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College Park, MD 20740-6001

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Sincerely,

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

Enclosure(s)
EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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ASSIGNMENT HISTORY OF WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS OUT OF SERVICE

ENTERED ON DUTY AT WASHINGTON, D.C. ON DECEMBER 16, 1940

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

FROM: J. B. Adams

DATE: 1-16-70

SUBJECT: W. DONLON EDWARDS
Former Special Agent - New York Office
Resigned 12-27-41, to enter private business.

PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty: 12-16-40
Reported to Field: 2-9-41
Resigned: 12-27-41
Last Grade and Salary: CAF-10, $3500
Last Salary Change: 9-16-41 (Grade Promotion)
Age: 55 (1-6-1915)
Place of Birth: San Jose, California
Marital Status: Married (5 Children)
Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree
Member of Bar: Attended Law School
Language Ability: California State Bar
Last Performance Rating: Spanish (Fair)
Satisfactory: None
Outstanding Endorsers: Qualified: None
Member of Bar: None
Offices of Preference: None
Firearms Ability
Outstanding Endorsers
Relatives in the Bureau
Offices of Assignment:
2-9-41 assigned
9-12-41 transferred
12-27-41 resigned

Grand Rapids
New York
W. DONLON EDWARDS

Photograph dated 10-1941.
This employee entered on duty on 12-16-40, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF-9, $3200 per annum.

At the conclusion of his training period Mr. Nathan stated he was all right, that he could be better than average if he wanted to be and developed a little animation. It was reported he had a pleasing personality, was quiet, interested, and average.

On 2-9-41, he was assigned to the Grand Rapids Office.

On 3-25-41, SAC McFarlin commented that he presented a nice personal appearance, evinced a sincere interest in his work, was loyal, conscientious; however, it was believed his personality, although pleasing, was too retiring and he lacked forcefulness. It was also believed that he was somewhat lacking in confidence in himself. It was believed that with additional training and experience he would overcome any deficiencies which existed and that his development would be satisfactory with close supervision.

On 8-8-41, SAC McFarlin advised that he had performed his general investigative work in an outstanding manner considering his length of service, he had developed many good contacts for the Bureau and he presented a good personal appearance, had a pleasing and engaging personality and evinced a sincere interest in his work which he performed in a conscientious manner. He had developed a more aggressive and forceful attitude in his contacts and his progress had been satisfactory.

On 9-9-41, SAC McFarlin stated he had performed his assignments in a manner which had been more than satisfactory, he presented a good personal appearance, had a pleasing, engaging personality, and evinced a sincere interest in the work. He had organized his work in an excellent manner and dictated rapidly. His investigations had been thorough and well conducted. He had required a minimum amount of supervision in the work which he had performed and he had been assigned some administrative duties which he performed in a capable and able manner. He had a good knowledge of the Bureau's work and applied that knowledge with judgment. He had progressed satisfactorily and it was believed he would continue to develop more rapidly than the average agent. On 9-12-41, he was TRANSFERRED to the New York Office.

Effective 9-16-41, he received a promotion to $3500 per annum in Grade CAF-10.

On 9-25-41, he was enrolled in the Bookkeeping and Elementary Accounting Course and was furnished with lessons from 1 through 36.

On 10-28-41, Mr. P. E. Foxworth reported that he appeared to organize his work in a satisfactory manner and conducted his investigations in a satisfactory manner, with a moderate amount of supervision.
appeared to be a very willing worker who had a good attitude toward
the Bureau's work and he appeared to be progressing satisfactorily.

By letter dated 10-30-41, he submitted his resignation which became
effective 12-27-41, active duty having ceased on 11-29-41. He ad-
vised Mr. Foxworth of the New York Office that he had been offered
such a good position by his former employers, the San Jose Abstract
and Title Company, that he did not feel, in fairness to his family,
he could decline it.

By letter dated 11-22-41, SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Office advised
he had met a Mr. Fred Hinze, who was counsel for the Douglas Aircraft
Company, Santa Monica, California, and in general conversation he
informed SAC Hood that he (Hinze) had a cousin named Edwards who was
employed in the Bureau as a Special Agent and that he became an Agent
for the purpose of avoiding the draft. This was submitted for inform-
ation purposes.

