service

July 25, 1963

New York Governor Rockefeller, in one last hurrah, accused the Democratic majority today of making a “farce” of the civil rights issue at the State
Governors’ Conference.

Mrs. Rockefeller: “Charming” was reaction among women at Governors’ conference. See Page 6.

The Rockefeller Administration launched the Declaration of Civil Rights and the appointment of an expert committee to study the matter.

I don’t think that governors who want to vote on civil rights should be standing on a soapbox outside the conference hall, shouting petitions. This is a farce.

Cites Last Year

Governor Rockefeller said that the declaration was the same thing he had called for last year’s conference. He had predicted that the event would fail and fail fast because of Democratic opposition. He put the governors on record as a group in favor of a strong civil rights stand.

He then tried to do it again this time by seeking a suspension of new conference rules prohibiting passage of any resolutions. He said the Declaration of Conscience should be adopted under a suspension of the rules as an official policy of the government.

The vote was 33-1, with the majority report, which addressed the role of the President and the Conference, unanimously adopted by Democrats.

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By JUDITH BENDER

BUFFALO — The first interruption came barely 10 minutes into Governor Rockefeller's slide presentation of the state's fiscal problems in the half-darkness of Kleinhans Hall here.

"How many blacks will help build it?" shouted the heckler, after the governor referred to plans for major construction at the State University in Suburban Amherst.

This was the first, but by no means the last, interruption yesterday as the governor brought his so-called "town meeting" to the Buffalo area.

MR. ROCKEFELLER alternately bristling and composed under the first sustained heckling he has run into during these meetings, heard complaints from a packed house of more than 1,200 persons.

Although speakers disputed the governor on many subjects, the heckling centered on the state's failure up to now to open up opportunities for Negroes and other nonwhites in the building trades unions.

"If there are to be black workers on these jobs, there's got to be more than just a wrench in thinking, but a radical change," asserted Norman Goldfarb, representing the Citizen's Council on Human Relations, an umbrella organization of civil rights groups in Buffalo. "All we ask is a meeting with you!"

WHAT more advantageous meeting can you have than here with the television cameras turning?" answered the Governor.

THIS RESPONSE drew a chorus of boos and shouts: "Answer!"
"This is the way I feel," Mr. Rockefeller started.

EARLIER in the day, Mr. Rockefeller and Mayor Frank Sedlitz of Buffalo announced the signing of an agreement with CDC to build some 2,400 housing units — mostly of them low-income in an area along the Buffalo waterfront.

The governor, who is attempting to defend his 1969-70 budget plan — an increase in the state sales tax of 1 per cent and 5 per cent cut in projected state spending also heard complaints about college facilities; the proposed cutback of some aid; transportation in the Niagara area, and the imprisonment of a Negro radical, Martin 'Sostre, on narcotics charges.

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Rockefeller Raps
"Right-to-Work"

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Buffalo, Oct. 14, 1969 — Governor Rockefeller, an opponent of right-to-work laws in New York State, said tonight he was against any proposal to curtail the rights of workers on a national level.

"I shall make every effort in the days ahead to insure that the Republican Party nationally maintains the position it took in its 1960 platform against any federal "right-to-work" legislation," Governor Rockefeller said.

"I am against any federal "right-to-work" law," declared the governor, an undeclared candidate for the GOP presidential nomination.

Apparently, the federal "right-to-work" question was one of the subjects Governor Rockefeller wanted to debate with Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, also considered a leading GOP candidate to oppose President Kennedy in next year's election.

Need Clearing

"In suggesting preconvention debates to the Republican Party, this federal "right-to-work" question is one of the issues on which I feel the party needs to be clear in its position," the governor said.

Senator Goldwater has declined Governor Rockefeller's challenge to a series of debates. In a speech at an anniversary dinner of the Workmen's Compensation Committee of District 4, United Steelworkers of America, Governor Rockefeller said:

"We want responsible collective bargaining by labor and management. That is why I have opposed—and will continue to oppose—the so-called "right-to-work" laws in our state."

Several hours before he addressed the union officials, Governor Rockefeller met privately with a group of Buffalo business leaders and one of the legislature's top Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney.

Earlier, a Rockefeller spokesman said the governor would meet Sunday morning with Vermont Republican leaders at Woodstock, Vt. The meeting plans Friday with young Republicans at the University of New Hampshire.
Rocky Rights Bills Expand

on Housing, Job, Age

By CAROL R. RICHARDS
Gannett News Service

It would be illegal for a housewife to discriminate because of race or color in hiring a cleaning lady or maid; illegal for a homeowner to discriminate if he rents out three or more of his rooms, and illegal for an employer to discriminate because of age under the human rights legislation filed by Governor Rockefeller.

Mr. Rockefeller said his bills would strengthen the current human rights laws and "are important in order that we provide full opportunity in employment and housing, to enable all our citizens to share in the great benefits of civilization."

His measures would also end the ban on keeping records of employees' race. "This approach was in its inception based on the expectation that without records it would be more difficult to discriminate," Mr. Rockefeller said in a memo. "In fact, the lack of records has made it easier for a person committing an unlawful discriminatory practice to shield his action..."

Another Rockefeller bill would expressly extend the human rights law to employer and union training programs.

Current law bans discrimination for reasons of race, creed color or national origin for all employees of four or more persons.

Governor Rockefeller's measure would extend the ban to employers of from one to four persons, including domestie employees.

On rental properties, the present law exempts from human rights legislation owner-occupied or renter-occupied homes with three or more rooms available for rent. Mr. Rockefeller's bill would end this exemption.

Several laws now deal with age discrimination—including one statute protecting persons in the 45 to 64 age bracket. Mr. Rockefeller would combine the several restrictions into one over all law making it illegal to discriminate because of age.

Features making it illegal to discriminate by reason of race, creed, color or national origin in such job-related endeavors as apprenticeship and training programs, promotion and recruitment round out Governor Rockefeller's 1970 human rights program.

Mr. Rockefeller also gave his office's endorsement to a series of bills filed by the State Division of Human Rights, that would:

- Ban discrimination by reason of race, creed, color, national origin or sex in all commercial transactions and in determining membership in all trade, business and professional associations.
- Ban discrimination by reason of sex in places of public accommodation and housing accommodation; and
- Authorize the Division of Humane Rights to impose administrative fines in cases of violation of the human rights law.
GOVERNOR Nelson A. Rockefeller went on record Tuesday as welcoming women into the race for elected office.

In informal remarks following his address to the League of Women Voters annual legislative conference, the governor, referring to the meeting of the Women's Political Caucus last week, said: "I welcome women into the race for elective office. We are far behind other countries in having women as elected officials."

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SPEAKING to the LWV about the varied and numerous problems facing state government the governor urged the league to work especially for court reform.

He said: "No group in this state has been further out front in working for court reform than the League of Women Voters."

"This year a major court reform measure is before the Legislature. I am, of course, referring to the proposal to replace our present disgraceful automobile insurance system with a fair, modern system of no fault insurance."

"Today, about 115,600 auto-accident cases are bogging down the courts of this state. Today, 125 judges are tied up trying auto accident cases that shouldn't be in the courts in first place—judges who could be trying criminal cases, narcotics pushers and racketeers."

* CONCLUDING the Governor said: "Of all the things that we could do immediately that would unclutter our courts and release judicial manpower for serious cases, none would have a more immediate impact than the passage of no fault auto insurance.

"No fault auto insurance is a major reform of the courts. I, therefore, warmly invite the league to get on board and help us turn the tide in this vital issue in favor of the people."

After hearing the governor, delegates to the conference went to visit members of the Senate and Assembly to lobby for or against the bills that the league is supporting or opposing this year.
CATEGORY F. - SOUTH MALL
Democratic contenders for the gubernatorial nomination have turned the expensive mall project into a political issue, saying it's immoral to pour all that money into buildings while refusing massive aid increases to education and welfare. Later, Governor Rockefeller chided President Nixon for permitting passage of the federal tax cut, and said: "If I had been President I would have vetoed the tax bill." Responding to a Protestant minister's inquiry of what counsel Mr. Rockefeller would give to the President on inflation, the governor said Mr. Nixon should have told the people of the country the tax cut was inflationary and garnered their support for a veto. "But he chose another course," said Mr. Rockefeller. "Time will tell whether he's right."

The governor also criticized Congress for passing expensive measures like the Health, Education and Welfare budget, saying that because of the tax cut the President can't sign it. He described this as "games being played in Washington between a Democratic-controlled Congress and a Republican President."

"It's not easy to control inflation," said Mr. Rockefeller. "But whatever measures to control inflation are needed should be taken."

He said Mr. Nixon will have to face wage, price and dividend controls if his present economic policies don't work.
South Mall
Ceremony
Picketed

by Marjorie Lebrum

Pickets carrying signs asking "Where is the low income housing" caused Governor Rockefeller to depart from his prepared speech in a ground-breaking ceremony for middle-income apartments yesterday.

Scheduled to start a pile-driver working on the construction of the South Mall Towers—500 apartments—middle-income elderly people—Governor Rockefeller noted the six representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) standing quietly with their signs in the crowd during the ceremonies yesterday.

"FOR THOSE WHO need housing, the explanations of government don't answer the needs of the people," he said. speaking to the pickets, "These men and women are giving us the message to speed up the change in government structures and get housing for them to meet their needs."

"I am aware that what is being done (in the area of housing) is not on a scale large enough and is not being done fast enough to meet the needs of people," he said. "However I think we can do more in the future."

THE PICKETS made no response to the governor's comments before the ceremonies began. E. J. Dossy, treasurer of Albany Chapter of the NAACP and one of the pickets, explained why he was there.

"This housing for the aged is primarily for those of middle income," he said. "About 6,000 people were displaced to build the Mall. Where is the housing for them? I deplore this. We're here to let Rockefeller and (Mayor) Corning know that we do not condone this lack of low income housing."

As he governor returned to his prepared speech, he noted that "few things can provide more dignity or security for older people than good homes."

HE SAID THERE would be two eight-story buildings containing 172 efficiency apartments and 178 one-bedroom apartments in the building located along the South Mall arterial between Grand, South Pearl and VanZandt Streets.

The apartments would be available to women over 62 years of age and men over 65, either single or married couples, he said.

"Through federal and state assistance, we can expect to hold rents to $40 a room," he said.

Charles Urstadt, director of State Housing and Community Renewal, estimated that an efficiency apartment of 250 square feet would rent for $100 a month and that the one-bedroom apartments would rent for about $120 a month.

THE GOVERNOR commanded the Capital Area Council of Churches for sponsoring the project, the State Housing Authority for its work and the Albany Savings Bank which "speeded construction with a temporary $250,000 mortgage loan."

The project is expected to cost $10 million when completed.
Governor Defends Mall Costs

BY JAY AMBROSE

Governor Rockefeller, responding to news reports that the state's management increased the cost of the South Mall project, said yesterday that costs would have gone up even more if construction planning had been handled differently.

The governor told reporters at a Capitol press conference that mud removal and foundation work at the site took longer than anticipated, resulting in additional payments to contractors who could not begin work on schedule.

But he said, construction would have cost 100 per cent more if the state had delayed awarding contracts until the site was ready for the contractors to move in.

"With costs rising at the rate of 1 per cent per month," he said, "a five-year delay would have resulted in a 100 per cent increase in contract costs, based on compound interest."

According to recent reports, construction delays have added $85 million to the cost of the mall. The legislature, which voted an additional $130 million for construction in the governor's deficit budget this week, has established a committee to determine why these delays have occurred.

 Asked at yesterday's press conference why the state could not construct as quickly or inexpensively as the Twin Towers building in Albany, the governor said it was "a perfect example why a free enterprise society is better than a totalitarian society."

He explained that a private firm can get more cooperation from unions for a small project than the state can for a big one.

He also said the state must award contracts to the lowest bidder, and that some of these contractors have not "had the experience to do job kind of work."

When the governor was asked whether one of the buildings at the Mall be ready for occupancy, "Well," he said with a smile, "let's just hope we are all here.

The governor, however, defended the project. "I think it is going to turn out to be the greatest thing that has happened to this country in 10 years," he said.

He said any large project which is ahead of its time is subject to tremendous criticism," but added that when the Mall is finished it will be "the greatest drawing card in terms of a tourist attraction, not only from this country but from all over the world, and a hallmark of the great Empire State."

The cost of the Mall is now put at $322 million, up from the original estimate of $100 million. With interest included, it is likely to cost more than $1 billion.
CATEGORY G. - U. S. POLICY
By VICTOR OSTROWIDSKY
Times-Union Staff Writer

Accord, Sept. 16 — Governor Rockefeller tonight made his hardest-hitting indictment of the Kennedy administration, charging that the “will to resist communism has been eroded everywhere.”

This has happened, Governor Rockefeller said, “because of our attitude towards the Soviet nations and our dealings with Communist leaders without consultation with our allied partners.”

The governor, a likely contender against President Kennedy next year, said: “I know this is a pretty serious indictment, but the Kennedy administration has submerged principle to political expediency and opportunism.”

Charges Expediency

He spoke at the annual fund raising dinner of the Ulster County Republican organization.

“The Kennedy administration lacks a clear sense of national purpose and clearly defined national and international goals,” Governor Rockefeller said.

Instead, today we have a government of expediency and gimmicks with no clear sense of direction. This sort of super-public relations operation proceeds as an erratic and often inconsistent series of improvised reactions to crises after they are upon us,” he said.

The nation lacks a true political leadership, “in meeting fundamental, national and international problems facing us and the free world,” the governor charged.

Mrs. Rockefeller accompanied the governor on the trip today which began in New City, Rockland County.
Kennedy Lacks Vision, Governor Says

By VIC. OSTROWIDZKI

Addressing the joint fund-raising dinner of the Warren and Washington Counties Republican organizations in the Queensbury Hotel, the governor said that during President Eisenhower’s administration “we never talked with the Communists, unless we knew that our allies agreed to our position. “Now we act and then consult with our allies, embarrassing them on many occasions.”

The governor told the local Republicans that the state plans to push construction on an 82-mile gap in the Adirondack Northway as “rapidly as completed plans and funds become available.”

Mr. Rockefeller said the Democratic administration failed to provide leadership in every phase of day-to-day living.

The Times-Union Staff Writer

Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller


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New York, Oct. 21.—Governor Rockefeller tonight accused the Kennedy administration of "trying to appease the reactionary wing of the Democratic Party and blame Republicans as a smokescreen" on the civil rights issue.

The governor also said the administration shows signs of leftward movement in international affairs and warned against what he called "cynical gestures" by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

"The danger to freedom that stems from the ruthless goals of international communism is as real today as it was a year ago when Soviet missiles were aimed at our cities from launching pads in Cuba," Governor Rockefeller said.

Recalls Their Vote

In a speech at the opening session of the Empire Missionary Baptist convention in Brooklyn, he accused President Kennedy and Senator Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., of casting Senate votes against civil rights legislation.

Senator Goldwater is Governor Rockefeller's front-running opponent in the unavowed race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Governor Rockefeller said that President Kennedy, then senator from Massachusetts, and Senator Goldwater both voted in 1957 to send the Eisenhower administration's civil rights bill to the Judiciary Committee headed by segregationist Senator James Eastland, D-Miss.

The legislation would have been defeated, Governor Rockefeller said, had the votes of the two senators prevailed.

Now, the governor added, "we see President Kennedy having failed for two and one-half years to make any serious effort to fulfill his 1960 campaign commitments for civil rights legislation."
Under the current lack of agreement on objectives, he said, the tendency is to deal with issues one by one, to break up problems and assign each part to an expert. Such an approach polarizes debate, he said, adding:

"In the face of such complexities, and lacking unifying concepts and long-range objectives, many leaders are tempted to invoke their assumedly superior information rather than resort to patient explanation."

"And critics who demand perfection forget that while great objectives are essential, they can be reached only if one is prepared to advance by measured steps."

In one of his few statements on foreign policy, Rockefeller wrote in the new issue of Foreign Affairs magazine that it is up to the United States to take the lead in supplying two ingredients lacking in current world diplomacy.

He defined these as a concept of relations between nations and a framework of order to attain humanity's aspirations and to guide emerging nations.

Rockefeller, who has repeatedly said he is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, did not directly criticize American foreign policy and did not mention the war in Vietnam.

"For a people grown great in the experience of the frontier," he wrote, "the twin challenges of humanizing a technocratic bureaucracy and helping the world find a modern structure offer an adventurous opportunity."

"The dialogue we need," he said, "is one geared to a conceptual approach to the problems at home and abroad, not to individual 'solutions' based on the illusion that we can escape problems by fragmenting them."
Lawlessness in the cities, the restlessness of youth, and an inconclusive war—

Policy and The People

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, while avowedly not a candidate for the Presidency or the Republican Party nomination for that office this year, is nonetheless considered by political observers and pollsters as among the frontrunners in a large field of candidates.

In light of this, the following article by the Governor is a significant document for in it he offers a rare insight into his views on national and foreign affairs and his concept of the role of the people in formulating government policy.


A characteristic of a revolutionary period is that it appears to its contemporaries as a series of unrelated crises. What has seemed an obvious course of action in one decade becomes problematic in another. Familiar concepts for dealing with our problems become detached from present reality. This is a particular difficulty in a society like ours which historically has dealt with its challenges “pragmatically” — that is, on the basis of values and concepts accepted as too obvious to require explicit formulation. Such an attitude is effective in dealing with technical problems, but increases the difficulty where human considerations are involved, whether in changes of social structure or in our foreign relations. In the absence of a guiding philosophy, the tendency is to avoid developments. This attitude can make it difficult even to agree on the nature of a problem, much less on its solution. Thus the analysis of a technical issue takes precedence over purpose, which alone can make remedies relevant. More energy is expended on deciding where we are than where we should be going. While a crisis may remove any doubt as to the existence of a problem, it also curtails the scope for productive action.

BY NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER

Amidst the rapid and often bewildering change that characterizes our age, advocates of extreme solutions seem to be gaining ground everywhere. Lawlessness in the cities, the restlessness of a good part of the younger generation—especially those in college—and an inconclusive war cause a growing disquiet.

We live in an age of revolutionary transformation. We can seek to shape it or we can doom ourselves to irrelevance. We can accept the challenge to our creativity, or we can resign ourselves to intellectual bitterness. We can lose ourselves in passionate and paralyzing controversy over technical aspects of individual problems, or we can, as I deeply believe we must, develop a more creative perspective—one which enables us to see the inner relationship of great issues and the larger framework within which they can be solved.
A constant problem in government is to establish a balance between creativity and knowledge. When the scope for action is greatest, the knowledge on which to base it is at a minimum. When "all the facts are in," the chance of imaginative action has often disappeared. This is why I believe that the test of a leader is whether he is willing to act on the basis of the assessments which cannot be "proved" empirically when they are made.

In a democracy this can happen effectively only if leaders have the convictions and the faith to act when the tactical pros and cons seem fairly evenly balanced and only if there exists a constant dialogue between leaders and the public. My own experience has convinced me that, all too often, problems are tackled when it is too late. The art of government consists of identifying emerging problems in time, of understanding the forces that shape them, of confronting these problems with a clear sense of purpose, and of achieving consensus on a plan of action drawn to an adequate scale and made relevant to different interests.

A worrisome aspect of the present period seems to me to be the growing frustration of the public in the face of rapid change over which they feel they do not have much control. Too often the result is a feeling of not being a part of the political process. It may take the form of a sense of impotence in the face of problems believed to be beyond the ken of the average citizen, or of a distrust of all government, or of both simultaneously. If this trend continues, we will lose the mainspring of our traditional vitality.

A democracy cannot afford "drop-outs" from the process of government. We must develop fresh premises that will demonstrate how our ideals remain relevant to the realities that confront the citizen. In the midst of perplexing technical problems, our deepest challenge is increasingly philosophical.

Industrialization and the specialization of functions inseparable from it, coupled with the growth of government bureacracy and power, jeopardize the relationship of the individual to his work and of the citizen to his government. Democratic values developed in essentially agricultural or commercial societies. In no country did democracy develop as a result of industrialization. (German) and Japan adopted democratic forms only after catastrophic military defeats.) An industrial economy depends on values like predictability and efficiency, which may call forth a sort of "constitutionalism"—a set of commonly accepted rules. Unfortunately, the values are not necessarily "democratic values," as the term is commonly understood in the West. In other words, democracy is not the result of a quest for efficiency and a higher standard of living but of other values that are deeper. These include the Judeo-Christian tradition of the worth and dignity of the individual, the historical evolution in the West of autonomous Church and State hierarchies, the belief in a standard of justice which transcends the power to coerce, and faith in human creativity as a basis for progress.
Meanwhile, the world has become fragmented as never before. In the nineteenth century, the emergence of two new states—Italy and Germany—disturbed the equilibrium for decades. In the twentieth century, the development and aggressive spread of communist ideology and the appearance of scores of new states were bound to be accompanied by turmoil. The unrest has been intensified because the domestic instability of many new states tempts outside forces to exploit their internal weaknesses and encourages their own leaders to use foreign dangers to strengthen their hold on a shaky domestic position.

Three characteristics of our age—basic sense of insecurity, the lack of a political structure and the absence of consensus as to objectives—mark it as a period of transition in international relations. So long as there is no agreement on objectives, the temptation is great to deal with issues one by one. There is a tendency to break up problems into their constituent elements and to assign each to be dealt with by experts in the area.

Such an approach means we deal with symptoms. Debate is polarized between those who see every upheaval as caused by the deliberate design of evil men and others who, in our age of inter-continental missiles and instantaneous communication, question whether we have any national interest beyond our shores. In the face of such complexities, and lacking unifying concepts and long-range objectives, many leaders are tempted to invoke their assumedly superior information rather than resort to patient explanation. And critics who demand perfection forget that, while great objectives are essential, they can be reached only if one is prepared to advance by measured steps. Some rely for help on what are thought to be the automatic processes of history: the “inevitable” amelioration of dictator ship or the “automatic” association of humane governmental systems with economic development. But history will not do our work for us. Whether totalitarian systems can be brought to a more accommodating posture depends at least in part on whether there are penalties for bad faith and bad behavior. And the history of this century should have demonstrated that economic progress, if not levied by humane values, may only refine the tools of slavery. Nazism did not develop, after all, in an economically backward society.

The sense of impotence—of being unable to affect events—is even more acute in facing problems of foreign policy than in domestic policy. Yet the challenge is relatively straightforward. The crucial fact is that we have not developed an effective political structure to bring about peaceful change. The upheaval in the world will subside only with the emergence of a more or less generally accepted international system. Until then, all nations will live with the consciousness of danger, and until then military power will remain essential to national security.

At the same time, one must recognize that security can not be achieved by power alone, for this would be the road to empire if not to cataclysm. The goal is order, but order is not created simply by moral-affirmation. In world affairs there are few “final” solutions; foreign policy has no terminal point. Each successful settlement establishes a new set of relationships, with their own complexities and potentials for friction. And though we cannot create order by ourselves we surely cannot come about without us.

The deepest problem before America, then, is moral or psychological. Since much of the current uneasiness reflects a search less for solutions than for meaning, remedies depend for their effectiveness on the philosophy of values which inspire them. The student unites, impressive, not because some of it is imposed by outsiders, but because it includes some of the most idealistic elements of our youth. In fact, much that disquiets us today gives cause for hope, for it reflects not cynicism but disappointed idealism.

Decades of “debunking” and materialism have left the young generation without adequate moral support in face of the challenges of a revolutionary age. Leaders at all levels are seen to have been asking not too much of our people but too little. The contemporary discontent proves among other things that man cannot live by economics alone; he needs quality and purpose in addition to material well-being; he needs significance and meaning beyond physical comfort. The quality and success of the Peace Corps can be explained on no other ground. The spirit of idealism which it has fostered should-and can—animate our actions in meeting a wide range of challenges.

A democracy, to be vital, must be able to mobilize the moral energies of its people. If government at any level should consistently take the attitude that “Father knows best,” those moral energies will be sapped at the base. If, on the other hand, protest confines itself to striking poses, it, too, will be doomed to sterility. The dialogue we need is one geared to a conceptual approach to the problems at home and abroad, and not to individual “solutions” based on the illusion that we can escape problems by fragmenting them.

Over the years our society must cherish the pluralism, the centers of initiative, that made America so great. We must give thought to the effort to decentralize initiative. Within the framework of our federal system we must encourage all private organizations, supported by a sense of responsibility on the part of private citizens, which can provide the building blocks to make that effort succeed. Such institutions, and others which are governmental in character, can play a vital part in our conscious strategy to revive the belief of the average American that his opinion matters.

The stakes could hardly be higher. In previous centuries, a part of mankind might languish while another advanced. In a world which is indivisible, a failure to deal with our own problems could spread disintegration worldwide.

For a people grown great in the experience of the frontier, the twin challenges of humanizing a technocratic bureaucracy and helping the world find a modern structure offer an adventurous opportunity. This is an exciting age. The current uneasiness exists because people care—and yet do not see the way to make their aspirations come true. The task is to prove that their aspirations are relevant andtranslatable. This cannot be the responsibility of the President alone; it is the responsibility of all public officials, of leaders in all walks of life—indeed, of all of us.


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Rocky Back, Urges Shift in U.S. Policy

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller returned to New York Sunday from the last of four fact-finding trips in 20 Latin-American countries and said his violence-scarred nations showed "there is an urgent need for changes in our policies."

"The governor's mission, which began a month and a half ago in Mexico City, was marked at every step with violence in the form of riots, bandannings, guerilla activities, or terrorism. Eight persons were killed in incidents directly or indirectly connected with Rockefeller's tour."

Rockefeller spoke to newsmen at planerside after his Air Force jet touched down at Kennedy Airport.

Inside the terminal building, about 200 young radicals demonstrated against the New York governor, but they did not see him or he them.

Rockefeller said there was no question in his mind that the mission to Central and South America was worthwhile.

"The fact-finding trip, undertaken at presidential request, has come under heavy fire as unnecessary and ill-advised."

The New York governor said he was not surprised by the number of anti-American demonstrations, but "the violence was more than I expected."

"He said that his travels gave him "a new insight into one of our country's most delicate and complex international situations.""

The governor and his advisers arrived from Bridgetown, Barbados, Rockefeller's last stop.

He said he already was preparing his report for President Nixon and hoped to have them ready by August.

He told newsmen in Bridgetown that part of his report would be public and part private and would contain recommendations on U.S. policy for Latin America.

Major problems encountered on the trip, Rockefeller said, were unfavorable trade balances between the Latin nations and the United States, shrinking reserves of the dollar outflows to pay for debt service and increasing U.S. protectionist policy.

He added that the conditions in the United States attaches to his financial aid had reached the proportions of becoming a subsidy for U.S. exports. He referred to requirements recently dropped by the Nixon administration that countries receiving aid spend the money in the United States.

He said that during his return flight here he received a telegram from Nixon which gave "evidence of the fact that he is satisfied with the results of the trip and looking forward to Rockefeller's recommendations."

Concerning possible recommendations, Rockefeller said "trade is a major question of concern, as well as repayment of former debts and the balance of payments."

Right now, he said, "the balance of trade and dollar payments are in our favor and there is more coming back to the United States than going out."

Asker for comment on criticism voiced here over his meeting with Francois Duvalier, the Haitian dictator, Rockefeller responded: "I found out what his thinking is, which is what I was sent for."

Rockefeller characterized the anti-American demonstrations as involving a "whole series of forces and reactions ... which would include Communist forces as well as others."

He said he saw "progress on all fronts" during his visit, but added: "It is not going as fast as the people would like it to."

The anti-Rockefeller demonstration at the airport lasted about two hours, marked by a few scuffles and one person taken into custody by police.

The protest began at noon in the lobby of the International Arrivals building. Some 200 young radicals, including Mark Rudd of the Students for a Democratic Society, chanted such slogans as "Cuba Sit Rocky No!"

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — A new report by Gov.
Nelson A. Rockefeller of New
York and Pres. Nixon to
increase military aid to Latin
America to offset a tide of
nationalism and Marxism that
could produce more Fidel
Castros in the hemisphere.

This was one of more than 50
recommendations — and the
most significant warning con-
tained in the report Rockefeller
prepared as basis of the govern-
ment's $2 billion aid to Latin
American nations over the
next two years.

The nation's economic
problems, Rockefeller said,
in explaining the Communist
factor in Latin America.

To offset active subversion,
Rockefeller recommended, the
United States should increase
U.S. military aid and sales to
Latin American nations re-
questing it and should furnish
them with aircraft and ships as
well as other armament. He
also called for increased U.S.
grants for security and police
training, which, during the
current fiscal year are about
$21 million.

To overcome hemispheric se-
curity, he called for creation of
a civilian-directed Western Hem-
isphere Security Council with
headquarters in Latin America.

He suggested a reduction in the
visible U.S. military presence
in Latin America by substituting
military training groups for the
current permanent military
missions in the individual
countries.

In addition to the threat of
Communist subversion, Rocke-
feller warned that Latin Amer-
ica would be subject in the next
several years to growing
nationalism that often will be
reflected in terms of anti-
Americanism. He also predicted
that the military will take an
increasingly larger part in
guiding economic and social
development in the hemisphere,
even if it must oust constitut-
ional, civilian governments to
do it.

Throughout the report, en-

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titled "Quality of Life in the Americas," Rockefeller stressed that the United States should adopt an attitude of partnership in relations with Latin America and abandon its previous paternalistic, sometimes heavy-handed approach. As steps toward developing such a relationship, Rockefeller recommended preferential treatment of Latin American products that would include major U.S. trade and tariff concessions, a less restrictive See NIXON WARNED, Page 2

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In reference to the latter point, Rockefeller suggested creation of a Cabinet-level secretary of Western Hemisphere affairs. Nixon, in outlining a new hemispheric policy he called "Action for Progress," made no mention of further military assistance to Latin America. Nor did he seek a new cabinet position for a hemispheric secretary, promising only to request Congress to upgrade the assistant secretary for Inter-American affairs to undersecretary.

Nixon did pledge to seek better trade conditions for Latin American countries and to eliminate restrictions on aid, although he said nothing about increasing U.S. financial assis-
WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 11 - Western Hemisphere Security Council—based outside the United States—was recommended Monday by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, as a means to deal with subversion in Latin America.

This recommendation by the New York governor came as part of his report on his fact-finding trips to Latin America and was the only major one not disclosed by President Nixon in his Oct. 31 speech on hemispheric problems.

In introducing Rockefeller and releasing the text of his report to newsmen at the White House, Nixon said the administration is actively considering liberalized trade and aid policies toward Latin America.

Nixon said one proposal under study would liberalize the debt repayment burdens many Latin Americans face with the condition that the money saved by the new arrangement be used for development purposes.

A second proposal, he said, would extend trade preferences on a regional basis for Latin America if current efforts for a global reduction of trade barriers are not successful.

Nixon called the Rockefeller report the most comprehensive of all the reports commissioned by U.S. presidents on Latin America over the past two decades.

In his comments to reporters, Rockefeller called the proposal to liberalize debt repayment schedules most ingenious, and credited former World Bank President George Woods with the idea.

Rockefeller declined comment on why Nixon had not endorsed in his Oct. 31 speech Rockefeller's U.S. assistance in strengthening structures.

He said only that the President is fully aware of the problem of subversion in Latin America. Later, White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Nixon's inaction on the proposal does not necessarily mean it has been rejected.

Rockefeller said there is a new breed of military leaders in Latin America who are showing a high degree of social consciousness but conceded that to many Marxism seems like a feasible alternative for solving the area's myriad problems.

"The essential question is which way is this leadership going to go," he said. "By cooperation I believe that we can strengthen the forces of democracy."

He said there are many conditions to U.S. aid he would like to see removed. One is the requirement that 50 percent of Latin America's exports to the United States be transported in U.S. ships, he said.

Although saying the Security Council should be headquartered outside the United States, Rockefeller's report said also: "In view of the growing subversion against hemisphere governments, the mounting terrorism and violence against citizens, and the rapidly expanding population, it is essential that the training program which brings military and police personnel from other hemisphere nations to the United States and to training centers in Panama be continued and strengthened."

Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told newsmen he opposes Rockefeller's recommendation for the extension of further military aid to Latin American nations.

"I oppose more military aid to these nations—I think it's wrong (policy)," Fulbright said.

"For years the whole committee has tried to cut back on military aid and I should expect that it would continue that effort."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Wednesday he respects the rights of students to dissent, but indicated tacit approval of President Nixon's Cambodian policy which sparked the latest student protest across the nation.

Nothing he had sought the Republican presidential nomination unsuccessfully in 1968 on a peace platform. Rockefeller said: "We have one president in this country. . . . He has the constitutional right to make decisions."

"As President, he has a great deal of pressure. . . . But I assume this (the U.S. entry into Cambodia) is a move the President feels will accelerate a drift to peace."

Rockefeller spoke at his Manhattan office as he prepared to sign a bill authorizing use of $44 million of state transportation bond-money for improvement of the Penn Central's Hudson and Harlem Railroad division, which serve Westchester County.

"The most important thing for America to do is to have freedom of expression," Rockefeller said, that from killings of four Kent State University students resulted. "When a group of guardsmen panicked,"

Concerning the current wave of student strikes and demonstrations "expressing outrage over the Cambodian move and bitterness and grief over the student deaths," Rockefeller said he respects the right of students to dissent. . . .
ITHACA, N.Y. (UPI)—About 230 persons quietly walked out of commencement exercises on Saturday just before Governor Rockefeller gave an unusual, hard-hitting speech against American involvement in Indochina.

There was no disruption, and the governor only commented, "Thank God, we live in a land where we can protest peacefully."

Addressing about 4,000 persons at the Ithaca College commencement, Rockefeller deplored the "devastating" effects of the war at home, and proposed a state clearing house to simplify communications between students and a "mechanistic" government.

"To put it simply," he said, "we are involved in a war that no one wants, that no one really understands, and that everyone prays can be ended."

Although it was the governor's strongest statement to date on the war, the speech was received with only polite applause. A late schedule forced him to cancel a question and answer period.

The ceremonies included 30 seconds in which the 700 seniors stood silently and faced the audience, to reflect on current campus unrest.

"This class stands for peace," said the class president, John McGahan of Victor. "We can no longer be called outlaws in the eyes of America for we are America."

He said the clearing house, details of which are yet undetermined, would consider any idea "regardless of how unfamiliar it may seem, and he would relay the ideas to Congress and the President." He said he hoped universities would give students course credit for participating.

Those who walked out, sympathizing with demands for a student strike and opposing Rockefeller's receiving an honorary degree, attended an "alternative commencement," addressed by Douglas Dowd, a Cornell economics professor who has visited Hanoi.

It was one of Rockefeller's first appearances before a campus audience since the U.S. intervention in Cambodia.

"We are clearly in the process of losing mastery over our own destiny," he said.

"The fact that we are in Vietnam, even though none of the presidents had anything to gain and had everything to lose by such a war is clear evidence that events can force us."

The cost of the war, he said, includes "the polarization of the American people," the spending of $100 billion in national resources, and "the worst inflation since World War II."

The governor said the fundamental issue is "how an increasingly mechanistic government can get into proper contact with the thinking of the people—especially the young people."

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Rocky Thinks We Balked Peking

NEW YORK (UPI)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in a television interview broadcast Wednesday theorized the Vietnam War may have thwarted Communist Chinese plans to "dominate all of Asia and move on to Africa."

In a 90-minute taped interview on the David Frost Show, Rockefeller also:

—Warned that President Nixon's forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union's intense, sometimes bitter rivalry with China could be dangerous.

—Predicted the disclosure of the "Pentagon papers" by Dr. Daniel Ellsberg to "force the United States to re-examine the whole use of secrecy."

—Ruled out his candidacy for the presidency next year should Nixon seek re-election and said he "wasn't built' for the vice presidency.

One Theory

Rockefeller said one theory was that a Chinese "push into Southeast Asia" was probably "turned inward" by the strong American commitment in South Vietnam.

"You are saying really that the war in Vietnam served a useful purpose?" asked Frost.

"Well, I'm wondering whether historians, looking at it from a world point of view, might say maybe there was some merit in this thesis," replied Rockefeller. "I'm putting it out only as a thesis because you asked me the question.

"Now maybe that will be the decision of the historians," the governor added. "I think maybe history is going to say that this did have an impact far greater than anyone realizes on the course of the history of the world."

Commenting on Nixon's planned journey, Rockefeller cautioned that Russian reaction to the trip, sparked by the "Pentagon papers," was a man to be admired or to be criticized, Rockefeller said he could see some good results from the publishing of the papers.

However, the governor said a certain amount of secrecy may be necessary.

An unsuccessful aspirant three times for the Republican presidential nomination, Rockefeller all but ruled out a fourth try.

If Nixon seeks re-election, Rockefeller told Frost he would support him. "If he didn't said Rockefeller, "then that's a different ball game."

Asked by Frost if it would be an interesting ball game, Rockefeller replied: "I've been in that three times and struck out all three times. So far it hasn't been too interesting in the past."

During the extended interview, which comprised the entire show, Rockefeller talked to millionaire oilman John D. Rockefeller, his mother and his unsuccessful campaign against Arthur Goldberg for a fourth term as New York governor.

Rockefeller said that when he and Goldberg met for dinner during the 1970 gubernatorial primaries his son Nelson, then 16, was introduced to Goldberg.

"And he said, "Mr. Goldberg, I hope you win," said Rockefeller. "He said "I want my daddy home.""
Rocky Proclaims ‘Week of Concern’ for PWs Held in N. Vietnam

Eight relatives of prisoners of war (PWs) watched Tuesday as Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller signed a proclamation declaring March 25-April 1 a “Week of Concern” for those persons being held captive in North Vietnam.

George Brooks of Newburgh, vice chairman of the National League of Families of PWs and MIGs (men missing in action), said he hoped the event would start a “groundswell of public opinion” behind the organization and its efforts.

Governor Rockefeller using a red, white and blue pen of the national league, signed the proclamation which declared that despite the reduction of the level of hostilities in Southeast Asia and President Nixon’s “best efforts” to obtain the release of some 1,400 PWs, “the problem of the prisoners of war in North Vietnam remains.”

“The treatment of these young men violates the Geneva Convention. They have been subjected to abuse and humiliation; the sick and wounded have not been released; camp inspection by neutrals has not been permitted,” the governor said.

The plight of the PWs, which includes an estimated 100 state residents — “is a humanitarian issue, not a political issue,” the governor said.

Among those attending the brief ceremony in the Capitol were Mrs. Merwin Orrill of Newburgh, whose husband is missing in action; Mrs. John Terry of Syracuse, wife of U.S. Representative John Terry; Mrs. Frederick Helwig of Gloversville, mother of Gregory John Harris, who is missing in action; Mrs. Richard Newport of Poestenkill, sister of Wayne Goodermote of Berlin, a PW; Mrs. Michael Balamonti of Syracuse, whose husband is missing in action, and Mrs. Richard Morin of Syracuse, whose husband is missing. Mrs. Morin is the daughter of Representative Terry and Mrs. Terry.

Mr. Brooks said they want a complete list of men being held and inspections of PW camps. “This could be accomplished if the nation’s leaders and the State of New York got behind it,” he said.

“Some of these men have been held for five, six and eight years. It’s unbelievable that people can’t be stirred to do something about it,” Mr. Brooks said.

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They want the Judeo-Christian values—which we were born by and raised by—to be the moral standards we live by—including and above all in positions of public trust.

Rockefeller addressed the Town Hall meeting on "The Future of American in Its Third Century."

Rockefeller has initiated in New York a study on the role of the modern state in a changing world. He asked his state officials to review the goals of society, to assess the means used to achieve them, and where necessary, to reshape institutions. Last May, at the suggestion of President Nixon, the study was expanded into a national commission.

At the news conference, the New York chief executive declined to discuss what role he might play in the presidential election year of 1976. Asked to comment on a statement by Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., that Rockefeller was the choice of Nixon for the Republican presidential nomination in 1976, Rockefeller said "I have no evidence of what the President is thinking."

"They want," the Judeo-Christian values—which we were born by and raised by—to be the moral standards we live by—including and above all in positions of public trust.

"Watergate won't harm the Republican Party," Rockefeller told the Los Angeles Times.

"I don't think they Watergate are problems of the party, but are problems of individuals," the four-term Republican governor told a news conference.

"I think we are going to learn from this matter, but I don't think this is a party issue."

Rockefeller commented on Watergate only briefly before addressing Town Hall, an organization of civic and business leaders. In his speech, he spoke indirectly of the scandal.

"What the agony of the present moment is underscored is that the American people want frankness from their governments at all levels," the governor said. "They want integrity in public life."

They want an open democracy—there can be no other kind for very long. Above all, they want a return to moral values. They want government leadership that will place enduring moral principal over immediately political advantage.
Rockefeller: Watergate
A 'Tragedy'

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller said Friday President Nixon's announcement that he would name a new special prosecutor answers some questions about Watergate.

But Rockefeller, speaking at a news conference here, dodged outright support or criticism of Nixon on the Watergate scandal.

While expressing support for Nixon on foreign affairs and some domestic matters, he said the President must share some of the responsibility of Watergate.

"Of course, everybody knows it has been a tremendous tragedy," said Rockefeller. But he added he thinks it has not weakened Nixon's effectiveness in such matters as foreign affairs.

On the question of impeachment, Rockefeller said an investigation of the possibility of impeachment should continue in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"But no matter what happens, the country's going to be divided," he said.

Referring appointment of a special prosecutor to replace the departed Archibald Cox, Rockefeller said one strength of the federal system is that if one branch did not act in certain areas, another could.

When asked how seriously he is considering running for President in 1976, Rockefeller said he first must decide whether he will seek a fifth term as governor.

After his arrival here Friday afternoon, Rockefeller went to the University of Arizona, where he addressed a standing-room-only audience.

He urged Americans to restore their trust and confidence in the United States and each other.

"Americans," he said, "are living in what he called "an extraordinary period of change." He also said the Watergate scandal is a "tragedy of the individual, not the Republican Party."
Rocky Seems Unconcerned with Watergate Fallout

By FRANK LYN
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — There was a time when Richard Nixon — not John Lindsay — was Governor Rockefeller’s favorite political ogre. But now, when the President is in the deepest trouble of his political life and many Republicans are openly antagonistic to the President, Rockefeller has studiously avoided any criticism of Nixon.

His standard response to a crisis that has shaken the nation has been that Watergate is a personal, not a party, tragedy and that he does not have enough facts to make any judgments about the President. Even the state’s Conservative-Republican Senator, James L. Buckley, has been more critical.

This week the Governor moved more overtly to depose the President when he drafted a resolution praising Nixon for his “outstanding accomplishments in international and domestic affairs.” Rockefeller shepherded the resolution through the Republican Governors Conference in what he himself proudly referred to as “group dynamics.”

THE ONLY MENTION of Watergate in the resolution was to “applaud the determination of the President to make full disclosure to the public concerning Watergate.”

There hasn’t been much opportunity for direct listening or talking between the President and the Governor in recent months, according to Rockefeller aides. They said that in contrast to the first five years of the Nixon presidency, when there was frequent, even late-night, telephone contact, there have been only a few direct contacts since the Watergate scandal erupted into a full-scale governmental crisis earlier this year.

Why this stance for a man who, before Nixon’s election, repeatedly made it plain that he was not a Nixon admirer and who, as late as 1968, opposed Nixon’s nomination?

Rep. Ogden R. Reid of Westchester County, a Democratic gubernatorial hopeful and close Rockefeller friend, raised one possible reason — that the Governor is not as indignant about Watergate and its aftermath as some other politicians are. Reid raised that possibility recently. And certainly the Governor showed no signs of indignation in a recent interview.

Instead, he argued that Watergate should be viewed “in the perspective of what the President has accomplished.” He said that in any event, there was “very little governors can do about Watergate.”

Reminded that he and other governors had often asserted their moral as well as political leadership in national affairs, Rockefeller responded. “We deplored Watergate — that’s our moral position.” He was referring to a Republican governors’ resolution last spring.

The governor, in typically blunt fashion, offered another reason for his stance on Watergate. Referring to the President, he said: “Is anybody kidded that he’s going to listen?”

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The governor, like most other politicians, now has to deal with Alexander M. Haig Jr. or Melvin R. Laird the President's chief domestic aides, or Secretary of State Kissinger, a longtime Rockefeller associate.

Finally, there is the reason advanced by many politicians and even conceded by Rockefeller aides—that the governor, long considered a maverick by Republicans outside of New York State, is, as a prelude to a presidential bid in 1976, trying to demonstrate his party loyalty. He demonstrated it when he campaigned in New Jersey for Rep. Charles Sandman, a conservative Republican, although the state's Republican governor and Senator didn't.

"Sometimes you have to be 'one of the boys' to get to the top," said a Rockefeller aide. In any event, the Governor and his aides say they are not concerned about any Watergate fallout on the governor if he seeks re-election next year.

"It's not going to help," the governor said. But, he added that he did not expect it to be a major issue in a gubernatorial campaign, unless there was local corruption that could be compared to Watergate.

It is also quite possible that Rockefeller won't be running next year and won't have to worry about any Watergate fallout until 1976.

Whatever his decision next year, it is clear that he has concluded that the best route to the White House isn't via Watergate.
GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller said Monday Watergate may prove to be a significant turning point in American history.

"We must get back to the fundamental moral and ethical values on which this country grew to greatness," Rockefeller said. "The shock of Watergate can and must make all Americans realize that we must return to our basic belief in individual honesty and integrity."

Rockefeller praised certain accomplishments of the Nixon administration, but did not mention the President by name. He predicted the U.S. would scale new heights beginning in 1976, which marks the U.S. bicentennial.

Dr. D.J. Clayburgh, North Dakota Republican national committeeman, introduced Rockefeller, as an individual needed to show the spirits of the GOP. Clayburgh disclaimed any 1976 presidential ambitions for the four-term New York governor.
CATEGORY I. - WELFARE
Rockefeller Criticizes Antipoverty Funding

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Richm.d J. Hughes, a Democrat, who defended the President and the federal antipoverty program.

Tuesday that the federal method of financing local antipoverty projects was a "tremendous mistake" because it bypasses state governments.

The Republican governor criticized President Johnson and Congress for failing to continue funding of community action programs.

"Why does the President come out with these new programs and then the programs are not funded?" Rockefeller asked. "I don't think that is the right way to go about it."

Rockefeller voiced his complaint during a taping of a television show scheduled for broadcast by WNBC-TV on Sunday. He appeared with New Jer-
Rocky Blasts Poverty Plan

By TOM POSTER

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller criticized President Johnson and Congress today for failing to continue funding antipoverty projects.

The Republican governor also said the federal system of dealing directly with local antipoverty community projects by "bypassing" the state government was "a tremendous mistake on the part of Congress."

"Why" does the President come out with these new programs and then the programs are "not funded?" Rockefeller asked. "I don't think that is the right way to go about it."

 Appearing with Gov. Richard Hughes of New Jersey on a television program taped today for financing of the projects.

"In New Jersey the poverty program has worked well," he said. "I don't think the President or a governor has to have the final perfect solution before he starts a poverty program."

"There may be 13,000 in New Jersey, but we have 500,000 to 600,000 who need help in New York," Rockefeller said.

Asked if the lack of federal funding would result in possible race riots, Rockefeller said, "I don't say that. But this kind of disillusionment encourages a bitter reaction by the people."

Hughes argued that Rockefeller himself has often initiated antipoverty programs before he has obtained the necessary funds.

"I didn't promise anything we didn't fulfill," Rockefeller reported.

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New Welfare, School Aid
Flatly Rejected by Rocky

By VIC OSTROWIDZKI
Times-Union Staff Writer

Governor Rockefeller rejected flatly Friday pleas for more state aid for education and welfare this year and warned that unless the federal government helps out with a massive aid program the situation will not improve much next year.

Painting a gloomy financial picture for the state, Rockefeller branded as "absolutely false" charges by Democratic party leaders that there is a $2 billion cushion built into the present budget to help him win re-election next year.

"The cupboard is bare, as far as the state is concerned and the taxpayers have had it right up to here as far as new taxes are concerned," Rockefeller told a Capitol news conference as he returned to Albany for the first time since May 2, the day the Legislature adjourned.

Wont Eat Words Again

Rockefeller parried all the questions trying to commit him to a pledge that he would not seek a tax increase next year, saying that he had committed himself once and then had to eat his words when he sought new taxes the following year.

The governor described the state's financial picture as "difficult" and reported that the "only basis for continuing the rate of improving the benefits and education and welfare" would depend on the federal government "assuming a larger share of costs."

The governor flew into Albany with Daniel P. Moynihan, President Nixon's adviser on Urban Affairs, for discussions on the Nixon administration's proposals to change federal aid programs.

Rockefeller said the state taxpayers, who send $2 billion a year in taxes to Washington should receive more than the $2 billion they get if they are to meet the rising costs.

"I think we in this state must look to federal government for assistance to improve our programs," he added.

The conference covered a wide range of subjects, from politics to economics.

Surprised By Primary

Rockefeller said he was "surprised" by the outcome of the June primary election in New York City in which state Sen. John Marchi defeated incumbent John Lindsay.

He said he had endorsed the winner, as he endorsed all Republican candidates for election, including the mayoralty candidate.

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The conference was at Albany but would not campaign for them.

He admitted that the Republican party "is split" but denied that he and Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson are at odds and that Wilson was in his dog house because of his advice on the New York City mayoralty campaign.

Rockefeller denied reports that U.S. Sen. Charles G. Goodell was also in his dog house and that he would not be given the Republican nomination next year.

He declined to say, however, whether he would support Goodell's nomination.

The decision will be made by the Executive Committee of the Republican party. It is premature to say what will happen as the political situation is volatile and not crystallized now," he added.

Rockefeller said he was reluctant to speculate about Sen. Edward Kennedy's future.

"I would not presume to add my voice to what has already been said about this tragedy, except that everybody feels deeply for him, the girl and the family. It's all very sad," he added.

The governor also said he would submit the report on his fact-finding tour of Latin America for President Nixon to the President within a month. The report, he said, would recommend review of this nation's policy in regard to this country's neighbors to the south.

Rockefeller said he has found a successor to J. Burch McMorran, who retired last month as the head of the state Department of Transportation, and that he would announce his choice Monday.
No Relief for State

Rocky: Critical Of Nixon Plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller says President Nixon's welfare program contains some good ideas but would 'shortchange' industrial states like New York.

He said Sunday the proposal contained such needed new concepts as federal minimum welfare standards, work incentives, and social security payments for welfare recipients. However, the idea that welfare is a national rather than a local problem is more 'dubious,' he said.

'If the proposals will not give significant financial relief to New York or other industrialized states, which now bear the heaviest financial burden for public assistance,' he said, 'we are programs that will not cope with our problem.'

His comments followed closely those of Mayor John V. Lindsay, who said Saturday the Nixon plan falls completely to conform to our needs. 'The plan, he said, would not only cheat many states but also the 'same amount the federal government kicks in now.'
Governor Rockefeller Tuesday urged President Nixon to sign the $19.7 billion health and education appropriations bill which the President threatens to veto.

In a letter to Nixon, Rockefeller said that although local governments face a critical situation "the problem is most serious in the areas of health, education and welfare."

Rockefeller said that "state and local expenditures for programs in these areas have already soared and the demand for additional expenditures continues to increase."

Noting that the appropriations bill contains $4.3 billion for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, $1.2 billion more than Nixon had requested, Rockefeller said: "I fully understand and share your concern that congressional actions substantially increasing federal expenditures might impede your efforts to curtail inflation."

"Human resources programs, especially for education, must be regarded, however, as of the highest priority for federal expenditures, as they have been in New York State."

"If it appears that total federal spending will have an inflationary impact," said Rockefeller, "other lower priority areas should be looked to for adjustments to allow needed expenditures for education."

Rockefeller said that less of the increased funds have been devoted to the Federally Impacted Areas Program and more to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act."

The governor warned that any further delay in providing HEW appropriations should be avoided "as schools throughout the nation have had to operate for six months without knowing the level of federal funding.""

Nixon has threatened to veto the bill providing for funds for the Departments of Labor and HEW when it reaches his desk.
Governor Rockefeller said Monday that the Supreme Court decision against the state's one-year welfare residency law "emphasizes once again the urgency of congressional action on a full federal takeover" of public assistance.

Rockefeller said the decision left unresolved the "major national problem posed by the fact that a needy family can be starved out of one state to become a disproportional responsibility of the people of another state."

The governor asserted that the present welfare system is "not only unfair to the individual," but is "destroying the competitive economic position of socially responsible states by overburdening their taxpayers and thus threatening to drive out their job producing businesses and industries."

"That was why we passed the welfare residency law," said Rockefeller.

The governor noted that the court's decision emphasizes once again the need for the federal government to take over the responsibility of financing welfare and medicaid.

"Once this is done," said Rockefeller, "there should be adequate national standards that will reflect regional differences in the cost of living."

"Welfare imposes one of the most crushing burdens on state and local governments, yet it has no business being there," added the governor. "It is clearly a national problem."

He added that "allocation of welfare to the federal level is necessary to avoid the fiscal bankruptcy of state and local governments and to end the social and moral bankruptcy of the present welfare system."

Albany County Social Services Commissioner Francis C. Schreck had little comment about the decision, except to say that "it will mean providing for about an additional 200 cases annually."

The State Social Services Department had no comment since the law had already been declared unconstitutional.

When the Legislature approved the one-year welfare residency last year, many members said at that time that the law would not stand a constitutional test in the courts.
Rocky Asks Expansion Of Day Care Facilities

Nelson Rockefeller

Nelson Rockefeller on Friday asked the legislature Saturday to expand the state's day care center construction program to aid working mothers.

"Day care is increasingly recognized as a valuable educational and social experience in technical and advisory help to the 'early childhood years,'" he said. "The provision of day care centers is also necessary to break the poverty cycle and to give mothers an opportunity to enter the labor market or to enroll in training programs.

The governor's program, among other things, would: Create a $2 million 'seed money' fund to assist community groups seeking to build or rehabilitate day care centers. The fund would meet initial development costs.

- Authorize the Youth Facilities Project Guarantee Fund to guarantee up to 90 percent of the principal amount of a loan made by lending institutions for day care centers.

- Permit localities to pay day care centers for the costs of caring for welfare children.

Authorization of the Housing Finance Agency for day care centers was initiated by the 1969 legislature.

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CATEGORY J. - CAMPAIGN FINANCES
Disclosure of Rockefeller's $5 Million Campaign

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Governor Nelson Rockefeller has filed his post-election report on the expenses of his successful campaign for re-election and from 1961 shows it should be noted.

First, he spent an impressive sum of money—approximately $5 million. Some close professional observers believe the figure was actually closer to $3 million and Richard Nixon has estimated that Rockefeller spent $14 million.

But even the $5 million total which the Governor reported is more than the combined expenditures by Robert Kennedy and Kenneth Keating in their 1954 race for the Senate. It is almost half the $11 million which the Democrats spent to elect John F. Kennedy to the Presidency in 1960. It is ten times the amount spent by Rockefeller's opponent, Frank O'Connor.

The second important aspect of the report is the fact that $2.670,000 of the total spent by the Rockefeller committees was borrowed from four Manhattan banks. New York politicians have long observed an unwritten rule which inhibits them from raising any partisan issue over campaign debts after an election.

O'Connor made much during the campaign of Rockefeller's many friends at the Chase Manhattan Bank. In fact, none of the money was borrowed from this family institution. But it is tradition holds the Democrats will say no more about the Governor's bank debts and his methods of repayment will be unobserved, unreported, and unquestioned.

If Rockefeller were a hard-boiled politician, he would twist the arms of state contractors to pay back the loans. Since he is a Rockefeller and an idealist, he is likely to resort to more genteel devices, including his own checkbooks. But the public will probably never know the source of half the expenses of this extravagant campaign.

The third point is that Rockefeller's television outlay, some $1.7 million for time purchases and production costs, played a crucial role in reviving his political fortunes. Rockefeller polls in early July showed that his cause was virtually hopeless. The state was blanketed with brilliantly executed television spots during July, August, and September to help him deal with the Governor's failure to make the accomplishments of his administration known to the voters.

But the fourth point is that this race cannot be cited with justice as an instance in which a rich man bought an election. For all of his personal problems with the public, Rockefeller was an incomparably better campaigner than O'Connor and he supplied the electorate with a far more explicit blueprint of his intentions.

No Democrat is pressing to charge that Rockefeller bought the election, despite his $500,000 campaign donation from one mother and the $2,000 which he spent on an orchestra because almost no one really believes that O'Connor deserved to win the election.

The Rockefeller campaign therefore leaves some mystery as to the cause of reforming the nation's method of electing its chief executive. Undoubtedly the freest spender in the history of American elections, Rockefeller has shown that money is a tremendous asset to a politician but also that it is not a friendly view compatible to his aspirations all the way to the White House.

But the extravagant cost of the Rockefeller campaign should serve at least to accelerate the momentum of the search for answers to this moral malignancy in American politics. Impatience with the present law, described by President Johnson as 'more worrisome than a fist', is beginning to crack the glacial ice of campaign.

The new law to finance presidential elections from tax money was a spontaneous expression of this impatience, although an imperfect answer to the problem. Some want to repeat the new law and others are anxious to extend its provision to contests below the presidential level. The necessity to refine this law may bring a whole issue at last to a head.

Charles Kuralt

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Governor Rockefeller's political campaign financing is being investigated, Manhattan Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan's office said Thursday.

The governor was reported to have spent a record $5 million in his successful campaign for a third term last year against his Democratic opponent, City Council president Frank O'Connor.

"Certain things were brought to our attention last week by State Sen. Manfred Ohrnstein and we are making a study of them," chief Assistant Dist. Atty. Alfred Scotti said.

"We want to find out if there is a basis for a grand jury presentation," he added.

Scotti declined to comment on whether Rockefeller appeared to have violated the law by failing to declare how $2.5 million made in bank loans for his campaign, were repaid.

Ohrnstein, a Reform Democrat from Manhattan, and Sen. Jack Bronson, Queens, charged recently the $2.5 million came from the Governor's Club and that the contributors were against "the spirit," if not the letter of the law.

Ohrnstein and Bronson insisted Rockefeller should also have reported such contributions as the use of private planes, contributions of printed brochures and other literature, along with cash contributions.

The Bronson-Ohrnstein "information" was gathered from a massive campaign expense report made shortly after Election day.

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The Democrats also alleged that the Governor's Club was listed as the source of a $185,000 contribution but that the club did not report making such a contribution in its statement filed with Lomenzo's office.

Hogan's office made a similar investigation into the campaign spending of the Democratic mayoral candidate Abraham D. Beame, and recommended changes in the election law concerning financing.

Bronson played a key role in the Beame campaign and last fall was the major author of "position papers" for the O'Connor race.

Lomenzo's office said later that Rockefeller's campaign expense report was filed in the Secretary of State's Albany office but that the election law does not require the secretary of state to check the financing or spending.

Reform of the election law has been demanded by almost every loser of major elections in the state. The Legislature, however, has never approved any major revisions.

Bronson has been a major critic of campaign financing and spending and recently demanded that the Presidents Club—made up of individuals who contribute generously to the Democratic party—be disbanded.

He said the Presidents Club, whose members pay a minimum of $1,000 to join, drains money away from local and state campaigns and cited the O'Connor race as a prime example.
Daily Campaign Cost

$2.4 Million

In his successful effort to win the Democratic primaries, Ottinger spent $1.8 million, with most coming from his mother, Mrs. Louis Ottinger, in the form of loans.

Conservative Party candidate James L. Buckley has spent about $1.1 million so far, according to preliminary reports. When he ran two years ago, Buckley committees spent about $300,000.

An expense statement of Arthur Goldberg, the Democratic-Liberal choice for governor is yet to be filed. Goldberg supporters spent about $500,000 to win the primary over upstate businessman Howard Samuels.
Rocky's 4th Bid
Cost $6.8 Million

By JOE PICCHI
Capitol Correspondent

Nelson Rockefeller's successful bid for a fourth term as governor cost nearly $7 million.

Under the Election Law, the final expense reports must be filed 20 days after the election.

This would mean Nov. 23, which was last Monday, but the mail can be postmarked by midnight of that date. Therefore it may be another day or two before the reports finally get to the secretary of state's office.

Rockefeller's reports showed that he spent $335,000 at the time of the June primaries, $4.3 million by his preliminary reports 10 days before elections, and another $1.4 million in the final accounting.

The governor's stepmother, Mrs. Martha Rockefeller, spent more than election to be contested.

Although the final expense reports are still arriving in the mail, they show that Conservative James L. Buckley spent $1.4 million in his victory over Republican Charles Goodell in the U.S. Senate race.

Reports from Rep. Richard Ottinger, the Democrat candidate in the Senate race, are yet to be processed. They arrived in three large cartons.

Goodell's filings are incomplete, and the secretary of state is yet to receive any of the major committee reports from Goldberg.

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ROCKEFELLER VICTORY

Importance of Strong Campaign Funding Emphasized

By Joe Picchi
Capital Correspondent

The power of the almighty dollar never seemed more evident than in the recently concluded 1970 statewide political campaigns.

Although all the campaign expenditure reports have not been filed with the secretary of state's office, it appears that Governor Rockefeller outspent all of the other major candidates combined.

Rockefeller's family is among the wealthiest in the world, and there was little hesitation to contribute lavishly in an effort to keep one of their own in a field of influence among the nation's governors.

THE REPUBLICAN governor spent $86 million, although Democrats maintain that his rule of thumb is to multiply this total by three to come up with what Rockefeller really spent.

Of this amount, Rockefeller contributed $37 million of his own personal funds. His stepmother, Miss Martha Rockefeller, contributed an additional $27 million to help him along the campaign trail.

But Rockefeller eminence is minimal, because of the apparent need for television exposure has proven that men of limited financial means or lacking in well-heeled friends have little chance of obtaining high public office.

ROCKEFELLER OUTSPENT his Democratic opponent, Arthur Goldberg, by more than 4-to-1. Some will claim, however, that all the money in the world would do little to salvage the rather inept Goldberg campaign.

Goldberg was so upset over the spending inequality that at one point he called a press conference to denounce Rockefeller's multi-million dollar television commercials as "misleading."

The constant pounding into the homes about "Rockefeller, he's done a lot, he'll do more, get the desired results at the polls. The governor won by more than 700,000 votes.

EKORRITANT SPENDING in this day and age because of the apparent need for television exposure has proven that men of limited financial means or lacking in well-heeled friends have little chance of obtaining high public office.

What chance would someone like Stratton have, if he did decide to run for governor some day, when the cost of the campaign could run as high as the $8 million expended by Goldberg or higher.

Stratton lives on his $42,500 a year salary as a congressman, which is not a large sum when considering the responsibilities he has. Only if he can convince enough wealthy supporters that he can win would someone like Stratton have enough money to wage a statewide campaign.

AN EXAMPLE IS Senator-elect James Buckley, who was able to attract at least $1.9 million in contributions to run a successful campaign, when his chances of emerging victorious appeared bright.

Two years ago, when Buckley ran against Senator Jacob Javits, and his chances of winning were practically nil, he spent slightly more than $100,000.

Efforts are now under way to place some type of restraints on campaign spending. An attempt by Congress to limit campaigns to seven cents a voter was vetoed by President Nixon. Seven cents is little price to pay when considering that Rockefeller...
spent better than $2 for each of the three million votes he received on Nov. 3.

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER Perry B. Duryea recently indicated that action may be taken in the 1971 Legislature to place a limit on campaign spending and to shorten the length of campaigns. People get sick and tired of hearing the same old political rhetoric.

Rockefeller, who probably has run his last race, feels that it is the federal government which should take the initiative in curtailing the cost of campaigning. He expressed surprise when someone mentioned to him that his attorney general, Louis J. Leffowitz, was seeking legislation in this area.

"Louie is planning to do that?" Rockefeller questioned with a raised eyebrow.

Or, maybe, the way campaigns are conducted in Great Britain should be adopted. They are shorter, cheaper, and in some respects fairer than the ones in the United States.

When formal campaigns begin, rigid limits are imposed on spending. In some urban areas, a candidate can only spend a certain minimal amount of money, plus about one and a half cents per voter.

Under the British system, courts can impose fines if a candidate overspends. Even more unusual, if an over-spend er wins, his election may be nullified.
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL RECEIVING OFFICES, DURING
INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, (DEMOCRAT),
NEW YORK, REPRESENTATIVE HOLTZMAN ADVISED THAT SHE HAS
HEARD A RUMOR THAT THE NOMINEE DURING HIS TERM AS GOVERNOR
OF NEW YORK, HAD ARRANGED LOANS FOR VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS THROUGH
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK AND PERSONALLY GUARANTEED THESE LOANS.
MANY LOANS WERE NOT PAID AFTER THE CAMPAIGNS. THE NOMINEE
PERSONALLY PAID THESE LOANS AND TOOK A BUSINESS DEDUCTION
ON HIS INCOME TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF THESE LOANS. REPRESENTA-
TIVE HOLTZMAN HAD NO IDEA OF THE VALIDITY OF THIS RUMOR. NOR

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IF SUCH DEDUCTIONS WERE ILLEGAL. SHE PASSED THE INFORMATION ON TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR ANY INVESTIGATIVE VALUE.


EMPLOYEES IN OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI, DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK, ADVISED BIAGGI CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE AT 2004 WILLIAMS BRIDGE ROAD, BRONX, NEW YORK, PHONE 931-0100.


THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN HUGH L. COREY (DEMOCRAT), NEW YORK, ADVISED HE MAY BE CONTACTED AT CAMPAIGN HEADQUAR-
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TERS, 518 5TH AVENUE (SECOND FLOOR) THROUGH HIS SECRETARY

LEADS. NEW YORK. INTERVIEW THE ABOVE NAMED CONGRESSMAN.

END
ON AUGUST 23, 1974, ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES F. HURLEY, REPUBLICAN, 129TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, RESIDING AT NY, INTERVIEWED RE CAPTIONED. DURING INTERVIEW HURLEY ADVISED THAT DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 1974, HE AND SEVERAL OTHER ASSEMBLYMEN HAD A MEETING WITH PERRY B. DURYEA, REPUBLICAN, SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK STATE, CONCERNING SOME LOCAL LEGISLATION. HURLEY STATED THAT DURING THE MEETING ROCKEFELLER'S NAME WAS MENTIONED AND THE INCIDENT WHEREIN DURYEA WAS INDICTED BY A GRAND JURY IN MANHATTAN WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY DURYEA. HURLEY STATED DURING THIS CONVERSATION DURYEA STATED THAT HE HAD PROOF THAT THEN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LEFKOWITZ ENGINEERED AND DIRECTED THE INDICTMENT OF DURYEA THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MANHATTAN. HURLEY STATED THAT DURYEA DID NOT EXPLAIN OR STATE WHAT HIS PROOF CONSISTED OF, HOWEVER, THE REASON FOR THE ACTION BY ROCKEFELLER WAS BECAUSE
They wanted Duryea's political reputation to be damaged in order to prevent him ever becoming governor of New York State.

Hurley could not recall the identity of others present during the above meeting but believed Assemblyman Janes L. Emery, Republican from Geneseo, New York, was present.

On August 23, 1974, Assemblyman Emery was interviewed and stated he does not recall being present during any meeting wherein Duryea furnished the above information regarding Rockefeller.

New York at New York. If not previously done, Assemblyman Perry B. Duryea should be interviewed.

End.
6:05 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 23, 1974 JCR

TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)
MIAMI

FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TELETYPEx DATED AUGUST 23, 1974 AND BUFFALO
TELCALL TO MIAMI AUGUST 23, 1974.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF MIAMI, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED
TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS
BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE
COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTER-
VIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT
REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS
OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUB-HEADINGS
WHERE APPROPRIATE, AS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT SIX

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NEW YORK, SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, HAS ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE AS GOVERNOR IN 1959, THE CONSOLIDATED EIDSON COMPANY OF NEW YORK CITY RAISED RATES SIGNIFICANTLY AND THAT, AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF LARGE HOLDING IN THIS POWER COMPANY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT THE TIME, JAMES J. LUNDY, IS NOW DECEASED. ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AT THAT TIME WAS BUFFALO.

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NEW YORK. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AT ABOVE ADDRESS NEGATIVE.

NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY ADVISED ALL CALLS FORMALLY RECEIVED AT [RESIDENCE, TELEPHONE NUMBER] ARE PRESENTLY BEING RECEIVED AT ATLANTIS, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER

MIAMI AT ATLANTIS, FLORIDA. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW REGARDING ABOVE ALLEGATION AND OBTAIN RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NOMINEE.

END.
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

HERBERT A. POSNER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, 22ND A.D.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED DURING INTERVIEW THAT FORMER
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER BOUGHT A FAVORABLE VOTE FROM FORMER
DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES STOCKMEISTER OF ROCHESTER, NEW
YORK, TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF INCREASING THE NEW YORK STATE
SALES TAX WHEN AFOREMENTIONED BILL WAS IN NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
BY APPOINTING STOCKMEISTER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
POSNER STATED STOCKMEISTER IS CURRENTLY CARE OF CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ALBANY OFFICE INTERVIEW STOCKMEISTER RE ABOVE.

END

HOLD
TO: DIRECTOR 161-6197
ALBANY 161-965
FROM: BOSTON 161-2182

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

IN 1969, JOHN S. Dickey, President Emeritus, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire furnished complimentary remarks pertaining to Mr. Rockefeller on previous presidential appointment. Dickey currently residing Swanton, Vermont, at his summer residence.

It is requested Albany interview Dickey and seek his comments pertaining to Rockefeller's appointment.

END.
ON AUGUST 23, 1974, ATTEMPT TO REACH GENERAL NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR NEW YORK STATE, 1943-1955, AT HIS NYC OFFICE, PRODUCED INFORMATION THAT GENERAL GOLDSTEIN IS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1974.

ON SAME DATE, GENERAL GOLDSTEIN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO AND ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND WILL BE HAPPY TO PERSONALLY SPEAK TO A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI. HE CAN BE CONTACTED ANY AM (10-12) AT ROOM 331 OF GIDEON-PUTNAM HOTEL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK.

ALBANY AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK WILL INTERVIEW FORMER NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN.

END

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NR017 BU PLAIN
11:09PM URGENT AUGUST 23, 1974 JCR
TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)
INDIANAPOLIS
FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 23, 1974.

AT 10:30 PM INSTANT, NEW YORK ASSEMBLYMAN RONALD H. TILLS
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE IS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT THE HOLIDAY
INN ROOM 319, 2754 LINCOLN WAY, ROUTE 33, MISHAWAKA, INDIANA,
TELEPHONE NUMBER 219-259-9911.

TILLS ADVISED THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 10:00 AM AUGUST
24, 1974. TILLS SUGGESTED HE BE TELEPHONED BY 9:00 AM, AUGUST
24, 1974 TO CONFIRM INTERVIEW.

INDIANAPOLIS AT SOUTH BEND. INTERVIEW ASSEMBLYMAN TILLS
RE CAPTION MATTER.

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EVE STATED HE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF THEN NYS GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IN 1972 AS A RESULT OF HIS BEHAVIOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRISONER REBELLION AT THE NYS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN ATTICA, N.Y. IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. EVE STATED THIS RESOLUTION SUCCINCTLY OUTLINED HIS OBJECTIONS' NOMINEE. HE ADDED THAT THE NOMINEE'S FAILURE TO GO TO THE AREA OF THE REBELLION TO GET FIRST HAND INFO AND TO MAKE REASONABLE DECISIONS THEREON REFLECTED ON HIS LEADERSHIP.
EVE STATED THAT IN 1970 OR 1971, THE NYS LEGISLATURE PASSED A BILL REQUIRING A TERM OF RESIDENCE IN NYS BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. EVE FELT THIS BILL, PARTICULARLY THE FIRST DRAFT, WAS HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST BLACKS AND PUERTO RICANS. DURING A CONFERENCE WITH THE BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS, THE NOMINEE STATED HE FELT THE COURT WOULD THROW IT OUT, BUT HE WAS GOING TO SUPPORT IT ANYWAY. EVE FELT THE BILL WAS BEING USED AS AN ELEMENT TO POLARIZE THE STATE AND TO MAKE PEOPLE LOOK ON BLACKS AND PUERTO RICANS AS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE STATE'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. EVE FELT THE NOMINEE'S SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL REFLECTED ON HIS INTEGRITY SINCE HE APPARENTLY KNEW THE BILL WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL BUT WAS GOING TO SUPPORT IT ANYWAY. IN VIEW OF THE WAY THE BILL WAS WRITTEN, HE FELT THE NOMINEE'S SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL WAS AN INDICATION OF DISCRIMINATION.

EVE STATED HE KNEW OF NO UNETHICAL PRACTICES BY THE NOMINEE, BUT WOULD DEFINITELY NOT RECOMMEND HIM IN VIEW OF
THE FOREGOING.

COPIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION AND RESIDENCY BILL HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO BUFFALO REPORT.

ALBANY AND NEW YORK ADVISED FOR INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR BOSTON
FROM: NEW HAVEN (161-1751)(P) 2 PAGES
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED: AUG.28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RENY URGENT TEL, AUG.22, 1974, NO COPY TO BOSTON, REQUESTING NEW HAVEN OFFICE TO INTERVIEW JUDGE WILLIAM H. TIMBERS USCA, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

FOR INFORMATION BOSTON, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITED INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 2679, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

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JUDGE WILLIAM H. TIMBERS, US COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT, CURRENTLY VACATIONING AT HIS SUMMER HOME CARE OF

Surry, Maine 04684. No TELEPHONE SERVICE. HOWEVER, TIMBERS CAN BE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CARE OF

OR CARE OF

BOTH ARE NEIGHBORS IN SURRY. TIMBERS NOT DUE TO RETURN TO HIS HOME IN FAIRFIELD, CT., UNTIL SEPT. 4, 1974.

BOSTON AT SURRY, MAINE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDGE TIMBERS CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER.

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TO DIRECTOR 161-6197
BOSTON 161-2182
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PITTSBURGH
ALBANY 161-965
ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEW YORK 161-2961
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974.

REFERENCE BUTEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

BOSTON AND PITTSBURGH CONTACT BUSINESS LEADERS GENERAL LUCIUS CLAY, CARE OF SQUARE TOP, SEA PINE ROAD, CHATHAM, MASS., TELEPHONE SIX ONE SEVEN - NINE FOUR FIVE - TWO FOUR FOUR SEVEN, AND EDGAR B. SPEER, CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, SIX ZERO ZERO GRANT STREET, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, REGARDING NOMINEE.

NEW HAVEN CONTACT PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE

LAST KNOWN RESIDING STAMFORD, CT.

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ALBANY CONTACT ROCKEFELLER'S FORMER ASSISTANT COUNSEL

STATE CAPITAL BUILDING, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

BOSTON ALSO CONTACT BUSINESS LEADER THOMAS J. WATSON JR., IBM, ARMONK, NEW YORK, WHO CARES OF NORTH HAVEN MAINE, TELEPHONE TWO ZERO SEVEN - EIGHT SIX SEVEN-FOUR FOUR SEVEN ONE.

END

FOR ANY CORRECTIONS AND OR QUESTIONS PLS CONTACT THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPe TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

ROBERT PURCELL, YOUR TELETYPe, IDENTIFIED AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, CAN BE REACHED AT
ROOM 5400, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE
#212-247-3700.

END.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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TO DIRECTOR
BOSTON
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ON AUGUST 22, 1974, ROCKEFELLER STATED THOMAS B. MC CABE, CHAIRMAN, FINANCES COMMITTEE, SCOTT PAPER COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, PA., IS LONG TIME ASSOCIATE. ON SAME DATE, SECRETARY TO MR. MC CABE, ADVISED MC CABE CURRENTLY ON VACATION AND MAY BE INTERVIEWED AT PYNE COTTAGE, NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE, PHONE NUMBER 207-276-3282.

BOSTON AT NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE: INTERVIEW MC CABE AND SUBMIT REPORT TO BUREAU.

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MSY FBIHQ
NR06 BU PLAIN
3:55PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 23, 1974 AMS
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
FROM BUFFALO (161-394) <- IP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, "BUFFALO EVENING NEWS MAGAZINE,"
DATED JULY 11, 1959, INCLUDED ARTICLE RE PROPERTY OWNED BY
ROCKEFELLER--NEAR VALENCIA, VENEZUELA. ARTICLE STATED ROCKEFELLER'S
VENEZUELA PROPERTY INCLUDED FOUR FARMS TOTALING OVER 190,000 ACRES,
MANAGED BY OF VALENCIA, VENEZUELA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5617)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961) (2)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, ENDED:
AUGUST 20, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

INVESTIGATION NEW YORK OFFICE REFLECTS THAT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 161-6197
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FROM: BOSTON 161-2182 P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO BOSTON AND BOSTON TELEPHONE
W/HALL TO ALEXANDRIA, AUGUST 23, 1974.

DURING 1952 INVESTIGATION JOHN C. MCCLINTOCK,
ASSISTANT VICE-PRESIDENT, UNITED FRUIT COMPANY, BOSTON,
MASS. WAS INTERVIEWED REGARDING NOMINEE. BUREAU REQUESTED HE BE
RECONTACTED.

PERSONNEL OFFICE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS.
ADVISER MCCLINTOCK RETIRED AND PENSION CHECK MAILED
TO 218 S. ROYAL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

DURING 1952, MCCLINTOCK ADVISED HE WAS ASSISTANT
TO NOMINEE WHEN LATTER WAS IN CHARGE OF OFFICE OF COORDINATOR OF
INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT WHEN NOMINEE

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BECAOME ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.
HE SPOKE VERY FAVORABLY REGARDING NOMINEE.

MCCLINTOCK RELATED THAT DURING NOVEMBER 1944 HE AND
NOMINEE MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CIUDAD, TRUJILLO, DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC WHERE ELLIS BRIGGS WAS U.S. AMBASSADOR. HE RELATED
THAT BRIGGS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO NOMINEE
BY OPENLY AND PUBLICLY SNUBBING HIM, ADDING THAT SUCH
BEHAVIOR BY BRIGGS WAS ENTIRELY UNCALLED FOR AND NOT BECOMING
TO AN AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK BY FACSIMILE AUGUST 22, 1974, NO COPY TO
BUREAU, ADVISED INVESTIGATION BY NEW YORK DETERMINED NOMINEE
WAS "CRUEL" AND "RUTHLESS" IN HIS TREATMENT OF ELLIS O. BRIGGS,
AMBASSADOR TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN EARLY 1940'S. BRIGGS
ALLEGEDLY SLIGHTED NOMINEE WHEN HE VISITED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
AS COORDINATOR FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. SUBSEQUENTLY
AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 1944, WHEN NOMINEE WAS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, THE ONLY RESIGNATION ACCEPTED
FROM ALL RESIGNATIONS CUSTOMARILY FURNISHED BY AMBASSADORS WAS THAT
OF BRIGGS. THIS ACCEPTANCE OF HIS RESIGNATION POTENTIALLY
RUINED BRIGGS FOREIGN CAREER BUT HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT
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BACK INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AFTER DEPARTURE OF NOMINEE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT.

ALEXANDRIA: INTERVIEW MCCINTOCK.

BOSTON WILL INTERVIEW BRIGGS.

END.

MSY FBIHQ
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961) (P)

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPE, BURSED AUGUST 25, 1974

WITHOUT FAIL
BE BUREAU TEL., AUGUST 21, 1974.

WHO INTERVIEW
DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP., WASHINGTON, D.C.

SERVED IN OFFICE OF GOVERNOR'S COUNSEL FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS
AND THEN AS SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKING FOR FOUR YEARS ENDING
APPROXIMATELY 1970.

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Mr. C.G. Farnham

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Sr., Died August 26, 1974

Without fail

He Philadelphia Tel., August 23, 1974.

and believed to be at permanent address

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BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAIN, AND IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION.
OF ROCKEFELLER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO EXISTS, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED.

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NOMINEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB) SINCE MARCH, 1969. THE FOLLOWING IS A CURRENT LIST OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PFIAB WHO SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE NOMINEE:

END PAGE TWO
DR. WILLIAM O. BAKER, PRESIDENT, BELL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, INC., 600 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY;
MR. LEO CHERNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC., 589 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; GOVERNOR JOHN B. CONNALLY, VINSON, ELKINS, SEARLS, CONNALLY AND SMITH, FIRST CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, HOUSTON, TEXAS;
DR. JOHN S. FOSTER, JR., VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, TRW INCORPORATED, 1 SPACE PARK, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA; MR. ROBERT W. GALVIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MOTOROLA INC., O'HARE PLAZA, 5725 EAST RIVER ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; DR. EDWIN H. LAND, PRESIDENT, POLAROID CORPORATION, 730 MAIN STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS;
MRS. CLARE Boothe Luce, 4559 KAHALA AVENUE, HONOLULU, HAWAII; DR. EDWARD TELLER, LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BOX 808, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA, (TELEPHONE NUMBER 415-447-1100 EXTENSION 3444); DR. GEORGE P. SHULTZ, THE BECHTEL CORPORATION, 50 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PFIAB WHO SERVED WITH THE NOMINEE ARE: MR. FRANKLIN B. LINCOLN, JR., MUDGE, ROSE, GUTHERIE AND ALEXANDER, 20 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK CITY; MR. ROBERT D. MURPHY, HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CORNING GLASS INTERNATIONAL, 717 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; MR. FRANK PACE, JR., PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICES CORP., 545 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; DR. FRANKLIN D. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, TIMES MIRROR COMPANY, TIMES MIRROR SQUARE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

IT IS NOTED THAT IN INVESTIGATION REGARDING NOMINEE WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE IN 1969 MR. WHO SERVED WITH THE NOMINEE AT THE OFFICE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE 1940, WAS INTERVIEWED. CURRENTLY RESIDES AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, AND HE SHOULD BE RECONTACTED AT THIS TIME. ALL OFFICES HANDLE.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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FBI WASH DC ACK FOR R-RELAY AND 4 TKS CLR
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11:29AM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 23, 1974 AMS

TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)
FROM BUFFALO (161-394) IP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN. BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WOF.

REMYTEL, AUG. 23, 1974.
USM, WDNS, BUFFALO, ADVISED CONABLE LEFT WDC THIS MORNING IN POA EN ROUTE TO HOME IN ALEXANDER, NY.
BUFFALO WILL INTERVIEW.

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MSY FBIHQ
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)
FROM BUFFALO (161-394) TP IP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INQUIRY AT OFFICES OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN (R) HENRY P. SMITH, III,
36TH DISTRICT, NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y., DETERMINED SMITH CAN BE
INTERVIEWED AT HIS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE: 2331 RAYBURN OFFICE
BUILDING, (202) 225 3231.

WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERVIEW HENRY P.
SMITH, III

END

MWW FBI WASH DC CLR
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY.


UACB, FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN B. CONNALLY WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED BY HOUSTON OFFICE IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT LITIGATION INVOLVING CONNALLY. IT HAS BEEN DISCREETLY DETERMINED THAT CONNALLY IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28, 1974.

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9:25AM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 23, 1974 AMS
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)
FROM BUFFALO (161-394) IP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, ET AL, AUGUST 21, 1974.
MRS. BARBER E. CONABALE, JR., ALEXANDER, N.Y., ADVISED THAT HER
HUSBAND, BARBER E. CONABALE, JR., U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, IS PRESENTLY
LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE ADVISED THAT HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER
AT THE RAYBURN BUILDING IS (202) 225-3615. HIS HOME ADDRESS IS

CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL INTERVIEW CONABALE REGARDING CAPTIONED
MATTER.

END

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS CONFIDENTIAL
DATE 12-17-91 BY 9803 EDD/KOP

MSY FBHQ

NOT RECORDED
14 DEC 31 1974
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10:00 AM URGENT AUGUST 23, 1974

TO DIRECTOR (161-2182)
NEW YORK (161-2961)
PITTSBURGH

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN; BUREAU AUGUST 28, 1974

WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALBANY, AUGUST 21, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES, FORMER GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, RAYMOND P. SHAFER, WAS INTERVIEWED IN 1969 AND ADVISED HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF NOMINEE FOR TEN YEARS. BUREAU HAS REQUESTED SHAFER BE RE-INTERVIEWED. INVESTIGATION AT HARRISBURG, PA., REVEALS SHAFER NO LONGER IN HARRISBURG AREA, WAS EMPLOYED BY TEL-A-PROMPTER, A CABLE TV COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY. SHAFER POSSIBLY MAY BE IN HIS HOME TOWN OF MEADVILLE, PA., WHICH IS LOCATED IN PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

LEADS: NEW YORK AT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR SHAFER FROM TEL-A-PROMPTER. PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH, PA. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SHAFER AT MEADVILLE, PA.

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MSY FBHQ

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DATE 12-17-91 BY K80 BY 1200/1550 RG
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1140 AM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 23, 1974 VSH 3P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
SAC, BUFFALO (161-394)
SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) tP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPETO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 22, 1974.

FORMER NYS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER EARL W. BRYDGES OF
NIAGARA FALLS, NY; FORMER NYS MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONER VINCENT L. TOFANY; NYS COMPTROLLER ARTHUR LEWITT
OF NYC AND NYS SENATE MINORITY LEADER JOSEPH ZARETSKI OF NYC
WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING NOMINEE IN MARCH, 1969, AND
COMMENTED FAVORABLY.

BUFFALO AND NEW YORK REINTERVIEW.
INQUIRY, NYS CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION, ALBANY, NY,

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS RECORDED
DATE 12-17-91 BY 9803 RDD/10/C

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Mr. Coleman
Room 1946

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REVEALS COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. KELLY IS PRESENTLY AT THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THIS COMMISSION. NEW YORK INTERVIEW.

INQUIRY AT ALBANY, NY, OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN CALVIN WILLIAMS REVEALS WILLIAMS NOW IN HIS BROOKLYN, NY, OFFICE. NEW YORK INTERVIEW.

INQUIRY, SALEM, NY, REVEALS WILLIAM J. DROHAN NOT IN SALEM BUT LAST KNOWN TO BE A JUDGE (NO FURTHER INFORMATION) IN NYC. NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

ROUND LAKE, NY, SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE AS GOVERNOR IN 1959, AUTO INSURANCE RATES INCREASED BY 33%. AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS LARGE HOLDINGS IN INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES IN NYS.

THE NYS SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE AT THE TIME WAS THOMAS THATCHER WHO IS NOW WITH THE LAW FIRM OF PATTERSON, BELKNAPP AND WEBB, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC. ALSO ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE, THE CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NYC, WHICH SUPPLIES POWER TO NYC, RAISED ITS
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RATES SIGNIFICANTLY AND THAT AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS LARGE HOLDINGS IN THIS POWER COMPANY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NYS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT THE TIME JAMES J. LUNDY IS NOW DECEASED. SOME COMMISSIONERS AT THE TIME WERE

BUFFALO, NEW YORK; AARON L. JOCOBY, 5 CLARK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY; AND RICHARD H. BALCH, 1202 PARKWAY, UTICA, NY.

COUNSEL TO THIS COMMISSION AT THE TIME WAS KENT H. BROWN OF SLINGERLANDS, NY. BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND ALBANY INTERVIEW AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

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MSY FBIHQ
Former Governor JOHN A. LOVE and present Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF, both of Colorado, recommend ROCKEFELLER on ability, character, reputation and loyalty. They each endorse selection of nominee to be U. S. Vice President.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Former Colorado Governor JOHN A. LOVE, now President of Ideal Basic Industries, Inc., 821 17th Street, Denver, advised on August 22, 1974, he first met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER in 1960 at a time when both he and ROCKEFELLER were moving politically. He said that during his own ten year term as Governor of Colorado he was often in contact with the nominee. These contacts were both official and social.