By wire dated 12-8-41, Edwards requested permission to cancel his
resignation as Special Agent because of extreme necessity of looking
after family in California, and requested transfer to San Francisco.
He was advised on 12-9-41, that it was not possible to grant his re-
quest.

By wire dated 12-16-41, he advised he had applied for commission with
Office of Naval Intelligence and they had requested that a communi-
cation be addressed to him stating the Bureau had no objection to such
an appointment. This information was furnished to him on 12-19-41.
Edwards also requested this information by letter dated 12-28-41, and
by another wire dated 12-30-41.

By letter dated 1-22-42, he again requested reinstatement in the Bureau
and was advised by letter dated 1-30-42, that it was not possible to
take favorable action in his case. He was not considered for re-
instatement inasmuch as he had resigned in the face of a national
emergency.

On 2-21-42, his service record was furnished to the Office of Naval
Intelligence.

On 3-21-42, his service record was furnished to the Lockheed Aircraft
Corporation, Burbank, California.

In February, 1947, his name was received by the Bureau as having ap-
p lied for membership in the Society of Former Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
In April, 1950, an inquiry was received from a student at Stanford University questioning whether Edwards was a former Bureau Agent. In accordance with Bureau instructions, Edwards was interviewed in the San Francisco Office and was apprised of the service record of Edwards. Edwards stated that he and other members of the Young Republican at Stanford had been somewhat suspicious of Edwards who was President of Young Republicans in California, because he appeared too young to have been both a former Special Agent of the FBI and a veteran of World War II. Edwards advised he had no reason other than the above for suspecting Edwards but stated that he and other members of the Young Republicans were resentful of Edwards' representations that the Young Republicans and his inferences that the Republican Party itself endorsed the United World Federalists, of which said Edwards was a member. Edwards advised that neither organization even approved of the policies of the United World Federalists and he questioned the integrity of a member of the Young Republicans who would make such representations. In this connection, a Resident Agent at San Jose attended a meeting of the United World Federalists whose principal speaker was Myron C. Fagan, described as a famous playwright, producer, author, and National Director of the Cinema Educational Guild, Hollywood, California. Before the meeting started a group of about thirty young people came into the auditorium accompanied by Edwards. Fagan spoke for about thirty minutes stating he had investigated Communists in Hollywood and further, he had made a study of the Organization, aims and purposes of the United World Federalists and expressed the opinion that the organization was infiltrated with Communists. At the conclusion of the talk the group with Edwards appeared obviously displeased with Fagan's remarks and "booed" and others made unmistakable Fascist salutes toward Fagan. Edwards then arose and addressed Fagan from the audience and said, "I am Don Edwards, former FBI Agent and President of Young Republicans in California." He then said, "The Young Republicans are in favor of the UWF" and then mentioned the names of a number of prominent Republicans who were reported members of the United World Federalists, and Edwards shouted to Fagan, "Are these persons Communists?" Fagan answered Edwards by saying he felt the question was unfair and that insofar as he knew the Republican Party had not endorsed the UWF. Edwards further stated he intended to report Edwards to the head of the Republican Party of California. Edwards made no further comment.

By letter dated 10-10-62, SAC, San Francisco advised that Edwards was the Democratic nominee for Congressman from the Ninth District of California, and was heavily favored to win in the general election. One of Edwards' campaign managers was identified as Patrick Thomas Hancock, Hayward, California, a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. A brother of Patrick's, Donald Hancock, had also been active in Edwards' campaign and was reportedly employed by the Valley Title Company, San Jose, California, a firm owned by Edwards. Donald Hancock had also been the subject of a San Francisco security investigation. The SAC advised that an informant reported on 5-31-62,
that the signatures of Patrick and Donald Hancock had appeared on a petition circulated by the Committee for Constitutional Liberties which had been drawn up for the purpose of petitioning the President to repeal and nullify enforcement of the Internal Security Act of 1950. On 11-6-62, Edwards was elected to the U. S. Congress from the 9th District of California. He did not replace an incumbent.

Memorandum dated 3-28-63, reflected that Mr. DeLoach called on Congressman Edwards on 3-27-63, and was received by the Congressman most cordially and asked that his best regards be extended to the Director. This memorandum stated Edwards recently voted against appropriations for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Congressmen H. Allen Smith and Glen Lipscomb, both California Congressmen, professed a dislike for Edwards indicating he was extremely liberal and could not be trusted. Mr. DeLoach called on Edwards for several reasons. First, it was felt that due to his extremely liberal leanings he might be ripe for an approach from characters like Levine, Turner and Burnett. Mr. DeLoach wanted him to know that he had a contact with the Bureau that would be willing to talk these matters over with him at any time. Secondly, it was thought it best to acquaint ourselves with Edwards so that at least he would give consideration to contacting us prior to discussing matters regarding the Director or the FBI.

An item in the Washington Daily News dated 10-25-63, reported that Representative Ed Foreman (R-Texas) had labeled 20 Hill colleagues as "pinkos" and Edwards was one of them. Edwards, furious, consulted with House Speaker John McCormack (D-Mass.), Majority Leader Carl Albert (Okla.) and Majority Whip Hale Boggs (La.). The result was that Edwards went to Foreman with an apology all typed out. Foreman would not sign it but did write an apology of his own and signed it. Foreman stated he wrote the retraction to keep from being sued by Edwards. Foreman still said Edwards was a "Pinko" and that he would speak out against his voting record and the voting records of others who aid the communists with their votes.

On 6-16-64, Edwards assisted Representative William F. Ryan (D-NY) in reporting to the House the results of the meeting held by the Council of Federated Organizations on 6-8-64. This Council, made up of CORE, SNCC, NAACP, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held hearings which consisted primarily of testimonies from individuals who alleged they had been subjected to police brutalities while engaging in integration activities in Mississippi. Ryan and Edwards, who were joined by Congresswoman Green and Representative Nix, in placing these results before the House, constantly deplored what they termed the failures of law enforcement authorities to protect demonstrators. Edwards referred to his former employment with the FBI and criticized agents for not making arrests of those who Edwards claimed violated the demonstrators rights in their presence.
A news item in the 7-10-64 edition of the Washington Evening Star reflected that Edwards' son was a civil rights worker in Mississippi at this time, that Edwards had visited in Mississippi and stated there was great concern among students as to what would happen to local Negroes when summer was over and the students leave the state. According to the news item Edwards said he was "immensely proud" of his son for going to Mississippi to try to get Negroes registered to vote but was "terribly concerned" for his safety. Edwards and had slept in a house in McComb, Mississippi, in a Negro district, which was ripped the following night by three bombs thrown from the street. The article concluded by saying that Edwards said, "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi project."

On 11-9-64, Edwards wrote a letter to Mr. DeLoach stating that during his election campaign in 1962, his opponent came up with some information that could only have been obtained from his personnel file at the Bureau. He was quite disturbed and indicated this information should not have been furnished. Mr. DeLoach quickly acknowledged Edwards' letter on 11-18-64, indicating he was astonished by his (Edwards) accusation and denying this allegation. By letter 11-20-64, Edwards stated he was sorry if his previous letter was offensive, that it was not so intended, that he had always been proud of his former employment with the Bureau and could count himself as one of its friends. Further, the subject of his letter was of no great importance to him, that he thought he (DeLoach) might be interested because it concerned procedures. He stated he would be glad to discuss the matter personally. The Director noted, "DeLoach should see him." This was done on 1-28-65.

Memorandum dated 1-14-65, stated Judge E. A. Tamm called and stated he had heard Congressman Don Edwards, who was described as a former FBI Agent, was very hostile to the Bureau and had introduced a bill or resolution to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Judge Tamm continued that it was reported that the bill or resolution was written in the presence of Wilkinson, a convicted communist, and Mr. and Mrs. Braden, who formerly operated a communist school in Georgia. This same information also came from Chairman Edwin Willis of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

A routing slip from the Director dated 4-8-65, stated Edwards was the new head of the Americans for Democratic Action.

On 6-16-65, the Bureau received a request from the Civil Service Commission to conduct an investigation of who was applying for a position with the Peace Corps as a volunteer.