Mr. LOVE characterized ROCKEFELLER as a most able administrator. He said there had never been a question he had concerning the character, reputation or loyalty of the nominee. Mr. LOVE said he fully endorsed the selection of ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF of Colorado recalled knowing NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1960. He said he had met him in connection with Republican Conventions from time to time since 1960 and considered him to be a friend. Governor VANDERHOOF said since becoming the Colorado chief executive he has come to understand more fully the capabilities necessary for being Governor and that ROCKEFELLER's fifteen years as Governor of New York reflected that many believed him a fine administrator. VANDERHOOF recommended ROCKEFELLER in all respects as to ability, character, reputation and loyalty and said he fully endorsed the selection of the name as Vice President.
HAROLD LEVANDER, former Republican governor of Minnesota, interviewed and describes nominee as possessing outstanding ability as governmental administrator and organizer. He has penetrating knowledge of domestic and foreign affairs and should be of great assistance to the President. Nothing derogatory developed.

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Details:

On August 22, 1974, Mr. HAROLD LEVANDER, attorney, South St. Paul, Minnesota, and former Republican governor of the State of Minnesota, was interviewed. He advised as follows:

He has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a close personal basis for the past seven years. They met while both attended various governors' meetings and conferences. Since then he has been a guest in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER displays unusual knowledge of problems in government, and it is easily apparent that nominee is an outstanding administrator and organizer. He has traveled widely throughout the world and the United States. He has organized a highly competent staff which assembles pertinent information for him concerning both foreign and domestic affairs. Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses a unique organizational ability in that he is able to utilize this information in a most competent fashion.
Mr. LEVANDER described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being a humble person, and even though he possesses great wealth is neither boastful or ostentatious. He treats subordinates in a considerate fashion and is comfortable with people from any walk of life or any race.

Mr. LEVANDER pointed out that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is his first choice for Vice President of the United States, and therefore he sent a telegram to the President urging him to nominate Mr. ROCKEFELLER for this position.

Mr. LEVANDER knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and believes him to be a person of outstanding loyalty, reputation and character. Due to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's remarkable abilities, Mr. LEVANDER feels he should be of great assistance to the President.
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER served as a member on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations at Washington, D.C. Appointment terminated by reason of expiration of term.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on August 22, 1974, of the records maintained at the National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records) indicated NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, Social Security Account Number 056 09 0954, was appointed a member on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations at Washington, D.C., on November 10, 1965. This appointment terminated on May 21, 1970, by reason of expiration of term.

His date of birth was shown as July 8, 1908; however, place of birth was not shown.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
TO: Mr. Cleveland
FROM: O. E. Coleman
SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: August 23, 1974

Mr. Rockefeller was interviewed by Special Agents George E. Saunders and Joseph E. Henehan during a 1 hour and 22 minute flight from Washington, D.C., to Bar Harbor, Maine, on his private jet. Mr. Rockefeller was completely cooperative and forthright. He advised he would make anything and everything the FBI desired available.

Mr. Rockefeller was informed of the scope of the investigation to be conducted by the FBI, which would involve all facets of his personal and financial life.

He advised that he was aware that a thorough investigation would be conducted and that he had no reservations whatsoever. The topic of his divorce was discussed and he said that the matter had been thoroughly reviewed on several occasions in prior campaigns and he did not anticipate or know of any problem that could arise from this matter. He stated he considered the interview of his former wife as appropriate and anticipated no problem as she was a very fine woman. He requested, however, that no question be put to her concerning the financial settlement that resulted from their divorce. He stated she is very sensitive about the settlement, and the divorce included a stipulation, which he agreed to, that the financial arrangement would not be made public. He did not care, himself, but was concerned for her sake that such information would not be released. He was advised that the FBI at this point did not consider such information as pertinent to their investigation. He requested that the Agents who contact his former wife advise her that he had raised the topic of the negotiated settlement not being divulged and that he was living up to the agreement. He also requested that the Agents advise her that it would not be necessary to go into that facet of the divorce.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Walsh
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Mr. Rockefeller asked if his wife's (Happy) ex-husband, Dr. Murphy, would be interviewed. He was advised that presently such an interview was not planned; however, the possibility did exist that we may desire to interview him in the future. He stated he had no objection to such an interview; however, he would like to be contacted beforehand so that he could advise his wife who would advise Dr. Murphy the FBI planned to interview him. He was advised that the FBI would notify him prior to any interview of Dr. Murphy. He stated that he was unaware that the court records were sealed with regard to his divorce, but he would not hesitate to sign a waiver to open them and he felt sure his ex-wife would also sign such a waiver. He identified the attorneys for himself and his ex-wife and stated he would advise his attorneys to be completely candid if and when interviewed by the FBI. New York plans to contact Mr. Rockefeller's attorney.

Mr. Rockefeller was requested to mentally search his background and past for the purpose of determining if there is anything that could be a problem or possible embarrassing situation that he desired to voluntarily furnish to the FBI so that our investigation could set forth the facts. He was also advised that any rumors or gossip received by the Bureau during the investigation would be furnished to him for the purpose of obtaining his explanation in addition to any investigation conducted with regard to such matters. He advised that there was nothing in his past that concerned him and appreciated the opportunity to answer any rumors or gossip which may develop. He stated that he would be and is most appreciative of a thorough investigation as he knew his entire life would now be under scrutiny, and he did not desire that any unfounded allegations surprise him during the confirmation hearings.

He advised that he is in excellent physical condition and he has already authorized his doctor to furnish the FBI any information requested.
Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

During the interview his attorney, Robert R. Douglass, was present. Mr. Rockefeller identified him as the individual who would act as a liaison with the Bureau for any request they have from him. Douglass is known to the ADIC, New York Office, as a good friend of the Bureau. Mr. Rockefeller was advised that all requests for personal contact with him would be handled through Mr. Douglass.

When given the opportunity, Mr. Rockefeller identified five individuals he considered close personal friends that he felt should be interviewed and included in the investigative reports. Leads have been given to the New York Office to interview these people.

With regard to his finances, Mr. Rockefeller stated that he once again would make anything and everything the FBI desired available. He has very little to do with the management of his personal finances and he said activities on his part along this line were close to zero. His funds are handled by an office set up to handle the entire finances of the Rockefeller family, which include some 70 individuals. This office maintains a separate set of books for him and the individual who could answer and furnish all financial information was J. Richardson Dilworth. He stated that he felt people would be quite surprised when they find out that his finances are not as large as have been reported by the media.

He stated that he had one item that was of concern to him and that was he had set up several trusts for his children. These trusts are in varying amounts. The children do not know the amounts of each other's trusts and he would not like such information to be divulged. He was advised that in view of the fact he received no income from these trusts nor were they assets that would appear on his own financial worth statement, it was felt at this point there was no need for such information to be set forth. Under current plans the detailed finances of his children and brothers are not going to be reviewed, although pertinent information had been requested with regard to his current wife. He was advised and stated he was well aware that one of the main purposes of the financial review would be for potential or existing conflict of interest problems, and should the investigation necessitate any review of his children's finances he would be contacted beforehand.
Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

He was furnished with specifics as to what financial information was desired and Mr. Douglass stated this would be promptly forwarded to New York City. It was later determined that they felt this information would be available on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

A copy of a "Liberty Lobby" advertisement listing the name of Curtis Dall, which listed some five items that President Ford was requested to consider prior to the appointment of Mr. Rockefeller was shown to him and he was advised that our investigation would include developing information concerning the allegations set forth. He stated he had not seen it and neither had the staff members present. He requested that a copy be furnished to him and he advised his staff would make available all information in his records for review to resolve the allegations set forth. He chuckled and said that one of the allegations alluded to the family holdings in the Standard Oil Company, which he advised he believed was less than 1 percent.

He reiterated that he had very little to do with his personal finances and stated he hasn't written a check in 40 years, at which time his secretary added "and you never have any cash in your pocket either." He laughed and stated "that's true." He receives a monthly statement from the family office setting forth receipts and disbursements and other financial information, the review of which is probably the full extent of his own activity concerning personal finances. He does occasionally receive telephone requests for approval of certain transactions, but in most instances completely relies on his staff to handle the finances.

Arrangements have been made to meet with accounting personnel on Mr. Rockefeller's staff Friday afternoon to set forth and go over the specific information needed by the Bureau to insure there has been no misinterpretation of the FBI request forwarded from Maine by Mr. Douglass. After the meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with accounting personnel, the Bureau will be advised when the additional accounting personnel should report to New York City.

ACTION:

For information.
Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:  

Field Office File #:  
Bureau File #:  

Title:  

Character:  

Synopsis:  ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, President and Chairman of the Board, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Portland, Oregon, favorable to nomination of the nominee by the President.

DETAILS:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, President and Chairman of the Board, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, 900 S.W. 5th Street, advised on August 23, 1974, that he does not have personal knowledge of NELSON ROCKEFELLER but has met him on a couple of occasions within the past five to ten years, the last meeting with ROCKEFELLER being at The White House approximately a year ago during a meeting of national businessmen involved with the national economy. He stated that he has never had any personal dealings with ROCKEFELLER but views him as a favorable choice by the President. He stated that he knows ROCKEFELLER mainly through newspaper publications and has never received any information himself reflecting adversely on the nominee's integrity, character, moral habits, sobriety, or loyalty.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: OMAHA
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: BUREAU
DATE: 8/23/74
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 8/22/74 - 8/23/74

TITLE OF CASE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
CHARACTER OF CASE: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCES:
- Bureau teletypes to WFO, dated 8/21/74.
- Buffalo teletype to the Bureau, dated 8/22/74.

CASE HAS BEEN:
- CONVICTED
- FUGITIVE
- FINES
- SAVINGS
- RECOVERIES
- ACQUITTED

APPROVED

COMPLETED

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

Agency: 300 AG: 100 AG: 100 AG: 100 AG:
Request Rec'd: 
Date Fwd: 9-3-74
How Fwd: 
Rv: 

COVER PAGE
Synopsis:

Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY states NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER eminently well qualified in all respects for the high office of Vice President of the United States. Close personal associate states nominee's integrity is irreproachable, is incapable of corruption, is a highly capable individual and well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States. Pertinent information from newspaper morgues set forth.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEAVILY REDACTED
DATE 12-17-91 BY 9803 ROW/KSR
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent at Des Moines, Iowa, on August 23, 1974:

INTERVIEW OF GOVERNOR

On March 27, 1969, Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY, Des Moines, Iowa, was contacted concerning an investigation that was then being conducted concerning Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. At this time Governor RAY advised he had known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately seven years through various political activities. Governor RAY said he would give Mr. ROCKEFELLER the highest endorsement for a high appointive position in the Federal Government from the standpoint of character, integrity, ability, intelligence and loyalty to the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY was recontacted and advised he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER, knows nothing which would interfere with the nominee's performance of the duties of the high office involved and considers him eminently well qualified for the office of Vice President of the United States from the standpoint of character, experience, ability, honesty and integrity.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Dubuque, Iowa:

CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND

[redacted] Lange

Insurance Agency, Dubuque, Iowa, was interviewed at his office, 705 American Trust Building, Dubuque, Iowa, on August 23, 1974, and informed that he has been a close associate of NELSON ROCKEFELLER since the late 1920's when they were both students at Dartmouth College. [redacted] commented that ROCKEFELLER was highly thought of and well respected at Dartmouth College where he was a member in high standing of Phi Beta Kappa. [redacted] pointed out that during the time that they were in college a period of unrest existed in this country and subversive groups were prevalent on college campuses. He noted that ROCKEFELLER was never involved with any of these groups and was a strong supporter of the United States Government at all times, and feels he has always been a loyal American.

[redacted] commented that throughout the years he has been a close friend of ROCKEFELLER and has been a house guest at several of ROCKEFELLER's homes. He noted that he spent some time at ROCKEFELLER's South American residence, pointing out that ROCKEFELLER controls the International Business Enterprise Corporation in South America, which runs a chain of grocery stores. [redacted] knows several employees of this corporation and states that the employees all highly respect ROCKEFELLER in every way.

[redacted] feels ROCKEFELLER's integrity is irreproachable and he is incapable of corruption, noting that ROCKEFELLER's life is an open book.

[redacted] continued that the only criticism of ROCKEFELLER he is aware of in the Dubuque, Iowa, area is his veto of the New York State Bill to repeal legalized abortion, which action occurred while ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State. [redacted] pointed out that Dubuque, Iowa, has a large Catholic population which would be the reason for this criticism.
concluded by stating that he feels ROCKEFELLER is a highly capable individual and is well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 23, 1974:

NEWSPAPER MORGUE

the Omaha World Herald Newspaper, 14th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, made available the records of her office concerning NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, which are extensive and back to 1933. Of significant note was an article concerning ROCKEFELLER’s most recent visit to Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 6, 1974, during which nominee spoke to a Nebraska Republican Founders Day gathering. In this article, it was noted ROCKEFELLER stressed welfare reform, anti-drug legislation and President NIXON’s right to a fair trial. He also was the object of a demonstration regarding his views on liberal abortion in which approximately thirty persons from Creighton University, Omaha, traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to protest. There were no incidents in connection with this.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent[] at Lincoln, Nebraska, on August 22, 1974:

**NEWSPAPER MORGUE**

"Lincoln Journal and Star Newspapers," 926 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, made available the records of her office concerning visits to Lincoln, Nebraska, on the part of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, which reflected the following:

The "Lincoln Star," June 29, 1968, a byline article by DON WALTON, a staff writer, in which WALTON wrote "Promising vast changes in American foreign and domestic policy, Gov. NELSON ROCKEFELLER, Friday, won an enthusiastic welcome from some 4,000 persons on the sun baked University of Nebraska campus."

The "Sunday Journal and Star," April 7, 1974, under a headline, "ROCKEFELLER Stresses Welfare, Drugs, Nixon at GOP Gathering," contains a bylined article by JOHN BARRETT in which BARRETT wrote: "NELSON ROCKEFELLER, Saturday (4/6/74) stressed welfare reform, tough anti-drug legislation and President NIXON's right to a fair trial, while an orderly protest of his abortion views provided contrast."

BARRETT also wrote, "These were some of the ROCKEFELLER positions and brief comments from him on them:"

"Welfare Reform: 'We had to protect the taxpayers from those who were getting it and didn't deserve it;'"

"Drug Pushers: 'I said let's let the people back out on the street and put the pushers in jail and it caused quite a stir;"
"Watergate: 'Resignation would leave a cloud over the presidency and circumvent the constitutional safeguards guaranteed NIXON. The constitution guarantees every American a right to a fair trial...and that includes the President of the United States.'"

BARRETTE also wrote that ROCKEFELLER "praised NIXON's foreign policy and other programs and described them as 'unique achievements.'"

The "Lincoln Journal" in its issue of April 6, 1974, quoted PAUL O'HARA, Executive Director, Nebraska Catholic Conference, as saying that former New York Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER, not the state Republican Party is the target of the grass roots criticism being mounted in Nebraska. The article further quoted O'HARA as saying that the Nebraska Coalition for Life, an anti-abortion group, might be stimulating this reaction. O'HARA was further quoted as asserting that ROCKEFELLER is pro-abortion and his selection by Nebraska Republicans was in "poor taste in view of the strong pro-life mentality in Nebraska."

The "Lincoln Journal" in its issue of April 3, 1974, reflects an Associated Press article which states: "The Nebraska Coalition for Life, an anti-abortion group has announced plans to picket Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium this Saturday during a scheduled appearance by former New York Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER."

Captain Lincoln, Nebraska, Police Department, advised he was in charge of security during the visit of former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER to Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 6, 1974. He said there was a small demonstration at Pershing Auditorium where Governor ROCKEFELLER spoke. He said the demonstrators, who numbered less than thirty, represented an anti-abortion group. He said there were no incidents in connection with this demonstration.
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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Governor of Pennsylvania MILTON J. SHAPP and former Governor of Pennsylvania WILLIAM W. SCRANTON interviewed and recommend. Mayor of Philadelphia FRANK L. RIZZO has no personal knowledge of nominee. 1969 interview of former Governor RAYMOND P. SHAFER set forth.

DETAILS:

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On August 22, 1974, the Honorable MILTON J. SHAPP, Governor, State of Pennsylvania, advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the nominee for approximately four years. Governor SHAPP stated that his relationship with MR. ROCKEFELLER has been only as one Governor to another. He has had no personal or social relationship whatsoever with the nominee or any members of his family. Governor SHAPP advised that he is well acquainted with MR. ROCKEFELLER's reputation as an administrator and public official. Governor SHAPP advised that in his opinion, MR. ROCKEFELLER is well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States and is exactly what the country needs at this time. Governor SHAPP advised that he does not feel that a conflict of interest will arise due to MR. ROCKEFELLER's vast financial holdings. Governor SHAPP advised that MR. ROCKEFELLER's character and reputation are well known to most Americans and he, as the Governor of Pennsylvania, personally recommends MR. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
FORMER GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

On August 22, 1974, former Governor of Pennsylvania WILLIAM W. SCRANTON was contacted at his office at the Northeastern National Bank Building, Scranton, Pa. He has been acquainted with MR. ROCKEFELLER for approximately twelve years and is currently in contact with him on a regular basis. Governor SCRANTON stated that MR. ROCKEFELLER is one of the finest people in American with unquestioned character, patriotism, loyalty, associates, and reputation. Governor SCRANTON stated that while working with MR. ROCKEFELLER they were not close personal friends, but were on a very friendly basis. Governor SCRANTON has the highest regard for MR. ROCKEFELLER because of his vast experience in administrative Government and would have no hesitation in highly recommending him for a position of trust and responsibility with the Federal Government. Governor SCRANTON recommends MR. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, the Honorable FRANK L. RIZZO, Mayor of Philadelphia, Pa., advised he knows the nominee only by reputation and has no personal knowledge of Mr.: ROCKEFELLER. Mayor RIZZO stated that based on nominee's reputation he highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, [__] was reinterviewed concerning his comments made in 1953. [__] advised he had no additional information to add to the comments previously made by him in 1953.
On March 28, 1969, then Governor RAYMOND P. SHAFER, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., advised he had been a close political associate and personal friend of Governor ROCKEFELLER for about ten years and considered him as one of the outstanding public figures in the world. He said ROCKEFELLER is a highly intelligent, deeply dedicated, sincerely compassionate, extremely capable, and an unquestionable loyal American of the highest moral integrity, sense of duty, and personal honor. Governor SHAFER stated he would endorse ROCKEFELLER without qualification for the highest public office.
August 24, 1974

[Address]

Dear [Name],

I, as a fellow senior citizen, along with my family, wish to extend my thanks to you for sending this letter to me. We know that Mr. Rockefeller is up for re-election by the members of Congress and he is also under investigation by the FBI. The reason why we are writing to you is that in 1972, he was a part of the Watergate in Washington, D.C. He also was a part of Watergate in New York as well. Mr. Rockefeller was a part of the group of congressmen who were trying to get Mrs. Bella Abzug of New York, who was running for office in 1972, Mr. Rockefeller did not like Mrs. Abzug, so he organized a group to go around bribing people by offering money to vote for his opponent Mrs. Roselle Ryan and they were saying all kinds of things against Mrs. Abzug and Mrs. Ryan's son were among the group. The event took place on election day and we actually saw this wrong doing on television and we reported it to the same of the Roger Slag of ABC News. News ABC Channel. I saw what went on and it was such a sort of confused and when he tried to approach the group to question them, they fled and Mrs. Abzug's opponent won on the election, and he saw what happened that they were bribing.
Caught by the television cameras she was frightened and she quickly withdrew from the race and conceded to his Abzug that she had won the election and when the reporters approached Mrs. Ryan's son, they asked him how he felt that his mother had lost the election. He answered very ably: He probably was mad at the outcome that they were caught and that the wrong doing did not materialize and one think the good Lord for it. But how about Mr. Rockefeller does he deserve to hold the 3rd highest office in the country. Do you think it's appropriate to have a prince and dirty tricks man to be vice-president. Indeed not. We would like to suggest to you to give yourself the benefit of the doubt, we are sure that Channel 7 must have the tape that took place in January 1971 election day and the news article was Mr. Roger Sharp and that hopefully the tape will be available for you to examine and that Mr. Sharp will remember this incident which we are sure that he will and it in the election returns of Bella Abzug and Mrs. Clinton Ryan. We hope that you will accept this information.}

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the crime in this country is getting to be unbearable and we cannot understand that every time a criminal is caught which is very rare, it's usually a Portorican or negro or foreigner and the reason is because our law-makers are lazy and we can blame all these crimes on former president Nixon because he is the one responsible for all this garbage that is coming into this country including the aliens. What kind of people do you have working in customs and that is where you come in. We need some of your people to investigate these customs stations to see what they are doing with the people coming into this country. Another thing we are concerned about is that immigration is too easy these days whereas years back people had to wait until they got to their home to come into the country and sometimes they had to wait a few years and a family never come live together as it used to be a lot of red tape because they used to look into people before they OK'd them to come to America and when they got here they were investigated again so shall we say that those were the good old days. We are confident that with your willingness and good faith it can be done again. God knows
what is being smuggled into this country thanks to the action of the people—the free land—to come and we do hope that President Ford will be more cautious on immigration. This country is full of drugs and guns and these two bad things have been jeopardizing the lives of the American people and it frightens us and again we say thanks to Mr. Nixon. We do want strict laws on drugs and guns which are killing our society. If we were up I would send my people throughout the country and educate every person and take every illegal drug and gun and throw it in the river just like the Boston Tea Party and also I would be sure that every airport, railroad station, bus stops and customs stations would be armed and fortified then perhaps we will be a step in the right direction to fight crimes. Please we urge to you to do something to fight crimes in our country. We have been living in fear for 5 years since Mr. Nixon came to the White House. We will say that once in a while we did hear of criminals in other administrations but it was rare and it was more among gangsters but instead in the past 2 years that have been killing everybody that comes along for no reason equally in the subway of New York and other places as well in fact they even hurt people out in the street at
brood day light and they also shoot at cars which we have seen on television. These people are sick and should not take part in society and the reason is drugs which make them totally sick and want to make them feel people. Very seldom are criminals caught because after the victim is buried, you don't hear anything more about that case so therefore as you can see the laws of this country are stop and one in awhile when a criminal is caught he gets out on bail and while his case comes up he gets a light sentence. It comes out and start all over again. We feel that between you and Attorney General you can do something to fight crime to protect our people and had former Attorney General John Mitchell done his job faithfully and not indulge in Watergate perhaps we would not have these crimes today and we do know one thing that the late Robert Kennedy did do his job effectively when he was attorney general during his brother's administration. He had all corners of crimes investigated including the movie and during that administration to a certain extent crimes were under control and the reason for that was that we had an attorney general who was on the alert and we did not hear then of any one involved in drugs. Likely people who
used drugs then were people from organized crime and they only fought among themselves and at the same time attorney general Kennedy was working on these people. What is our present attorney general doing to fight crime? People are being killed like flies all over this country and the first thing I would get out of in aliens which there are plenty of them. We need a lot of FBI squads. There are sick and tired of these crimes. We just have to look ourselves in the face but we have to under such circumstances. Circumstances which is a disgrace we are going to send a letter to President Ford as soon as we find the time to do so and we do hope that all you law people will do your utmost to work something out on this subject of crime. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and that hopefully something will be done. Thanks again.
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR JACK E. BRONSTON, INTERVIEWED AT HIS OFFICE LOCATED AT 295 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK CITY, ON AUGUST 23, 1974. BRONSTON CHARACTERIZED NOMINEE AS MAN WITHOUT ANY MORAL INSTINCTS AND POWER RIDDEN. STATED ROCKEFELLER'S POWER DESIRE HAS ALLOWED HIS RATIONALITY TO RUN AWAY FROM HIM AND NOMINEE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF POWER.

BRONSTON ALLEGES NOMINEE VIOLATED NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAWS: INASMUCH AS HE BORROWED $2,700,000 FROM HIS MOTHER FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES DURING 1966 GOVERNORIAL CAMPAIGN. BRONSTON OF OPINION LOAN NOT REPAID AND ABOVE ACTION BY NOMINEE ILLEGAL. BRONSTON ADVISED HE BROUGHT THE ABOVE CHARGES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS IN JANUARY, 1967. FURTHER, HE TRIED, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO HAVE ABOVE MATTER INVESTIGATED BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE. HE INTENDS AGAIN, IN NEAR FUTURE, TO RENEW CHARGES BEFORE
BRONSTON ALLEGED FURTHER THAT NOMINEE "BOUGHT NEW YORK STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ZARETZKI FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE" BY ARRANGING FOR ZARETZKI'S SELECTION AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE IN 1965.

BRONSTON FURTHER STATED ROCKEFELLER, IF PUSHED INTO A CORNER, WOULD NOT HESITATE TO COMMIT SOME TYPE OF ILLEGAL ACT TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF. BRONSTON WOULD NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE ROCKEFELLER'S NOMINATION.

ALBANY CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

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TO:  DIRECTOR (161-6197)  
FROM:  INDIANAPOLIS (161-955)  

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED  
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL  

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO INDIANAPOLIS AUG. 23, 1974  

ASSISTANT TO J. IRWIN MILLER, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CUMMINS ENGINE COMPANY INC.  

COLUMBUS IND. ADVISED TODAY, MILLER IS PRESENTLY VACATIONING  
AT HIS SUMMER HOME IN WINDEMERE, MUSKOKA LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA.  

ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONEICALLY CONTACT MILLER FOR AN  
INTERVIEW, BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM. HE EXPLAINED MILLER  
WILL RETURN TO HIS OFFICE IN COLUMBUS AUG. 29, NEXT.  

INDIANAPOLIS AT COLUMBUS, IND. WILL INTERVIEW MILLER UPON  
HIS RETURN AUG. 29, NEXT, RE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN  
REFERENCED COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE NOMINEE. UACB.  

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (I)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,
WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
BELLA S. ABZUG, NEW YORK, HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. AIDES AT
REPRESENTATIVE ABZUG'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED ON
AUGUST 22, 1974; SHE IS PRESENTLY TRAVELING IN NEW YORK
BUT INTENDED TO CONTACT THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELE-
PHONICALLY. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE.

LEASE, NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO CONTACT AND INTERVIEW
REPRESENTATIVE ABZUG AT HER DISTRICT OFFICE, 252 7TH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001, TELEPHONE 212-620-6701.

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For information of New York, attempts by Buffalo to  
interview Howard J. Samuels, Democratic candidate for  
governor, New York State, at Canandaigua, New York, met  
with negative results.

On August 23, 1974, it was determined through an  
official of Democratic Party, Ontario County, that Samuels'  
headquarters is located New York City, and he could be  
located through telephone number (212) 661-9530.

New York at New York City will determine Samuels'  
location and interview him, if captioned, or set forth  
leads for interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)
BUFFALO (161-394)
FROM ALBANY (161-965) (P) (1P)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED 8/28/77, WOF.
RE NEW YORK TELETYPETO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION BUFFALO, REFERENCED TELETYPET ADVISED

HERBERT A. POSNER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, 22 AD,
NYC, ADVISED DURING INTERVIEW THAT FORMER GOVERNOR
ROCKEFELLER BOUGHT A FAVORABLE VOTE FROM FORMER DEMOCRATIC
ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES STOCKMEISTER OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK,
TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF INCREASING THE NYS SALES TAX WHEN
AFOREMENTIONED BILL WAS IN THE NYS LEGISLATURE, BY
APPOINTING STOCKMEISTER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
POSNER STATED STOCKMEISTER IN ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ALBANY UNABLE TO REACH STOCKMEISTER WHO IS BELIEVED
TO BE AT HOME IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. IN VIEW OF
IMMINENCE OF BUDED, BUFFALO IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW
STOCKMEISTER WHILE HE IS IN ROCHESTER.

END

REWFOTEL, DATED AUGUST 22, 1974.

PERRY DURYEA, SPEAKER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY, WAS
INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME, OLD MONTAUK HIGHWAY, MONTAUK, NEW
YORK, ON AUGUST 23, 1974, AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

DURYEA CHARACTERIZED ROCKEFELLER AS A PERSON WHO HAD TO
HAVE HIS OWN WAY. ROCKEFELLER WOULD NOT LET ANYTHING OR ANYONE
STAND IN HIS WAY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A DESIRED GOAL. IF HE
WANTED A BILL TO PASS IN THE LEGISLATURE, HE WOULD ATTEMPT
TO OBTAIN VOTES BY CHARMING A PARTICULAR ASSEMBLYMAN, LET THE
ASSEMBLYMAN USE HIS, ROCKEFELLER'S PRIVATE PLANE, OR IF ALL
ELSE FAILED GO OVER THE HEAD OF THE PARTICULAR ASSEMBLYMAN TO
BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON HIM SO THAT THE ASSEMBLYMAN WOULD VOTE
THE ROCKEFELLER WAY. HOWEVER, ROCKEFELLER WOULD NOT HESITATE
TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH DEMOCRATS OR LIBERALS OR ANYONE ELSE TO
OBTAIN A DESIRED RESULT. A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE
DEAL CONSUMMATED BY ROCKEFELLER OF THE LIBERAL AND DEMOCRATIC
BOSSES OF THE NEW YORK CITY TO INSTALL FORMER MAYOR ROBERT WAGNER
AS THE INDIVIDUAL TO REPLACE FORMER MAYOR JOHN LINDSAY WHEN
LINDSAY'S TERM EXPIRED.

DURYEA DESCRIBED ROCKEFELLER AS A VERY CHARMING, PERSONABLE
INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT TIMES, HAS THE ABILITY TO SWAY A PERSON
THROUGH THE SHEER FORCE OF HIS MAGNETISM. DESPITE HIS PERSONALITY,
HE LEADS A SOLITARY SECLUDED LIFE, HAVING NO REAL PERSONAL
FRIENDS. HIS ESTATE AT POCANTICO, NEW YORK, TYPifies HIS
LIFE STYLE AS BEING ONE WHOSE PRIVATE LIFE IS WITHDRAWN FROM
REALITY.

REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S SOCIAL LIFE, ROCKEFELLER HAS THE
REPUTATION IN ALBANY OF BEING A "LADIES MAN". DURYEA COULD
NOT, HOWEVER, SITE THE NAMES OF ANYONE WITH WHOM
ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE INVOLVED. DURYEA IS NOT VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE ROCKEFELLER FINANCES. HE KNEW THAT DURING 1964, HE, MR. ROCKEFELLER, DURING HIS BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY, SPENT APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS ON THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY AND THREE MILLION DOLLARS ON THE OREGON PRIMARY. IN EITHER THE 1966 OR 1970 RE-ELECTION BID BY ROCKEFELLER FOR NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR, ROCKEFELLER SPENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS. MUCH OF THE MONEY ROCKEFELLER RECEIVED FOR HIS CAMPAIGNS WAS EITHER HIS OWN CONTRIBUTION OF HIS OWN PERSONAL FINANCES, OR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY FAMILY MEMBERS. DURYEA SAID THAT ROCKEFELLER'S STEP-MOTHER CONTRIBUTED THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO ROCKEFELLER'S 1970 RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. DURYEA DID NOT KNOW IF MONEY WAS CONTRIBUTED BY OUTSIDE CORPORATIONS TO ROCKEFELLER'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS SINCE HE IS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ROCKEFELLER'S FINANCIAL MATTERS. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE, DURYEA FELT TAI ROCKEFELLER DID NOTHING ILLEGAL OR GAVE AWAY ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY TO HIS
CAMPAGNS. HOWEVER, ADVISED DURYEA, THOMAS WALLACE, FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF NEW YORK STATE, WHO WAS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAWS, WOULD BE MORE QUALIFIED TO OFFER A JUDGMENT REGARDING THE LEGALITIES OF MR. ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN PRACTICES.

REGARDING DURYEA'S OWN INDICTMENT BY THE MANHATTAN NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR ALLEGEDLY CONTRIBUTING HIS CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO THE LIBERAL PARTY IN ORDER TO INSURE REPUBLICAN VICTORY AT THE POLLS, DURYEA HAD NO DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER PUSHED THE LEGAL ACTION TO PREVENT HIM FROM RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 1974. HE STATED THAT THE ISSUE HAD BEEN DECIDED BY THE COURTS PREVIOUSLY AND HELD THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO DURYEA WERE NOT LEGAL, WHICH RAISED THE QUESTION IN DURYEA'S MIND AS TO WHY HE, DURYEA, SHOULD BE INDICTED FOR THE SAME ACTIONS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADJUDICATED AS NOT ILLEGAL. HE SAID ALFRED SCOTTI, CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NEW YORK CITY, PERSONALLY CONDUCTED THE INVESTIGATION REGARDING DURYEA AND COULD SUPPLY ANY EVIDENCE NEEDED OF MR. ROCKEFELLER'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CASE, IF SUCH EVIDENCE
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IN FACT EXISTED.

DURYEA STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A MAN OF TREMENDOUS ENERGY AND DISCRETION. HE DOES NOT DRINK IN EXCESS, AND WHEN HE DOES IMBIBE IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, HE ALWAYS DRINKS WINE. HE HAS AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND IN THAT HE HAS HELD RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, AND BECAUSE OF HIS INTERESTS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH HENRY KISSINGER, ROCKEFELLER IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FOREIGN POLITICS. IF AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY, DURYEA WOULD VOTE FOR ROCKEFELLER'S CONFIRMATION AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHERS FOR WHOM HE WOULD CAST A MORE ENTHUSIASTIC VOTE.

WIFE OF THE SPEAKER DURYEA, ABOVE, OLD MONTAUK HIGHWAY, MONTAUK, NEW YORK. ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON AUGUST 23, 1974:

FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE HER HUSBAND FIRST WENT TO ALBANY. SHE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER. SHE HAS NOT BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF MR. ROCKEFELLER, ONLY KNOWING HIM FROM REPUBLICAN SOCIALS AND CAMPAIGNS. SHE CHARACTERIZED
ROCKEFELLER AS A RUTHLESS POLITICIAN, ALLOWING NOTHING OR NO ONE TO STAND IN HIS WAY TO OBTAIN A PARTICULAR END. SHE ACCUSED ROCKEFELLER OF ENGINEERING THE INDICITEMENT OF HER HUSBAND FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL ELECTION PROCEDURES, CITING INFORMATION SHE RECEIVED FROM CHARLES WEBB OF SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LOUIS LEFKOWITZ KNEW ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT MR. DURYEA AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, 1972, AND DID NOTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL MR. ROCKEFELLER DECIDED TO STEP DOWN FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR AND MR. DURYEA LOOKED AS IF HE WOULD STAND AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF WINNING THE GOVERNOR'S ELECTION IN 1974. MRS. DURYEA OPINIONED THAT ROCKEFELLER DELIBERATELY CAUSED DURYEA TO BE INDICTED KNOWING THAT THE ACTION WOULD NEVER SUCCEED IN COURT, BECAUSE ROCKEFELLER WAS AFRAID THAT DURYEA, AS GOVERNOR, COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY ROCKEFELLER.

SHE SAID SHE KNOWS NOTHING OF ROCKEFELLER'S PRIVATE LIFE EXCEPT THAT SHE DID NOT PERSONALLY APPROVE OF ROCKEFELLER DIVORCING HIS FIRST WIFE AFTER SO MANY YEARS, AND MARRYING A YOUNGER WOMAN, WHO LEFT HER HUSBAND AND FOUR CHILDREN.
SHE SAID ROCKEFELLER IS NOT A HEAVY DRinker, NOR DOES HE USE DRUGS. SHE SAID THAT HE HAS A CHARMING PERSONALITY.

SHE CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH SHE HAS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, SHE HAS HEARD AGAIN, POSSIBLY FROM MR. WEBB, THAT ROCKEFELLER FINANCED MR. HOGAN'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN 1973 FOR THE JOB OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW YORK COUNTY, AND, THEREFORE, ROCKEFELLER DID WHAT MR. DURYEA WAS ACCUSED OF DOING. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT BECAUSE OF ROCKEFELLER'S UNETHICAL IF NOT ILLEGAL CONDUCT REGARDING HER HUSBAND, AND HIS RUTHLESS PERSONALITY, SHE COULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT HE BE CONFIRMED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
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AT ALBANY, NEW YORK. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONTACT THOMAS WALLACE, FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, AND INTERVIEW REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN PRACTICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS 1966 AND 1970 CAMPAIGNS.

2. CONTACT THOMAS PFEIFFER, ALBANY SAVINGS BANK, REGARDING THE FINANCING OF ROCKEFELLER'S PRIMARIES IN CALIFORNIA AND OREGON IN 1964.

3. CONTACT CHARLES WHEELER THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBER (315) HA 2-9201, AND INTERVIEW REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE RELATIVE TO ROCKEFELLER'S INVOLVEMENT IN PROSECUTING DURYEA, IN AN ATTEMPT TO THWART DURYEA'S BID FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

1. CONTACT ALFRED SCOTT, CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NEW YORK COUNTY TO DETERMINE IF ROCKEFELLER OR HIS AGENTS HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE INDICTMENT OF MR. DURYEA, AND IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT ROCKEFELLER INFLUENCE WAS EXCERCISED, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IT WAS EXCERCISED TO EMBARASS MR. DURYEA.
LEADS CONTINUED:

2. CONTACT GEORGE HINMAN, ROCKEFELLER'S PERSONAL ATTORNEY, ROCKEFELLER CENTER, NEW YORK, AND INTERVIEW RELATIVE TO ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN PRACTICES IN THE 1964 CALIFORNIA AND OREGON PRIMARIES.

3. CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL LOUIS LEFKOWITZ TO DETERMINE IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE DURYEA INDICTMENT AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, 1972, AND THAT ONLY FROM PRESSURE EXCERCISED BY ROCKEFELLER DID HE TURN THE INFORMATION OVER TO THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL)
SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

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ALL INTERCEPTS CONTAINED
HEARING TO BE HELD
DATE 12-17-74 BY 9:00

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE ALBANY TELETYPEx TO THE BUREAU AUGUST 21, 1974 AND BUFFALO TELETYPEx TO THE BUREAU, AUGUST 23, 1974.

FRED J. ECKERT, NYS SENATOR, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT PERRY DURYEA, NYS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER WAS INDICTED LAST YEAR FOR AN OBSCURE ELECTION LAW VIOLATION, WHICH HAS PROBABLY BEEN VIOLATED MANY TIMES BY OTHERS THROUGH IGNORANCE OF THE LAW. HE SAID DURYEA WAS THE ONLY PERSON INDICTED ON THIS VIOLATION AND HAS SINCE BEEN VINDICATED.

THIS INDICTMENT COINCIDED WITH RESIGNATION OF ROCKEFELLER AS GOVERNOR OF NY AND ECKERT SAID IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT ROCKEFELLER RESIGNED TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1976 AND PREFERRED MALCOLM WILSON TO DURYEA AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, AND THAT THE INDICTMENT OF DURYEA WAS A MOVE BY ROCKEFELLER TO PREVENT DURYEA FROM BEING ELECTED GOVERNOR.
ECKERT HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION RE DURYEA'S INDICTMENT BUT FEELS IT COULD BE POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING FOR ROCKEFELLER. 

ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, BUFFALO, NY ADVISED HE BELIEVES NOMINEE MADE ERRORS IN HIS HANDLING OF THE ATTICA PRISON RIOT IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. HE SAID ROCKEFELLER REFUSED TO PERSONALLY NEGOTIATE WITH PRISONERS PRIOR TO STORMING OF PRISON BY NEW YORK STATE TROOPERS. ALSO, NOMINEE APPROPRIATED TWO AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR PROSECUTION OF THOSE INVOLVED IN RIOT, BUT REFUSED APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFENSE OF THEM.

FEELS NOMINEE WOULD SUBORDINATE HIS CONSCIENCE FOR POLITICAL AMBITION, GIVING AS AN EXAMPLE, NOMINEE'S DESIGNATION OF ONE HUNDRED NEW POSITIONS EQUIVALENT TO NEW YORK SUPREME COURT JUDGES TO ENFORCE NEW NYS DRUG LAW, AND PRESSURED NYS LEGISLATURE INTO PASSING DRUG LAW AND JUDGE POSITIONS. HE BELIEVES THESE POSITIONS WERE PRIMARILY FOR INCREASED PATRONAGE. HE SAID STATE OF NY CURRENTLY IN A "DOMESTIC MESS" WITH
THE HIGHEST TAXES IN THE NATION, AND THAT NOMINEE HAS TAKEN CARE OF THE POOR WITH NUMEROUS WELFARE BENEFITS, BUT HAS FORGOTTEN MIDDLE INCOME GROUP WHO ARE BEING "TAXED TO DEATH" IN THE STATE OF NY.

NY, ADVISED HE BELIEVES NOMINEE MADE ERROR IN JUDGEMENT DURING ATTICA PRISON REBELLION IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. HE WAS MEMBER OF OBSERVERS COMMITTEE AND FEELS NOMINEE'S FAILURE TO PERSONALLY GO TO ATTICA PRISON COST 42 LIVES. HE SAID HE IS DISTURBED THAT NOMINEE DID NOT ADMIT MISTAKE. HE SAID THAT STATE OF NEW YORK SPENT THREE MILLION DOLLARS ON INDICTMENTS, BUT NOMINEE WOULD NOT PROVIDE STATE FUNDS FOR DEFENSE OF INDICTED INMATES. HE FEELS ERRORS WERE MADE BY NOMINEE BECAUSE NOMINEE IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

ACTION FOR BETTER COMMUNITY, ROCHESTER, NY FEELS NOMINEE MADE JUDGEMENT ERROR IN NOT GOING TO ATTICA PRISON DURING 1971 REBELLION. ALSO, HE FEELS THAT NOMINEE CANNOT EMPATHISE WITH AVERAGE AMERICAN
BECAUSE OF HIS WEALTH.

LOUIS RUSSO, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OF ERIE COUNTY, BUFFALO, NY ADVISED THAT NYS CONSTITUTION FORBIDS LARGE SCALE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BY STATE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT APPROVAL BY STATE WIDE REFERENDUM AND THAT NOMINEE AVOIDED THIS IN BUILDING OF SOUTH MALL IN ALBANY, NY BY PRESSURING ALBANY COUNTY INTO FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTING MALL, WITH STATE MAKING PAYMENTS TO ALBANY COUNTY. HE SAID THIS CLAUSE OF NYS CONSTITUTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN CIRCUMVENTED BY NOMINEE BY ESTABLISHING NUMEROUS AUTHORITIES SUCH AS NYS THRUWAY AUTHORITY AND STATE UNIVERSITY DORMITORY AUTHORITY AS INDEPENDENT BODIES FOR PURPOSE OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, AVOIDING REFERENDUM. HE SAID NOMINEE HAS INJECTED HIMSELF UNNECESSARILY INTO LOCAL POLITICS, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF APPOINTMENTS TO STATE POSITIONS.

ALBANY AT ALBANY, NEW YORK. WILL INTERVIEW COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ALBANY COUNTY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE SO. WITH END PAGE FOUR
 REGARD TO ALLEGED PRESSURE BY ROCKEFELLER FOR LARGE SCALE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY ALBANY COUNTY, LATER TO BE PAID FOR BY THE STATE TO ALBANY COUNTY AND CIRCUMVENTING STATE CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENT THAT ANY SUCH CONSTRUCTION NOT BEING CONDUCTED WITHOUT APPROVAL BY STATE WIDE REFERENDUM.

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NEW YORK

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BUREAU

DATE
8/24/74

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
8/21-24/74

TITLE OF CASE
Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

REPORT MADE BY
John E. Warren

CHARACTER OF CASE
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ACCOMPlishMENTS CLAIMED

Convict.
Pun.
Fines.
Savings.
Recoveries.

NONE

ACQUIT.