By letter dated 9-7-66, information was furnished to the White House that on 8-31-66, a confidential source had advised Congressman Edwards accepted an invitation for himself and his wife to attend a dinner on 9-13-66, at the residence of

By letter to the Director of 9-25-67, Edwards advised he had read several reports in the press that there were no Negroes in Mississippi
offices of the Justice Department. These reports were very unsettling to him particularly in light of the Federal Government's commitment to equal employment opportunities and he wondered if the Director could tell him if the reports were accurate. It was recommended that he be told that while we could not speak for the Department as a whole, FBI employees were assigned wherever the need for them was greatest. He was so advised by letter 10-2-67.

In a memorandum dated 10-5-67, it was stated a telephone call from the Personnel Section in the Department had been received to the effect that Congressman Edwards had inquired as to the number of Negroes in the Mississippi Offices of the Justice Department. The Department desired to know whether we have any, was canvassing the other segments of the Department having offices in Mississippi and contemplated advising Edwards briefly as to what the situation was. It was recommended and approved by the Director that the Personnel Section of the Department be advised telephonically that we have no Negroes presently assigned in Mississippi and that we advise them that a similar inquiry from Edwards had been received and our reply to him. This was done 10-9-67.

By letter dated 1-8-68, Edwards referred to a complaint received from ___ Resident Agency, San Francisco Office. This related to matter captioned, "Unknown Subjects, Alleged Irregularity in Operations, Central Valley National Bank, Oakland, California, Federal Reserve Act." alleged that Central Valley National Bank officials declined business loans unless the borrower would purchase stock in a subsidiary of that bank known as Small Business Investors Corporation. Edwards' constituent, and former Assistant Cashier, Livermore, California, informed SA ___ he considered this activity to be illegal. Edwards was advised by letter 1-12-68, that this was discussed with the U. S. Attorney in San Francisco who advised that no Federal criminal violation was involved. A notation on the yellow stated that in view of Edwards' critical attitude toward the Bureau, he had been characterized as "one of our worst enemies."
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 15, 1941

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36
of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised
that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:-

(A) Marital Status:
(Married employees
state spouse's place
of employment)

(B) Date of Birth:

(C) Names of parents,
brothers and sisters:
Leonard Perry Edwards, father
Clara D. Edwards, mother
Martha F. Twist, sister

(D) Maiden name of wife, together
with names of wife's parents,
brothers and sisters:
Nancy Dyer
Ruth Harbison, wife's mother
Father deceased
Shelby Tom Harbison, brother

(E) Names of husband's parents,
brothers and sisters:
(F) Names of societies or organizations with which connected:
- Delta Kappa Epsilon
- Masonic Order
- Phi Delta Phi

(G) Legal Residence:
70 North College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(H) Education:
- (Names of Schools attended and degrees received)
  - San Jose High School 1923-1932 High School diploma
  - Stanford University 1932-1936 A.B. Degree
  - Stanford Law School 1936-1938

(I) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Leonard Perry Edwards
Father
76 North First Street
San Jose, California

(J) List of names of any relatives now in the Government service, with degree of relationship, and where employed. (List all relatives, including those by marriage):
- Frederick Edwards
  - Customs Inspector
  - Nogales, Arizona
  - Uncle on father's side

(K) Offices where assignment preferred:
(Limited to three)
No preference

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS
Special Agent

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A.B.  
SCHOOL: Stanford  
LOCATION: Palo Alto, Calif  

II. BARS:  
YEAR: 1940  

III. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS:  
YEAR:  

IV. LANGUAGES:  
Spanish (language)  
Read: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___  
Sufficient to read foreign language newspapers ___  
Sufficient to translate with aid of dictionary ___  
Speak: (ability to carry on conversation)  
Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___  
Understand: (ability to listen to a conversation and intelligently report the substance)  
Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___  

V. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (give detailed information regarding previous employment, vocations, avocations and special abilities, and degree of proficiency)  

VI. MILITARY & NAVAL AFFILIATIONS: (include reserve officer's commission)  

W. Donlon Edwards  
(Signature)  
Dec 16, 1940  
(Date)  
Special Agent  
(Title of Position)
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 10, 1940
San Jose, California