EASE HAS BEEN:

Pending Over One Year

YES

Pending Prosecution Over Six Months

YES

APPROVED

Special Agent in Charge

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will conduct and report additional investigation.
SYNOPSIS: Political leaders, labor leaders, numerous New York State Senators and Assemblymen, as well as public officials, representatives of the news media, and law enforcement officials, recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for confirmation as Vice President of the United States. Those who know the nominee well described him, among other things, as a great American, a man of the highest integrity whose associations during his many years in the political arena have been above reproach, and as a person who overwhelmingly possesses all the qualifications necessary to be the Vice President of the United States. Those individuals who have known him only on a professional basis and by reputation only also recommend him for the office of Vice President. STANLEY HARWOOD, Nassau County Democratic Party Chairman, advised he had heard many vague, unsubstantiated stories that nominee was "a ladies man". DENIS DILLON, former Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force, EDNY, advised that a convicted narcotics dealer, bragged to undercover agent that he had photographed with nominee in Albany. J. STANLEY SHAW, Chairman, Liberal Party of Queens County, New York, stated not in favor of nominee in that ROCKEFELLER is reputed to be involved in politically powerful money deals to perpetuate himself in the political arena. G. OLIVER KOPPELL, New York State Assemblyman, advised he believes nominee used improper tactics while Governor of the State of New York in order to gain support for his legislative programs. GUY BREWER, New York State Assemblyman, stated that nominee was inclined to take shortcuts in obtaining legislation and would attempt to get the legislation passed regardless of the rules or the Constitution.

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DETAILS:

I. EMPLOYMENT
Commission on Critical Choices for Americans
22 West 55 Street
New York, New York

On August 22, 1974, Deputy Study Director, advised SA that the captioned organization is a private, non-profit organization which investigates major issues of economic and social importance confronting Americans. He advised the legal entity under which the captioned organization is formed is the Third Century Corporation of which the nominee is the President, Chairman of the Board, and a major contributor. He has been also President of the Commission on Critical Choices, since December 1973. He stated he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for only the past six months since he has been employed there, but has worked quite closely with him during that time. He stated he is an ethical man of great vitality and stamina and has his unqualified recommendation for the office of Vice President. He stated he knew of nothing in his personal or public life that might reasonably be an embarrassment to the administration.

On August 22, 1974, Executive Director, advised SA he has known the nominee since 1963, primarily through the nominee's brother. Advised he was advised he was with the captioned study group. He stated his exposure to the nominee has been extensive and that there is no man better qualified for the office of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, Director of Domestic Studies, advised SA he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for three years and has been a Deputy Secretary under him and was the. He stated he felt the nominee to be the most suitable candidate for the office of Vice President, a man of absolute integrity and a guidepost for others to follow. He stated he knew of nothing in his private or public life that might reasonably be an embarrassment to the administration.
On August 22, 1974, Secretary, advised he is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Third Century Corporation and has known the nominee both professionally and socially for two years. He advised he felt the nominee to be a man of complete integrity, a credit to the country, and an excellent choice for the office of Vice President. He stated he knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

On August 23, 1974, Associate Director, advised she has worked for Mr. Rockefeller since 1960 and has been closely associated with him for the past six or seven years. She stated she felt there could be no finer choice for the office of Vice President than Mr. Rockefeller. She stated she knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

On August 23, 1974, Secretary to the nominee, advised she is located at the offices of the captioned organization but is employed and paid by Mr. Rockefeller. She advised she has known him since 1948 and has worked for him since 1964. She advised she felt he was a great choice as Vice President, inasmuch as he is admirably qualified as a leader and a man of unquestioned integrity. She advised she knew nothing concerning his public or private life that might reasonably be an embarrassment to the administration.
II. INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 22, 1974, JAMES O'CONNELL, Jones Street, Cairo, New York, Greene County Democratic Party Chairman, advised he is employed at the New York State Senate Building in Albany, and through his position has had several contacts with the nominee. Although of the opposite political party, he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding administrator, a man of fine character, reputation and loyalty, and is pleased to see him nominated for the Vice Presidency.

On August 23, 1974, HAROLD BROWN, JR., South Hill, Ellenville, New York, Ulster County Democratic Party Chairman, advised he has had no personal contact with the nominee, but knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency.
The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 23, 1974, Ulster County Clerk ALBERT SPADA, Kingston, New York, Ulster County Republican Party Chairman, advised he has met with the nominee on numerous occasions during his term as Governor of New York State, both at the State Capitol and at the Governor's mansion. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding administrator and a person of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. He highly recommends him for the position of Vice President.

On August 23, 1974, Greene County Clerk NEAL BRANDOW, Catskill, New York, Greene County Republican Party Chairman, advised he has met the nominee on numerous occasions through his position as Party Chairman, both professionally and socially. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a superior administrator and a person of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, and who is an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.
On August 21, 1974, Mr. ALEX ROSE, Vice-Chairman, New York State Liberal Party, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, advised SA that he has known the nominee for approximately twenty years and although the Liberal Party has never endorsed him he has a very high regard for him. He stated that he knows the nominee in a political context and has met with him on several occasions to discuss various issues. He stated that the nominee is an honorable man to deal with and that nothing ever came to his attention that would cause him to question his character, integrity, or loyalty to the United States. He said that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for appointment as Vice-President.

On August 21, 1974, Mr. EDWARD HORNISON, 292 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA that he is Vice-Chairman of the New York State Liberal Party and has met the nominee on a number of occasions, and has been greatly impressed by his intelligence, competence, and ability. He said that ROCKEFELLER is of excellent character, that there is no question of his loyalty to the United States and that, in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER will carry out the duties of the Vice-Presidency in an excellent manner.

On August 21, 1974, Mr. HENRY STERN, Acting Chairman, New York County Liberal Party, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, advised SA that he is a member of the New York City Council, and that he has met the nominee on a few occasions. He stated, however, that he could furnish no comments of a personal nature concerning him because of a lack of sufficient contact with him.
On August 23, 1974, JAMES G. KINSELLA, Attorney, Staten Island, New York, advised SA ALBERT E. FALLER he has been Chairman of the Richmond County Conservative Party since January, 1974, and has had no direct contact with the nominee. He said, however, that he is concerned because of ROCKEFELLER's strong advocacy of no fault automobile insurance while Governor, and the fact that his brother, DAVID ROCKEFELLER, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Chase Manhattan Bank, is also director of several insurance companies that stood to profit by the no fault bill. He said that he has no information that the nominee's advocacy of this legislation was improper in any way, but felt that this relationship should be noted.

With regard to the above information, it should be noted that the 1974 issue of "Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives" lists DAVID ROCKEFELLER as chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City; however, he is not listed as a director of any insurance company.

On August 23, 1974, DANIEL L. MASTERS, Staten Island, New York, advised SA FALLER that he was Chairman of the Richmond County Conservative Party from 1972 to 1973, and Vice-Chairman from 1966 to 1972. He stated that he has had no personal contact with the nominee and could furnish no information concerning him.
On August 23, 1974, Mr. WILLIAM H. O'CONNELL, Staten Island, New York, advised SA ABERT E. FALLER that he is the Chairman of the Richmond County Liberal Committee, and that the former Chairman moved to Chicago and her whereabouts are not known to him. He stated, however, that he has been active in politics since 1968, and met the nominee on several occasions going back to 1968 at which time he was a student at Syracuse University. He stated that he has had no close contact with the nominee, but that he knows nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, integrity or loyalty to the United States.
On August 21, 1974, ROBERT F. WAGNER, former Mayor of New York City, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised C.I. that he became acquainted with the nominee approximately twenty years ago. He explained that he and the nominee's brother, WINTHROP, had been students at Yale at the same time and he got to know the ROCKEFELLER family on a social basis. He stated that he became Mayor of New York in 1953, and was Mayor when the nominee ran for Governor of New York in 1958. WAGNER stated that he is a Democrat and has had many "political battles" with the nominee and he never supported him in any of his political campaigns, nor did he ever receive any backing or assistance from the nominee. He stated, however, that he feels a strong, personal friendship and high regard for the nominee and he said "his word was bond". He said the nominee is a person of complete integrity and a highly capable and talented administrator. He said that although they were on opposite sides of the fence politically, they both hold a mutual respect for each other. He added he has never known or heard of any irregularities or indiscretions concerning the nominee either in his personal or political life. He also stated that the nominee would bring a great deal of experience and knowledge to Washington and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.
on August 21, 1974, Mr. FRANK G. ROCKEFELLER, Chairman, Democratic County Committee, Kings County, 147 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately five years and holds him in very high regard as a very honorable, dedicated idealist who has served the people of this state and country in an excellent manner. He said that he is a great American, that he knows of nothing in the nominee's background that would cause embarrassment to the administration or the country, and that he would endorse his nomination without reservation.

On August 21, 1974, PATRICK CUNNINGHAM, New York, New York, advised that he is Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, Bronx County, and that he has met the nominee on a number of occasions during the past ten years. He stated that his association with him has always been in a political vein, and that he regards him as an honorable man of the highest integrity. He stated he knew of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character or loyalty to the United States. He said that, in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER's
nomination is bad for the Democratic Party because it would make it more difficult for the Democratic Party to elect a President, but that he thinks it is an excellent choice for the Republican Party and for the country.

On August 22, 1974, JEROME M. NEUBERGER, Attorney, Staten Island, New York, advised Albany that he is Vice-Chairman, Richmond Democratic County Committee, and that the Chairman is presently unavailable for interview. He stated that he had known the nominee casually for approximately five years and feels that he is ethically and morally above reproach. He said that he feels that the nomination is an exceptionally fine one but that he could furnish no further comments concerning ROCKEFELLER because of a lack of direct personal contact with him.
On August 22, 1974, MATTHEW J. TROY, Chairman, Queens County Democratic Committee, 72-50 Austin Street, Forest Hills, New York, advised Special Agent that he is a member of the City Council of the City of New York, and that he has known the nominee for 12 years on a personal and political basis. He stated that he knows of absolutely nothing of a derogatory nature in the nominee's background, and that he has always found that "his word is his bond." He said that he knows of nothing in the nominee's background that would cause embarrassment to the nominee or to the United States Government. He said that the nominee is an honest, intelligent, straightforward, capable individual, whose character, loyalty, associates, and reputation are above reproach. He stated that he would recommend the nominee without reservation.
STANLEY HARWOOD, Nassau County Democratic Party Chairman, advised that he has had limited direct contact over the years with Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER. HARWOOD stated that while he was a member of the New York State Assembly he came into contact with ROCKEFELLER at official and social functions and attending the yearly receptions at ROCKEFELLER's mansion given by ROCKEFELLER for members of the Assembly.

HARWOOD stated that he had heard many vague unsubstantiated stories to the effect that ROCKEFELLER was a ladies man with people that worked in his office and on his various campaigns. HARWOOD stated that while attending a function at the Governor's mansion shortly after the second Mrs. ROCKEFELLER had given birth to a child, he observed the Governor sitting close to one of his secretaries and was struck by the fact that ROCKEFELLER kept holding the secretary's hand and rubbing her arm. He stated that Mrs. ROCKEFELLER, being fatigued from the recent birth, had greeted everyone as they arrived at the reception and then had retired. Mr. HARWOOD advised that he did not feel that it was proper for Mr. ROCKEFELLER to act as he did and HARWOOD stated that he felt that he had an obligation to make this information known at this time.

He commented that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER was a bad Governor and would be a bad Vice President. He declined to make any further comments.
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Mrs. HARRETT CORNELL, Democratic County Chairman, Rockland County, New York, advised SA THOMAS A. CONLON on August 22, 1974, that she has never met the nominee socially or politically. She said that she has often disagreed with the nominee in regard to political issues but she has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on him.

Mrs. CORNELL went on to say that she has been particularly concerned about the recent change of political leadership as all people are and feels that both President FORD and the nominee should be wholeheartedly supported during these trying times. She is of the opinion that they should be given a chance to bring the American people into a more stable and normal society.

As stated above, Mrs. CORNELL reiterated that although she does not know the nominee personally, she does not know of any reason not to recommend him for the position of Vice-President. She stated further, that she knows little of the nominee, but what little she does know of his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, they are above reproach. She added that she would most highly recommend the nominee for the position as Vice-President of the United States.
Mr. FRED W. STABBERT, Editor and Publisher, Sullivan County, Democrat, Vice-Chairman, Sullivan County Democratic Party, Callicoon, New York, advised and on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had been a fine public servant and that he would recommend him for the appointment.
Mr. FRANCIS A. HANOFEE, Sullivan County Clerk, Chairman of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee, White Sulphur Springs, New York, Democrat, advised SAS and on August 22, 1974, that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been a fair Governor, but was "much too liberal" in his thinking. He stated, however, he feels that former Governor ROCKEFELLER would be good for Sullivan County and for New York State in implementing Federal programs. He stated he would certainly recommend the former Governor for the position to which he has been nominated.
On August 22, 1974, Mr. GEORGE CLARK, Chairman, Republican County Committee, Kings County, 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately four years, and has known him on a close personal basis for the past two years. He stated that the nominee is a man of the highest character, principles, and morals; that he is an excellent administrator and Government official; that his record of accomplishment speaks for itself; and that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on the nominee in any manner. He said that he is eminently qualified to fill the office of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, RICHARD H. BOLTON, Staten Island, New York, advised that he is a member of the New York State Board of Standards and Appeals, and was County Chairman of the Richmond County Republican Committee from September, 1969 until June, 1973. He stated that he met the nominee on a number of occasions during that period and always found him to be a fine upstanding gentleman, of the highest character and integrity. He said that he is a dedicated loyal citizen; that he has proven his ability as a public official; and that he feels that his nomination as Vice President is an exceptionally fine one.
On August 22, 1974, JOSEPH M. MARGIOTTA, Chairman, Nassau County Republican Committee and also Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature, 50 Clinton Street, Hempstead, New York, advised SA BERNARD J. FITZGERALD that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER, the former Governor of New York State, for over fourteen years. He stated that recently, the chairman of the Republican Committees of New York State were asked for their recommendations concerning the position of Vice-President of the United States. MARGIOTTA highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for this position.

MARGIOTTA related that as an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature in Albany, New York, he frequently agreed and also disagreed with the former Governor on legislative matters, however, he also found him to be openminded along with being a fair and honest public servant. He added that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an astute, articulate, and capable individual whom he considers to be one of the truly great Governors in the history of New York State.

MARGIOTTA knew of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's character, reputation, loyalty, morals or associates. He also stated that he was aware of no indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee and would recommend him highly for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

He concluded by saying the nominee, if confirmed, will make a fine Vice-President and will perform a great service for the United States and its citizens.
On August 22, 1974, THOMAS PIERCE, Chairman, Nassau County Republican Committee for the Town of North Hempstead, New York, 50 Clinton Street, Hempstead, New York, advised SA BERNARD J. FITZGERALD he has met the nominee for Vice-President, NELSON ROCKEFELLER, on a few occasions during the past three years, mainly at functions relating to the Republican Party. Although he could not say he knew NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis, he would describe him as a "tremendous Governor" for the State of New York. Mr. PIERCE knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER's reputation, morals or associates.

Mr. PIERCE stated he would recommend the nominee for Vice-President of the United States and he believes he will be a great asset to President GERALD FORD and the American people.
On August 22, 1974, GEORGE WHALEN, Chairman, Dutchess County Democratic Party, Dover Plains, New York, advised he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, and knows him only by reputation. He said that although he has not always agreed with the nominee's political decisions, he has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on his reputation or integrity. He feels that the nominee would make a fine Vice President and would recommend him for that position.

On August 22, 1974, JOHN SHARPE, Chairman, Columbia County Republican Party, Hudson, New York, advised he has known the nominee for 25 years and worked for him at Rockefeller Center in New York City in 1948. He has worked on various political campaigns for the nominee over the years and has always found him to be an honest, decent, candid human being of high moral character. He considers the nominee to be a dedicated public servant who has always had the interest of the country as a paramount consideration. He said he has never heard anything of a detrimental nature concerning the nominee, and he felt he would make an outstanding Vice President. He said he has met the ROCKEFELLER brothers and he considers them to possess the same outstanding qualities as the nominee.

On August 23, 1974, DAVID BRUEN, Chairman, Putnam County Democratic Party, Carmel, New York, advised he has met the nominee a number of times at political functions, and knows him only on a professional basis. He said his limited contacts with him have been pleasant, and he was impressed with the honesty, integrity and open-mindedness of the nominee. He said he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, loyalty or associations, and would recommend him for the position of Vice President.
On August 22, 1974, EDWARD SCHWENK, Republican County Leader, Suffolk County, Little Blue Point, New York, advised SA[ ] that he thinks Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a "top-drawer choice" for the Vice Presidency. He believes his integrity is absolutely beyond question and his character and reputation are above reproach. He believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will add a new and worthwhile dimension to the Vice Presidency and noted that he has always heard only good things about him. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President.
JOHN DOW, former United States Representative, Newburgh, New York, was contacted on August 23, 1974, by SA and he advised that as a Republican-Conservative, he and the nominee have very different political views, however, Mr. DOW stated that he would enthusiastically endorse the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States. Mr. DOW stated that his relationship with the nominee has been strictly political but that he has developed tremendous respect for the knowledge and abilities of the nominee. Mr. DOW stated that in his opinion, the character, integrity and honesty of the nominee are above reproach.
On August 22, 1974, MICHAEL J. GRANT, Suffolk County Legislator, Veterans Administration Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York, advised SA that he holds NELSON ROCKEFELLER in the highest regard. He believes President FORD made a wonderful choice in making Mr. ROCKEFELLER his selection for Vice-President. He believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's integrity and character are beyond question and he highly recommended him for the position of Vice-President. He noted that he has never received any derogatory information regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and he believes that he will be a real asset to the United States Government.

On August 22, 1974, THOMAS DONAHUE, Suffolk County Legislator, 4 Udall Road, West Islip, New York, advised SA that he would not comment concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's competency for the position of the Vice-President of the United States. He stated he had no reason to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty but from a personal view, he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER's assets could create problems in the position of Vice-President. He added that this is conjecture on his part and he is not in possession of facts which would substantiate this opinion. He advised that he was not in favor of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the Vice-Presidency but again, stipulated that this is his personal opinion.

On August 22, 1974, MARTIN FELDMAN, Suffolk County Legislator, 2017 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, New York, advised SA that he did not want to comment on the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidency nor would he offer any comments regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, or reputation.

On August 22, 1974, JOHN V. KLEIN, Suffolk County Legislator, Suffolk County, New York, Suffolk County Executive Building, Hauppauge, New York, advised SA that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for at
least fifteen years. He believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses all the necessary qualifications one could desire to be a fine Vice-President. He stated that he has no reservations regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, integrity, reputation or loyalty and noted that nothing of a derogatory nature has ever come to his attention regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He believes that ROCKEFELLER will be an asset to the United States Government and he highly recommended him for the Vice-Presidency of the United States.
JOHN GRANT, Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature, New City, New York, and Vice-President of the Nanuet National Bank, Nanuet, New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD on August 22, 1974, that he does not know the nominee personally and has only met him on one or two occasions at local community functions. He said that no information has ever come to his attention that would reflect unfavorably on the nominee's reputation, ability, character, loyalty or associates.
Mr. J. STANLEY SHAW, Attorney and Chairman of the Liberal Party of Queens County, 770 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has met NELSON ROCKEFEWER on two occasions. He stated that he is not in favor of NELSON ROCKEFEWER for the Vice Presidential post as ROCKEFEWER is reputed to be a "powerful money man" involved in "politically powerful money deals," to perpetuate himself in the political arena. He said that he doesn't want to see NELSON ROCKEFEWER as Vice President because he is "a political being in himself who knows how to use political muscle."
III. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER AND CURRENT NEW YORK STATE SENATORS
On August 23, 1974, New York State, Senator WILLIAM J. GIORDANO, Democrat, was interviewed at his office located at 32 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, regarding the nominee.

GIORDANO stated that he considers the nominee to be of good moral character and said he has an excellent reputation among the legislators of New York State. He advised that the nominee is well qualified for the position of Vice-President, and is an extremely capable and resourceful individual.

GIORDANO concluded by stating that the nominee is of impeccable character and he would highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice-President.
On August 23, 1974, New York State Senator WILLIAM T. CONKLIN, Republican, 270 Broadway, New York, New York, was interviewed with regard to the nominee.

Mr. CONKLIN advised that he is acquainted with the nominee and considers his moral character, integrity and reputation to be above reproach.

CONKLIN further advised that he considers the nominee to be capable and well qualified for the position of Vice-President. He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory about the nominee and would highly recommend the nominee to be Vice-President.
New York State Senator A. FREDERICK MEYERSON, 50 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA on August 22, 1974, and provided the following information. He has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for many years, not on a personal basis but through his official Senate duties. He described the nominee as a warm, personable and dedicated public official who has always worked hard and is undoubtedly consumed with the well-being of the United States. Senator MEYERSON indicated that, although his and Mr. ROCKEFELLER's philosophies have differed at times, he has to praise his middle-of-the-road political approach. He could recall no evidence of nominee's ever having indulged in discriminatory practices and feels that he is an exceptional choice for the high office of Vice President of the United States.

New York State Senator MARTIN J. KNORR, 901 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens, New York, was interviewed by SA on August 22, 1974, and he provided the following information. He has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since the late 1920's when they were classmates at Dartmouth, and described him as bright and "a very capable gent." He stated that the nominee's integrity is unquestioned and that, although he "opposed many of his fiscal policies" during his term as Governor of New York, he is undoubtedly an excellent choice for Vice President.

New York State Supreme Court Justice EDWARD S. LENTOL, 60 Centre Street, New York, New York, was interviewed by SA on August 22, 1974, and he provided the following information: He became acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER while he was a member of the New York State Senate and ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York. He advised that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee and that, although he "doesn't agree with his politics," he feels he is well qualified for the office of Vice President of the United States.
JOHN D. CALANDRA, 1334 East Gunhill Road, Bronx, New York, furnished the following information on August 23, 1974:

He stated that he had been acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1958 when he worked for ROCKEFELLER in connection with his campaign for Governor that year. CALANDRA, who is the Bronx representative leader and who has been a State Senator since 1965, has also worked on every one of ROCKEFELLER's subsequent campaigns for Governor.

He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be of the finest moral character and said he possesses the ability to be Vice President of the United States and is qualified if need be to assume the Presidency. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation among both Democrats and Republicans in the New York State Government. He knows of no organizations to which ROCKEFELLER belongs which employ discriminatory practices.
Senator ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN, Attorney, Bernstein and Bernstein, 115 Broadway, New York City, was interviewed by Special Agent _

Senator BERNSTEIN advised that he has served in the New York State Senate since 1961. He represents the 33rd New York State District. Presently the Senate is in recess. Senator BERNSTEIN first met ROCKEFELLER in Albany in 1961 when ROCKEFELLER was New York State Governor and Senator BERNSTEIN commenced service in the Senate. Since that time, he has met with ROCKEFELLER personally on only about six occasions. Each occasion consumed only a short period of time. Senator BERNSTEIN is a Democrat. Their acquaintance has not been intimate. Therefore, most of what Senator BERNSTEIN knows about ROCKEFELLER is by reputation among other Government officials who are acquaintances of Senator BERNSTEIN. Senator BERNSTEIN stated that, generally, he knows of nothing derogatory in ROCKEFELLER's background.

ROCKEFELLER has a reputation as an able, aggressive administrator. He surrounds himself with extremely competent advisors. Senator BERNSTEIN characterized him as emotionally stable and even-tempered in his dealings with other Government officials.

Senator BERNSTEIN provided the following comments regarding ROCKEFELLER's character and morals:

He is honest and has a reputation for always living up to his commitments. Senator BERNSTEIN knows him to be extremely moderate in his use of alcohol. Senator BERNSTEIN has observed him at social functions being more attentive than average to attractive women; however, Senator BERNSTEIN has seen or heard nothing to indicate that his behavior with women has been in any way improper.
Senator BERNSTEIN knows of no organizations to which ROCKEFELLER belongs. He can suggest no other persons closely associated with ROCKEFELLER who might be able to provide background information of value other than probably New York State Government officials.

Senator BERNSTEIN concluded by stating that ROCKEFELLER would be an excellent Vice President of the United States and that he is the type who could restore public confidence in Government officials.
Senator RICHARD E. SCHERMERHORN, 40th Senatorial District, New York State, was contacted by SA on August 22, 1974, and advised that in his opinion, the nominee is without question, the best choice for Vice President of the United States. Senator SCHERMERHORN stated that he has known the nominee both on a personal and political basis for a number of years. The Senator and the nominee are both Republicans but have very different political views from a philosophical standpoint, in that the Senator is a Conservative and the nominee is a Liberal. Despite the differences in their political views, the Senator has tremendous respect for the nominee's ability as an administrator and leader. The Senator stated that the nominee's honesty and integrity are above reproach and he is certain that the nominee "has never taken a dishonest dollar in his life". He also stated that he knew many of the nominee's associates while he was Governor of New York and their character and integrity are also above reproach. The Senator stated that in his opinion the country needs to have its faith restored in Government and that the nominee is definitely the right man for this job. The Senator also stated that the nominee will be a very great asset to the President and the country.
Senator JOHN D. CAEMMERER, 377 Hilleide Avenue, Williston Park, New York, advised that he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the first time at a political convention in 1958. He said he had a different political philosophy than Mr. ROCKEFELLER at that time and has, from time to time, differed with him on political issues, the most recent and notable being the abortion issue. He advised that as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, he came to know the nominee very well. He admires him greatly, and stated that in his opinion, he is the greatest Governor New York has had and will be an asset to the Federal Government. He said he is able, competent, fair and unbiased. He said that he is aware of no indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee that would possibly lead to embarrassment. He recommended him very highly.
Senator JOHN R. DUNNE, 1461 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since he entered the New York State Senate nine years ago, and had also known him by reputation prior thereto. He said that he has worked with the nominee and also against him on various local issues and has a great admiration for his ability and judgement. He stated that the nominee knows the Government inside and outside and does all his work within that framework. He said he is a very astute politician and of high moral and ethical standards. He stated that the nominee is one about whom he has heard nothing derogatory concerning his character, associates, reputation, loyalty or morals. He said he is a man of impeccable credentials, "one of the greatest Governors we have had," and recommended him very highly.

Above interview was conducted by SA [ ] on August 21, 1974.
On August 22, 1974, Mr. CHESTER J. STRAUB, New York State Senator, 17th District, (Attorney - law firm - Wilkie, Farr and Gallagher), 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City, advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER through the State Legislature of which STRAUB has been a member since 1967.

Mr. STRAUB advised he had met ROCKEFELLER and his wife socially on one occasion, and described nominee and his family as "very cordial" people.

Nominee was described by STRAUB as being one of the most trustworthy and reliable persons he has ever known. He stated his honesty is unquestioned.

Mr. STRAUB advised he has no personal knowledge concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's financial interests but feels that no conflict of interest would arise in connection with ROCKEFELLER's service as Vice President of the United States.

Mr. STRAUB considers the nominee to be an able individual and feels he has excellent qualifications to be Vice President.

He advised he is aware of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's activities, associates, or loyalty.
On August 21, 1974, New York State Senator MURRAY SCHWARTZ, Democrat-Liberal, 245-22 Grand Central Parkway, Queens, New York, advised St. _that he has had no significant contacts with the nominee during their legislative careers in Albany. He had no personal contacts with him and has no reason to question his character, loyalty or reputation. Never at any time has anything come to his attention that would indicate his choice as Vice President of the United States would be inadvisable.
SAMUEL L. GREENBERG, retired Democratic New York State Senator, Rockland County, New York, residing at Delwood Country Club, New City, New York, advised on August 23, 1974, that he served in the New York State Legislature for thirty years until his retirement in 1972. Senator GREENBERG stated that he was politically acquainted with the nominee during the latter's tenure as Governor of New York State. He described the nominee as an individual of exceptional ability in the affairs of Government and recommended the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

Senator GREENBERG stated that the nominee's character, loyalty and associates are above reproach in every respect and he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee in either his personal life or politically.
On August 22, 1974, BERNARD C. SMITH, New York State Senator, 167 Main Street, Northport, New York, advised SA WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately twelve years. He advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding individual whose loyalty, character and reputation are above reproach. He stated that he knows of nothing concerning ROCKEFELLER which might reflect unfavorably upon the office of the Vice-President, should he be confirmed. He stated that based on his association with ROCKEFELLER, he would highly recommend him.

On August 22, 1974, CAESAR PRUNZO, New York State Senator, 105 Washington Avenue, Brentwood, New York, advised SA DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for only about one year. He stated that he does not know him personally and therefore, is not in a position to comment concerning his character, reputation, or loyalty. He added, however, it is his personal view that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator and was an excellent Governor.
The following investigation was conducted by SA at Brooklyn, New York:

On August 22, 1974, Senator DONALD M. HALPERIN, an Attorney and a member of the New York Senate, was interviewed at his office at 1515 Sheepshead Road, at which time he advised that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, during the past four years. He stated that he was not closely associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER during this time, however, his reputation was always the highest, and Mr. ROCKEFEELLER never said anything to cause him to doubt his integrity, honesty, or sincerity. He stated that he believes that ROCKEFELLER, politically, is extremely shrewd and he, as a Democrat, did not always agree with him politically. He added that he believes that ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for Vice President, however, he does feel that there were some better choices available.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. WALDABA H. STEWART, Senator, New York State Senate, 65 Rogers Avenue, advised that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1968, ever since he has been in political life. He stated that he and ROCKEFELLER often did not agree on many items, however, he feels that ROCKEFELLER is an extremely honest and sincere individual, enjoying an excellent reputation in this regard. He stated that he feels when ROCKEFELLER said he will get something done, he follows through with it, and also if he disagrees, he will immediately say so. Senator STEWART said that ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for Vice President.
IV. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER AND CURRENT NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEN

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 22, 1974, CLARENCE D. LANE, Windham, New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, 102nd District, for 12 years, advised he has had several meetings with the nominee through his position in the Assembly, and considers him to be an outstanding administrator and a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. He considers him to be an outstanding choice for the Vice Presidency.

On August 23, 1974, H. CLARK BELL, Woodstock, New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, 101st District, advised he has had a close personal relationship with the nominee through his work in the Assembly and on numerous committees. He regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as one of the most outstanding Americans, a superior administrator, and a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. He most highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency.
On August 22, 1974, ANTHONY J. MERCORELLA, former New York State Assemblyman, was contacted at his law office at 600 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, by Special Agent

MERCORELLA advised he has known the nominee, on a political level, since 1965, when MERCORELLA became an Assemblyman. MERCORELLA, who is a member of the Democratic Party, advised that he only met with the nominee on a few occasions, and that he would not consider this relationship close. MERCORELLA stated that the nominee was never insensitive to the needs of either the State Senators or Assemblymen; and that he was always available for consultation.

MERCORELLA described the nominee as a very charming individual, who during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York, performed his duties with the utmost responsibility. MERCORELLA further advised that he considers the nominee to be of fine character and a man of great integrity.

MERCORELLA advised that he does not know of any derogatory information regarding the nominee; however, he does believe that the nominee’s family should divest itself of some of its capital along humanitarian avenues.

MERCORELLA, in concluding, stated that he believes that President FORD has made a fine choice for the Vice Presidency in the nominee.
On August 21, 1974, New York State Assemblyman STANLEY FINK, 2249 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA HARRINGTON that he knows former Governor ROCKEFELLER only on a professional basis and has no social contact with him, other than the attendance at the Governor's Ball. In legislative matters, he was frequently at odds with the former Governor, but pointed out that this was due to a difference in political philosophy. He stated that he would do nothing to denigrate Mr. ROCKEFELLER's integrity and he believes that his character, reputation and loyalty are unblemished. He stated that he would never doubt his sincerity and knows of nothing that would adversely affect the nominee's chance as choice for Vice-President of the United States.
Mr. GEORGE J. FARRELL, Jr., Carnation Avenue, Floral Park, New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, advised SA[ on August 22, 1974, that he served in the New York State Legislature during the past eight years and worked closely with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on many legislative matters.

He advised that he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an elected official and an American citizen. He is not aware of anything in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal or public life which would militate against his nomination and service as Vice-President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman JOHN G. LOPRESTO, 87-18 30th Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York, was contacted and advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER through the New York State Legislature, of which he has been a member for the past four years.

LOPRESTO described the nominee as an extremely reliable person. Mr. LOPRESTO stated the nominee is a very dedicated and trustworthy person who puts the interests of the people above his own personal interests. He described the nominee's reputation as "outstanding".

Mr. LOPRESTO advised he could see no conflicts of interest in Mr. ROCKEFELLER serving as Vice President, except possibly through his personal assets, with which Mr. LOPRESTO stated he is not familiar.

Mr. LOPRESTO stated he feels that the nominee is most qualified to serve as Vice President or President because of his proven ability as New York Governor.
On August 22, 1974, FREDERICK D. SCHMIDT, 85-14 86th Street, Woodhaven, Queens, New York, New York, was contacted and advised that he was a New York State Assemblyman from 1965 until 1972. He stated that during his term of office NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of New York and that he knew ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis. SCHMIDT stated that the nominee to the best of his knowledge was a loyal, honest and trustworthy individual. He further described ROCKEFELLER as a "warm and personable individual who went out of his way to help people". SCHMIDT stated that he considered ROCKEFELLER an outstanding individual with all the credentials necessary to hold the office of the Vice President of the United States. He further advised that he was not aware of any unpatriotic or discriminatory organizations the nominee may have been or is presently associated with.
On August 22, 1974, contact was made with MARTIN RODELL, former New York State Assemblyman, for the 24th District. RODELL advised that he served in the New York State Assembly for approximately seven years during the time NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of New York. He stated that approximately three years ago he was elected a Judge in Civil Court and since that time has not served in the Assembly.

RODELL stated that during his tenure as an Assemblyman he knew the nominee on a professional basis. RODELL described ROCKEFELLER as an honest and trustworthy individual. He advised that ROCKEFELLER, while Governor of New York, acted in the best interests of all the people, and that it was a pleasure to serve with him. RODELL described ROCKEFELLER's retirement as Governor as a "great loss to New York, but apparently a gain to all the people of the United States".

RODELL described the nominee as a loyal American. He said he is not aware of any unpatriotic or discriminatory organizations the nominee may have been associated with. He stated he considers ROCKEFELLER an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States.
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ALAN HOCHBERG, New York State Assemblyman, 81st Assembly District, Bronx, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by Special Agents and ROBERT E. BRODERICK.

Mr. HOCHBERG advised that he has been a Democratic Assemblyman since 1970, and has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since that time. He has the utmost regard for the nominee's integrity and ability. He described the nominee as a deft politician and a person who has a charming and warm personality. He further described the nominee as a persuasive individual who can put pressure on politically.

Mr. HOCHBERG stated that the choice of ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President was an excellent one. He feels that the nominee is well qualified to hold that position and would also be most qualified to be President. He felt that the nominee will do a good job.
On August 23, 1974, the Honorable LOUIS NINE, Assemblyman, 79th Assembly District, New York State Assembly, was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT E. BRODERICK and

Mr. NINE stated that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for more than four years through his association with him in the Legislature and had met with him monthly concerning minority groups matters.

Mr. NINE considers the nominee to be a man of excellent moral character and knows of nothing derogatory concerning him. He also feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is most qualified to assume the high office of Vice President of the United States.

Mr. NINE said that, despite Mr. ROCKEFELLER's great wealth, he is able to relate to the poor man's wants and needs and never hesitates to heed requests for legislation which would improve conditions of minority groups.
On August 22, 1974, JOHN J. FLANNAGAN New York State Assemblyman, New York, advised SA [ ] that he served in the New York State Assembly for one year during the period NELSON ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York. He advised he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and noted he has never heard any derogatory information concerning him. He believes that all of the politicians, both Democratic and Republican in Albany, think highly of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and stated that all of these individuals have always claimed that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's word is his bond. He highly recommended him for the position of Vice-President of the United States.
PETER G. MIRTO, Democratic Assemblyman from the 59th District, Brooklyn, New York (NY), whose business office is located at 66 Cross Street, Brooklyn, NY, telephone number (212) 452-1003, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally for approximately six years. MIRTO further advised that he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, integrity, and general good judgement, although he does not always agree with him on various political issues. MIRTO said that his honesty and trustworthiness are beyond reproach.

MIRTO stated that he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature that would reflect in any way on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States (US). MIRTO said he has known the nominee as a dedicated American and a devoted public servant.

MIRTO said there is no question in his mind that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and qualifications to be an excellent Vice President, as well as President. MIRTO stated that in his opinion there will be no conflict between Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal interests and his duties as Vice President.

MIRTO stated that he knows of no derogatory information that would bar Mr. ROCKEFELLER from any position of trust with the Government, including that of Vice President or President of the US. MIRTO further advised it has been his impression over the past six years that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's contemporaries have enjoyed the deepest respect for him.
The following investigation was conducted by

SA______ at Brooklyn, New York (NY), on August 22, 1974:

MELVIN MILLER, Democratic Assemblyman from the
44th District, Brooklyn, NY, whose business office is located
at 301 Rugby Road, Brooklyn, NY, telephone number (212)
287-0242, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER on
a professional basis for approximately four years. Mr.
MILLER further advised that to the best of his knowledge
ROCKEFELLER is of good character and reputation and he
further considers him a man of his word, as well as being
extremely reliable.

MILLER further stated that to his knowledge there
is no question of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and devotion
to the United States (US). He further advised that he has
never known the nominee to be a member of any organization
that has discriminatory practices.

MILLER said there is no question in his mind
that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and qualifications to
be a good Vice President of the US, as well as President.
MILLER stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's statesmanship is
unquestioned. He further advised that in his opinion there will
be no conflict of interest between ROCKEFELLER's personal financial
assets and his duties as Vice President.

MILLER further stated he knows of no derogatory
information that would bar Mr. ROCKEFELLER from any position of
trust with the Government, including that of the Vice President
of the US. MILLER stated that the nominee enjoyed the deepest
respect from all his peers while serving as Governor of the
State of New York.
GEORGE A. CINCOTTA, Democratic Assemblyman from the 33rd District, Brooklyn, New York, whose business office is located at 420 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number (212) 875-7355, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally since 1954. CINCOTTA further advised that he believes ROCKEFELLER to be of impeccable character, reputation and integrity, and he further considers him a man of reliability and discretion.

CINCOTTA further stated that to the best of his knowledge, there is no question of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and devotion to the United States. He further advised that he has never known the nominee to be a member of any organization that has discriminatory practices.

CINCOTTA further advised that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and qualifications to be a good Vice-President and President if he should be suddenly called upon for that job. CINCOTTA further advised that he believes the nominee is a decent person and does not let his personal assets or interests influence his political and public policy.

CINCOTTA stated in conclusion that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature that would bar Mr. ROCKEFELLER from any position of trust with the Government. He further stated that the nominee has enjoyed the deepest respect from his political peers since he has known him.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) at Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1974:

VITO P. BATTISTA, Republican Assemblyman from the 38th District, Brooklyn, New York, whose business office is located at 3156 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number (212) TA 7-6400, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally since 1958. BATTISTA advised that to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER is of good character and reputation and he further considers him a man of his word, as well as an extremely reliable person.

BATTISTA further stated that to his knowledge, there is no question as to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and devotion to the United States. He further advised that he has never known the nominee to be a member of any organization that has discriminatory practices.

Assemblyman BATTISTA further said there is no question in his mind that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and the qualifications to be a good Vice President, as well as President. BATTISTA advised he feels that if the nominee could successfully manage one of the largest states in the country, he could certainly handle the Vice President's position. BATTISTA further stated that in his opinion there will be no conflict between ROCKEFELLER and his family's interests and his duties as Vice President. BATTISTA stated that in the past, MR. ROCKEFELLER has made decisions prudently and in his mind not based on his personal financial assets or interests.
Mr. BATTISTA concluded by saying that he knows of no derogatory information pertaining to the nominee or his family, and he further stated that in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is above reproach and a very capable person who is well qualified to be Vice President of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, Assemblyman EMEEL BETROS, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1968, when he, BETROS, was first elected to the Legislature. He said that he has not always agreed with the political philosophy of the nominee, but has always found him to be open and honest in his dealings with the Legislature. He added that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning nominee's character, loyalty, or associations, and he said he feels ROCKEFELLER is capable of becoming an excellent Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, New York State Senator JAY P. ROLISON, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised he has known the nominee for about 12 years, and has worked with him as a member of the State Legislature. He stated the nominee has always been an open, honest, candid individual, with a high standard of ethical and moral conduct. He has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee, and has always considered him to be a 100 percent loyal American with a reputation that is highly regarded and respected throughout the country. He stated he would recommend him highly for the position of Vice President.
Assemblyman LAWRENCE HERBST, Republican-Conservative, representing the 97th Assembly District, New York State, was contacted by SA on August 22, 1974, and he advised that the honesty and integrity of the nominee are above reproach. Mr. HERBST stated that he has known the nominee for a number of years but only in a political sense. Mr. HERBST stated that the nominee is "his own man" and had always been a very active participant and an extremely knowledgeable one in the affairs of New York State while he was Governor here. Mr. HERBST believes that the nominee is a very honest man and is the most respected man in politics today.
On August 22, 1974, JOHN T. FLACK, 78-14 64th Place, Glendale, New York, was contacted and advised that he is a New York State Assemblyman for the 33rd District, and that he has served in that capacity for approximately six years.

He advised that he knew NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis during ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor of New York. FLACK described ROCKEFELLER as an extremely honest and trustworthy individual. He stated that the nominee's loyalty and allegiance to the United States are above reproach. FLACK advised to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER has never associated with any organization which has discriminatory or disloyal practices. He stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator and that he is well qualified to serve as Vice President of the United States.
JOSEPH N. REILLY, New York State Assembly, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since he, Mr. REILLY, entered the Assembly nine years ago. He said he has opposed him on several issues, the most recent of which was the building of the Oyster Bay Bridge, but he has always found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very capable, astute, and intelligent individual with excellent credentials. He stated his disagreements were all of a legislative nature and said some people in his District would probably be opposed to him to be the Vice President because of the adamant stand the nominee took in the building of the bridge. He said ROCKEFELLER had been an excellent Governor, and stated his character and reputation are above reproach. He knows nothing derogatory concerning his morals and associates, and advised he would recommend him highly.
On August 21, 1974, New York State Assemblyman
JOHN T. GALLAGHER New York, Republican-Conservative, advised SA HARRINGTON that he knows
former Governor ROCKEFELLER only in his capacity as New York
State Legislator. He stated that they had differences of
opinion regarding legislation but never, at any time, did he
question the character or loyalty of the State Chief Executive.
He feels that ROCKEFELLER has led an exemplary life, is fair, and a fine person, and would make a fine Vice President. At
no time has anything come to his attention which bears adversely
on the reputation of the former Governor.
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On August 22, 1974, LEONARD T. STAVISKY, New York State Assemblyman, Queens, New York, advised that he knows former Governor ROCKEFELLER through his, Mr. STAVISKY's, capacity in the Assembly. He stated he has had no social contacts with Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated he considers him to be an experienced individual whose integrity is unquestionable. He stated that to his knowledge Governor ROCKEFELLER is a loyal and reputable individual and he knows of no adverse information concerning his personal or professional life.
On August 26, 1974, Mr. MILTON JORDAN, a member of the New York State Assembly, advised SPA that in connection with his legislative duties, he has had numerous occasions to confer with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on legislative matters and has become personally acquainted with him. He stated that he has always found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a man of his word, intelligent, honest and trustworthy in every respect and an individual with an unblemished record. He highly endorses the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President.
Mr. PHILIP B. HEALY, New York, member of the New York State Assembly, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for several years in connection with his legislative duties in the New York State Assembly and has been a guest in the ROCKEFELLER home. He stated he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of impeccable personal credentials. He described him as capable, competent, and possessed of moral courage. He has never known him to be guilty of duplicity or unbecoming conduct and stated he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER without reservation to the office to which he has been nominated.
On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman ALFRED A. DELLI BOVI, Republican, Queens, New York, advised that he has been a New York State Legislator for three years and his association with former Governor ROCKEFELLER has been limited to legislative matters. He described the nominee as a "pro forma" politician who did not mix socially with any other members of the Legislature. He stated that to his knowledge, the former Governor has always acted in good conscience and he considers him a reputable and loyal American, and he knows of no reason not to recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
Mr. EUGENE LEVY, New York State Assemblyman. 
Rockland County, New York, advised SA that he had limited 
personal contact with the nominee while the latter was 
Governor of New York State. He stated that this contact 
was limited to matters pertaining to legislative duties. 
He described the nominee as an individual of impeccable 
character and integrity whose reputation is beyond reproach. 
Mr. LEVY knows of no derogatory information whatsoever 
regarding the nominee and recommended him for a position 
with the United States Government without reservation.
On August 22, 1974, ROBERT C. MERTZ, New York State Assemblyman, Long Island, New York, advised WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately four years and considers him to be a loyal American. He stated that he considers him to be an extremely competent individual and an excellent choice for the Vice-Presidency. He stated that he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.
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On August 22, 1974, PRESCOTT B. HUNTINGTON, Long Beach Road, St. James, New York, advised SA WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately thirty years. He advised that he met ROCKEFELLER through his wife who was a roommate of ROCKEFELLER's first wife. He stated that after ROCKEFELLER became Governor of the State of New York, his association with him became much closer since he, HUNTINGTON, was a member of the New York State Assembly. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal, trustworthy individual and is not aware of anything derogatory concerning him. He stated that he is a great admirer of ROCKEFELLER and feels he is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President. He stated that he would certainly recommend ROCKEFELLER for this position.
On August 22, 1971, DOMINICK L. DI CARLO, 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, a member of the 1971 New York State Assembly, advised SA of the following:

The nominee is a man of excellent character and morals. Nothing has come to DI CARLO's attention which could be considered derogatory concerning him.

DI CARLO spent ten years in the New York State Assembly and although he differed with the nominee on certain issues, he considers the nominee to be an excellent leader of outstanding ability.

He said the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation. DI CARLO noted in this regard that Governor Rockefeller and his first wife experienced marital problems, which resulted in their divorce. He advised he possesses no further information concerning this matter.

According to DI CARLO, the nominee would make an excellent Vice President, as he has the ability for that particular office.

DI CARLO noted he does not know of any particular organizations to which the nominee may have belonged.
On August 22, 1971, STEPHEN J. SOLARZ, 241 Dover Street, Brooklyn, New York, a member of the 1971 New York State Assembly, advised SA of the following:

SOLARZ described the nominee as a very able public official. He said the nominee has a reputation for honesty and there is no question in regard to his probity. He advised he is of the opinion that during the last several years the nominee has become a "cynical politician" and said he would not be his choice for the Vice Presidency. He said this is based entirely on the fact that he, SOLARZ, is a Democrat and it is a question of politics. However, SOLARZ stated there is no question that the nominee has the capacity and ability to do a good job as Vice President. SOLARZ stated he had no knowledge as to organizations to which the nominee may belong.

SOLARZ noted that in his six years in the New York Legislature, he had only seen the nominee briefly in one private meeting, but had seen him at several ceremonial meetings.
On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman GUY BREWER, 107-35 170th Street, Jamaica, New York, Democrat, advised Special Agent (SA) BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for about six years professionally as a result of his being a New York State legislator. He stated that he is a member of the "Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus," and that Governor ROCKEFELLER was always very gracious and accepted comments and suggestions from him in a pleasant manner.

He stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER was inclined to take shortcuts in obtaining legislation, and would attempt to circumvent the rules. He stated the rules required that legislation be given to the individual legislators three days prior to a vote in order that they might properly study them. To circumvent this, the Governor would send a "message of necessity" requiring immediate handling.

He also stated that he had objected to the manner in which the Governor presented his budget, since Mr. ROCKEFELLER gave it in bulk form rather than by specific items.

Assemblyman BREWER stated that he has no reason to question the sincerity of Governor ROCKEFELLER, nor does he know of any proposed legislation which the Governor presented which was not in the public interest.
Assemblyman BREWER stated that he has no reason to question the personal integrity, morals, character, or loyalty of the Governor, and he knows of nothing which should preclude his confirmation as Vice President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman ARTHUR J. COOPERMAN, Democrat - Liberal New York, advised SA HARRINGTON that he has had no social contact with former Governor ROCKEFELLER other than at the Governor's Ball and also, on one occasion, when he and his family were photographed with the Governor.

Assemblyman COOPERMAN stated that he always regarded the nominee as a man of integrity and one whose character and loyalty he had no reason to question. He stated that any differences he had with Governor ROCKEFELLER were on purely legislative grounds.
V. INTERVIEWS WITH LABOR LEADERS

LOUIS STULBERG, President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU), 1710 Broadway, New York, advised he is acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and believes him to be a decent individual. His integrity, reputation, and loyalty to the country are beyond reproach. He recommended the nominee highly. STULBERG is aware of no information that would disqualify the nominee for the position of Vice President.

WILBUR DANIELS, Executive Vice President, ILGWU, 1710 Broadway, New York, advised the nominee is an individual with impeccable credentials. The nominee is a loyal American, honest and reputable, and an individual suited for the task of Vice President of the United States. He is unaware of any derogatory information concerning him.
The following labor leaders and individuals involved in labor in the Greater New York area were interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA_ 

JIM DOOLEY, Deputy Director, Builders and Construction Industry, Board of Urban Affairs, 261 Madison Avenue, stated that he was acquainted with the nominee by reputation only and recalled being introduced to him on one occasion. DOOLEY advised that the ROCKEFELLER nomination was a wise choice. DOOLEY feels that the nominee did a good job as Governor of New York and that his nomination is good for labor. He is not aware of any organizational membership on ROCKEFELLER's part. DOOLEY stated he had no information concerning ROCKEFELLER which could be considered derogatory.

____________________________________ Business manager, Metal Lathers Union, Local 46, 1322 Third Avenue, advised that he has personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER and had been acquainted with him for the fifteen years that ROCKEFELLER served as Governor of New York. said that he has served as member, New York State Federation of Labor and as member of the New York City Building Trades Council. advised that he was very happy with the announcement that ROCKEFELLER had been nominated for Vice President. added that he would gladly support ROCKEFELLER if he were a Presidential candidate. He said that labor has been pleased with ROCKEFELLER's performance as Governor of New York. He said that President FORD
could not have picked a "better helper" or "better man." 

is not aware of any organization that ROCKEFELLER currently belongs to or may have belonged to in the past. He stated that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates.

JOHN KELLEY, Trustee, Hotel, Hospital, and Nursing Home Employees Union, Local 144, 233 West 49th Street, stated that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but had met him on occasion at labor affairs in New York. KELLEY said he personally does not share ROCKEFELLER's political views but feels his appointment was very good and expects the labor movement will give its support to ROCKEFELLER. KELLEY stated that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER is a man of ability and should prove to be a good combination with President FORD.

KELLEY advised he has no knowledge of any organizations with which ROCKEFELLER may be or may have been affiliated, and has no derogatory information in his possession which may discredit ROCKEFELLER in any way.

Field Representative, American Federation of Labor (AFL) - Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), 211 East 43rd Street, advised that he had previously worked for the nominee after being appointed by ROCKEFELLER as a member of the State Board of Social Services. He served from This Board dealt with welfare rules and regulations and consisted of fifteen members. said that the Board conferred with ROCKEFELLER on three or four different occasions during the time he was a member.
advised that if the nominee continues to be "liberal" as in the past, he will be an asset to the United States.

said that ROCKEFELLER's ability is above question. In meetings in which he participated, he said, ROCKEFELLER dealt directly and realistically with issues before him and actively sought solutions to the problems that were presented by the Board. found the nominee to be very conscientious and observant of the Board's suggestions.

further stated that ROCKEFELLER dealt closely with the labor movement and was well received by it. He feels that ROCKEFELLER created an alliance between the labor movement and the State House in Albany, New York. He concluded his remarks by saying that ROCKEFELLER had always made himself personally available to the Board and was always accessible when problems arose. felt the President ought to be congratulated for choosing ROCKEFELLER as his Vice President. knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates.

LORDEN JOHN, Assistant Director, Region Number Seven, AFL-CIO, 211 East 43rd Street, advised that he knows ROCKEFELLER by reputation only. JOHN stated all information he has received concerning the nominee is good. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of outstanding abilities and an individual who has been "liberal" with labor in New York State. He said that labor would consider ROCKEFELLER a friend and he feels ROCKEFELLER's nomination will be good for the country. JOHN remarked that he has no knowledge of any organizations which ROCKEFELLER belongs to and possesses no derogatory information concerning him.
THOMAS CLARKSON, President of the Iron Workers District Council of Greater New York, 265 West 14th Street, advised that he personally worked for ROCKEFELLER in the past by serving on the Construction Planning Committee for New York State approximately four or five years ago. That committee consisted of fifteen members and CLARKSON characterized his relationship with ROCKEFELLER as a business acquaintance. CLARKSON said that ROCKEFELLER's nomination was very good because he feels that ROCKEFELLER is a very capable individual. He said that the nominee is aware of what is going on in labor and he added that ROCKEFELLER has excellent executive abilities. He further described the nominee as a "doer." CLARKSON continued that ROCKEFELLER has unifying abilities which help create a necessary rapport between labor and government. CLARKSON said that the labor movement in New York is excited about the ROCKEFELLER nomination and he pointed out that ROCKEFELLER is one of the few Republicans who would be so accorded in New York State.

CLARKSON knows of no organization in which ROCKEFELLER holds membership. CLARKSON stated that he possesses no derogatory information concerning him.
At New York City, New York

The following interview was conducted on August 23, 1974, by Special Agent [redacted]

Mr. RAYMOND CORBETT, President, New York State American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), 30 East 29 Street, advised that he is personally acquainted with the nominee and has worked closely with him since Mr. ROCKEFELLER became Governor in 1959. Mr. CORBETT had occasion to meet with the nominee several times annually. Mr. CORBETT handled the labor movement's legislative interests in New York State and discussed areas of the New York State economy, unemployment and urban development with the nominee.

Mr. CORBETT said that he had made a news release supporting Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency prior to his nomination. Mr. CORBETT described the nominee as "tops in the nation" as an executive who would be most qualified to become Vice President. He said that Mr. ROCKEFELLER gained this respect by his ability to lead New York State.

Regarding his personal meetings with the nominee, Mr. CORBETT found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a man of his word on each and every business occasion. He described the nominee's reliability as "unimpeachable."
From the standpoint of labor, the nominee was the first Republican in the history of New York State to receive labor's unqualified support according to Mr. CORBETT.

Mr. CORBETT stated that he has no question concerning ROCKEFELLER'S associates and advised he is in possession of no information of an unfavorable nature concerning him.
Business Manager, Local 363, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO), 60 Phillips Road, New City, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA THOMAS A. CONLON. He advised that he has known the nominee for approximately fifteen years, both politically and socially. He said that the nominee is one of the finest individuals he has ever had the pleasure of knowing. In his opinion, President FORD could not possibly have made a better selection for this position. In addition, he advised that the nominee has, at all times, in his political career, attempted to be extremely fair to both sides of the political scene, said the nominee's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates are above reproach, and stated his ability to serve as Vice President is well known.

stated he is a registered Democrat, but that he would, without question, most highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, ROBERT ANDERSON, Director of Safety, Building Trades Employers Association, 711 Third Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA that he is not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER; however, he regards him as a very good choice for Vice-President of the United States (US). He believes ROCKEFELLER to be a very loyal American, honest, and of high moral character. He also feels that ROCKEFELLER is very fair to the laboring man and that he has produced good programs in NY for labor. Mr. ANDERSON stated that nothing unfavorable has ever come to his attention regarding ROCKEFELLER, and he would recommend him for the position of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, FRED W. MUNDER, Former President, Building Trades Employers Association, President, A. Munder and Son, NY, advised SA that he has been professionally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER through their mutual interest in the management - labor relations field. He regards ROCKEFELLER as a very pro-American person, with impeccable character, integrity and reputation. ROCKEFELLER has been very fair in his dealings in the labor - management field, and is highly regarded by everyone who is concerned with these matters. MUNDER indicated that nothing unfavorable has ever come to his attention regarding ROCKEFELLER, and he would highly recommend him for the office of Vice-President.

On August 22, 1974, Business Manager, Glaziers Local Union 1087, NY, NY, advised SA that he has been professionally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER through his position as a member of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York. stated that he regards the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice-President of the US as an excellent one, which he feels will be good for the country. Upon learning of the appointment, he personally, with his union's concurrence, sent a telegram of congratulations to Washington. also advised that he regards ROCKEFELLER to be a very loyal American, and a man of the highest character, integrity, and reputation. He highly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, JOHN T. BURNELL, Director, Office of Labor Relations, Office of the Mayor, City of New York, 250 Broadway, New York, New York, advised Special Agent[1] that he has been professionally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for many years in the field of labor relations. He stated that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a person of excellent character, integrity, reputation and loyalty. He further stated that he regards the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President of the United States to be an excellent one in view of his outstanding background and experience in government. Mr. BURNELL advised that he would most highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Office of Vice-President of the United States.
JAMES HART, Secretary-Treasurer, Plumbers Local Number One, 23 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA THOMAS BEECH on August 22, 1974, HART advised that his union had sent a telegram to The White House congratulating the President on the appointment of the nominee. He stated that it is his personal feeling that this was a very excellent choice and that he feels ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States. He further advised that ROCKEFELLER, as Governor of the State of New York, had done a very good job, especially for the working people of the state. He stated that everything he knows regarding ROCKEFELLER's moral character, abilities, and reputation is of the highest. He stated that he has never heard of any derogatory information concerning the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, CONRAD F. OLSEN, President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 204 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, was interviewed by SA BEECH. OLSEN stated that his organization had sent a congratulatory letter to the President of the United States praising the appointment of ROCKEFELLER. OLSEN further advised that he personally considers ROCKEFELLER to be a good American citizen as well as a person of good moral character and outstanding ability as a politician. He stated he enjoys an excellent reputation throughout the entire labor industry in the New York City area. He stated that ROCKEFELLER would be an outstanding Vice President of the United States. He further advised that he has never heard any allegations linking ROCKEFELLER to anything of a derogatory nature.

On August 22, 1974, JACK GELMAN, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 204 East
23rd Street, New York, was interviewed by SA BEECH. GELMAN stated that the nominee is a person of excellent reputation and character, and a citizen of the United States who enjoys a fine reputation among the working people of the State of New York. He further advised that when ROCKEFELLER was Governor he was considered to be an excellent administrator and was one of the finest Governors in the history of the State of New York. He further stated that he would undoubtedly be an excellent Vice President. He stated that he has never heard any derogatory information concerning the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, [Business Manager of Roofer's Local Number Eight, 467 Dean Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA BEECH.] He advised that he, on behalf of his union, sent a telegram to the President of the United States, outlining his feelings concerning ROCKEFELLER, whom he described as the greatest person in the world. He stated that his choice for the Vice Presidency was an excellent one made by the President and that ROCKEFELLER in the past has been a good representative for all the people, including the working people connected with the unions in New York State. He stated he has met the former Governor on various occasions at public affairs and he is quite certain that the nominee would be an excellent Vice President of the United States. He stated that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.

On August 22, 1974, EARNEST GREEN, Executive Director, Recruitment and Training Program, Incorporated, 162 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which is a private, non-profit organization, was interviewed by SA BEECH. GREEN has advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER
on several occasions at public affairs and always thought that he had done an admirable job in running New York State as its Governor. He further advised that ROCKEFELLER is well thought of by the entire labor industry and that President FORD, in naming ROCKEFELLER, made an excellent choice. GREEN stated that to the best of his knowledge he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and considered him to be a man of high moral character, of great ability, and a person who enjoyed an excellent reputation.

On August 23, 1974, Administrative Assistant, New York City, Federal Labor Council, 356 Park Avenue, New York City, was interviewed by SA BEECH. _______ advised that a telegram has been forwarded to ROCKEFELLER on behalf of the union, congratulating him on his appointment. _______ further stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions in the past and considers him to be a man of fine moral character and outstanding ability, who is an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency. He further advised that ROCKEFELLER is generally regarded in labor circles in New York State as a good friend of the working people and a very capable administrator. _______ stated that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

JOHN LOWRY, JR., President, Building Contractors and Mason Builders Association, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he is of the opinion that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice-President of the United States. Mr. LOWRY stated he had known the nominee for several years, and had an outstanding relationship with him. Mr. LOWRY stated the nominee's character is above reproach, and his associates are all outstanding individuals. Mr. LOWRY further stated that the nominee's honesty is above reproach.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [Name Redacted] on August 22, 1974:

AL SIMONS, President, Iron Workers Union, Local 367, New York, advised that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was an extremely fine choice as Vice President Designate. Mr. SIMONS stated he had met the nominee only a couple of times, but that, to the best of his knowledge, he is of fine moral character. He described the nominee as a man whose associates are above reproach, and whose honesty is unquestioned. Mr. SIMONS concluded by stating that he could think of no better candidate for this position.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [ARBID ANDERSON, former President and Business Manager, Dock and Pier's Carpenters Union, Local 1456, 111 East 22nd Street, New York City, advised that he considers NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER to be a very capable and honest man. Mr. ANDERSON recommended the nominee as to character, associates, and loyalty to the United States.] on August 22, 1974.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [NAME REDACTED] on August 22, 1974:

LOUIS LEVINE, Commissioner, New York State Department of Labor, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, stated he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1966. During that time LEVINE indicated he has come to know the nominee as an extremely knowledgeable and competent individual. Mr. LEVINE indicated that the nominee's relationship with labor were excellent, and that he is of fine moral character and a loyal American. Mr. LEVINE concluded by highly recommending the nominee for the position in question.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ___ on August 22, 1974:

BETTY HUDSON, Executive Secretary, New York Building Congress, 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York, stated she has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. Mrs. HUDSON advised the nominee was an outstanding choice for the Vice-Presidency of the United States inasmuch as his relations with labor have been first-rate, and his character and loyalty are above reproach. In addition, Mrs. HUDSON indicated the nominee's associates are upstanding citizens who all know him to be an honest man. Mrs. HUDSON concluded by recommending the nominee for the position in question.
VI. INTERVIEWS OF ATTORNEYS

(LAWYERS - NEW YORK CITY AREA)

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) New York City, New York:

On August 21, 1974, Brooklyn, New York, I advised that he has known Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally and on a political basis for over 20 years. He considers him the most competent man in modern New York State politics. This man's honesty, reliability, compassion and purpose are above question. He has always been a dedicated public servant in his numerous Federal and local positions. He highly recommends this man for the position as Vice President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974,

advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal and political basis for over 15 years. He considers this man deserving of the highest recommendation that could be
given to a man presently in American politics; that this man's administrative and legislative ability has no limits. He has found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very patriotic leader, and it is an honor and a privilege to recommend him for the high position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974,

Manhattan, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER on a political basis for over ten years. His main contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER has been at social events held by numerous Jewish political and non-political organizations in the New York City area. [advised that he, ] has been a leader in Jewish organizations for over the last 15 years. He knows nothing derogatory about Governor ROCKEFELLER or his family. He considers Governor ROCKEFELLER an extremely competent and patriotic politician who will nobly fulfill the position of Vice President of the United States. He highly recommends him for this position.

On August 22, 1974,

advised that it is an honor to recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. His contacts with Mr. ROCKEFELLER have been limited to the New York State Mediation Board, but through these numerous contacts he has judged Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be intelligent, fair, hardworking and foresighted. [believes this is best shown through Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointments to the New York State Mediation Board. He could think of no other man who better deserves the position of Vice President of the United States.]

On August 22, 1974,

[advised that he had numerous contacts]
With Governor Rockefeller during his term, from these contacts, he considers Governor Rockefeller as a man interested in better Government through the welfare and betterment of the citizens of such Government. He considers Governor Rockefeller a leader in American politics and a man who would do an excellent job in the high office of Vice President of the United States. He highly recommends Governor Rockefeller for this position.

On August 23, 1974, advised that he has known Nelson Rockefeller on a professional and personal basis for over 15 years. He considers him a very keen and concerned politician. He considers him an outstanding administrator and a hardworking public servant. Advised that he possesses no information derogatory to Mr. Rockefeller's personal or political performance. He gives the nominee his highest recommendation for the difficult position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, advised that for the last 20 - 25 years he has known Nelson Rockefeller. Their relationship has been social, political and professional. He considers this very patriotic American politician as a man who has always upheld our Constitution. In his opinion, Nelson Rockefeller is the most qualified man in the last 30 years for the position of Vice President of the United States. He knows no personal or political faults which would interfere with Mr. Rockefeller's successful service as Vice President. He highly recommends Mr. Rockefeller for the position of Vice President, and he is positive that the nominee, in his position as Vice President, will do everything for the benefit of the nation.
On August 23, 1974, CYRUS R. VANCE, Partner, law firm of Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett, 350 Park Avenue, Manhattan, President of the Bar Association of New York City, Secretary of the Army, 1962 - 1964, and United States Negotiator at the Paris Peace Conference, 1968 - 1969, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

advised that it is an honor to recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER for position of Vice President of the United States. He advised that his main contacts with Governor ROCKEFELLER were through the State Banking Department, and through these contacts he found the Governor to be extremely knowledgeable, competent, and a concerned administrator in the field of banking. Governor ROCKEFELLER showed no favoritism toward any of his friends or relatives or their respective banking institutions in his administration of the New York State banking laws. He found this man to have a great interest in the welfare of citizens in the institutions in the State of New York. He could think of no more honest or hard working individual than Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER.
personal and political basis for over the last 15 years. This man has a grasp of local, Federal, and foreign politics. He considers this man a student and leader in the political arenas of the world. This man has always shown himself as an extremely able and competent administrator and legislator. He considers him a reliable and loyal asset to the American people. He finds it an honor and a privilege to recommend this man for position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, RICHARD L. BALTIMORE, JR., 299 Broadway, Manhattan, Acting Judge, City Court of New Rochelle, New York, and a member of the Association of the New York State Housing Authority, 1971 to date, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for over ten years. He has always found NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as a moral, qualified and astute politician and administrator. NELSON ROCKEFELLER has no equal in New York State politics. He finds NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be well qualified for the Vice Presidency or the Presidency of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, JOHN J. MC CLOY, Partner, law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, Manhattan, and United States High Commissioner for Germany, 1949 - 1952, highly recommends NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. Mr. MC CLOY was an attorney for, and an advisor to, NELSON's father. He has known NELSON since he, NELSON, was a young boy. They have remained in social contact since those early days. His main professional contact with NELSON was during World War II. NELSON was in the Department of State and MC CLOY was in the War Department. At that period, NELSON was involved with security aspects concerning the Latin-American countries. NELSON has always shown a great knowledge of the internal affairs of foreign governments, particularly the Latin-American countries. In that part of the world, NELSON has wide contacts, through which he is able to obtain pertinent facts and to meet the necessary people.

He has also always considered NELSON as an expert in the administration of local, State, and Federal Government. He knows no facts, which would prevent him from giving NELSON ROCKEFELLER the highest recommendation for the position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, contacted his secretary, on p.m., of August 24, 1974. He advised her to advise SA that he can not give a recommendation on NELSON ROCKEFELLER because he does not know him well enough to make such an important statement. He knows nothing derogatory about him.
On August 23, 1974, [blank] was contacted. He advised that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER well enough to give a recommendation for the position of Vice President of the United States. He knows nothing derogatory about NELSON ROCKEFELLER.
On August 23, 1974, the following senior partners of the law firm of [ ] were interviewed by Special Agents (SAS) [ ] regarding their relationship to and knowledge of Nelson A. Rockefeller:

- Advised that he has known Rockefeller socially for approximately ten years but that he personally had never had any business dealings with him. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, Rockefeller’s character and background are beyond reproach and he would highly recommend him for Vice President of the United States.

- Advised that he has known Mr. Rockefeller for about ten years as a social acquaintance and that to the best of his knowledge Mr. Rockefeller’s character is beyond reproach and that in his opinion Mr. Rockefeller is an excellent choice for Vice President.

- Advised that he has been a friend of the Rockefeller family for approximately twenty years and that, in fact, his [ ] stated that he had

Finally stated that he feels Rockefeller’s character and background are beyond reproach and that he is an excellent choice for the Vice President of the United States.

- Advised that he has known Rockefeller for twenty years and that in his opinion Rockefeller is a highly honorable man with an exceedingly high degree of integrity and ability, and he would give him the highest recommendation he could for the office of Vice President of the United States.
Mr. JOSEPH CARLINO, Attorney, 114 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York, advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 23, 1974, that he has known the nominee since 1958 and was very close to him until 1964 when he, Mr. CARLINO, was the Majority Leader in the New York Senate. He advised he is heartily in favor of President FORD's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, adding that there is not a scintilla of evidence of any wrongdoing on the part of the nominee, either professionally or personally. He stated Mr. ROCKEFELLER is most experienced and professional in government, both in the elective and administrative ends. He served in Washington, as well as Governor of New York State for many years and has an outstanding record. He advised that he knew of no indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee and knew nothing derogatory concerning him, and would consider him to be the ideal choice for the Vice-Presidency.
New York, Democrat, advised SAS and on August 22, 1974, that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been a fine public servant, would be good for the country and he would recommend him for the position.
New York, was contacted by SA on August 22, 1974, and advised that he has met the nominee on only a few occasions, all in a political environment. He stated that from what he knew of the nominee and the nominee's associates, he believes that the nominee is a very honest man. He stated that he has tremendous respect for the way that the nominee ran his Administration while Governor of New York State. He stated that he enthusiastically endorses the nominee highly for the position of Vice-President of the United States.
LOUIS LAUER, Attorney, Delson and Gordon, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent that he served from April, 1966 to June, 1967, as Chief Counsel, New York State Constitutional Convention and as Executive Director and General Counsel of the New York State Charter Revision Commission for New York City from October, 1962 to July, 1973, under then Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

LAUER said he had no direct contact with ROCKEFELLER while serving as Chief Counsel for New York State Constitutional Convention, however, was in contact with ROCKEFELLER when he (LAUER) served on the New York State Charter Commission.

LAUER stated that he was favorably impressed by ROCKEFELLER's strong interest in the conditions in New York City and his intense interest in the proceedings of the Charter Commission.

LAUER added that he knew of no discriminatory organizations to which ROCKEFELLER may have belonged and felt that ROCKEFELLER is an individual of strong moral character and reputation.

Commenting on the selection of ROCKEFELLER as Vice President LAUER described the selection as a matter of political judgement.
On August 22, 1974, JOHN E. LOCKWOOD, Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, advised Special Agent (SA) __________ he has been acquainted with the nominee since approximately 1939, and that his wife and the nominee's first wife had been schoolmates. He said he has been the personal counsel for the nominee for many years and had been very close to him while he was with the government in Washington, D. C., and while he was Governor of New York State. He considers him a very dedicated and responsible individual and a man of complete integrity. LOCKWOOD said that he had been the personal counsel for the Rockefeller Family and Associates until a few years ago when he retired. He said that he knows the nominee both on a professional and social basis and there is nothing in his entire background which would cause him to doubt the nominee's moral character or reputation. He considers him an outstanding American citizen and a first-class diplomat. He said there is nothing that would cause him to hesitate recommending the nominee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government and he highly recommended him.
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On August 22, 1974, New York City, advised during the past five years he has met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on three occasions. advised that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER and considered him to be of excellent character.

On August 22, 1974, New York City, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER socially on several occasions during the past five years. advised that President FORD could not have selected a more capable and loyal American than Mr. ROCKEFELLER. advised that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the character or ability of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

On August 23, 1974, R. BURDELL BIXBY, Attorney, law firm of Dewey, Ballentine, Bushby, Palmer, and Wood, 140 Broadway, New York City, who is also Chairman of the New York State Thruway Authority, advised that his friendship with Mr. ROCKEFELLER goes back to 1958. Mr. BIXBY advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER socially and politically for the past 16 years and, in his opinion, President FORD could not have selected a better person than ROCKEFELLER. BIXBY considers ROCKEFELLER to be a very capable executive who has gained the respect of the world, as well as his fellow Americans and he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the character or ability of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.
VII. INTERVIEWS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS
On August 23, 1974, ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor, New York City, Municipal Building, New York, New York, advised that he first met the nominee in approximately 1956 when the nominee was Chairman of the Temporary Commission for Review of the Constitution of New York State and he, BEAME, was a member of that committee. He stated that he has had continuous contact with him primarily in financial matters since he, BEAME, was Director of the Budget and Controller of New York City, prior to becoming Mayor. He said that although they disagreed on political philosophy and many issues, they worked together cooperatively, and he has the highest respect for the nominee. He described him as a very dedicated, competent, talented Government official, who is especially sensitive to urban problems, and that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, integrity or loyalty to the United States. He said that he thinks the selection of ROCKEFELLER as Vice President is an excellent one, and that he told the President so when he saw him yesterday.
On August 23, 1974, STUART SCOTT, Ambassador to Portugal, and presently visiting the United States, residing at 784 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for 25 years. Ambassador SCOTT has been to ROCKEFELLER's homes in Maine, New York City, and Westchester County. Ambassador SCOTT further advised that from 1971 to 1973, he was the head of a commission which NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER formed to study New York City government. Ambassador SCOTT advised that President FORD made a tremendous selection when he selected NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER to be Vice-President of the United States. Ambassador SCOTT advised that to his knowledge and recollections of the past, he could not furnish any information that would be derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER.
RALPH G. CASO, County Executive, Nassau County, Mineola, New York (NY), advised 3A JOHN G. FLEMMING on August 23, 1974, that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for many years and campaigned with him in 1958 and 1962 and later came to know him very well and on a first name basis, in 1970, when the nominee was running for Governor and Mr. CASO for County Executive. He stated he has the highest personal regard for the nominee as he is an outstanding and experienced person who in addition to serving the State, had also served in the Federal Government on a sub-cabinet level doing an excellent job.

Mr. CASO advised that recently he was head of a group of executives attempting to obtain Federal money for mass transit and in connection therewith, accompanied Mayor DEALE and Ex-Governor ROCKEFELLER in this endeavor. He advised he worked very closely with the Governor and considers him to be outstanding choice for the position of Vice President.

Mr. CASO advised there is no question whatsoever concerning the character, reputation, loyalty, and associates of the Governor, and he was aware of no improprieties or indiscretions on his part which would possibly embarrass him or the government. He stated that he had been an outstanding Governor in this State, is aware of the urban problems, and can be relied upon to do an outstanding job as Vice President. He advised he recommended him without qualification.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

RICHARD J. BRADY, Chairman, Dutchess County Republican Committee, and Deputy Secretary of State, New York, New York, advised he has known the nominee for seven years and said that he was responsive to the area both politically and non-politically. He stated that the nominee shows a deep concern for the people and that he knows nothing derogatory regarding him. He stated that, to his knowledge, there is nothing in the nominee's background that would tend to embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty were excellent, and recommended him without reservation for the position.
Mr. JOSEPH RAFFA, Chairman, Sullivan County Board of Supervisors, Monticello, New York Democrat, advised SAS on August 22, 1974, that he feels that former Governor ROCKEFELLER is "too liberal" for his tastes and would not be his personal choice for the position of Vice President. However, he stated that he knows nothing specific that would preclude his recommending the former Governor.
The following investigation was conducted on August 22, 1974, by SA___________.

MARIO A. PROCACCINO, a Democrat, President, State Tax Commission, New York, New York, advised he has known the nominee for twenty years and considers him "a great guy" about whom he knows absolutely nothing derogatory. He stated the nominee is capable, honorable, and dedicated. He said he knows nothing about him that would tend to embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said that rather than recommend him, he would endorse him for the position.

BENJAMIN R. SCHENCK, a Republican, Superintendent of Insurance, State of New York, advised he has known the nominee for ten years and has nothing but admiration and respect for him. He stated the nominee is energetic, hard working, extremely honest, and has nothing in his background that would either embarrass him or the United States Government. He said the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach, and he recommended him without reservation for the position of Vice President.
INTERVIEWS OF
VIII. RELIGIOUS LEADERS

His Eminence TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE, Roman Catholic Diocese of New York, advised Special Agent (SA) he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for many years and considers him a dedicated and faithful public servant. He stated ROCKEFELLER has performed his duties in a very creditable, conscientious and upright manner and nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt his integrity, reliability or good name. He added he opposed ROCKEFELLER’S stand on abortion, but he regards him as an able and knowledgeable administrator.
The following investigation was conducted by

On August 22, 1974, Right Reverend ALLEN W. BROWN, Philadelphia Hill Road, Tannersville, New York, retired as Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Albany, in March of 1974, advised he has known the nominee since 1958. His church and office were located near the State Capitol and he had frequent contacts with the Governor at State affairs and civic programs. He considers the nominee to be an administrator of exceptional ability, a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, and is very pleased he is the nominee for the Vice Presidency. He knows of absolutely no reason Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed.
The following investigation was conducted by

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at Brooklyn, New York:

On August 23, 1974, Doctor SANDY F. RAY, Pastor of the Corner Stone Baptist Church, 574 Madison Street, advised that he first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER about twenty years ago when he, ROCKEFELLER, first entered political life, and has been closely associated with him on a personal and political level since that time. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER an individual of the greatest integrity and honesty and about the most sincere man he knows in this category. He considers him to be an individual who is "very liberal" but who would not let his liberal attitude interfere with the best interests of the people. He said that ROCKEFELLER, many times, disagreed with him on various issues, and he has found ROCKEFELLER to be an individual who would voice his objections clearly and honestly. He, however, considers him an excellent statesman and highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
INTERVIEWS OF
IX. BUSINESS LEADERS

JOHN A. COLEMAN, New York, New York, a partner in the Brokerage Firm of Adler, Coleman and Company, advised Special Agent (SA) JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY he has known the ROCKEFELLER family since 1938. He was appointed by the nominee to serve on the Moreland Act Commission approximately six or seven years ago. He advised that the nominee would be extremely helpful in matters concerning South America and would be most advantageous for the United States. He stated that he is of a political persuasion other than the nominee's; however, he would recommend the nominee highly as to his moral character, associates and loyalty to the United States.

JOHN FRANCIS HAYES, Brooklyn, New York, Deputy Borough President, Borough of Brooklyn, and former Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), advised SA JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY he does not know ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis but has met him on a couple of occasions in a group. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a dynamic politician, a tremendous campaigner and a loyal American. He stated he knows nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning ROCKEFELLER'S moral character, reputation or associates.

VICTOR D. ZIMINSKY, President, Victor D. Ziminsky, Incorporated, Management Consultants, New York, advised SA he first became acquainted with ROCKEFELLER in 1947 when he, ZIMINSKY, was president of the Union News. Since 1957, his contact with ROCKEFELLER has been limited to social functions. He has never been very close to ROCKEFELLER socially, but he has known of his reputation as being a person of integrity. He has never heard or known of anything which would cause him to doubt ROCKEFELLER'S reputation or loyalty. He regards him as a stable, reliable and energetic individual. He further stated that he was not aware of any of the circumstances surrounding ROCKEFELLER'S divorce from his first wife.
HARRY HAGGERTY, Westchester County Club, Harrison, New York, advised he is retired Vice-Chairman of the Board, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, New York. HAGGERTY stated he has met ROCKEFELLER on different occasions but does not know him personally very well. He stated he met ROCKEFELLER through his (HAGGERTY'S) personal friend, Governor MALCOLM WILSON.

Mr. HAGGERTY stated everything concerning ROCKEFELLER has been favorable, although he has heard rumors concerning ROCKEFELLER'S extramarital affairs, but he feels these are unfounded rumors. He stated MALCOLM WILSON has told him ROCKEFELLER is "clean as a whistle".

Mr. HAGGERTY further believes ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State. He stated nothing has come to his attention that would compromise ROCKEFELLER'S character, reputation or loyalty, and he recommended ROCKEFELLER. The only reservation HAGGERTY has concerning ROCKEFELLER is his own personal preference for a person like BARRY GOLDWATER who made it in politics "on his own and was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth."

FRANCIS B. GARVEY, West Islip, New York, Attorney, advised that as President of the Long Island Association, a business and industrial group, he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions. He advised he is not a close associate of ROCKEFELLER'S, but he knows nothing derogatory concerning him and nothing which should preclude his becoming Vice President.
On August 23, 1974, HOYT AMMIDON, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United States Trust Company, 45 Wall Street, New York City, advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee for approximately 20 years. During this period, he had been a member of the National Republican Finance Committee and the New York State Finance Committee, and was familiar with the fund-raising activities of both committees. He said the nominee is a person of "high integrity" and a very careful and responsible individual. He knows him socially and went to school with members of his immediate family. AMMIDON stated that the nominee never said nor did anything which would cast a shadow on his moral character, integrity or good name.

AMMIDON added that the nominee is a very capable and dynamic administrator, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.
On August 23, 1974, HARRY W. ALBRIGHT, JR., New York State Superintendent of Banks, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately 15 years, having served as Counsel to the Civil Service Employees Association and to the Medical Society, before taking his present position, and had many meetings with the Governor in those capacities. He stated that he is also a close personal friend of the nominee. He said that there is absolutely no question of his integrity or moral character, that his ability as an administrator and dedicated Government official has been proven, and that he is entirely loyal to the United States. He recommended the nominee highly.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. WILLIAM T. DENTZER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Central Certificate Service, Incorporated, 55 Water Street, New York, New York, who resides at New York, advised that he first met the nominee in April, 1969, when he entered the State Government as Executive Director of the State Council on Economic Advisors. He subsequently became Superintendent of Banks, and remained there until May, 1972. In the latter position, he was a member of the Governor’s Cabinet, saw him frequently, and judged him as a very capable individual in all respects. He said that he found the nominee to be a man who is tolerant, of diversified opinion, but at the same time, able to reach firm decisions on matters. He stated also that he, while Superintendent, was the architect of banking legislation.
in the State, and that he noted that the nominee took great pains to avoid becoming involved in such legislation, because he was extremely sensitive of the family ties in banking. He said that he had the most general kind of mandate in operating the Banking Department, and that the nominee did not interfere lest he be judged guilty of some improprieties. He stated that he also knows that he gave the widest range of authority to his, DENTZER'S, predecessor. He said that he has the highest regard for the nominee as a man of strong character and integrity, and that although there were several excellent choices for the Vice Presidency, he felt that the selection of ROCKEFELLER was the best.
On August 21, 1974, GEORGE LYON HINMAN, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised SA ___ that he is the Special Counsel to the Rockefeller Family Associates and is the Republican Committeeman for New York. He stated he has been acquainted with the nominee since 1956 and at that time he had a law practice at Binghamton, New York, and had been contacted by ROCKEFELLER to be ROCKEFEPPER'S counsel on the Commission to review the New York State Constitutional Convention. He said he became an Executive Assistant to the nominee when he became Governor in 1958 and he remained with him for several months in the capacity of staffing his administration. He has been very close to the nominee in all his political ventures and he considers him a person of complete integrity and excellent moral character. He said he is "tremendously qualified" as a Governmental leader and is very dynamic in all his undertakings. He said the nominee has always been dedicated in trying to solve problems and is challenged by them.

HINMAN stated that he has supervised fund raising for the nominee and that at no time has there ever been any allegations against him concerning monetary affairs, except for the complete "fabrication" concerning allegations made recently against him. He explained that the allegations concerned money secretly funded from ROCKEFELLER to cause upheaval during the last Presidential elections. He said these allegations were "totally false" and that the donations made by members of the ROCKEFELLER family to the NIXON campaign were made in the proper manner. He considers the nominee an outstanding and dedicated administrator and a loyal American citizen.

He reiterated that as far as the charges recently exhibited in the press regarding ROCKEFELLER funds and the NIXON campaign, all laws regarding donations were conformed with and at no time were there any irregularities charged against the nominee except for the above allegation. He said
the ROCKEFELLER family has been extremely conscious of any funding and it is all handled by their attorneys to the letter of the law.

HIMAN highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.
On August 23, 1974, ALTON G. MARSHALL, President of
Rockefeller Center Incorporated, 50 Rockefeller Center, New
York City, advised SA that he first became acquainted
with the nominee in 1961, at which time, he became the
Deputy Director of the Budget of New York State. In 1965,
he became an Executive Officer to the Governor, and in
1966, became Secretary to Governor ROCKEFELLER, and his
Chief of Staff. He remained in this position until 1971.
MARSHALL stated that he has worked very closely with the
nominee, and is "reasonably well equipped" to comment on
the nominee's personal life and his political career. He
stated that he has never known the nominee to be involved
in any type of unfavorable or "shady" dealings involving
money, bribes, graft, or corruption. He said, at no time
was the nominee ever involved in, nor did he have knowledge
of the "suggestion of illegal acts or dirty tricks". He
considers the nominee a person of complete integrity, and
he "can't think of anything which would cast an aspersion
on his integrity." He stated the nominee is able to compromise
and can get a substantial chunk of what he wanted when he
knows he can't get it all". He added that the nominee is
flexible and realizes that he cannot be rigid in all his demands,
and that he can work well with people in all spectrums of our
society. He highly recommended the nominee for a position
of trust and confidence in the United States Government.
On August 21, 1974, J. RICHARDSON DILBERT, Counsel to the Rockefeller Family and Associates, advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee for twenty years and he oversees the financial and administrative interests of the ROCKEFELLER family. He stated that the nominee has always been a person of complete integrity and nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt the nominee's honesty or loyalty. He said he is a man of his word and he is held in the highest regard by individuals of all political affiliations. DILBERT said that the nominee is a very meticulous and diplomatic individual and he would be an asset to the United States as Vice-President. He stated that he knows of nothing concerning the nominee's personal or professional life which, if it were disclosed at a future date, would prove embarrassing to the Vice Presidency or to Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He highly recommended the nominee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

On August 21, 1974, Dr. WILLIAM J. BONHAM, Senior Advisor to the Rockefeller Family and Associates, and also Chairman of the Board of the Port of New York Authority, 20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised that he first met the nominee in approximately 1956, when he had been the Head of Staff, preparing for the Constitutional revision of which the nominee was Chairman. He explained that the staff was gathered in order to examine the New York State Constitution and to prepare for the State Constitutional Convention, which was subsequently voted down during the general elections. He, subsequently, became an associate and friend of the nominee and worked on his campaign in 1958 for Governor of New York State. He became Secretary and Chief of Staff to the nominee in 1959 and remained with him until December, 1968, after the successful campaign for the Governor's re-election.

He stated that he has had an excellent view of the nominee both personally and professionally and he considers him a man of complete integrity. He has witnessed the nominee in the "political arena" and he said the nominee has always
been "meticulous to separate his public and private concerns."

He considers him a forthright individual and a very discreet and scrupulous person in that he was always quick to get facts concerning any possible wrongdoing and always made immediate corrections. He stated that nothing has ever come to his attention that would cause him to doubt in the slightest manner the nominee's word, integrity, moral character, or reputation. He is an excellent administrator, a first-class diplomat, and a loyal American citizen. He highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.
On August 22, 1974, JOHN HAY WHITNEY, 110 West 51st Street, New York City, advised [redacted], that he has been acquainted with the nominee for approximately 30 years. He worked with him when the nominee was Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, in approximately 1940. He regards the nominee as a competent and diplomatic individual, and he holds him in high esteem as a person of complete integrity. Nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt the nominee's moral character or reputation, nor does he know of anything which would cast a shadow upon the Vice Presidency, or upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER himself, should the nominee receive the position of Vice President. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.
On August 22, 1974, ROBERT MOSES was interviewed at his summer home Oak Beach, Long Island, New York, by WILLIAM R. WALL. He advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately 40 to 45 years and has served in ROCKEFELLER's Administration. He has worked in projects with ROCKEFELLER's father and knows all the members of the family very well. He stated that he has no information relative to ROCKEFELLER which would preclude his being appointed as Vice-President of the United States, and in fact, thinks that his was the best of all possible choices.