1. Name in full (please print) EDWARDS WILLIAM DONLON
   (Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)
   (Female applicants must furnish maiden name)
   (a) Father's name L. P. Edwards
   (b) Father's birthplace San Jose, Calif.
   (c) Mother's maiden name C. E. Donlon
   (d) Mother's birthplace Iowa
2. Legal residence McKee Road, San Jose, California
3. Mail and telegraphic address 78 North 1st, San Jose, Phone No. Ballard 1654
4. Date of birth Jan. 6, 1915 Weight 165 Height 5'11 Color white
5. Place of birth San Jose, California
6. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

7. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here?
8. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization
9. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Married
10. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed
11. Number of children, if any None
12. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? No
13. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? Personal note
   to First National Bank of San Jose for $300.00 F. H. A. loan for $1500.00
   *Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician
   See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.
16. Education: (Please print.)

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17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

- Delta Kappa Epsilon
- Masons
- Phi Delta Phi
- Legal Fraternity
- Phi Phi Honorary Society of Stanford

18. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify. Took examination for first time Oct. 7, 8, & 9 of this year. Results not yet reported.

19. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any

None

20. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

None

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
311 Sutter Street  
San Francisco  
California

Gentlemen:  

Attention of Mr. N. J. L. Pieper  
Special Agent in Charge

You will find enclosed my application for appointment as Special Agent (Law Trained). The following are further remarks relative to the questions on the application.

15. In case of appointment both of the mentioned notes would be immediately paid in full from my savings account. The note to the First National Bank was executed largely for business reasons, and the F.H.A. loan was for repairs on an apartment house acquired for investment purposes.

16. I attended Stanford Law School for two years. At the beginning of the third year the San Jose Abstract & Title Insurance Co. offered me an excellent position as Secretary of the firm. This offer was too inviting to turn down, and I have been with them ever since.

Yours very truly  

William Donlon Edwards

William Donlon Edwards
21. Experience: (Please print.)

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22. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests).

1938 Cited for going 25 miles per hour through Los Gatos, Calif.
1938 Cited for going 30 miles per hour through Santa Cruz, Calif.
1938 Cited for going 55 miles per hour on Monterey-Salinas Highway.

23. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No.

Specify: ________________________________

24. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

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25. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

Frederick Edwards, Customs Inspector, Nogales, Arizona. Uncle, father's brother.

26. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? $3000.00 per year.

27. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? No notice required.

28. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes.

29. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes.

30. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4½ inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.

Respectfully,

William Dorlon Edwards

(Signature of applicant as usually written)

Note.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

Note.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 10th day of October, 19 __, at city (or town) of San Jose, county of Santa Clara, and State (or Territory or District) of California.

[Signature of officer]

[Official Impression Seal]
REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK

Prepared for: Special Events Unit/OPCA
Cost Code: 0071

Date: 11/15/94

Room: E220 B 7372B
Squad/Telelift: x6590

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(color and black & white work will not be accepted on same request)

WORK REQUESTED:

Please print the attached photo (BLACK & WHITE of Congressman Edwards) to a 20x30 size (if possible) to be placed on board and displayed at his tribute hosted by Director Freeh scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 1994. Sorry for short notice.

thank You

JUSTIFICATION:

FBHQ Enclosure
Memorandum

TO: Chief, Operations Section
(Attn: Document Classification Review Unit)

FROM: Chief, Disclosure Section

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS REQUEST OF William Donlon Edwards

Attached records are presently:

☐ Classified  ☑ Both
☐ Unclassified  ☐ Particular attention is directed to serials

After reviewing these records to determine if classification is presently warranted, it is requested you indicate your determination hereon, and return this form and the records to the following:

Unit  C
Team  T
Attention
Room  6975
Ext  5845

Attached files are: 62-104587
67-174350

DATE: 1-25-78
Memorandum to Mr. CHIEF DISCLOSURE SECTION
Re: Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOI/PA)
Request RE: William Donlon Edwards

ADDENDUM: DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: REVIEW UNIT: DPS

Reviewer: SA  Ext.: 3672

The following documents have been declassified:

FILE NUMBER
67-171350-25 (Edwards, Hoover letter)
6/18/61
Bolat to SAC, Grand Rapids militia
7/30/61 (before serial 29)

SERIAL NUMBER
Bolat 9/5/41 42
Serial 8/15/41
30
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The following documents need additional review:
(Additional comments re excisions and impact on ongoing investigations.)