He is not sufficiently acquainted with the financial affairs of ROCKEFELLER to furnish any information concerning them.
Mr. PAUL GROSSINGER, Owner, Grossinger’s Hotel and Country Club, Liberty, New York, Republican, advised on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding public servant. He advised that he has personally known the nominee for many years and that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has been a guest many times at his hotel in the past. He stated that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the appointment.
Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York, Republican, advised SAS on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding choice for Vice-President, that he has all of the necessary credentials for the position and would be good for the country.
On August 22, 1974, Mrs. DOROTHY SCHIFF, Editor-in-Chief, "New York Post", 210 South Street, New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents WILLIAM J. GROVES and ALBERT F. CHESTONE concerning the nominee. She stated that she first met the nominee in 1936, and has maintained a close relationship with him ever since.

She advised that he is an extremely honest, trustworthy and sincere individual, whose dedication and loyalty to the United States are beyond doubt or question.

She concluded by stating that she highly recommends the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, Mr. HEDLEY DONOVAN, Editor-in-Chief, Time Incorporated, Time and Life Building, New York City, was interviewed concerning the nominee, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. DONOVAN stated that the nominee is, without the slightest doubt, totally capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of the Office of Vice-President.

He advised that he has known the nominee for approximately twenty years and has never known him to be other than an honest and trustworthy individual. He added that the nominee, whom he knows socially, is a highly disciplined person, who will devote all of his talents towards improving living standards, in America and the entire world.

The above interview was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM J. GROVES and ALBERT F. CHESTONE.
On August 22, 1974, WARREN H. PHILLIPS, President, "The Wall Street Journal", 22 Courtland Street, New York, New York, advised SA WILLIAM J. GROVES, JR. that although he has known the nominee by reputation for many years, he feels that he does not know ROCKEFELLER well enough to offer specific comments about him.

On August 22, 1974, DONALD MAC DONALD, Senior Vice-President, "The Wall Street Journal", 22 Courtland Street, New York, New York, advised SA GROVES that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, and, therefore, does not consider himself qualified to specifically comment on ROCKEFELLER.

On August 22, 1974, FREDERICK TAYLOR, Managing Editor, "The Wall Street Journal", 22 Courtland Street, New York, New York, advised SA GROVES that he does not recall ever meeting ROCKEFELLER personally, and, although he knows of the nominee by reputation, he does not believe he is in a position to offer a recommendation concerning him.
EUGENE HAGGERTY, New York-New Jersey Regional Editor, United Press International, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, advised Special Agent (SA) that although he has had no personal association with the nominee, he has met and associated many times with Mr. ROCKEFELLER at various public functions and through the nominee's position as a public figure and Mr. HAGGERTY's function as a newsman. Mr. HAGGERTY added that he has never known of any information which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's personal character or his ability as an executive. He said, in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER could serve with distinction in high public office, and he knew of nothing in the nominee's background which would ever embarrass the nominee, himself, or the government he serves. He also said he has no reservations about Mr. ROCKEFELLER's fitness for a responsible government position and he recommended the nominee accordingly.
JOHN R. CORPORON, Vice-President, News Department, WPIX, a radio and television station at 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, advised Special Agent (SA) that he has known the nominee as a news reporter for several years, has covered national political conventions when the nominee was a Presidential candidate, knows him professionally through the news media during Mr. ROCKEFELLER's terms as Governor, and feels he knows the nominee well as an observer. According to Mr. CORPORON, there is no fault of personal character or lack of executive ability which would prevent Mr. ROCKEFELLER from being appointed to the high post under consideration, and he feels the nominee is well suited to such a position. Mr. CORPORON said that in his position as reporter of the news, he has become aware of no information which would reflect adversely upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, associates, reputation, or ability, and he said he has no reservations concerning the nominee's fitness for public office.
F. M. FLYNN, Chairman of the Board, The New York News, Incorporated, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, advised Special Agent (SA) [_____] that he has known the nominee for over 15 years mainly through his position as publisher of a prominent New York newspaper, but also on a limited personal basis. Mr. FLYNN said that although he and his newspaper have disagreed with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on specific projects and policies, they have consistently supported him editorially, and he has never found the nominee to be other than frank and honorable. Mr. ROCKEFELLER is not a devious man, is personable, and exceptionally competent in that through the years that he was Governor of New York State he strove to improve his knowledge of state affairs while continuing his interest and competency in national and international affairs. Mr. FLYNN continued that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is wide-ranging in his thinking, has a good reputation, and nothing has caused him to question the nominee's personal character, associates, or ability as a public figure. Mr. FLYNN said that his observations indicate that the nominee's marriage is a happy one, and he would have no doubts as to the nominee's fitness for high public office requiring an impeccable character and reputation. He said he feels the choice of the nominee for the Vice-Presidency is a good one.

WINFIELD H. JAMES, President and Publisher, The New York News, Incorporated, on August 22, 1974, advised [_____] that although he has no personal knowledge of the nominee, he has had considerable association with him through formal functions. He has found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outgoing and highly reputable person whom he feels is well qualified for the post under consideration. Mr. JAMES said he has no knowledge of anything which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's personal character, reputation, associates, or judgement, and he said, in his opinion, the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an excellent one.
FLOYD BARGER, Executive Editor and Senior Vice-President, The New York News, Incorporated, on August 22, 1974, advised that he knows the nominee personally and has followed his career for 35 years through Mr. BARGER's position as newspaper editor. He has been in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home and associated with him on semi-social occasions. He said he considers the nominee to be a man of high integrity, thoroughly honest, and an appropriate choice for the position under consideration. Mr. BARGER added that if there had been any substantial taint of scandal associated with the nominee, his paper would have published it; however, no concrete information was ever developed which would reflect unfavorably upon any aspect of the nominee's character or activities, and he feels there is no reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER could not serve in high public office. Mr. BARGER said he is aware of the many considerations to which nominees for high public office are subject and he said, in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the requisite personal background, executive ability, and wide-ranging interests to enable him to serve as Vice-President with distinction.

MICHAEL J. O'NEILL, Managing Editor, The New York News, Incorporated, on August 22, 1974, advised that he has known of the people around the nominee for 15 to 20 years and has covered Mr. ROCKEFELLER's activities through Mr. O'NEILL's position in the newspaper field. He has associated with the nominee at public gatherings and he said he is aware of no information which would reflect adversely upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He said that specifically, the nominee's personal character, associates, reputation, executive ability, and temperament are such as would qualify him for high public office, and Mr. O'NEILL said he had no reservations about the nominee's suitability for such office.
On August 22, 1974, Mr. OSBORN ELLIOTT, Chairman of the Board and Editor of "Newsweek" magazine, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a number of years and was also acquainted with other members of the ROCKEFELLER family. ELLIOTT stated that he has associated with the nominee both professionally and socially, that he has entertained the ROCKEFELLERS at his home, been a guest at their home, and attended other social functions with them.

ELLIOTT stated that he felt ROCKEFELLER was the best possible choice for the office of Vice President of the United States, and exhibited a copy of a telegram which he had sent to him, congratulating him on his nomination. He stated that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER was of excellent moral character, had tremendous executive ability and was the most highly qualified person for the office to which he has been nominated.

ELLIOTT added that although he has disagreed with ROCKEFELLER in some matters, notably his conduct in regard to the prison uprising at Attica, New York, nevertheless, he respected his judgement and could think of nothing derogatory regarding his character, associations, or any other aspect of his life and career.

MR. RUSSELL WATSON, National Affairs Desk, "Newsweek" magazine, advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he is responsible for handling a large feature article being prepared on ROCKEFELLER by "Newsweek". He stated the primary focus of this article will be on the nominee's wealth and assets but will cover other facets of the nominee and the nomination. Nothing has been discovered in the preparation of this article which would reflect unfavorably on ROCKEFELLER in regard to his ability, integrity, or moral character. He stated that there has been some speculation among members of the news media as to the ROCKEFELLERS' domestic situation. He added that this speculation
is caused by Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's tendency to "avoid the limelight" and her absence from various public functions at which her husband was present. He said such speculation is always rife among members of the media in regard to any public figure and he personally knows of no information which would indicate any marital rift. He stated that although he differs politically with the nominee in many areas, he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the office of Vice President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, Mr. ROBERT W. DICKEY, General Manager, WINS Radio, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a period of years in a professional capacity. He has had press conferences with him, both "on and off the record" on many occasions, and has socialized with him to a limited extent. In his dealings with the nominee, Mr. DICKEY stated that he has found him to be forthright, moderate, honest, and always in full control of himself. Although he has disagreed with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on some occasions, it never resulted in any rancor or bitterness. He stated that he knew nothing derogatory concerning the nominee's moral character, his associations or his abilities.

Mr. CHARLES APPEL, Editorial Director, WINS Radio, stated on August 22, 1974, that he knew Mr. ROCKEFELLER slightly and on a professional basis. He stated that although he differed from the nominee politically in many areas, he knew of no reason why he should not be considered highly qualified and capable of handling the office for which he has been nominated.

Mr. DOUGLAS EDELSON, Reporter, WINS, advised on August 22, 1974, that he had known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for 18 years, that he had covered his various political campaigns, has travelled with him, and felt that he knew him very well. EDELSON stated that he is in the process of writing a book about the relationship between ROCKEFELLER and JOHN V. LINDSAY during the period when the nominee was Governor of New York State and LINDSAY was Mayor of New York City.

Mr. EDELSON said that as a result of his association with the nominee, he has complete faith in his honesty, character, and ability. He stated that he found ROCKEFELLER and his wife to be a devoted, charming couple and that although his wife prefers domestic rather than public life, she is content to do whatever is necessary to further her husband's political life. Mr. EDELSON said that he could not think of anyone more fully qualified mentally, morally, or ability-wise, for the Vice-Presidential office.
On August 23, 1974, Mr. HERBERT SALTZMAN, General Manager, WOR Radio, 1440 Broadway, New York, New York, advised Special Agents and JOSEPH W. MENDES that he had known the nominee in a professional capacity, over a period of more than ten years. He stated that he had always found ROCKEFELLER to be forthright and honest and he had never had any reason to question his abilities or moral character. SALTZMAN said he felt that ROCKEFELLER was extremely well qualified for the office to which he has been nominated.
XI. INTERVIEWS OF COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

On August 23, 1974, the following individuals were contacted by Special Agent (SA) in New York City, New York:

RICHARD H. KUH, District Attorney in Charge of the Borough of Manhattan for the City of New York, 155 Leonard Street, advised that he has been in his present position for six and a half months. He stated that he has met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, been at meetings with him and has known him since ROCKEFELLER first became Governor of the State of New York. He stated that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning NELSON ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He stated that he, (KUH), runs the District Attorney's Office on a "wholly, non-political basis" and that as a result of this, he will not comment either for or against Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination for the Vice-President Post. He stated that he wished to make it perfectly clear that his refusal to comment concerning a political figure has no bearing on whether he is in favor of or against the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidential Post.

JOHN KEENAN, Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Borough of Manhattan, 155 Leonard Street, stated that he has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally but that he considers him to be the best nominee for the Vice-Presidential Position that President FORD could have named. He stated that although he is not personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, he has never heard anything but favorable comments concerning him. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be one hundred percent American, "straight as an arrow" and that President FORD could not have named any better individual for the Vice-President Position than NELSON ROCKEFELLER.
District Attorney EMANUEL GELLMAN, Sullivan County, 270 Broadway, Monticello, New York, Republican, advised on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had been outstanding as Governor and a fine public servant, and that he could not say enough fine things about the appointee. He highly recommended former Governor ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.
HENRY G. WENZEL, III, District Attorney of Suffolk County, Riverhead, New York, advised SA [insert name] on August 22, 1974, that he is not familiar enough with ROCKEFELLER to comment concerning his fitness to be Vice President of the United States. His knowledge concerning ROCKEFELLER is merely from public statements and publicity ROCKEFELLER has received.
Mr. WILLIAM CAHN, District Attorney, Nassau County, Mineola, New York, advised he has known the nominee about 15 years, adding that the latter appointed him to the position of District Attorney. He has associated professionally and socially with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and found him to be a most pleasant and hospitable person. He said he did an excellent job as Governor of the State and is a man of high moral standards and integrity.

Mr. CAHN stated that some individuals may "snipe" at him for political reasons, but he considers him to be a most loyal, capable and competent man, who is an excellent choice for the position of Vice-President. He stated he knew nothing derogatory concerning him and recommended him without qualification.
Assistant Director JOHN F. MALONE, New York Office, FBI, advised that for the 12 years he has been in the New York Office he has been in touch with ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions. His contacts have been always extremely cordial and the Governor holds the Bureau in very high regard. He has heard ROCKEFELLER speak on untold numbers of occasions before various law enforcement groups and other organizations in the New York City area. He is a personal appointee of ROCKEFELLER to the Municipal Police Training Council of the State of New York, and has found him in personal sessions in regard to this organization to be forthright, honest, and a man who always takes a direct approach to matters. He has always found him to be an excellent administrator in State affairs. He has never heard ROCKEFELLER make a statement which would indicate he was anything but a conservative American. Mr. MALONE has been privy to numerous discussions concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER and has never heard anything of a derogatory nature as far as his loyalty and patriotism are concerned. Mr. MALONE concluded by stating that the Governor is progressive and has spent a great deal of money in advancing New York State to the forefront which would include the field of Law Enforcement.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

Commissioner MICHAEL J. CODD, New York City Police Department, advised he has known the nominee for sixteen years and stated that he is a man of the highest integrity. He said that he doubts if a better man could be picked for the position and that he is honest, capable, and hard working. He said he knew nothing in the nominee's background that would cause embarrassment to him or to the government, and that his character, reputation and loyalty were excellent. He recommended him highly for the position.
PHILLIP CORSO, Suffolk County Sheriff, Riverhead, New York, advised on August 22, 1974, that he had been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER in a professional capacity for over ten years. He advised that his office of Sheriff was vacated by FRANK GROSS who is now with the New York State Parole Board. ROCKEFELLER appointed him, CORSO, Sheriff.

He stated that from his meetings with ROCKEFELLER, he would consider him to be of good character, loyalty and reputation. He stated that ROCKEFELLER has always exercised good, sound, executive judgement in his discharge of duties as Governor of the State of New York, and he feels that ROCKEFELLER, from his past public service, is well qualified for the office of Vice-President of the United States.

He advised that he is not cognizant of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and could not comment concerning them. He advised that to his knowledge, there is nothing derogatory in his background which would reflect unfavorably upon the office of the Vice-President. If he had the opportunity to vote for ROCKEFELLER's confirmation in the Congress of the United States, he would be more than happy to do so.
On August 21, 1974, DENIS DILLON, Democratic Candidate for Nassau County District Attorney's Office and Former Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force, Eastern District of New York, advised SA that he is not aware of any indiscretions on the part of the nominee which would tend to embarrass him or the Government. Mr. DILLON advised that he is not personally familiar with the nominee and has had no dealings on a legislative basis with him or his office. He added that as far as he knows of his own personal knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man of integrity.

Mr. DILLON advised that one of his assistants, formerly with the Strike Force in Brooklyn, handled the prosecution of a federal narcotics case about three years ago which involved mobsters PAUL SCIACCA and one of the defendants in the case.

DILLON advised that Mr. DILLON stated that he never saw the picture and expressed the opinion that if it still exists, it probably would be in the possession of the nominee's people in Albany. He stated that in his opinion, this has no bearing on the appointee's integrity but if the photograph appeared in newspapers, it could possibly lead to embarrassment. He further advised that
The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 22, 1974, JOSEPH PAVLAK, Greene County Sheriff, Catskill, New York, advised he has known the nominee since 1969, when Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed him to fill the vacancy of the deceased sheriff. He has met with him on three or four occasions since that time, and highly recommends Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

On August 23, 1974, GEORGE E. YERRY, 133 Highland Avenue, Kingston, New York, Commissioner of the New York State Compensation Board, advised he has had a close personal relationship with the nominee during his term as Governor of New York State. He has been appointed to several non-paying positions by the Governor and has had a close working relationship with him. He considers the nominee to be an outstanding administrator, and a person of unquestionable character, reputation and loyalty, who is an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.
The following law enforcement officials were contacted by Special Agent (SA) on August 22, 1974, in New York, New York.

Mr. A. E. WHITAKER, Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, 90 Church Street, advised that he is not personally acquainted with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER and that he is not in a position to make comments concerning him.

Chief ROBERT RAPP, New York City Transit Authority Police, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he formerly worked for NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER's private secretary, Dr. WILLIAM J. RONAN. He said that he met NELSON ROCKEFELLER at various functions of ethnic groups in the New York City metropolitan area, and shook hands with him. He stated that he had little, if any, conversations with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that he feels he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER well enough to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. He stated that on the other hand, he knows of no reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be employed in a position of trust and confidence as he considers him to be an excellent administrator.
Mr. FRANK MONASTERO, Deputy Regional Director of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 555 West 57 Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent I on August 23, 1974, that JOHN FALLON, Regional Director, DEA, had telephonically contacted him on August 22, 1974. He stated that FALLON had advised him to inform the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that he (FALLON) is not personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He stated that FALLON said that up to June 30, 1973, he (FALLON) was the Special Agent in Charge of the Customs Agency Service in New York, and that NELSON ROCKEFELLER, as Governor of New York, supported some of the programs of the US Customs Agency Service. He said that FALLON also stated that the strong New York State Drug Law which was initiated by NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Governor of New York has aided tremendously in the work of the Drug Enforcement Administration.
Detective Special Operations Section, Nassau County Police Department (NCPD), Mineola, New York, advised that he has on a number of occasions been detailed to afford personal security for former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER when he has visited and appeared publicly in Nassau County, New York.

He related he has become personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a result of his assignments and has been with him both in private and in public during the past 10 or more years in connection with his official duties.

advised that he is not aware of any indiscretion or conduct on the part of Mr. ROCKEFELLER which would in any way reflect adversely on his moral character or associates and considers him to be an excellent choice as a Vice-President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, Mr. FERDINAND J. MONDELLO, Chairman, New York State Commission of Investigation, 270 Broadway, New York City, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents and ROBERT E. BRODERICK.

Mr. MONDELLO advised that he has known the nominee for more than twelve years and considers him to be a man of outstanding character and reputation. He feels NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is not only qualified to be Vice-President, but would make a great President.

Mr. MONDELLO further advised that of all the individuals mentioned as possible candidates for the Vice-Presidency, President FORD selected the most capable, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.
EDWARD S. SILVER, Member, New York State Commission of Investigation, 270 Broadway, New York, New York, furnished the following information on August 22, 1974:

SILVER advised that he was appointed in 1969 to be the Democratic member of the two Commissioners appointed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER. SILVER advised he had previously served from 1925-1929 as Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. He had also served as Assistant District Attorney and as District Attorney and Surrogate Judge in Kings County, New York, during the period 1946-1968.

He advised that although he, SILVER, is a Democrat, he considers ROCKEFELLER to be the best man available for the position of Vice President. He advised no one he knows has ever expressed any criticism of his integrity, moral character, ability or reputation.

He considers him to be an outstanding American, a man of ability and knowledgeable in government and international affairs.

SILVER stated he has never heard of ROCKEFELLER being a member of any organization that practiced discrimination of any kind.
Mr. JOSEPH WASSER, Sheriff, Sullivan County, New York.
Monticello, New York, Democrat, advised on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had been a fine governor, would be good for Sullivan County, New York State, and the country, and he would recommend him for the appointment.
XIII. INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES
(STATE AND LOCAL)
SOL WACHTLER, Justice, New York Court of Appeals, Mineola, New York, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and has a special affection for him. He has visited him at his residences in New York City, Westchester and Albany and found him to be a genuinely, sincere and warm individual. He added that the nominee has run for office a number of times and has been "held up to a microscope" and has come out with flying colors. He is an intelligent and articulate individual and the type who can get diverse forces to work together.

He stated the nominee is a man of impeccable credentials, a man of integrity and one about whom he knows nothing of an adverse nature. He said he was not aware of any indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee and recommended him without qualification.
On August 23, 1974, New York State Supreme Court Justice ROSS ELSTEIN, 38-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York (NY), advised SAUL N. R. HARRINGTON that he has known the nominee for many years and at one time, while Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor, he was majority leader in the Senate. Judge ELSTEIN stated also that he was of the opposition party and had formerly been Queens County Democratic leader. He stated that because of his duties in Albany, he saw the Governor frequently and became personal friends with him despite the party differences. He stated that the appointment of HILTON ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President of the United States was the "greatest thing for the country". He stated that he never met a more humane and compassionate person who had a great deal of feeling for everyone, he observed the nominee in conference with various minority groups and despite the great feeling that he had for them, he had the courage to deny them at times what they sought from the State. He considered him a person of integrity, and a loyal American of good character, concerning whom nothing of an adverse nature had ever come to his attention. He could not more highly recommend anyone for the position for which he has been nominated.
On August 23, 1974, the Honorable ALEXANDER CHANANAU, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Bronx County, was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT E. BRODERICK and

Judge CHANANAU advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1958 and has associated with him socially as well as through their business relationship. He considers the nominee to be an individual of the highest moral character and integrity, and most eminently qualified for the position of Vice President.

Judge CHANANAU further advised that, in all the years he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he has never heard anyone say anything derogatory concerning him.

Judge CHANANAU said that he is not aware of all the organizations in which the nominee holds a membership, but feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would most certainly divest himself of such membership if the organization discriminated against any class of persons.

Judge CHANANAU feels that President FORD's selection of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President will restore confidence in the present administration not only on the domestic scene but throughout the world.
The Honorable HARRY KRAF, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Bronx County, was interviewed on August 23, 1974, by Special Agents and ROBERT E. BRODERICK and advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for over 16 years.

Judge KRAF advised that the nominee is a man of unquestionable character and is highly qualified for the position of Vice President. He further described the nominee as being most capable and possessing a wealth of administrative ability and expertise. He was confident that the nominee will do an excellent job as Vice President and would also be most suitable to be President.

Judge KRAF knew of no derogatory information concerning the nominee. He felt that the early confirmation of the nominee as Vice President would help to restore confidence in Government.
Justice STEVEN B. DEROUNIAN, Supreme Court, Mineola, New York, advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 23, 1974, that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1953, but has not been a close, intimate friend. He stated that they have differed from time to time on political issues, but he considers him to be an excellent choice for the Vice-Presidency. He said he is a good American, a man of integrity and one whose experience is unparalleled. He said he knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and is aware of no improprieties which would prevent him from recommending him for the nomination. He advised that he has served the people for many years in the highest fashion and can be relied upon to do an outstanding job as Vice President. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is definitely his choice.
THOMAS FARLEY, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York State, Mineola, New York, advised J. FLEMMING that he knows the nominee from various functions they attended together, adding that the nominee may not know him. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would definitely be his choice for the Vice-President position as he has been a very good Governor and is a competent, astute politician. He is unexcelled at getting forces to work together. He advised that he knew nothing derogatory concerning him and would recommend him highly.
CHARLES TOM, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York State, Riverhead, New York, advised March 22, 1974, that he has been familiar with the ROCKEFELLER family for over thirty years. He stated that he was a close personal friend of WINTHEOP ROCKEFELLER, now deceased, and former Governor of the State of Arkansas, since they both served in the United States Army together during World War II. He stated that he first became friendly with the former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER when Mr. ROCKEFELLER assumed that position in 1950, and has had dealings with him since that time in a public capacity as former Suffolk County Police Commissioner and Judge of the Family Court of Suffolk County. He advised that in 1962, Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the Family Court of Suffolk County.

He stated that he has always held the ROCKEFELLER family in high regard for personal and public integrity. He advised that he knows nothing in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background which would reflect unfavorably on his character, loyalty or morals. He advised that from his experience with Mr. ROCKEFELLER in the above two capacities, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has always exercised good, executive judgment in the discharge of his responsibilities as Governor of the State of New York. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has served in the past, in public positions both in the United States Government and as former New York State Governor, and he feels that from this experience, he will make an excellent Vice-President. He stated that he is not cognizant of ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and therefore could not comment concerning them, however, he does feel that judging from his outstanding integrity, there is nothing in his background, which if made public, would embarrass the office of the President or Vice-President of the United States. He advised that if he had the opportunity to vote for the confirmation of ROCKEFELLER he would do so.
On August 22, 1974, Judge JOHN G. MCCARTHY, New York State Supreme Court, Riverhead, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for a very long time and served in the New York State Assembly for twelve years when he was Governor of New York State. He stated that he considers him to be a man whose integrity and reputation are above reproach. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American and he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him. He, McCarthy, does not believe that ROCKEFELLER has ever done anything and will not do anything to embarrass the President of the United States or the position of Vice-President. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA____ at White Plains, New York (NY):

On August 22, 1974, HAROLD WOOD, Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he met the nominee when the latter appointed him Family Court Judge in 1969. In 1971, Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed Mr. WOOD Westchester County Judge and then later to his present position.

Mr. WOOD stated that he does not know the nominee personally, but that he has met him at his various appointments and at numerous political events. He stated that he considered the appointment of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President "superb." He advised that the nominee had more energy than anyone he ever met, that he was always in control in any given situation, that he was resourceful and had an excellent mind. Mr. WOOD knew of nothing that would preclude his recommending Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, J. RAYMOND SIRAGNANO, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he first met the nominee when the latter appointed him Westchester County Judge in 1966. Since that time, he has been at many political functions where Mr. ROCKEFELLER was also present.

Mr. SIRAGNANO stated that the nominee was one of the most capable individuals on the American political scene. He characterized Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a human dynamo, and felt he would make an excellent and outstanding Vice President. He stated that President FORD made the best possible choice he could have in Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.
On August 22, 1974, JOHN MARBACH, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he has known the nominee since 1957, chiefly by reputation, although he has had some official contact with him.

Mr. MARBACH stated that he felt Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President was the right choice for the country. He stated that the nominee's willingness to serve was an established fact, and cited his long experience in government and involvement in foreign affairs, chiefly in South America. Mr. MARBACH felt that the nominee would make an excellent Vice President and recommended him highly for the position.

On August 22, 1974, GEORGE D. BURCHELL, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER only once when the latter appointed him to the bench in 1969. He has followed the nominee's career closely, however, and stated that he considered the nominee to be extremely capable and "tops in his book." He felt that the nominee combined ability with personality, good judgment and integrity. Mr. BURCHELL stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice President and recommended him highly for the position.

On August 23, 1974, MORRIS SLIFKIN, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he was a long-time resident of Tarrytown, NY, and that his knowledge of the ROCKEFELLER family goes back to his childhood. He stated he became acquainted with the nominee when the latter first ran for Governor of New York State. He stated that the ROCKEFELLERS were a family of great sense and sound training, and they always wielded the power that came with great wealth very closely. He considered the nominee to be one of the finest figures on the American political scene and stated that he was intelligent and possessed great expertise. Mr. SLIFKIN stated that the nominee was well qualified for the position, and noted that his greatest asset as a public servant was his ability to know when to speak and know when not to speak. He felt that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President was an excellent choice and recommended the latter highly for the position.
On August 22, 1974, THEODORE DACHENHAUSEN, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he first met the nominee when the latter appointed him Family Court Judge in February, 1971. He has met the nominee on three or four occasions since then at political functions. He characterized the nominee as one of the top politicians in America and stated his credentials were impeccable, that he was a perfect gentleman, and that he was "clean as a hound's tooth." He has never heard of the nominee being intemperate or abusing his position or authority. Mr. DACHENHAUSEN knew of absolutely nothing disparaging concerning the nominee, and felt he was a perfect choice for the position of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, ISAAC RUBEN, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he has known the nominee approximately five years, and stated that he has had some dealings with the latter when he was president of the Westchester County Bar Association. Mr. RUBEN stated that President FORD's choice of the nominee as Vice President was the "finest appointment possible." He stated that the nominee's experience in politics and his knowledge of international affairs and administrative experience made him a perfect choice for the position. Mr. RUBEN recommended the nominee highly.

On August 22, 1974, JAMES CARUSO, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he has known the nominee since 1957 as a member of the Republican Party and as a neighbor. Mr. CARUSO stated that he considered the nominee to be "A-Number One" in all respects. He considered the nominee to be a man of integrity, honor, great ability, experience and good judgment. He felt that the nominee was one of the most prominent figures on the political scene and recommended him highly for the position of Vice President.
On August 22, 1974, HERBERT BLISS, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised he has known the nominee since 1957, mostly as a result of their political affiliations. He characterized the nominee as an outstanding citizen who is extremely well qualified for the position of Vice President. He considers the nominee as a very fair individual, thoughtful, a fine family man, and well respected by everyone who met him. Mr. BLISS stated that he feels President FORD's choice of the nominee as the best possible one he could have made, and recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER highly for the position.
Supreme Court Judge ROBERT C. WILLIAMS, Monticello, Sullivan County, New York, Republican, advised SAS[_______] on August 22, 1974, that he considers former Governor ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding public servant who would be good for the country and he wholeheartedly recommended him for the position.
On August 23, 1974, ALFRED D. LERNER, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, residing at 16 Cecil Court, Huntington, New York, was contacted and advised that he served as a New York State Assemblyman from 1957 to 1971. He advised that he first met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER during his first campaign for Governor of New York. He advised that during the years he has known ROCKEFELLER mainly on a professional basis, but has attended social functions held by the ROCKEFELLERS. He advised that he had met both ROCKEFELLER's first and second wife but did not know them well.

LERNER advised that ROCKEFELLER is one of the most loyal and trustworthy individuals he has ever met. He described the nominee as "one of the greatest Americans of our times". He stated that the nominee overwhelmingly possesses all the qualifications necessary to be the Vice President of the United States. LERNER stated he is in no way aware of any discriminatory or unpatriotic organizations ROCKEFELLER may have been associated with.
The following judges of the Appellate Division, First Department, Supreme Court of New York, New York, New York, were contacted on August 22, 1974 by Special Agent

Judge ARTHUR MARKEWITZ advised that he is not acquainted with the nominee.

Judge THEODORE R. KUPFERMAN advised he has known the nominee for sixteen years and thinks very highly of him. He said the nominee was an exceptionally fine person who was talented, capable, intelligent, and honest. He said he knows nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said his character, reputation, and loyalty are above reproach and recommended him without reservation.

Judge LOUIS J. CAPOZZOLI, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for fifteen years and considers him to be an exceptionally fine person about whom he knows nothing derogatory. He said the nominee is a hard worker who is intelligent, honest, and dedicated. He said he knows nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass either the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty are excellent and recommended him without reservation.
Judge LAWRENCE H. COOKE, Appellate Division, Sullivan County Courthouse, Monticello, New York, advised SAS on August 22, 1974, that he knows of nothing which would be a barrier to the appointment of former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President of the United States. He stated, however, that he did not wish his comments to be construed as an endorsement of former Governor ROCKEFELLER because as a judicial candidate for election this year he did not feel that it would be proper for him to endorse the Governor for this position.
On August 22, 1974, the following judges of the Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County Branch, Brooklyn, New York, were contacted by Special Agent (SA) b6 b7c

Judge JOSEPH P. IMPERATO, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that the only thing he knows about NELSON ROCKEFELLER is what he reads about him in the newspapers or hears about him from the news media. He stated what he sees or reads about NELSON ROCKEFELLER is hearsay, but that he and his family hope and pray that President FORD and NELSON ROCKEFELLER are the answers to our prayers for the future of our country. He stated that he is neither for nor against NELSON ROCKEFELLER, but that ROCKEFELLER did a very fine job as Governor of the State of New York, even though he (IMPERATO) is a Democrat. He said that NELSON ROCKEFELLER proved to be a very good administrator as Governor of New York and that he believes President FORD has made a pretty good choice in nominating NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-President post.

Judge BERNARD KLEGER, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER and that he would not comment on this individual. He stated that it is his belief that it is highly improper for a judge to comment regarding a political candidate.

Judge SAMUEL A. WELCOME, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he met ROCKEFELLER once at some sort of political gathering years ago. He stated that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning him. He did state that even though he is not of the same political persuasion as Mr. ROCKEFELLER, that he believes President FORD has made a fine choice in recommending ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidential post. He stated that he does not know of anything which would be deleterious of Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he would recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidential post.
Judge LESTER SACKS, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he knew Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER when he was Governor from about 1959. He stated he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER when he, (SACKS), was Counsel for the New York State Senate, Finance Committee. He said that he could furnish no derogatory information regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He stated that he, (SACKS), is a Democrat, and he considers Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be a very honorable and reputable individual. He is very pleased that President FORD saw fit to nominate Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the post of Vice President. He said that he would highly endorse Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination for Vice President.
Civil Courts of the City of New York
Queens County Branch
Supreme Court Division

On August 21, 1974, Judge WILLIAM G. GIACCO, New York, advised that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and regards him as a person of excellent intelligence and conduct, a gentleman of the highest standard who has no financial problems, and nothing in his personal history that would be a problem. Judge GIACCO stated he would certainly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER as the new Vice President due to his proven ability as Governor of New York State.

On August 21, 1974, Judge SEYMOUR BOYERS, New York, advised he served two years in the New York State Assembly during ROCKEFELLER's Governorship. BOYERS describes ROCKEFELLER as an honorable, reputable man of integrity, and he knows of no improprieties regarding ROCKEFELLER and highly recommends him as the new Vice President of the United States.

On August 21, 1974, Judge KENNETH N. BROWNE, New York, advised that he served in the State Legislature as an Assemblyman from 1955 to 1968, and was in contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER occasionally. BROWNE describes ROCKEFELLER as a decent person with nothing to mitigate his excellence, and highly recommends him as the new Vice President.
On August 21, 1974, Judge FREDERICK E. HAMMER, New York, advised that Judge HAMMER was appointed by NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an outstanding individual and highly recommends him for Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Judge ANN B. DUFFICY, New York, advised she does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally or professionally, and does not wish to make a comment regarding his nomination as Vice President.
Civil Courts of the City of New York
Bronx County Branch
Supreme Court Division

On August 21, 1974, Judge ALFRED J. CALLAHAN, Bronx, New York, advised that he has no personal knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and desired to make no comment regarding his possible appointment as Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, Judge JOSEPH DI FEDE, Bronx, New York, advised that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER from the past due to the fact that he was appointed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the State Labor Relations Board of New York State. Judge DI FEDE regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of high integrity, good reputation, extremely intelligent and qualified, and an excellent choice for a Vice President.
On August 22, 1974, Judge JOSEPH COHEN, Bronx, New York, advised that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally, but regards him as a man to step in at this appropriate time to restore integrity in the United States Government, and highly recommends him as the Vice Presidential nominee.
Civil Courts of the City of New York
Bronx County Branch
Civil Division

On August 22, 1974, Judge VINCENT N. TRIMARCO, Bronx, New York, advised he does not personally know Mr. ROCKEFELLER, but regards him as a man of integrity, honesty, and a wise selection as the new Vice President, and he highly recommends him.

On August 22, 1974, Judge HAROLD J. SILBERMAN, Bronx, New York, advised he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally or socially, but regards him as an outstanding selection for Vice President due to his past record as Governor of New York, and regards him as a man with a tremendous reputation.
On August 22, 1974, Judge DOROTHY E. KENT, Bronx, New York, stated she has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER, but regards him as an outstanding man based upon his record as Governor of New York, and recommends him for the Vice Presidency.

On August 22, 1974, Judge SIDNEY H. ROSEN, Bronx, New York, stated that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER only as any other private citizen would know him, has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER socially or professionally, and can not vouch for the Vice Presidential nomination, his character or ability, except to the point of reading about him in the newspapers. He said he did not wish to make any further comment regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER.
Civil Courts of the City of New York
Queens County Branch
Civil Division

On August 21, 1974, Judge ANGELO GRACI, New York, stated that he does not
know Mr. ROCKEFELLER but regards him as an outstanding choice for Vice President of the United States.

On August 21, 1974, Judge ABRAHAM R. MARGULÍES, New York, advised that Mr. ROCKE-
FELLER is a member of the opposite political party, but regards the Vice Presidential nominee as an outstanding
person of great integrity, and highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

On August 22, 1974. Judge THOMAS A. DUFFY, New York, advised that
he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER socially for a lengthy period of time and regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a hard working man of
great integrity and intelligence, and highly recommends him as the new Vice President of the United States.
On August 23, 1974, Judge Thomas V. LaFauci, Long Island City, New York, stated that Mr. Rockefeller is a man of character, fortitude, determination and great integrity, and highly recommends him as the Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Judge Seymour Lakritz, New York, stated he did not know Mr. Rockefeller and did not wish to comment regarding his nomination as Vice President.
On August 22, 1974, Judge GEORGE J. BALBACH, New York City Criminal Court, New York, was interviewed by SAl | Judge BALBACH stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions, but was not a ROCKEFELLER appointee to the court. Judge BALBACH advised that he was formerly the Grand Marshal of the Steuben Parade, a function generally attended by the Governor of New York and Mayor of New York City. Judge BALBACH stated that ROCKEFELLER had in fact attended that function. Judge BALBACH further advised that he did not know the nominee on a personal basis and has never been at nominee’s home. He advised that his knowledge of ROCKEFELLER is limited and he knows essentially what other people knew from the press about him. He stated that from what he knows he has confidence in the nominee, although differing with him in certain political philosophies. He advised he feels ROCKEFELLER did a good job as Governor, and can be trusted in public office.

Judge BALBACH did, however, state that due to his position as a judicial officer, he would decline to comment on ROCKEFELLER as nominee to the Vice Presidency of the United States. Judge BALBACH stated he did not know nominee well enough to comment on organizations in which the nominee may have been a member.
On August 22, 1974, Judge WILLIAM S. SHEA, New York City Criminal Court, New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agent Jr. Judge SHEA advised that he was appointed as a Criminal Court Judge by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on June 7, 1966. Judge SHEA stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER and has attended many social and political functions where ROCKEFELLER was present, but did not know nominee on a personal basis. He advised that from his own personal observation and knowledge, ROCKEFELLER always conducted himself in a gentlemanly manner, displaying what Judge SHEA described as self-confidence, courtesy towards others, and a favorable disposition and attitude. As far as nominee's ability, reputation, and character, Judge SHEA stated that although he did not know nominee personally, he believes nominee excels in these categories. Judge SHEA advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent choice for Vice President, and that from his observation of nominee in public office, he appears honest, above board, with good and sincere political philosophies.

Judge SHEA advised he knows of no organizations advocating discrimination or having discriminatory policies in which the nominee holds membership.
On August 23, 1974, Judge LARRY M. VETRANO, New York City Criminal Court, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA

Judge VETRANO advised that he had not been appointed to his present position by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER but has met ROCKEFELLER. Judge VETRANO advised that he does not know nominee on a personal basis but had attended several political and social functions where ROCKEFELLER was present. Judge VETRANO stated that these functions were always attended by at least one hundred people and that he had no close contact with nominee. Judge VETRANO advised that he became familiar with ROCKEFELLER and his policies through his administration of the courts, their procedures and their problems as regulated by the state. He stated that he would make his judgements concerning nominee through the many actions and accomplishments of nominee, as well as what he has seen and heard from other sources. Judge VETRANO stated that to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER leaves very little to be desired and where possible he would attest to ROCKEFELLER's abilities and character strictly from previous observations. Judge VETRANO stated he believes ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President. He said he knows of no organization memberships on the part of the nominee.
On August 23, 1974, Judge THOMAS G. WEAVER, New York City Criminal Court, New York, was interviewed by Special Agent Judge WEAVER stated that he was the Special Assistant to the State Commissioner on Human Rights at the time of his appointment as Criminal Court Judge. Judge WEAVER advised that ROCKEFELLER was Governor at the time of his appointment but does not know if he was appointed directly by ROCKEFELLER.

He stated he does not known ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis and has not socialized with him. He advised, however, that he has attended social functions, dinners, and banquets where ROCKEFELLER was present. Judge WEAVER stated that from appearances at these functions, ROCKEFELLER spoke and conducted himself very well. Although Judge WEAVER did not know the nominee personally, he advised that from his vantage point, what he has seen and heard, and what he has observed from the opinions of others, he would have to give ROCKEFELLER the highest rating. Judge WEAVER advised he believes the nominee to be a highly qualified and fine public servant. Judge WEAVER advised he knows of no organizations in which the nominee holds membership.
On August 22, 1974, Judge MORRIS SCHWALB, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York City, furnished with the following information concerning the Vice Presidential nominee NELSON ROCKEFELLER:

He stated that he first met the nominee about sixteen years ago when nominee was campaigning for Governor of New York, and has associated with him off and on until about five years ago when he (SCHWALB) was appointed to the bench. He stated that before being appointed to the bench, he was the Republican Law Chairman of the Bronx, New York, and in that capacity he was in almost constant contact with the nominee through party functions. He stated that he has no questions concerning the nominee's moral character, honesty, reputation, or his capacity as an administrator. SCHWALB stated that he knew of no organizations in which the nominee held membership. He further stated that it is his personal opinion that ROCKEFELLER was an excellent choice for Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, Judge BERNARD MOLDOW, New York City Criminal Court, 120 Schermhorn Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished the following information:

He stated that he did not know the nominee personally and he knew of no derogatory information concerning him. He stated that ROCKEFELLER had an excellent reputation as Governor of New York State and was a very capable administrator. He stated that he feels the nominee would make an excellent Vice President and would be a capable President.
On August 22, 1974, Judge WILLIAM F. SUGLIA, New York City Criminal Court, 120 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished the following information to SA: 

SUGLIA stated that he did not know the nominee personally, however, he might have met him once or twice before being appointed to the bench. He stated that he knows nothing derogatory about the nominee and in his opinion he had been a good Governor of the State of New York. He stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER would make a fine Vice President and would be an asset to the White House.
On August 22, 1974, Judge JOSEPH STONE, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent ROBERT J. SISK that he was introduced to NELSON ROCKEFELLER, and that he regards him as a man of excellent character and reputation. He said that he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER is very capable and in his opinion makes a fine nominee for the Office of Vice-President.

He further stated that he has heard nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, Judge SHIRLEY LEVITAN, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York advised Special Agent ROBERT J. SISK that she has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER at a number of public functions, but is not closely associated with him.

She stated that she regards him as a man of high character and integrity, and she feels that he is a capable person and worthy of the nomination to the Office of Vice-President of the United States.
She stated that she has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee, and she would recommend him for this position of trust with the United States Government.

On August 23, 1974, Judge EUGENE R. CANADO, Supreme Court, Kings County, New York advised Special Agent SISK that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but that he feels the nominee would make a very good Vice President of the United States. He stated that he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a very capable individual and an outstanding leader in the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Judge ALOYSIUS MALIA, New York County Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York advised SA SISK that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but that he has great respect for the nominee as a man and a political leader. He stated he could furnish no information which could be regarded as derogatory toward the nominee. He stated that he feels he is very capable and would make a fine leader in the United States Government.
Judge MORTON B. SILBERMAN, Justice of the Supreme Court, County of Rockland, New City, New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD on August 22, 1974, that he has personally known the nominee since 1952 and considers the nominee to be a person of outstanding reputation and ability. He advised that to his knowledge, the nominee appears to be a person of good character, associates and is a loyal citizen of the United States.

Judge JOHN SCHAN, Surrogate, County of Rockland, New City, New York, advised SA FORD on August 22, 1974, that he has never had any personal association with the nominee but stated that he has been in public life for twenty years both as a District Attorney and as a Judge in Rockland County and that no information has ever come to his attention which would reflect unfavorably on the nominee's reputation, character, ability and loyalty to the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 23, 1974, Greene County Judge HENRY F. WERKER, Catskill, New York, advised he has known the nominee for 25 years, having been affiliated with the law firm in New York City which handled the ROCKEFELLER interests. Throughout the years, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has impressed him as an administrator of exceptional ability, a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, and he considers him an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.

On August 23, 1974, Greene County Judge JOHN J. FROMER, Catskill, New York; Ulster County Judge RAYMOND J. MINO, Kingston, New York; and New York State Supreme Court Justice JOHN L. LARKIN, Kingston, New York, all advised they have had only infrequent contacts with the nominee when he was in their respective areas on political campaigns or at ceremonial affairs, and they are not personally acquainted with him. They all consider him to be a man of outstanding character, reputation and loyalty, and know of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency.
Judge ROBERT J. STOLARIN, County Court Judge, County of Rockland, City of New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD on August 22, 1974, that he had known the nominee for the past ten years. He explained that his association with the nominee has been through various political dinners and functions. He said that to his knowledge, the nominee's reputation is above reproach and no information of an unfavorable nature has ever come to his attention concerning the nominee's character, loyalty and associates.
On August 23, 1974, RAYMOND C. BARATTA, Dutchess County Surrogate Judge, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised that he has had limited contact with the nominee on a professional basis for approximately 15 years. He said he has found ROCKEFELLER to be a person of integrity who impressed him as honorable and intelligent. He said the nominee was personable and affable, and he has never heard anyone say anything detrimental concerning his character, reputation, loyalty or associations. He was of the opinion that the nominee would make a good Vice President and felt the appointment was in the best interest of the Government.

On August 22, 1974, Dutchess County Judge JOSEPH JUIDICE, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for over 15 years. He feels the nominee's background is immaculate, and he has always found him to be fair, even-handed, and compassionate of others. He considers him to be an outstanding public servant of complete integrity and honesty. Judge JUIDICE said the nominee has been totally dedicated to the democratic principles, and considers him to be a person who has always unselfishly put the good of his Government ahead of any personal considerations.
On August 22, 1976, Judge MILLARD L. MIDONICK advised [illegible] that he has known the nominee for many years, usually meeting at various public functions. He advised that although he adheres to a different political philosophy, he finds himself agreeing with the nominee "95 per cent of the time". Judge MIDONICK stated that he has the highest admiration for the nominee and feels that he is "the best possible choice for the country." He advised ROCKEFELLER, if approved by the United States Congress, will be able to lure excellent people to Government service. He knows absolutely nothing derogatory concerning the nominee's public or private life and has no doubt as to his loyalty. He recommended ROCKEFELLER to the Vice-Presidency without reservation.
On August 22, 1974, Judge NATHAN R. SOBEL advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee for over twenty years as he (SOBEL) was Chief Counsel to former New York Governor ALFRED LEHMAN. Judge SOBEL, a Democrat, advised he considers the nominee to be a gracious gentleman and man of unquestioned integrity. He advised the nominee is perfect for the position of Vice President as he will bring his tremendous energy and zeal to the job. ROCKEFELLER is a most brilliant and thorough man who is genuinely delightful to be around. He is a man of unquestioned loyalty about whom nothing derogatory is known. He advised ROCKEFELLER is a "tough, no nonsense guy" whose stature is desperately needed on the national scene. Judge SOBEL highly endorsed ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the Vice Presidency.
On August 22, 1974, Judge LOUIS D. LAURINO advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee since the early 1960's. He advised the nominee is a man of extraordinary good character and integrity. ROCKEFELLER is a man of outstanding expertise and his nomination "just might turn the country around in the right direction." ROCKEFELLER has never been known to distort any issue and he can handle himself well under any circumstances. Judge LAURINO knows nothing derogatory about the nominee's family, personal or professional life. ROCKEFELLER is undoubtedly loyal to a democratic form of government and he is highly recommended.
On August 23, 1974, Judge WILLIAM BERMAN, Brooklyn Family Court, 283 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has met the nominee on approximately one dozen occasions, most of them taking place when ROCKEFELLER was running for Governor of New York State and he, BERMAN, was connected with the Kings County Republican Committee Speakers Bureau, and arranged tours for the Governor. He stated that all of his contacts were very pleasant, and he found the nominee to be an outgoing, enthusiastic, courteous and decent individual. He stated that he has no reason to question the nominee's character, habits or loyalty to the United States in any way, and feels that his selection for the Vice Presidency is an excellent choice.

On August 23, 1974, Judge M. HOLT MEYER, Brooklyn Family Court, 283 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has known the nominee casually for many years. He explained that his, MEYER's, father, who is now deceased, worked in Standard Oil Company and later in the Government with the nominee, and he was always a strong supporter of the nominee. He stated that his contacts with the nominee have been casual, but that he always regarded him as an extremely capable man of total integrity, who had an enormous capacity for work and dedication to the Government. He stated that he endorses his selection as Vice President wholeheartedly.
New York, Republican, advised SAS[ ] and ] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor Rockefeller is an outstanding individual and public servant who would be good for the country and whom he would unhesitatingly recommend for the Vice Presidency.
XIV. INTERVIEW OF JUDGES (FEDERAL)

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on August 22, 1974:

The following are United States District Judges in the Southern District of New York:

Honorable JOHN M. CANELLA advised that he has known the nominee for approximately eight years and stated that he is a close personal friend. CANELLA stated he considers the nominee a nice person, easy to get along with, and of the highest integrity. He stated that he thinks the nominee is a good man for the job and that he knows of nothing in his background that would cause embarrassment either to the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee was not devious and was a good family man. He stated that his character, reputation, and loyalty were good and recommended him highly for the position. It is noted that CANELLA is a Democrat.

Honorable ROBERT L. CARTER advised he has known the nominee for more than five years and has always admired him. He stated that he knew absolutely nothing derogatory regarding him, that he is capable, honest, and would make an excellent Vice President. He said he knew nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass either him or the United States government. He recommended him without reservation.

Honorable LEE P. GAGLIARDI, Republican, advised that he has met the nominee casually while campaigning and that he knew nothing derogatory regarding the nominee. He stated that he knew nothing in his background to embarrass either him or the United States government and stated he feels the nominee would make an excellent Vice President. He recommended the nominee without reservation for the position.

Honorable MURRAY L. GURFEIN, a Republican, advised he has known the nominee on and off for twenty years but was not a close personal friend. He said the nominee in his opinion was a wonderful person about whom he knew nothing derogatory. He said the nominee had nothing in his background to embarrass either him or the United States Government and that his character, reputation, and loyalty were above reproach. He recommended the nominee highly for the position.
Honorable MORRIS E. LASKER, a Democrat, advised that he has met the nominee once or twice and thinks very highly of him although he stated he had never voted for him. He said he knows absolutely nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and recommends him highly for the position.

Honorable LAWRENCE W. PIERCE stated that he was a former Democrat and has been a Republican for four years. He stated he has known the nominee for about twelve years and said that he is a vibrant and active problem solver and is a doer, not just a leader. He stated that it was exciting to work with him and that he was a unique individual. He stated that he knew nothing in the nominee's background to embarrass either him or the United States government and that his character, reputation, and loyalty were above reproach. He recommended the nominee without reservation for the position.

Honorable CHARLES H. TENNEY, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for twenty years and has a great admiration for and confidence in him. He said the nominee is of the highest integrity and that he knows nothing in his background that would embarrass the nominee or the United States government. TENNEY advised he recommends the nominee without reservation for the position.

Honorable HAROLD R. TYLER, JR., a Republican, advised he has known the nominee for thirteen years and was appointed by the nominee in 1961 to the New York Waterfront Commission. He said he thinks very highly of him and that he is extremely energetic, talented, competent, and impressive. He said he knew absolutely nothing derogatory regarding him and that he recommends him highly for the position.

The following federal judges were contacted on August 22, 1974 and advised that they did not know the nominee well enough to comment about him:

Honorable IRVING BEN COOPER
Honorable KEVIN T. DUFFY
Honorable MARVIN E. FRANKEL
Honorable CONSTANCE B. MOTLEY
Honorable RICHARD OWEN
Honorable SYLVESTER J. RYAN
Honorable ROBERT J. WARD
Honorable INZER B. WYATT
The following investigation was conducted by SA: 

On August 22, 1974, Honorable HAROLD R. MEDINA (Senior) advised he has known the nominee for many years and feels his nomination to the Vice Presidency is absolutely outstanding. He knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and described him as a "great and wonderful man."

On August 22, 1974, Honorable HENRY J. FRIENDLY (Senior) advised he is very slightly acquainted with the nominee and did a little work on behalf of ROCKEFELLER'S first gubernatorial campaign. He advised he has always been highly impressed with the nominee and feels ROCKEFELLER will be able to attract very bright people into responsible government service. He advised he was delighted with President FORD'S choice and feels it was the "best possible choice for the country." He recommended ROCKEFELLER highly.

On August 22, 1974, Honorable PAUL R. HAYS advised he has no comments to proffer concerning any favorable or unfavorable information he might have concerning the ROCKEFELLER nomination.

On August 22, 1974, Honorable WILFRED FEINBERG advised through his Law Clerk, GARY COHEN, that he had no comment concerning the nominee and no objection to his nomination.
On August 22, 1974, Honorable IRVING R. KAUFMAN, Chief Judge, advised through his secretary, that he desires not to comment concerning ROCKEFELLER'S nomination and knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.
5:25 PM NITEL AUGUST 25, 1974 JRB

TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) (P) IP

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 24, 1974.

ON AUGUST 25, 1974, MRS. CHARLES F. STOCKMEISTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT MR. STOCKMEISTER IS NOT AT HIS NY RESIDENCE, AND THAT MR. STOCKMEISTER COULD BE LOCATED ON MONDAY MORNING AT HIS OFFICE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING, STATE OFFICE CAMPUS, ALBANY, NEW YORK. TELEPHONE NUMBER

ALBANY INTERVIEW STOCKMEISTER RE ACCUSATION OF HERBERT A. POSNER, NYS ASSEMBLYMAN, NEW YORK CITY THAT ROCKEFELLER BOUGHT FAVORABLE VOTE FROM FORMER DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN STOCKMEISTER TO VOTE IN VOR OF INCREASING NYS SALES TAX.

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When interviewed on August 22, 1974, Mr. ROCKEFELLER advised that he and his former wife agreed, at the time of their divorce, that the terms of their financial settlement...
would never be divulged. In the event it is necessary to interview his former wife, Mr. ROCKEFELLER requested that the former wife be specifically advised that the divorce financial settlement has not been divulged by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. ROCKEFELLER also related that in the event it is necessary to interview his current wife's former husband, Dr. JAMES S. MURPHY, he, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, wanted to be informed prior to the interview. He advised that Dr. MURPHY is rather emotional in regard to this divorce and feels Dr. MURPHY and the FBI would benefit greatly by his wife notifying Dr. MURPHY before the interview. He stated that neither he nor his wife had any objection to Dr. MURPHY being interviewed.

According to Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he has set up trust funds for his children and he would, if considered pertinent, furnish this detailed information to the FBI. However, he specifically requested that this data not be divulged to the press as it would cause personal embarrassment and serious family problems.

The further interview of Mr. ROCKEFELLER concerning his financial dealings and matters was conducted by SA HENEHAN who will separately report this information.

United States Government records referred to in this report on pages 51 and 52 are the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.  (1) Will conduct additional investigation at White House Office.

(2) Will interview Honorable WILLIAM MC CHESNEY MARTIN.

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(3) Will interview Mr. SOL M. LINOWITZ.

(4) Will interview ____________________________

(5) Will interview Mr. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Chairman Democratic National Committee.

(6) Will interview ____________________________

(7) Will interview Mr. VICTOR LASKY.

(8) Will interview additional individuals from the labor, civil rights and news media field.

(9) Will check records regarding covenants on property and tax liens.

(10) Will check IRS records.
Background information set forth as provided by nominee. Records of the Personnel Office and Records Office, White House Office, set forth. Members of U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives interviewed. Members of Senate and House Leadership highly endorsed nominee. Congressman Pike (New York) has grave doubts concerning nominee’s governmental morals due to large amounts of money spent by him on his gubernatorial campaigns and the sources of these funds and would not recommend. Congressman Badillo (New York) charged nominee had used extremely poor judgement in his handling of the prison revolt at Attica and would reserve final recommendation of nominee pending the latter’s testimony before Congress. Representative Holtzman (New York) advised of rumor concerning nominee’s campaign funding but could not substantiate validity. Representative Murphy (New York) criticized nominee’s handling of riot at Attica. All other New York delegates interviewed commented favorably. Comments of political, news media, civil rights and labor leaders set forth. Club memberships verified. Credit and police agency checks negative. HEW-Security reflects nominee formerly held Top Secret clearance. CSC, Library of Congress, State-Security, and Passport records set forth. HCIS and Secret Service negative.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

It is noted that this report includes the results of an applicant-type investigation of the nominee which was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1969 as well as the results of the current inquiries.
INTERVIEW WITH NOMINEE

The nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SAs GEORGE E. SAUNDERS and JOSEPH E. HENEHAN. ROBERT DOUGLASS, Counsel to Mr. ROCKEFELLER, was present during the interview.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER offered his complete cooperation and assistance, adding he would make available all appropriate records. He also said he would be available for personal interview should any questions arise during the investigation.

He mentioned that the terms of the divorce between his present wife and her former husband, Dr. JAMES S. MURPHY, were that the children would remain in the custody of Dr. MURPHY until they reached age 18. At age 18 they were free to make their own choice as to where they would reside. These children reside at the ROCKEFELLER residence on an intermittent basis.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER stated there is nothing in his divorce record that could be embarrassing, adding the public was fully informed of this situation when he spoke before the television cameras in his 1964 campaign for the Presidential nomination by the Republican Party.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER related he resides with his wife, MARGARETTA ("HAPPY"), and their two minor children. He said he is in fine physical condition. He underwent a complete physical examination about a year ago and received an excellent report. He indicated he has informed his personal physician, United States Steel Building, New York City, to furnish all necessary information to the FBI concerning his health.
According to Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he is aware of nothing in his background or past activities that could possibly embarrass him or the President. He said his Counsel, Mr. DOUGLASS, would furnish any additional information that might be required. Mr. DOUGLASS will also furnish a list of his organizational memberships. He mentioned the law firm of MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY, and MC COY, New York City, would furnish a complete list of his family members and their current addresses.

He furnished the following names of individuals who have known him as a close personal associate over the years:

Dr. WILLIAM RONAN, Dean, New York University.

OSCAR RUEBHAUSEN, Attorney at Law, New York City.

GEORGE HINMAN and JOHN LOCKWOOD, Attorneys at Law, law firm of MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY, and MC COY, New York City.

W. K. "WALLY" HARRISON, Architect, New York City.
EMPLOYMENT

White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

The files of the Personnel Office, WHO, contain the following record for the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER:

6/11/53
Presidential appointment - Under Secretary Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

12/22/54
Resignation as Under Secretary HEW - to accept another position.

12/23/54
Presidential appointment (without compensation), Special Assistant to the President, WHO.

12/21/55
Resignation from Presidential appointment.

3/20/69
Presidential appointment as Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Currently serving as a Member.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

The files of the Records Office, WHO, contain the following information concerning the nominee:

1/24/53
Presidential letter, Member of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization.

9/28/56
Representative of the President with rank of Special Ambassador for the Inauguration of the President Elect of Panama.
Press release, Member, Armed Forces Museum Committee.

Letter of Credence, Personal Representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador to attend the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the Independence of Nigeria.

Commission dated and signed by the President. Member of the Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations - term of two years.

Commission dated and signed by the President regarding reappointment to above Advisory Committee.

Commission dated.

Commission signed by the President, Member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Board.

Commission dated.

Commission signed by the President, Member of the National Study Commission.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.
United States Senate

The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on August 22, 1974:

United States Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, Mississippi, President Pro Tempore, advised he had just recently met the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, and he does not know of anything of a derogatory nature regarding his character, loyalty, associates, or reputation. He stated, in his opinion, the President of the United States should have his choice as to a Vice President, and he would recommend the nominee for this position.

United States Senator MIKE MANSFIELD, Montana, Majority Floor Leader, advised he has known the nominee for the past 32 years personally and politically. He considers him to be a very good choice. He is very capable, experienced, dependable, honest, and trustworthy. He has served with him on the Committee on Critical Choices, a committee set up by the nominee after he resigned his position as Governor of the State of New York. This committee was established to study the problems facing the nation, such as inflation, and the like. The nominee is broadly experienced in government matters and his executive capacity and administrative ability are outstanding. He is fair and equitable in all his dealings. Senator MANSFIELD vouched for his reputation, associates, moral habits, and loyalty to the country. The nominee is a highly competent and nobly motivated man who would make an excellent Vice President of the United States. He so endorsed him without qualification.

United States Senator HUGH SCOTT, Pennsylvania, Minority Leader, advised he has known the nominee politically, socially, and personally for the past 25 years. He stated he considers him to be one of the most able persons in the United States. His record and his background are outstanding.
He is very experienced, dependable, and trustworthy, and comes from a fine family. He is stable and mature. His character, loyalty, associates, and reputation are above reproach. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, West Virginia, Majority Whip, advised he had previously recommended the nominee to the President of the United States for the position of Vice President, and he continues to endorse him. He has known the nominee politically since the early 1960s and has known him on a close personal basis for the past year. He is a discreet, honest, dependable, and trustworthy person who is broadly experienced. He is very capable. He vouched for his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation.

United States Senator ROBERT P. GRIFFIN, Michigan, Assistant Minority Leader, advised he has known the nominee casually since 1957. The nominee has a fine record. His character, loyalty, associates, and reputation have never been doubted. He recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Senator JOHN G. TOWER, Texas, Chairman, Republican Policy Committee, related he has known the nominee politically for the past 15 years. He stated he considers him to be "top-notch" in all respects. He vouched for his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He endorsed him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Senator NORRIS COTTON, New Hampshire, Chairman, Republican Conference of the United States Senate, advised he has known the nominee personally and politically since 1960. He stated the nominee is his first choice for the position of Vice President of the United States. He is an outstanding American, who is experienced, capable, honest, dependable, and trustworthy. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation.
When interviewed, United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, New York, stated the nominee was his recommendation to the President as the best qualified candidate for the position of Vice President of the United States. The nominee has been known to him on a social and political basis since the early 1940s. For the past 26 years he and the nominee have been intimate personal friends. The nominee is a patriotic, honest, and discreet citizen with impeccable habits. He has keen penetration and judgement, and is discerning and farsighted. He is an outstanding executive who is balanced in his views. The nominee believes in equal rights for all people. He is sober, energetic, and highly competent. He served admirably as Governor of the State of New York for about 16 years. He enjoys an extremely high reputation as an upstanding and law abiding individual. Senator JAVITS continues to endorse him for the above position.

United States Senator JAMES L. BUCKLEY, New York, advised he has known the nominee politically since 1970. He stated although he and the nominee differ in their political philosophy, he respects the nominee's views. He has not had close association with the nominee. He is aware of nothing derogatory regarding his character, loyalty, associates, or reputation. He stated he would have no objection to the appointment of the nominee to the position of Vice President of the United States.
United States House of Representatives (USHR)

The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on August 22, 1974:

United States Representative CARL ALBERT, Oklahoma, Speaker, advised he has known the nominee casually for the past ten years. The nominee has visited him in his office off and on during this period. He described the nominee as being an intelligent, pleasant, honest, and trustworthy person. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation, adding he would recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The nominee was unqualifiedly endorsed for the position of Vice President of the United States by United States Representative JOHN J. RHODES, Arizona, Minority Floor Leader. The nominee has been known to him on an intimate friendly basis for the past 14 years. Representative RHODES is currently serving on the nominee's Committee on Critical Choices. This committee was established by the nominee to study and make recommendations regarding urgent problems facing the nation, such as inflation. The nominee is a highly competent person who is a fine leader. His diversity of talents makes him an invaluable member of any team. He has the ability to recognize, analyze, and solve the kinds of problems that are inherent in the Government, and to get things done. He has exceptional professional skill. He is a tireless worker who is poised and even tempered. He is diplomatic in his approach and fair in his dealings. The nominee is a loyal, honest, and circumspect citizen with impeccable habits. Concluding, he declared he is aware of nothing unfavorable concerning him.
United States Representative THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR., Massachusetts, Majority Leader, advised he has known the nominee casually since 1953 and has served with him on the Committee on Critical Choices. He stated he considers the nominee to be a great American who enhances the image of the Republican Party, and if he were President Ford, he would also have selected the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States. His character, loyalty, associates, and reputation are above question. The nominee was endorsed by him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

When interviewed, United States Representative LESLIE C. ARENDS, Illinois, Minority Whip, highly endorsed the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States. The nominee has been known to him on a political basis for the past 20 years. He is impressed with the nominee’s outlook, demeanor, intellectual power, and overall competence. He is intelligent, nobly motivated, and upright. He has had wide experience in State and Federal Government matters. The nominee is a patriotic American citizen with high moral principles. He is a fine leader and executive. He is cheerful, alert, and stable. Concluding, Representative ARENDS declared the nominee would be a credit to the nation in a high Government post.

According to United States Representative JOHN J. MC FALL, California, Majority Whip, he has met the nominee on a few occasions and only knows him on a casual basis. The nominee enjoys a fine reputation as a respectable and loyal citizen with impeccable habits. Representative MC FALL related he would have no objection to the appointment of nominee as Vice President of the United States.
U.S. Representative OTIS G. PIKE, New York, advised SA[ ] on August 22, 1974, that he has grave doubts concerning the nominee's "governmental morals" due to the large amounts of money spent by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on his gubernatorial campaigns. Congressman PIKE advised that the source of the money was Governor ROCKEFELLER's personal wealth, members of his family, and also corporations controlled by Governor ROCKEFELLER. Congressman PIKE believes the money from his corporations was funneled in a carefully concealed manner to his campaign and that this was illegal. Congressman PIKE believes Governor ROCKEFELLER "bought" his elected offices through massive infusions of money.

Congressman PIKE advised that until this year, New York had no statute limiting the amount of money that could be spent during a campaign. Congressman PIKE believes it was illegal for a corporation to channel money into a political campaign under New York State Law; however, Congressman PIKE thinks it is significant that New York did not pass a law limiting campaign spending all the years Governor ROCKEFELLER was Governor even though attempts were made to do so. Then when he left office, a law of this type was passed.

Congressman PIKE advised he is not aware of specific amounts of money, specific campaigns, or which corporations were involved. He obtained this information second-hand from PERRY B. DURYEA, Montauk, Long Island, New York, who is Speaker of the State Assembly. Congressman PIKE declined to identify the person who told him what Mr. DURYEA said since that person could contribute nothing additional.

Congressman PIKE stated he is a close friend of Mr. DURYEA and that DURYEA is quite knowledgeable about Governor ROCKEFELLER. Mr. DURYEA has a personal dislike for Governor ROCKEFELLER because he has been treated badly by him in the past.
Congressman PIKE advised he has made the above information available to the House Judiciary Committee.

Congressman PIKE advised that the wife of PERRY B. DURYEA recently sent a telegram to President FORD saying that Governor ROCKEFELLER is "not fit to be dogcatcher." Congressman PIKE discounts this advising Mrs. DURYEA has a drinking problem and was drunk when she sent the telegram.

Congressman PIKE believes it will be impossible for Governor ROCKEFELLER to avoid conflicts of interest because his holdings are so extensive. During his years as Governor of New York he took many positions which benefited corporations with which he was associated. An example was Governor ROCKEFELLER's advocacy of off-shore oil drilling along the New York coastline. This would have benefited about six oil companies some of which he had an interest in.

Congressman PIKE advised he is not concerned about Governor ROCKEFELLER's personal morals, character, reputation, or loyalty. He is concerned only about his "governmental morals." On this basis Congressman PIKE advised he would not recommend him for the position of Vice President saying he has gone on record that Governor ROCKEFELLER is second to anybody as his choice for Vice President.
On August 22, 1974, U. S. Representative BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, New York, advised SA that he does not personally know Governor ROCKEFELLER. He has known him on an official basis since 1962. His only contacts with him have been at official meetings.

Representative ROSENTHAL is aware of no problems or derogatory information about Governor ROCKEFELLER nor has he any question concerning his character, associates, morals, loyalty, or reputation.

Representative ROSENTHAL recommends the nominee for the position of Vice President.
The following investigation was conducted by SA on August 22, 1974:

U.S. Representative JONATHAN B. BINGHAM of New York State has known the nominee since the latter became Governor of New York State. He described the nominee as a highly respected and patriotic American who has an impeccable character and is highly qualified for the position for which he is being considered. While BINGHAM and ROCKEFELLER have differed politically at times, BINGHAM knows nothing unfavorable regarding any aspect of the nominee's character, reputation or personal integrity and morals. The nominee's reputation is of the highest caliber and he is an extremely knowledgeable and experienced public servant. In terms of his character, moral fiber, and loyalty to the United States, BINGHAM would highly recommend the nominee as Vice President of the United States. As indicated previously, however, his only reservations might center about their differences on political issues.

U.S. Representative HOWARD WINFIELD ROBISON, New York State, has been a political associate of the nominee since 1958. He described him as being extremely discreet and of excellent character and reputation. He is personally delighted with President FORD's selection of the nominee and highly recommended him for the post of Vice President. He knows nothing derogatory or unfavorable regarding the nominee and added that his excellent record as Governor of New York State and the additional responsibilities and duties which he has fulfilled in service of his country stand by themselves.

U.S. Representative WILLIAM F. WALSH of New York State has been associated with the Governor for many years. Having himself been a political figure in New York State as former Mayor of Syracuse and as having been chosen by the nominee to serve on the New York State Public Service Commission, WALSH has only the highest regard and admiration for the nominee. He knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the nominee which might impinge upon his ability to function in the highest manner as Vice President of the United States. He described the nominee as a completely loyal American who has been a dedicated public servant for many years. His char-

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acter, morals and integrity are without blemish. He gave his highest endorsement to the nominee for the post of Vice President of the United States.

U.S. Representative ANGELO D. RONCALLO, New York State, gave his highest recommendation of the nominee for the post of Vice President of the United States. He has no question at all regarding any aspect of the nominee's character, reputation, or loyalty. He regards him as an extremely knowledgeable and understanding individual, completely honest, trustworthy and dedicated to the best interests of the American people.

U.S. Representative JAMES F. HASTINGS, New York State, served for six years in the State Legislature during the nominee's service as Governor of the State of New York. He has only the highest regard for the nominee and knows of nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon his character or loyalty. He considers him to be an extremely popular choice to become Vice President and gave his enthusiastic endorsements of the nominee.

U.S. Representative JAMES R. GROVER, JR., New York State, has known the nominee for the past 16 years. GROVER formerly served in the State Legislature during part of the nominee's service as Governor of New York. He knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the nominee, added that his loyalty is unquestioned and his integrity is of the highest degree. He recommended him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence within the U.S. Government.

U.S. Representative BARBER B. CONABLE, JR., New York State, has known the nominee since 1958. CONABLE himself later served in the New York State Legislature and consequently became quite familiar with the Governor. From his experience, he knows of nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's service to the United States, adding that his character and integrity have always been of the highest caliber. The nominee has made many noteworthy contributions to the progress of New York State and CONABLE highly recommended him for the position for which he is currently being considered.
U.S. Representative CARLETON JAMES KING, New York State, described the nominee as the greatest Governor New York State has ever had. His principles, integrity and dedication to public service are of the highest degree. Representative KING personally recommended the nominee to President FORD as his choice of Vice President and knows of nothing unfavorable or derogatory from his experience and association with the nominee which would cause any embarrassment to the President or any disservice to the American people. KING enthusiastically and unhesitatingly endorsed the nominee for the position of Vice President.

U.S. Representative HENRY P. SMITH, III, New York State, has known the nominee since 1958. Since that time, he has been closely associated with the nominee on an off and on again basis and spoke of campaigning with the Governor during 1966 and 1970. He considers the nominee to have been a great Governor of New York State, compassionate, concerned and understanding. He possesses tremendous administrative abilities and is a "great human being". The nominee was Representative SMITH's number one choice to President FORD for the position of Vice President and he gave his unqualified endorsement to the nominee for this position.

U.S. Representative BENJAMIN A. GILMAN, New York State, formerly served in the New York State Legislature for six years while the nominee was Governor of New York State. He considers the nominee to be an individual of the highest integrity about whom he knows nothing unfavorable. He has no question about any aspect of the nominee's reputation, morals, or loyalty to the United States. He enthusiastically recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States and advised that the nominee is highly qualified for this position.

U.S. Representative ROBERT CAMERON MC EWEN, New York State, served for six years in the New York State Legislature when the nominee was Governor in that state. He regards him as highly qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States and has no hesitation at all in recommending him for this position. He knows of
nothing in the nominee's background, particularly in areas of loyalty, integrity, understanding, or personal associates which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's service to the United States.

U.S. Representative HERMAN BADILLO, New York State, has been quite familiar with the nominee for many years. During the last three years, however, of the nominee's term as Governor of New York State, BADILLO feels that the nominee unfortunately "turned toward the right" after his many notable contributions in service to the people of New York State. Characterizing this change was the Attica Prison Revolt where BADILLO charged the nominee with using extremely poor judgment. He described ROCKEFELLER's judgment at Attica as contributing to a complete cover up operation greater in magnitude than that of Watergate. BADILLO had been selected by ROCKEFELLER to serve as a member of a negotiating committee to air the prisoners' grievances. BADILLO, in this interview, chastised the Governor for his lack of involvement in reaching a peaceable solution to the revolt and described this as the poorest decision ROCKEFELLER ever made as Governor of New York. BADILLO felt that this entire matter should be brought to light during the course of this current investigation of the nominee and also discussed fully before the committee hearings regarding the ROCKEFELLER nomination to become Vice President of the United States. BADILLO wrote a book describing the Attica problem which was entitled "A Bill of No Rights—Attica and the American Prison System". He feels that the nominee had become a reactionary Governor during the last three years of his administration and had attempted to appeal to various regressive elements within the Republican Party. These latter actions tarnished the nominee's previous accomplishments as Governor of the state. BADILLO also cited the nominee's stand regarding life prison sentences for convicted drug addicts. In areas of character and integrity, he has no reservations about the nominee. He described ROCKEFELLER as possessing great ability, a vast knowledge and understanding of problems as related to the poor, minority groups, the prison system and urban conditions. BADILLO furthermore knows of nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's service and loyalty to the United States or of any aspect in his
background or character which might impinge upon his trustworthiness and integrity. In all areas of character and loyalty, together with his understanding, insights, and knowledge, he highly recommended the nominee for the post to which he is being considered. He did question, however, the nominee's judgment in crucial issues as cited above in the example regarding Attica. For this reason, BADILLO is reserving any final judgment regarding the nominee until hearing the latter's testimony before the Congressional Committee.
On August 23, 1974, U.S. Representative SAMUEL S. STRATTON, New York State, advised SA that he has been associated with the nominee since 1958, when STRATTON originally campaigned for the U.S. Congress. At that time, the nominee was campaigning in his first term for Governor of the State of New York. Over the years, they have had a frequent relationship based on the nominee's dealings with the entire Congressional delegation from New York State. STRATTON advised that he knew nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and that he generally got along well with him. He considers him well qualified, possessing a strong personality, and as an individual whose loyalty to the United States and dedication to public service are highly commendable. STRATTON gave his highest endorsement to the nominee as regards the latter's integrity, loyalty and character. The feeling among many residents of New York State and with Congressman STRATTON's constituents is a strong displeasure of the nominee's high spending and taxing level during his administration as Governor of New York State. STRATTON advised that at this point, he is unable to say whether or not he will vote for the nominee at the conclusion of the Congressional hearings, but emphasized that this was solely because of political differences.
The following investigation was conducted on August 22, 1974, by Special Agent (SA) [blank].

United States Representative EDWARD I. KOCH, New York, advised that he has known the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, since 1968 on a personal basis. He has always found him to be a decent honest individual who is highly intelligent. Representative KOCH feels the nominee is a compassionate person of impeccable character, loyalty, and reputation. He stated that he was a good Governor of the State of New York and advised that he is a loyal American. He recommended the nominee as the Vice President of the United States and stated that he will vote for his confirmation.

United States Representative CHARLES B. RANGEL, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1965, at which time he (RANGEL) served in the New York State Assembly. He knows of no reason whatsoever to question his character, reputation, choice of associates, or loyalty to the United States; and he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Congressman RANGEL advised that he is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and feels that it would be inappropriate at this time to make any comment concerning his opposition to or recommendation of the nominee prior to the hearings of that Committee.

United States Representative ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, New York, advised that she does not know the nominee personally and had only met him earlier that day when he had stopped by her office to pay his respects. She advised that she had been involved mainly in New York City politics prior to coming to the Congress of the United States and was not closely associated with the State Administration in New York. She does not agree with all the issues and policies of the nominee but knows of no reason to question his character or loyalty to the United States, reputation, or choice of associates. She knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the position of Vice President of the United States. Representative HOLTZMAN further stated that the only rumor that she has ever encountered of an unfavorable nature regarding the nominee was a rumor that concerned the nominee during his administration as Governor of the State of New York. She advised that the rumor alleged that the nominee had arranged for the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City, to make loans to campaigns of various individuals, and
the nominee had personally guaranteed these loans as a co-signer. Following the campaigns, the loans remained unpaid and the nominee had paid these loans personally. Following the payment of these loans, the nominee had deducted the amounts paid as business deductions on his income tax. Representative HOLTZMAN stated that she could not vouch for the validity of this rumor nor did she know if there were any illegal activities implied. She could not recall the source of this rumor.

United States Representative NORMAN FREDERICK LENT, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1962, at which time he (LENT) ran for the New York State Senate. He served in the state legislature for eight years and had close contact during this period with the nominee and many of his aides. He has had social contact with the nominee at numerous political gatherings and knows of nothing of a derogatory nature regarding him. He advised that his character, loyalty, reputation, and choice of associates would be "the best". He recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative PETER A. PEYSER, New York, advised that he has known the nominee personally for many years. He has socialized with him on numerous political occasions and has absolutely no reservations concerning him. He advised that the nominee's character, reputation and choice of associates are impeccable and he described him as a loyal American. Representative PEYSER stated that he would recommend the nominee without question for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative SHIRLEY ANITA CHISHOLM, New York, advised that she has known the nominee for approximately 12 years and is a close personal friend. She advised that she served for four years in the New York State Legislature, had worked closely with the nominee, and was appointed to serve on various committees by him. She knows of nothing of a negative nature concerning him and knows of no reason to question his character, reputation, choice of associates, or loyalty to the United States. Representative CHISHOLM recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.
United States Representative JOHN MICHAEL MURPHY, New York, advised that he is acquainted with the nominee and described him as a skillful and experienced politician. He stated that he is a good American, and advised that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning his character, reputation, or choice of associates. He advised, however, that the nominee would not be his choice for Vice President and feels that the nomination would not be confirmed by the Congress in the near future. He stated that he believes that the nominee has over spent in many of his campaigns. He also feels that the nominee had handled the revolt at the Attica Prison, Attica, New York, very poorly. He feels that he did not have the "guts" to appear at Attica and personally handle the situation which should have been done.

United States Representative JOHN J. ROONEY, New York, telephonically advised that he has been confined to his home for approximately eight months under a doctor's care but felt that he wanted to comment concerning the nominee for Vice President, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he has known the nominee for approximately 28 years. He always found him to be a highly trustworthy and hardworking individual. His character, choice of associates, reputation, and loyalty to the United States would be "the best". Representative ROONEY advised that he does not always endorse the nominee's politics but advised that he would have no reason to be concerned concerning the individual or his nomination to fill the vacancy of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative FRANK JAMES BRASCO, New York, advised that he had worked closely with the nominee when the nominee was Governor of the State of New York on many bills in the House, for example bills concerning housing in New York City and mass transit. He advised that the nominee was always interested in coming to Washington to discuss matters of concern with representatives of the state in the Congress. He described him as an effective Governor and a hard worker and he felt that he had a full range of all the issues. He stated that in the numerous conversations that he has had with the nominee he has discovered that the nominee has an excellent working knowledge of foreign affairs. He has absolutely no reason to question the nominee's character, choice of associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States, and feels that he is an excellent choice to fill the vacant position of Vice President. Representative BRASCO stated he would support the nominee during the confirmation.
The following interviews were conducted by SA on August 22, 1974, at Washington, D.C.:

U.S. Representative DONALD J. MITCHELL, New York, advised that the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, was one of his three choices for the Vice Presidential nomination. He advised that much thought was given to his choices and that the nominee satisfied the four criteria he had established when making his recommendations to President FORD. These criteria were: someone who would serve the President well, was of Presidential stature himself, would help bring Americans together by representing a somewhat different constituency than President FORD, and who would be recognized by many Americans as a good Presidential candidate in all 50 states. He further advised the nominee was a good Governor, a tough leader and very strong man. He stated the nominee would bring a vast experience in helping to solve the problems of large cities as well as a thorough knowledge of state government and an enviable experience in international affairs. He has never observed or heard anything which would detract in any way from the nominee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty and he would support the nominee in the House of Representatives.

U.S. Representative FRANK HORTON, New York, advised that he has known the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, since 1958, and that the nominee was his first choice for the nomination of Vice President and it was his feeling you could make no finer choice. He felt the nominee's record of integrity and performance as Governor of New York State were unequalled and that he had been faced with many pressing problems before the same problems ever became national issues. He felt ROCKEFELLER had demonstrated an outstanding ability to listen to, cooperate with and be responsive to racial and ethnic minorities, labor, business, and senior citizens. He felt the nominee had an amazing talent for attracting and utilizing the very best available talent and grappling with economic, social, international, environmental, and other problems. He stated he had no hesitation in recommending the nominee as he felt he was a good administrator, a man of great integrity and of exceptional character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he would support his nomination for the Vice Presidency.
U.S. Representative HAMILTON FISH, JR., New York, advised that he has been associated with the nominee since 1966, and that he had recommended him to President FORD for the nomination for Vice President. He stated he felt ROCKEFELLER was a man of exceptional ability and leadership and a very competent administrator who was one of the most competent and qualified people in the U.S. Government today. He stated he had never heard or observed anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty and that he would have to reserve his final judgment until after the confirmation hearings were complete but at this point, he knew of nothing which would keep him from supporting the nominee.

U.S. Representative JOHN W. WYDLER, New York, advised that he had recommended the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, to President FORD and felt he was an exceptionally fine person. He considered the nominee intelligent, a great leader and administrator and felt ROCKEFELLER's life was an open book since he had served in the public eye almost his entire adult life. He knew of no personal wrongdoings nor had he ever heard of anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He further advised that he had never even heard anything of a derogatory nature said behind the nominee's back by people who did not like him and felt that this in itself was a tribute to the nominee. He advised that he would definitely support his nomination for the Vice Presidency.

U.S. Representative LESTER LIONEL WOLFF, New York, advised that he was not personally acquainted with the nominee and that he had never heard of anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He advised that he did have some reservations about the nominee's vast holdings such as his banking ties and was wondering about how he could ever possibly divest himself of these if he were asked to. He stated he would withhold his final judgment pending results of the confirmation hearings but at this point, there was really nothing which would cause him to disapprove the nominee.
U.S. Representative JACK KEMP, New York, advised that although the nominee, ROCKEFEELLER, was not his first choice, he was a good choice and that he would support his nomination for the Vice Presidency. He stated the nominee was highly qualified for the job with an abundance of experience and commented favorably on his character, associates, reputation and loyalty.

U.S. Representative JAMES MICHAEL HANLEY, New York, advised that he was familiar with the nominee and considered him an intelligent, experienced, capable administrator who was a very delightful and fine person. He stated he was not a great admirer of the nominee but knew of nothing which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He stated that he would refrain from stating how he would vote until after the confirmation hearings but at this time, he knew of nothing which would cause him not to approve the nominee.

U.S. Representative THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York, advised that he has never known the nominee personally but considered him a good American. He stated the nominee is very talented, intelligent, honest, a good administrator and a strong Republican. He knew of nothing which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. DULSKI could see nothing at this point which would keep him from supporting the nominee for the Vice Presidency but he would have to wait until after the confirmation hearings before a final judgment could be made.

U.S. Representative JAMES J. DELANEY, New York, advised he has known the appointee since he first became Governor of New York State back in 1958. He felt he was a good selection for the job of Vice President and considered the nominee a good man, conservative, a complete gentleman, very bright and one who uses good judgment. He felt he was a very capable administrator and that he had done a good job running New York State and felt that anyone who could run a state the size of New York State without any major scandals had done a pretty good job. He advised he had never observed or heard anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or
loyalty and he would support his nomination for the Vice Presidency in the House of Representatives.

At that time, he advised that he had known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1940, and had previously served as his assistant in the Office of Inter-American Affairs, United States Department of State. He also served with ROCKEFELLER on other occasions in the State Department. He advised that he has always held the nominee in the highest regard and feels that he is a loyal American who has always had the best interest of the country at heart. He has never known ROCKEFELLER to associate with anyone with a questionable character or loyalty. He advised that he himself attempted to persuade ROCKEFELLER to run for the Presidency of the United States, as he felt he was the type of person who could serve as President with honor and distinction. He had never known anything derogatory concerning the nominee and recommended him highly.

WILSON advised that he has known the nominee since 1956, when he first met him at a speaking engagement for Republicans of Westchester County, New York. He advised he shared the speaking responsibilities with the nominee and said the nominee spoke on national interests of the Republican Party and he spoke on the state issues. He advised he again met the nominee in early 1957, when he shared speaking responsibilities with the nominee at a Republican meeting which had been designated to formulate a constitutional convention in the State of New York.

Governor WILSON stated that he next saw the nominee in early January, 1958, at which time he again spoke at a Republican meeting in New York. He indicated that he first became friends with the nominee in the end of January, 1958, when a Republican leader named HUBERT GURLACH asked him to see the nominee regarding the possibility of having the nominee run for Governor of the State of New York. He indicated the nominee came up to him at that time and asked for his help. He advised he was serving in the State Legislature at that time. He said he introduced the nominee to his friends in the legislature and indicated that he served as the nominee's Campaign Manager for Governor of New York. He further advised the nominee insisted he become Lieutenant Governor and informed him that that position took a lot of pressure off of him as Governor.

Governor WILSON advised that the nominee was beyond venality, beyond temptation. He said he is a deeply religious man, by that he did not mean an average church goer, but that the nominee has a great faith in the Creator. He stated the nominee had the benefit of strict maternal influence and strict adherence to the Puritan element.

He stated that in all the years that he has known the nominee, he has never seen the nominee on a personal basis in any setting other than complete probity, interracial honesty and material honesty. He said the nominee has a love
of the people. He advised that the nominee has a unique capacity for personal touch when he meets an individual. He stated that the nominee, when he shakes hands with someone, tends to make that individual feel like it is just he and the nominee are the whole world at that particular moment.

He said the nominee has deep compassion, and is an excellent team player. He indicated that the nominee is a loyal American and is aware of the lines of authority with regard to high positions in Government. He stated the nominee's personal habits are excellent. He said the nominee does not drink hard liquor; however, he drinks champagne and dubonnet wine on occasion. He said he has never seen the nominee in a condition where he had lost control of his faculties. He advised the nominee is physically fit and in excellent shape.

He stated as an American, the nominee would be a tremendous help to the President of the United States. He advised that the nominee does not oversimplify complex problems. He indicated that the nominee is nonpartisan and stated that he represented all the people when he was Governor of New York, not just his party.

WILSON advised that the nominee is not narrowly partisan and he feels that he will enjoy the confidence of the people of the United States while serving in the FORD Administration. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.
On August 22, 1974, GEORGE BUSH, Chairman, Republican National Committee, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years. His association has been primarily of a political nature, but he has known the nominee on a limited social basis stating that he has visited with ROCKEFELLER in his home on several occasions.

BUSH stated that he could only make favorable comments concerning the nominee, and he has no personal knowledge of anything regarding the nominee which might prove to be embarrassing to the U. S. Government.

He concluded by advising that NELSON ROCKEFELLER has his unqualified endorsement and support for the office of Vice-President of the United States.
The following investigation was conducted by

On August 22, 1974, LEON SHULL, National Director, Americans for Democratic Action, 1424 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised that he had no personal knowledge of the nominee and has never met him. He said all he has heard about Mr. ROCKEFELLER is what he reads in the newspaper.