The following series were marked personal and confidential and have been declassified to eliminate any confusion over the use of the term "confidential"

The following documents need referral to other agencies for consultation as to whether the information contained therein warrants classification

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Unit __
Team ___
Attention 
Room 6975
Ext 5845
Please review all portions of these serials that pertain to the requester.

100-445578 - 116 p 1-5
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100-433447 - 735 p 8
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62-109555 - 79
62-56597 - 2286

100-460998 - 115 p 4, 22, 36
100-457655 - 199
100-466545 - 18

100-374055 - 2 p 6

157 - 6 - 33 - 1855 - ok
157 - 1676 - 171 - ok
-266 - ok
-2019 - ok
(all pages unclassified)

100 - 210092 - 88+p 7, 14 not classifiable
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100 - 395144 - 116
Memorandum to **CHIEF DISCLOSURE SECTION**
Re: Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA)
Request RE: William Donlon Edwards
(Various references dealing with subj)

**ADDENDUM: DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: REVIEW UNIT**

Reviewer: JA Ext.: 3672

The following documents have been declassified:

**FILE NUMBER**

**SERIAL NUMBER**

151-1902-14

The following documents need additional review:
(Additional comments re: excisions and impact on ongoing investigations.)

1. Not on list but in packet was 100-061-072-127
   in which page 1 and 16 were marked by pencum for classification.

2. See memo (curr) for arrangement of references by packet (color coded)

The following documents need referral to other agencies for consultation as to whether the information contained therein warrants classification.

**AGENT/CLERICAL TIME EXPENDED FOR THIS REVIEW WAS**

**APPROPRIATE AGENCIES**
**AND FIELD OFFICES**
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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

FROM: J. B. Adams

DATE: 1-16-70

SUBJECT: W. DONLON EDWARDS

Former Special Agent, New York Office
Resigned 12-27-41, to enter private business

The following is a summary of Mr. Edwards' record for the Director's use.

Mr. Edwards entered on duty on 12-16-40, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF-10, $3500 per annum. Following training school he was assigned to the Grand Rapids Office on 2-9-41 and on 9-12-41, he was transferred to the New York Office. He resigned 12-27-41, while in Grade CAF-10 and while assigned to the New York Office, stating he had been offered such a good position by his former employers, the San Jose Abstract and Title Company, he did not feel, in fairness to his family, he could decline it. Prior to his cease-duty date, SAC, Los Angeles advised on 11-22-41, he had met a Fred Hinze who was a cousin of Edwards and who stated Edwards had become a Special Agent for the purpose of avoiding the draft. By wire dated 12-8-41, Edwards requested permission to cancel his resignation as a Special Agent because of extreme necessity of looking after his family in California and requested a transfer to San Francisco. He was advised on 12-9-41, that it was not possible to grant this request.

On 12-16-41, he advised he had applied for commission with the Office of Naval Intelligence and they had requested from him a communication from the Bureau that the Bureau had no objection to such an appointment. This information was furnished him on 12-19-41.

On 1-22-42, he requested reinstatement in the Bureau and was advised on 1-30-42, that it was not possible to take favorable action in his case. He was not considered for reinstatement since he had resigned in the face of a national emergency.

His service record was furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence on 2-21-42, and to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, on 3-21-42.

On 11-6-62, Edwards was elected to the U.S. Congress from the 9th District of California. He did not replace an incumbent. His campaign manager was a former Communist Party member and Security Index Subject.

On 3-27-63, Mr. DeLoach called on Edwards and was received most cordially and asked that his best regards be extended to the Director. Memorandum of 3-28-63, stated that Edwards voted against appropriations for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Congressmen H. Allen Smith and Glen Lipscomb, both California Congressmen, professed a dislike for Edwards, indicating he was extremely liberal and could not be
Memorandum to Mr. Callahan
RE: W. DONLON EDWARDS
Former Special Agent

trusted. Mr. DeLoach called on Edwards for several reasons. First, it was felt that due to his extremely liberal leanings he might be ripe for an approach from persons like Levine, Turner and others. Mr. DeLoach wanted him to know he had a contact with the Bureau that would be willing to talk these matters over with him at any time. Secondly, it was thought best to acquaint ourselves with Edwards so that at least he would give consideration to contacting us prior to discussing matters regarding the Director of the FBI.