JOSEPH RAUH, Attorney, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., Vice President, Americans for Democratic Action and former chairman of the Democratic Party in Washington, D.C. during the 1960's, advised on August 22, 1974, that he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a couple of occasions several years ago, but knew nothing about him other than what he has read in the newspapers. He said he could offer no expression about the appointment of the nominee other than he thought it was a good appointment.
On August 22, 1974, former United States Supreme Court Justice ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, now an attorney in Washington, D. C., advised that he has known the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1959 when he was Special Counsel for the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and he was sent up to New York to aid Governor ROCKEFELLER with labor reform legislation. Since that time he has known the nominee and his wife both professionally and socially and believes them both to be people of the highest character, reputation and associates.

Justice GOLDBERG stated that he felt the nominee was an outstanding Governor of the State of New York and the main reason he ran against him in the 1970 election was only because he felt that he had served too long in that capacity, not that he was doing an inadequate job. He described him as a loyal and devoted public servant who ran a completely honest administration and an honest election campaign. He is a well organized individual and simply polled more votes in 1970 and thereby defeated Justice GOLDBERG.

Justice GOLDBERG stated that, upon hearing that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been chosen as the nominee for the position of Vice President, he sent a telegram of congratulations to him wishing him the best of luck. He stated that he knows of nothing derogatory that would preclude Mr. ROCKEFELLER from being considered for the position of Vice President and highly recommended him for that position.

Justice GOLDBERG concluded by stating that there is one incident that has always stuck out in his mind and he has never gotten to the bottom of the circumstances. During the New York State Gubernatorial Campaign in 1970 a book was written by Mr. VICTOR LASKY which was supposedly
a biography of Justice GOLDBERG. It was very critical of GOLDBERG and, in fact, libelous and assertions were made in it which were completely unfounded. Justice GOLDBERG stated that although it was supposed to be a biography, he himself was never interviewed or contacted by Mr. LASKY and he does not know where he got his information. Justice GOLDBERG emphasized that he in no way is implying that Mr. ROCKEFELLER was behind the publication of the book and he in fact has no reason to suspect that he was, but it has always troubled him as to who did finance the publication of the book. He noted that right after the election the book disappeared from publication and has not been around since that time. He stated that he recently read that Mr. LASKY has done some work for the "Committee to Re-Elect the President" and he resides in the Washington, D. C., area.
The following investigation was conducted by SAS MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR. and FRED P. VICHICH on August 22, 1974:

CHARLES J. GREENE, JR., Chief Correspondent, New York Daily News, Washington Bureau, has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since sometime in the early 1950's, and has had a fair amount of contact with him on an intermittent basis in connection with Mr. GREENE's coverage, particularly the Republican National Conventions in 1960, 1964, and 1968. He has known the nominee casually and at a distance in the same manner as he knows a great many other individuals prominent in political life.

Mr. GREENE has been very favorably impressed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER and in his opinion, the latter seems to be a very honorable and honest individual who is quite candid and frank in his relationships with others. He has greatly impressed Mr. GREENE with his intelligence and wide interest and knowledge of the problems of the United States, and Mr. GREENE feels that he has seen nominee develop as a politician into a man of truly national stature. In Mr. GREENE's opinion, the nominee stands out among politicians, and is outstanding in his integrity and his desire to accomplish the things he believes in. He has impressed Mr. GREENE as a man of moral and personal courage in his political life and a man with the ability and background to handle any position in Government. Mr. GREENE knows of nothing adverse to the nominee and he recommends him for a position of the highest trust and confidence.
CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS

On August 23, 1974, Mr. CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR., Director, Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 422 First Street, S.E., advised SA as follows regarding the nominee:

He noted that his office has not followed the activities of the nominee as closely as their New York Chapter. However, his personal opinion is that he believes the nominee has been a supporter of civil rights in general and as a result, he could think of no reason for any legitimate civil rights group to voice a strong opposition against his confirmation as Vice President.
DAVID A. BRODY, Director, Washington, D.C. Office, B'Nai B'Rith Anti-Defamation League, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised on August 22, 1974, that he felt the President made an outstanding selection in nominating NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. He does not know the nominee personally and has only met him once or twice. He based his feelings on Governor ROCKEFELLER's outstanding record as a public servant. He knew of no shortcomings on the part of the nominee and felt he could discharge the duties of the position in an exemplary manner.
ANDREW BIEMILLER, Director, Legislative Department, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), 815 16th Street, N.W., was interviewed by SA HUGH B. MCGAHEY on August 23, 1974. Mr. BIEMILLER advised he has known the nominee since 1953 and first became acquainted with him when Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. His association with the nominee since that time has been both professional and social. He is not acquainted with the nominee's present wife nor his former wife.

Mr. BIEMILLER said that no one has ever made any comments to his knowledge of a derogatory nature regarding the nominee's character, patriotism or ability. BIEMILLER stated that the nominee has an outstanding reputation in the labor unions and other professional circles with regard to his ability as an administrator and his capability to handle complicated governmental problems. He added he considers the nominee the best qualified person for the position of Vice President and could not praise him too highly. He knew of nothing in the nominee's past that could surface and cause embarrassment to him or the Ford Administration. He knows him to be an outstanding American and "first class" in all respects.

BIEMILLER said that he and the nominee have had some disagreements over legislative matters but that such disagreements would have no unfavorable reflection upon the nominee.
Mr. LANE KIRKLAND, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO, 815 16th Street, N. W. advised SA Hugh B. McGAHEY on August 22, 1974, he has known the nominee for many years, both professionally and socially. KIRKLAND is currently a member of the Committee on Critical Choices for America which he said was organized by the nominee after he resigned the Governorship of New York.

KIRKLAND highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States as he considers him a one hundred percent solid American who has the experience and qualifications to perform the duties and functions required of the Office of Vice President. Mr. KIRKLAND commented that the nominee has been an excellent public servant for many years and has an outstanding reputation for honesty, integrity and ability. In addition, his loyalty to the United States cannot be questioned.
On August 22, 1974, Attorney, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, advised that he had been in contact with Mr. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters who is currently on the West Coast and is unavailable for interview. Advised that Mr. FITZSIMMONS advised him that he believes the choice of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States is a good one. The nominee was a good Governor and there is no reason to believe that he will not make a good Vice President. Mr. FITZSIMMONS stated that he did not know the nominee personally and was not able to comment further regarding his suitability for the position of Vice President.
On August 23, 1974, Consultant to the President on Labor Matters, Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C., advised that he is currently working as a consultant for the White House and shortly he expects to begin work for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. His association with ROCKEFELLER goes back to about 1962 when he was working for both the New York City and New York State Building Trade Council and had to work with Governor ROCKEFELLER on many problems concerning the labor field.

stated that ROCKEFELLER is a very strong willed, solid individual who was always open and available for advice. One of his greatest attributes is the fact that if you came to him with a problem or allegation he always acted on it. He would investigate and if you were right he told you about it and then acted on it and if you were wrong he also let you know that it was checked out and the allegation or discrepancy was unfounded. He is a man of his word and you always got an answer from him.

stated that he has no reason to question the nominee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and he highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.
CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The following investigation was conducted by SA at Washington, D.C. (WDC):

On August 23, 1974, [Blank], Manager, the Metropolitan Club of WDC, 1700 H Street, advised that the nominee was a member of the Metropolitan Club from December 31, 1963 until July 26, 1968. He added that the nominee resigned on July 26, 1968, in good standing. Further advised that no discriminatory practices regarding membership exist at the Metropolitan Club.
The following investigation was conducted by SA at Washington, D.C. (WDC):

On August 22, 1974, [Redacted], Administrative Assistant, Cosmos Club, advised that the nominee is a member of the Cosmos Club. She indicated the nominee joined the club on February 3, 1941. She added that on July 1, 1966, the nominee entered Senior status which is a title awarded after 25 years of membership. She stated the nominee is in good standing. [Redacted] further advised that the Cosmos Club has no discriminatory practices.
On August 22, 1974, Mr. MAURICE F. KILEY, Acting District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York City, New York, who was in Washington, D.C. (WDC), attending a conference at INS Headquarters, advised that he does not know the nominee personally and could therefore not make any comment regarding him.
CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C. (WDC), and was advised on August 22, 1974, that the files contained no record for the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, SC determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the nominee or spouse.

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 August 22, 1974, SC determined that no record was contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles, Government of the District of Columbia, files concerning the nominee or spouse.

On August 22, 1974, SC searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable Adult Criminal or Traffic record could be located regarding nominee or spouse.
MISCELLANEOUS

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on March 26, 1969, and disclosed that information possibly identical with the nominee was contained in the files of the United States Army Investigative Records Repository (AIRR) and the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS).

A review of the AIRR files, Fort Holabird, Maryland, on March 26, 1969, disclosed no derogatory information concerning the nominee.

On March 28, 1969, IC determined that the files of "The Evening Star" newspaper contained numerous clippings relative to the nominee's personal, social and political life, his travels and work in foreign relations. No derogatory information was contained in the files.

It is noted that the files of "The Evening Star" newspaper are no longer accessible for review by the FBI and therefore no check has been made at this time.

IC caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters, and was advised on April 1, 1969, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the nominee.

A review of the files of the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, by SA on April 3, 1969, disclosed the nominee was granted a "Top Secret" clearance on August 7, 1953, based on an investigation (date not recorded) by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The clearance was cancelled upon his resignation.
On August 23, 1974, SC caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised that Civil Service Commission (CSC) files disclosed that ROCKERELLER was the subject of a CSC Report of Pre-Appointment Check for the position of Chairman, President's Special Committee on Government Organization, Office of Defense Mobilization in 1953. The files contained no additional pertinent information.

On August 22, 1974, SC caused a search to be made of the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that no identifiable record was found concerning the nominee.

Chief Clerk, Files and Reference Section of the House Committee on Internal Security (HCIS), advised SC on August 22, 1974, that the Committee maintains no records on Government officials, Congressmen or Senators.

On August 22, 1974, SC caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that no record was found concerning the nominee.
The files of the Office of Security (SY) of the Department of State, reviewed by SA on August 21, 1974, disclose that on November 14, 1950, the White House furnished to the Deputy Undersecretary of State for Administration the results of a 1950 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation of Mr. ROCKEFELLER in connection with his proposed appointment as a member of the International Development Advisory Board. After review of the investigative results, SY on November 21, 1950, recommended security clearance of the nominee for such proposed purpose pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 535, 81st Congress. On December 12, 1950, SY granted him formal security clearance in this connection.

On March 7, 1969, SY granted him secret clearance in connection with his then forthcoming trip to Latin America for President NIXON, as a nonemployee of the Department of State.

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.
United States Government records reviewed by SE on April 3, 1969, disclose that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was last issued passport F 550892 at New York, New York, on February 11, 1965, for travel abroad, no definite plans given. He stated that he was born on July 8, 1908, at Bar Harbor, Maine. This passport was renewed on or about April 10, 1968, for travel abroad, plans not given.

He was issued the following passports:

On November 12, 1954, he was issued Special Passport 44245 at Washington, D. C. (WDC), for proposed travel to Venezuela as a tourist.

On June 27, 1955, he was issued Diplomatic Passport 5176 at WDC, for travel to Germany on official business for the United States Government.

On December 28, 1955, he was issued Passport 815322 at WDC, for travel to Venezuela for pleasure.

On January 18, 1960, he was issued Special Passport 226393 at WDC, no travel plans given. This passport was renewed at New York on or about May 4, 1963, travel plans not given.

On September 23, 1960, he was issued a Diplomatic Passport at WDC, for proposed six day travel to Nigeria, to head United States Delegation to the Independence Ceremonies of the Federation of Nigeria.
United States Government records, reviewed by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974, disclose the additional information that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was issued diplomatic passport X-052638 at Washington, D.C., on May 9, 1969, limited to expire on August 30, 1969, for proposed travel abroad as the Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America. The file shows that his intended travel was to South America. His permanent residence was listed as 812 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This passport was cancelled and returned to him on May 3, 1973.

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was issued regular passport A-000007 at Washington, D.C., on February 11, 1970, for proposed travel abroad. No specific travel plans were set forth on the application. This passport was valid for five years. His address remained as above.

United States Government records, reviewed by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974, disclose that MARGARETTA FITLER ROCKEFELLER was issued diplomatic passport X-052637 at Washington, D.C., on May 9, 1969, for proposed travel abroad as the wife of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, a Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America. This passport was limited to expire on August 30, 1969, and the file shows that it was cancelled and returned to her on May 3, 1973.

She stated that she was born on June 9, 1926, in Pennsylvania. She previously held passport J-1154553 issued on September 23, 1968. She listed her father as WILLIAM WONDERLY FITLER, JR., a United States citizen, and her mother as MARGARITTA LARGE HARRISON (Mrs. GEORGE BARTOL), born on December 16, 1901, also a United States citizen. She stated that she was last married on May 4, 1963, to NELSON ALDRICH.
ROCKEFELLER, having previously been married on December 11, 1948, to JAMES SLATER MURPHY, born at New York City on June 2, 1921, marriage terminated by divorce on April 1, 1963.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)
SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,
WITHOUT FAIL.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, WILLIAM L. PFEIFFER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD
OF TRUSTEES, ALBANY SAVINGS BANK, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE
WAS THE FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE 1964 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN
FOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO PFEIFFER THAT
ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT THREE MILLION DOLLARS WERE
EXPENDED IN THE OREGON PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN 1964 AND
FOUR MILLION DOLLARS SIMILARLY EXPENDED IN THE CALIFORNIA
PRIMARY FOR 1964. PFEIFFER STATED THAT THESE FIGURES WERE
ERRONEOUS AND INFLATED AND DID NOT REPRESENT THE ACTUAL
EXPENDITURES. HE STATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS WERE SPENT
BUT THAT THESE AMOUNTS CONFORMED TO ALL EXISTING LAWS AND

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REGULATIONS AT THE TIME AND WERE NOT ILLEGAL. HE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME, HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE THE EXACT AMOUNTS EXPENDED IN THESE TWO PRIMARIES AND SUGGESTED THAT PRESENT NYS TREASURER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, WOULD POSSIBLY POSSESS THE FINANCIAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE 1964 CAMPAIGN. HE STATED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THESE RECORDS WERE PASSED FROM ONE STATE TREASURER TO ANOTHER.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, INTERVIEW REGARDING LOCATION OF THE 1964 FINANCIAL RECORDS AND REVIEW SAME CONCERNING ABOVE ALLEGATIONS.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPI; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE ALBANY TELETYPING TO BUREAU, AUGUST 26, 1974.

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, 270 BROADWAY, NY, NY, ADVISED EARLIEST TIME FOR INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, ELEVEN O'CLOCK AM. HE STATED THIS DATE TENTATIVE, MAY BE LATER.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, AUGUST 23, 1974.

CONTACT WITH _______ TO HENRY FORD II, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, HAS REVEALED THAT MR. FORD IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON AUGUST 29, 1974. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH _______ TO INTERVIEW MR. FORD AT THAT TIME. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, SPI. Date: August 28, 1974

Without fail.

RE BUREAU TELETYPewriter, August 21, 1974.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITIOUS INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE-PRESIDENT.

INVESTIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

Born July 8, 1908, Bar Harbor, Maine, and is former New York State Governor. See WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE TWO SIX SEVEN NINE, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE AS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT SIX COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERIOD AND CLEAR AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED.

New York
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDGED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DATED AUGUST 21, 1974; WFO REPORT DATED AUGUST 25, 1974.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT ON AUGUST 23, 1974, SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS OF WFO SUBMITTED TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE THE FOLLOWING LEADS WHICH RESULTED FROM THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE NOMINEE ON AUGUST 22, 1974. THE NOMINEE ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS PERSONAL ASSOCIATES:

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY; ATTORNEY, NEW YORK CITY; AND ATTORNEYS LAW

MR. ROCKEFELLER IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING ATTORNEYS WHO HANDLED HIS DIVORCE. HE STATED THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR DETAILS CONCERNING
ROCKEFELLER ADVISED THAT HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN IS DR. U.S. STEEL BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY. NOMINEE HAS CONTACTED PHYSICIAN AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRM MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY AND MC CLOY IS COMPILING A COMPLETE LIST OF NOMINEE’S IMMEDIATE RELATIVES AND WILL PROVIDE IT TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

COUNSEL TO THE NOMINEE, WILL PROVIDE THE NEW YORK OFFICE WITH A LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH THE NOMINEE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH IN THE PAST OR IS CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH.

IT IS NOTED THAT ROCKEFELLER REQUESTED THAT IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO CONTACT HIS CURRENT WIFE’S EX-SPouse, , THAT HE, MR. ROCKEFELLER, WISHED TO BE ADVISED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW. HE ADVISED THAT AND THE FBI WOULD

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BENEFIT GREATLY BY HIS WIFE CONTACTING _BEFORE THE INTERVIEW. He stated that neither he nor his wife had any objection to _BEING INTERVIEWED.

MR. ROCKEFELLER ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS FORMER WIFE AGREED AT THE TIME OF THEIR DIVORCE THAT THE TERMS OF THEIR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WOULD NEVER BE DIVULGED. IN THE EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO INTERVIEW HIS FORMER SPOUSE, HE REQUESTED THAT SHE BE INFORMED THAT THE DIVORCE FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN DIVULGED.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. REVEALS THAT NOMINEE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN THE LABOR FIELD: MR. RAY CORBETT, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER OF AFL-CIO, ALBANY, NEW YORK AND MR. JACOB POTOFSKY, RETIRED PRESIDENT, AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS UNION, NEW YORK CITY. MR. POTOFSKY CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THIS UNION. ALBANY AND NEW YORK HANDLE.

DUE TO THE URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

END.

BEH FBHQ CLR
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL) AND 
SACS, NEW YORK (161-2961) 
ALBANY (161-965) 

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (3P) 
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BURED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL. 

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FIRM OF 
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THIS MATTER. NOMINEE'S ATTORNEY WAS NEW YORK CITY AND HIS EX-SPouse'S ATTORNEY WAS

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benefit greatly by his wife contacting ______ before the interview. He stated that neither he nor his wife had any objection to ______ being interviewed.

Mr. Rockefeller advised that he and his former wife agreed at the time of their divorce that the terms of their financial settlement would never be divulged. In the event it is necessary to interview his former spouse, he requested that she be informed that the divorce financial settlement has not been divulged.

Investigation at Washington, D.C. reveals that nominee is well known by the following individuals in the labor field: Mr. Ray Corbett, President, New York State Chapter of AFL-CIO, Albany, New York and Mr. Jacob Potofsky, retired President, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, New York City. Mr. Potofsky can be contacted through this union. Albany and New York handle.

Due to the urgent nature of request, it is imperative that buded be met without fail. No delay will be tolerated.

END.
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE NEW YORK FACSIMILE TO BOSTON AUGUST 22, 1974.

He said he questions the nominee's activities in foreign affairs, particularly with regard to his activities in Latin American affairs. He said his differences with the appointee were not of a personal nature but a difference of policy with regard to Latin American foreign affairs. He said he has no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to the U.S. and he in no way questions his ability as Governor of New York or as an Administrator. He said he considers the appointee a loyal American citizen. He made no comment with respect to recommending the nominee. He said he had been away.
FROM THE WASHINGTON SCENE SINCE  he suggested that
SPRUILLE BRADEN, 320 EAST 72ND STREET, NEW YORK CITY, NEW
YORK WHO REPLACED THE NOMINEE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE, BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE NOMINEE.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW SPRUILLE BRADEN AT ABOVE ADDRESS.

END.

DKS FBHQ CLR:
TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)
    NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: PITTSBURGH (161-1124) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED
AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPETO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.
EDGAR B. SPEER, CHAIRMAN, U.S. STEEL CORPORATION, IS OUT
OF TOWN UNTIL AUGUST 29, 1974. SECRETARY ADVISES MR. SPEER
CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS NEW YORK OFFICE AT 8:15 A.M., AUGUST
28, 1974, TELEPHONE NUMBER ________

NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK. INTERVIEW EDGAR B. SPEER REGARDING
NOMINEE.

END

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, WFO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller; SPI; NAMED AUGUST 26, 1974;

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL, AUGUST 22, 1974, INSTRUCTING EX U.S.
SENATOR CHARLES GOODELL, BE INTERVIEWED.

GOODELL ASSOCIATED WITH LAW FIRM HYDEMAN MASON AND
GOODELL AND D.G.A. INTERNATIONAL, BOTH WASHINGTON D.C.,
WHO INTERVIEW GOODELL.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDER:
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ALBANY AND NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE OGDEN
R. REID'S WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, OFFICE REFLECTS HE CAN BE
REACHED AT VACATION RETREAT (LOCATION KNOWN ONLY AS ADIRONDACK
REGION), TELEPHONE

ALBANY HANDLE.

PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW ATTORNEY

RECORDED

NEW YORK CITY, WHO CAN BE REACHED CARE OF

UNTIL SEPTEMBER THREE NEXT.

REPORTEDLY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH NOMINEE.
ON AUGUST 26, 1974, [REDacted], SECRETARY, GILINSKY, STILLMAN AND MISHKIN, 277 PART AVENUE, NEW YORK NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT [REDacted] WAS NOT PRESENT. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW CURRENT LOCATION BUT SUGGESTED THAT DURING AUGUST, [REDacted] USUALLY TRAVELS TO WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED AT [REDacted] IS [REDacted] ATTORNEY WHO REPORTEDLY KNOWS NOMINEE WELL.

BOSTON HANDLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL) AND SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (1P)
Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 23, 1974 AND WFO TELEX CALL TO NEW YORK AUGUST 26, 1974.

INVESTIGATION WFO REVEALED HONORABLE WILLIAM MC CHESNEY MARTIN CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK CITY. APPOINTMENT MADE THROUGH HIS SECRETARY FOR NEW YORK AGENT TO INTERVIEW MARTIN WHO IS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF NOMINEE, ON AUGUST 27, 1974, AT 9:15 A.M. AT 785 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, APARTMENT 6B, PHONE HAI-4673.

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 23, 1974

RE WFO TELETYPETO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 26, 1974.
INQUIRY AT OFFICE OF AFL-CIO, DE WITT CLINTON HOTEL,
ALBANY, NEW YORK, NEGATIVE.

AFL-CIO, TEXTILE WORKERS, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED
THAT WHEN NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION, RAY
CORBETT, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER OF AFL-CIO, CAN
BE REACHED IN THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.
NEW YORK HANDLE.

END.

ALL INSTRUCTIONS TAKEN

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

INVESTIGATION AT MT. PLEASANT, NEW YORK, REVEALS THAT

WHO IS VERY WELL ACQUAINTED

WITH NOMINEE AND FAMILY, CAN BE REACHED AT

(NO SPECIFIC ADDRESS KNOWN), TELEPHONE

NEWARK HANDLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-2961) (MAIL) AND SAC, BOSTON (161-2182)
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P)(IP)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO AUGUST 21, 1974.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D.C., REVEALS THAT THE NOMINEE IS KNOWN BY MR. JOHN HERLING, A LABOR COLUMNIST WHOSE ARTICLES APPEAR IN THE WASHINGTON POST. MR. HERLING ALSO WORKED WITH THE NOMINEE IN SOUTH AMERICA DURING THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION.

MR. HERLING IS CURRENTLY VACATIONING AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 617-645-9473 AT MENEMSHA, MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON HANDLE. DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY TOLERATED.

END.
530 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 26, 1974 PAM IP
TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
NEW YORK (161-2961)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPIN; AUGUST 28, 1974
W I T H O U T F A I L

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 26, 1974; PHILADELPHIA

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, ATTORNEY

OF NEW YORK CITY, WAS CONTACTED

AT ____________________________, AND ADVISED THAT OTHER THAN

HANDLING SOME LEGAL WORK FOR NOMINEE, HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH

MR. ROCKEFELLER. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THERE ARE MANY INDIVIDUALS

BY THE NAME OF ____________________________ IN NEW YORK CITY.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

END
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
   SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPI; END OF AUGUST 28, 1974.

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, SECRETARY TO MR. WILLIAM S. REINER,
CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, SPERRY AND HUTCHINSON COMPANY, THREE-THREE
ZERO MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY. ADVISED MR. REINER,
PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF VICE-PRESIDENCY NOMINEE, NDN VACATIONING
IN [ ] AND CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT [ ]

APPROPRIATE TIMES TO CONTACT 4:30 PM OR EARLY MORNING.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN.

PATRICK RYAN, PRESIDENT, FIDELITY BANK OF COLONIE,
COLONIE, NEW YORK, CURRENTLY VACATIONING POINT OF

TELEPHONE

BOSTON, AT INTERVIEW RYAN.

END
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12:26 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 26, 1974 CHP IP

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)
    SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, NYS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ROBERT E. FISCHER, BINGHAMTON, NY, ADVISED THAT NYC, WOULD HAVE IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF ROCKEFELLER'S HANDLING OF ATTICA SITUATION.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, IF NOT ALL READY DONE, WILL INTERVIEW THE NOMINEE'S DIRECTION OF ATTICA SITUATION.

END.
TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD (16]-5674)
ALBANY (16]-965)
BUFFALO (16]-394)
NEW YORK (16]-296]

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (16]-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL

ALBANY, BUFFALO, AND WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED
BEARING ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO
BUREAU AND NEW YORK BY TELETYPETO ASSIST IN THAT PHASE
OF THE INVESTIGATION.

END
A conference was held Friday afternoon, 8-23-74, in New York City, with representatives of Nelson Rockefeller who are involved with the maintenance of accounting records for his personal holdings. An attorney representing Mr. Rockefeller, participated in the meeting.

A detailed listing of requested financial statements was discussed item by item with those present and specific questions raised were resolved. They plan on furnishing a statement of Mr. Rockefeller's net worth similar to a balance sheet with detailed specific assets identified and set forth. The initial problem encountered was that President Ford's statement listed current market values of the small number of assets he had listed advised that they felt it would be virtually impossible for them to list estimated market value for some of the assets which would be set forth in Rockefeller's statement. He wanted to know whether the FBI desired Mr. Rockefeller to hire appraisers to have all his property appraised so that the statement can list current market values. SA advised that the FBI did not desire Mr. Rockefeller to hire appraisers to determine the current market value of his property. However, it was pointed out that it was their job to prepare a financial statement for the Governor and if costs are the only information readily available the statement should be consistent and be based entirely on cost figures. It was suggested that they should consider putting in parenthesis estimated market values or insurance values for those assets where such information is readily available. In those instances where such information cannot be determined they should consider setting forth a short explanatory note to the balance sheet with any additional information such as date of acquisition and any information supporting the

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Walsh
1 - Mr. Cleveland
Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

problem of determining the current market value. It was recognized that it would be very difficult to determine the current market value of items of art without having them appraised. However, it was pointed out that from an accounting standpoint very little objection can be raised to a cost-based statement but they are running the risk of individuals discounting the value of the statement in view of the lack of current market value information. It was pointed out to them that the FBI did not feel it would be necessary for appraisers to be brought in; however, any available current market value information would enhance their making Mr. Rockefeller's statement of more value to a reader who is interested in his current net worth. They agreed and advised that they hope to have a cost-based statement available on Tuesday and would incorporate any and all reliable current market value information they were able to determine. They agreed further that they would add explanatory notes for any items they are unable to reach or determine current market values for. They were aware of the restriction that Mr. Rockefeller had specified with regard to the and they volunteered that should such information be available they would be willing to prepare a complete listing of the asset make-up of these trusts without quantities or dollar values which they feel would resolve the problem the Governor had cited. SA advised that at this time we did not contemplate requesting such information individually concerning the and should such a request be made a conference will be held with them in order to reach an agreement as to the information needed and the form of presentation.

advised that he appreciated the FBI's organized approach and that his staff would be working through the weekend in hopes of being able to present portions of the requested information beginning sometime Monday. There were approximately 13 items of specific financial statements or information requested during the meeting for the FBI. A copy of the "Liberty Lobby" advertisement which appeared in the "Washington Evening Star" was furnished to them and they expressed surprise in not being aware of the advertisement and stated that all background information will be gathered to establish the facts with regard to the allegations set forth in the advertisement.
Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

They were advised that the FBI would include such information in the reports being prepared and that additional investigation may possibly be conducted by the FBI into the allegations set forth but same was being held in abeyance until their material was completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The decision made by SA that appraisers not be hired by Mr. Rockefeller to appraise his current holdings is based on sound accounting in that the most objective statement is a cost-based statement, and available market value information will be incorporated in the statement when available. The investigation being conducted does not justify the estimated material expense that would be encountered to have his estate appraised. It is recommended that no further action be taken with regard to appraisers being hired.

SAs and will go to New York Monday afternoon and SA Minneapolis, and SA Houston, will go Tuesday a.m., to New York, as previously approved, to initiate the accounting review of the furnished financial statement.

ADDENDUM

SA called at 11:30 a.m., 8/26/74, and advised that the accountants and lawyers of Rockefeller have not progressed to a point where they can make records available for investigation. SA therefore, requests that SA proceed to New York this afternoon and that SAs and be delayed until further notice.
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**REPORTING OFFICE:** Denver  
**OFFICE OF ORIGIN:** Bureau  
**DATE:** 8/26/74  
**INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD:** 3/27/69 - 8/23/74

**TITLE OF CASE:** Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

**REPORT MADE BY:** H. Warren Tool, Jr.  
**CHARACTER OF CASE:** Special Inquiry

**REFERENCES:**
- Bureau teletype to WFO, et al., 8/21/74.

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**Date:** Aug 29, 1974
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Report of:  H. WARREN TOOL, JR.  
Date:  August 26, 1974  
Office:  DENVER  
Field Office File #:  161-712  
Bureau File #:  161-6197  
Title:  NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER  

Character:  SPECIAL INQUIRY  

Synopsis:  
Former Governor JOHN A. LOVE and present Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF, both of Colorado, recommend ROCKEFELLER on ability, character, reputation and loyalty. They each endorse his selection as nominee for Vice President of the United States.

DETAILS:  

AT DENVER, COLORADO:  

On March 27, 1969, Governor JOHN A. LOVE, State of Colorado, advised he had known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1960 and that he had been close to him ever since 1964. He described ROCKEFELLER as a very capable and outstanding administrator, one with high character, desirable associates and unquestioned loyalty to the country. He recommends him most highly.

On August 22, 1974, former Colorado Governor JOHN A. LOVE, now President of Ideal Basic Industries, Inc., 821 17th Street, advised he met NELSON ROCKEFELLER in 1960 at a time when both he and ROCKEFELLER were moving politically. He said that during his own ten year term as Governor of Colorado, he was often in contact with the nominee and that these contacts were both official and social.
Mr. LOVE said ROCKEFELLER is a most able administrator. He said there has never been or is any question concerning his character, reputation or loyalty. Mr. LOVE said he fully endorses the selection of ROCKEFELLER to be the Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF of Colorado recalled knowing NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1960. He said he had met him in connection with Republican Conventions from time to time since 1960 and considered him to be a friend. Governor VANDERHOOF said since becoming the Colorado chief executive he has come to understand more fully the capabilities necessary for being Governor and that ROCKEFELLER’s 15 years as Governor of New York reflected that many believed him a fine administrator. VANDERHOOF recommends ROCKEFELLER in all respects as to his ability, character, reputation and loyalty, and said he fully endorses his selection as the nominee for Vice President of the United States.
**Title of Case**

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

**Reporting Office**

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**Date**

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Mrs. CLARE BOO THE LUCE, associated with nominee as a member with nominee on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, favorably recommends nominee for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government and describes nominee as a person of integrity, an experienced administrator and a loyal American of good moral character.

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MRS. CLARE BOO THE LUCE

On August 23, 1974, Mrs. CLARE BOO THE LUCE, 4559 Kahala Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised that nominee is one of her oldest lifetime friends and that she has been associated with nominee directly as a member with nominee on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board for several years.

Mrs. LUCE described nominee as being a person of integrity, an experienced administrator, and a loyal American of good moral character.

Mrs. LUCE stated she favorably recommends nominee for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government.

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On August 23, 1974, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that although he has been active in the Republican party for several years, he has met ROCKEFELLER on only one occasion and that was in May of 1974. He explained that a $100.00 per plate Republican dinner held at the Alameda Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, in mid May of 1974. ROCKEFELLER, according to him, was the main speaker at the dinner and due to a party function he visited socially with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately two to three hours after the dinner. He stated that as far as he is concerned he has had an opportunity to closely follow the political career of ROCKEFELLER and has been favorably impressed with him. He stated he would highly recommend that ROCKEFELLER be confirmed as Vice-President of the United States.
advisee has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about years. stated, however, during this years, he has only met Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally on about three occasions. stated that he considers himself to be a conservative Republican. He stated that in found himself consistently opposing the platform and views of ROCKEFELLER. stated that during this period of time, he felt that ROCKEFELLER suffered a massive guilt complex due to his immense wealth and felt the best way to aid underprivileged persons and to help the economic system was to spend massive amounts of money. stated in recent years he is of the opinion that ROCKEFELLER has mellowed in his liberal fiscal thinking and is now more in line with regular Republican Party leaders. stated that ROCKEFELLER is a tireless worker who is loyal to his country to the highest degree, and due to his wide range of public service experience, is an excellent nominee and he would highly recommend that ROCKEFELLER be confirmed as Vice President of the United States.
REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Sacramento, 8/21/74.

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On August 23, 1974, RONALD REAGAN, Governor, State of California, advised SAC JOHN M. REED through his Administrative Assistant, _____, that he has had political association with the nominee since the early 1960s and, since 1967, has had closer association through their positions of being Governor of their respective States. Governor REAGAN indicated that he has also been a guest in the nominee's home on a number of occasions while he was visiting in New York and has never observed any habits, weaknesses, or traits which he feels would cause the nominee to be unable to carry out the responsibilities of Vice President of the United States of America. He further commented, insofar as he is aware, the nominee's honesty, integrity, morals,
and associates are above reproach, and, in addition, his loyalty is beyond question. He added that he and the
nominee have had frequent discussions on a number of mutual problems in their respective state, in addition
to matters affecting the national and international scene, and, based on this association, he feels the nominee
is outstandingly qualified to serve in an exemplary fashion in virtually any capacity in Government.
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BUREAU

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8/26/74

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau dated 8/22/74.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

OSCAR RUEBHAUSEN of New York City and Rancho Santa Fe, California, describes himself as Attorney, close friend, and advisor to NELSON ROCKEFELLER for past 25 years. He recommends ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President of the United States.

DETAILS:

FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE

On August 23, 1974, OSCAR M. RUEBHAUSEN, 17037 Sobre Los Cerros, Rancho Santa Fe, California, Attorney at Law with offices at 299 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, and residence at 450 East 52nd Street, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1949 when former President HARRY S. TRUMAN appointed ROCKEFELLER to head the International Development Advisory Board (Point IV Program), and RUEBHAUSEN, Democrat, to serve as Counsel of the Board. RUEBHAUSEN remarked he has been the Attorney, friend, and advisor to ROCKEFELLER ever since 1949 and to the present time. He added that when ROCKEFELLER became th Governor of New York, and throughout his time in office, he (RUEBHAUSEN) was always in close touch personally and professionally with ROCKEFELLER and throughout the years they have enjoyed a personal relationship, both social and professional.
Mr. RUEBHAUSEN said he may possibly appear in records of New York State as a special advisor to former Governor ROCKEFELLER on atomic energy in 1959, but said it was more of a titular role than an official appointment. He explained that Mr. ROCKEFELLER sought his advice as an attorney from time to time when the New York Legislature was formulating a program concerning the peaceful use of atomic energy and his role was that of advisor within the government framework; advising Mr. ROCKEFELLER along the lines of peaceful uses of atomic energy. He again commented that he was not a paid public official in this regard and no fees were paid to him in this role of advisor.

RUEBHAUSEN said he was very pleased to hear that President FORD nominated ROCKEFELLER as his Vice Presidential choice and remarked, "The country is lucky to get him (ROCKEFELLER) for the job, if he is confirmed by the Congress." He added there is no doubt in his mind that ROCKEFELLER, if given an opportunity, will perform admirably in the office of Vice President of the United States, and he therefore very heartily recommends ROCKEFELLER as a man of exceptional character and integrity. He described him as a dedicated and capable public servant while Governor of New York and intensely loyal American citizen. RUEBHAUSEN concluded by stating he knows of no reason, based on his personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER's conduct in office as Governor of New York and as a private citizen during the past 25 years, why Congress should withhold confirmation of ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President.
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ADMINISTRATIVE

San Francisco will at Palo Alto, California interview [ ] Hewlett-Packard Company, the evening of 8/26/74, which according to his secretary is the earliest that he will be available, as he arrives by plane that night.

At San Francisco, California will interview [ ] WALTER A. HAAS, Sr., Levi Strauss & Company, on 8/28/74 when he returns from a cruise.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. EDWARD TELLER, University Professor, University of California at all campuses, Associate Director at Large and Associate Director for Physics, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (LLL), Livermore, California, was interviewed at LLL on August 23, 1974. He stated he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since about 1957 when he was on a Presidential study committee called "Prospects for America," which was chaired by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Dr. TELLER said that at first he got the impression that the Nominee agreed with everybody, however, it was not long before he realized that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had various shades of agreement and had definite opinions. He has an outstanding understanding of human nature and has a way of getting people of apparent opposing views to see things his way.

Dr. TELLER stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is as "straightforward as it is possible for a politician to be" and is entirely trustworthy. Dr. TELLER has kept in touch with the Nominee since 1957; and in 1965 or thereabouts, during the "electrical brown out" in the East, Governor ROCKEFELLER requested Dr. TELLER to be his advisor on energy.
and pollution. Since 1970 they have served together on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Dr. TELLER summed up by stating that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man whom he admires highly; and, after many years of association, respects as one of the most outstanding Americans. He said that the Nominee has a balanced point of view on matters of foreign policy and energy and realizes the necessity for dialogue with the People's Republic of China and Russia and at the same time maintaining a strong national defense.

Dr. TELLER recommended the Nominee as a man of unquestioned ability, excellent associates, good moral character, devoted loyalty to the United States, and diplomatic capability.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. GEORGE P. SHULTZ, Executive Vice President, Bechtel Corporation, 50 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, stated he has known the Nominee since 1969 when Mr. SHULTZ was Secretary of Labor and Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York. They have maintained their acquaintanceship and presently are both members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Mr. SHULTZ described the Nominee as able, intelligent, diplomatic, with an active mind and a man of human understanding. He has leadership qualities and wide experience in economic, financial, and international matters.

He is able to figure out a good viewpoint after listening to various viewpoints and knows how to handle controversy. Mr. SHULTZ stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding individual and one who is devoted to the best interests of the United States and all segments of its population. He is not biased in any way. He is a man of good character, associates, and unquestioned loyalty. In addition, he is an excellent organizer, can recognize talent, and is able to get good talent around him. Mr. SHULTZ recommended him highly.
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Ralph A. Lehr contacted on 8/23/74 at residence, Fla. at which time he stated he would completely recommend nominee for any position of trust within the US Government. Lehr stated nominee is of highest integrity and completely loyal to the United States. Lehr stated he has heard of no allegations concerning nominee's honesty and considers him above reproach.

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On August 23, 1974, RALPH A. LEHR was contacted at the home of [ ] Florida, telephone [ ]

LEHR was advised that the interview was being conducted upon the request of the President of the United States and at that time he furnished the following information:

In 1959 LEHR was Republican Chairman for Erie County, New York and as such supported WALTER MAHONEY for Governor of New York in the primary election. NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER obtained nomination and LEHR supported him for governorship.

In June or July of 1960, LEHR was appointed to Utilities Commission overseeing Con-Edison Electric. The commission was headed by JAMES J. LUNDY (since deceased). LEHR, in political activities, has had contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and Mr. ROCKEFELLER's first wife in that he has attended several social functions with them. LEHR stated he does not consider himself an intimate of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

LEHR advised he has no knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's holdings in Con-Edison but stated an investor's return was never substantial. LEHR estimates return as being only five percent. He added that there has always been a monetary problem with Con-Edison.

LEHR stated that he holds Mr. ROCKEFELLER in highest regard and has no question of his honesty or loyalty to the United States. LEHR would highly recommend him for any position of trust with the United States Government.
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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: SAMUEL C. JOHNSON considers nominee to be an individual of outstanding character and reputation and has no reason to question his honesty or his loyalty to the United States Government. JOHNSON believes nominee is a man of great talent who is the most qualified to serve in a position of trust and responsibility.

DETAILS:

BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE

SAMUEL C. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Board, S. C. Johnson and Son, Incorporated, 1525 Howe Street, Racine, Wisconsin, advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1964 and has seen him on approximately 15 occasions since that time. His father is also a friend of the nominee.

Mr. JOHNSON advised that although ROCKEFELLER has been termed liberal, a term which he finds difficult to interpret, he himself believes the nominee is a moderate Republican. By this he means that Mr. ROCKEFELLER, to his
knowledge, possesses no extremist tendencies either right or left and he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee regarding his stand on civil rights matters.

Mr. JOHNSON believes ROCKEFELLER is a man of great talent and feels he is as qualified as anyone in the country to handle the job for which he has been nominated. Mr. JOHNSON noted the nominee served as Governor for the State of New York for many years and believes he was most successful in this position. As a result of this service, he has gained a great deal of experience and feels that this helps to qualify him for an important position.

Mr. JOHNSON also noted that in 1968, when the nominee was running for President, he, JOHNSON, ran the nominee's primary campaign in the State of Wisconsin. This would tend to indicate his feelings in regard to the nominee's capabilities.

Mr. JOHNSON described the nominee as a professional public servant and a champion of our system. He would not hesitate to highly recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility.

Mr. JOHNSON was contacted on August 24, 1974.
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New York telephone calls to New Haven, 8/22 & 23/74.
New York teletypes, 8/22/74 and 8/23/74 (2).
New Haven teletypes to Bureau and New York 8/23/74,
and to Bureau and Boston, 8/23/74.

ADMINISTRATIVE:
Investigation in Connecticut was conducted by
the following agents:
SA  Fairfield, Connecticut;
SA  Stamford and New Canaan, Ct.;
SA EDGAR C. FOREST, Mystic and Niantic, Ct.

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COVER PAGE
U. S. Judges MANSFIELD and LUMBARD advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator and knowledgeable in Government procedures, a man of competence, integrity, ability, and of high morals. Judges ANDERSON, MOORE and SMITH know him primarily by reputation. All judges advised his record as Governor speaks for itself, knew or heard nothing unfavorable concerning him and recommend him for the position of Vice President. _____ stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER has sincere interest in the black man, is a gifted, dedicated public servant and recommended without reservation.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge WALTER R. MANSFIELD, United States Court of Appeals, 202 Dan's Highway, stated he has known nominee for many years as a result of nominee's public life and service. He has known ROCKEFELLER personally approximately ten years, which also includes fellowships and associations at official functions. Judge MANSFIELD stated he has known who was a college classmate of Judge MANSFIELD, although never having been a close friend of nominee, has worked through the years with many persons who were extremely close to nominee, as well as being in a position to hear a great deal of hearsay concerning nominee, his administration, his ability, objectives, rapport with people and understanding of national and international situations and crises. Judge MANSFIELD stated he has never, at any time, heard anything derogatory or demeaning concerning nominee, in fact, what he has heard has been quite to the contrary. Nominee is considered an understanding administrator, one having the ability to bring together differences and reconcile these differences. He has the unique faculty of being able to look at both sides of an argument objectively and making a decision on what he considers to be the merit of the case and the best interest of all involved. He is devoted to constitutional Government and democratic process. Nominee has always been one of firm opinion for equality of justice and the fearless administration of the law. He has always been forthright in his beliefs and one always knew where he stood because if there's one thing he refused to be it was "a fence straddler." Judge MANSFIELD stated nominee's accomplishments speak more eloquently of his ability than any other factor. In his opinion, should it be necessary for nominee, for any reason whatsoever, to assume the Presidency, he knows of no one more qualified by experience and temperament than nominee to assume that responsibility.