An item in the Washington Daily News dated 10-25-63, reported that Representative Ed Foreman (R-Texas) had labeled 20 Hill colleagues as "pinkos" and Edwards was one of them. Edwards, furious, consulted with House Speaker McCormack (D-Mass.), Majority Leader Carl Albert (Okla.) and Majority Whip Boggs (La.). The result was that Edwards went to Foreman with an apology typed out for him (Foreman) to sign. Foreman would not sign this apology but did write one of his own and signed it. Foreman stated he wrote the retraction to keep from being sued by Edwards, but still said Edwards was a "Pinko" and that he would speak out against his voting record and the voting records of others who aid the communists with their votes.

In June, 1964, Edwards assisted Representative William F. Ryan (D-NY) in reporting to the House the results of the meeting held by the Council of Federated Organizations. This Council, made up of CORE, SNCC, NAACP, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held hearings which consisted primarily of testimony from individuals who alleged they had been subjected to police brutalities while engaging in integration activities in Mississippi. Ryan and Edwards, who were joined by Congresswoman Green and Representative Nix, in placing these results before the House constantly deplored what they termed the failures of law enforcement authorities to protect demonstrators. Edwards referred to his former employment with the FBI and criticized agents for not making arrests of those, who Edwards claimed violated the demonstrators rights in their presence.

A news item of 7-10-64, edition of Washington Evening Star reflected Edwards' son, was a civil rights worker in Mississippi at that time, that Edwards had visited his son in Mississippi and stated there was great concern among students as to what would happen to local Negroes when summer was over and the students had left the state. This item said Edwards was "immensely proud" of his son for going to Mississippi to try to get Negroes registered to vote but was "terribly concerned" for his safety. Edwards and his son had slept in a house in McComb, Miss., in a Negro district, which was ripped the following night by 3 bombs thrown from the street. The article concluded by saying that Edwards said, "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi project."

In November, 1964, Edwards wrote a letter to Mr. DeLoach stating that during his election campaign in 1962, his opponent came up with some information that could only have been obtained from his (Edwards) personnel file at the Bureau. He was quite disturbed and indicated this information.
Memorandum to Mr. Callahan

RE: W. DONLON EDWARDS
Former Special Agent

should not have been furnished. Mr. DeLoach acknowledged his letter on 11-16-64, indicating he was astonished by his (Edwards) accusation and denied this allegation. By letter 11-20-64, Edwards stated he was sorry if his previous letter was offensive, that it was not so intended, and that he had always been proud of his former employment with the Bureau and could count himself as one of its friends. Further, the subject of his letter was of no great importance to him, that he thought DeLoach might be interested because it concerned procedures, and that he would be glad to discuss the matter personally. The Director noted, "DeLoach should see him." This was done on 1-28-65.

On 1-14-65, Judge E. A. Tamm called and stated he had heard Edwards was very hostile to the Bureau and had introduced a bill or resolution to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Judge Tamm continued that it was reported the bill was written in the presence of Wilkinson, a convicted communist and Mr. and Mrs. Braden, who formerly operated a communist school in Georgia. This same information also came from Chairman Edwin Willis of the HCUA.

A routing slip from the Director dated 4-8-65, stated Edwards was the new head of the Americans for Democratic Action.

By letter 9-7-66, information was furnished to the White House that on 8-31-66, a confidential source had advised that Congressman Edwards had accepted an invitation for himself and his wife to attend a dinner on 9-13-66, at the residence of [ ].

By letter to the Director of 9-25-67, Edwards advised he had read several reports in the press that there were no Negroes in Mississippi offices of the Justice Department. He wondered if the Director could tell him if the reports were accurate. It was recommended that he be told that while we could not speak for the Department as a whole, FBI employees were assigned wherever the need for them was the greatest. He was so advised 10-2-67. A similar request was received by the Justice Department and they (Justice Department) telephonically called the Bureau's Personnel Section and desired to know whether we had any Negroes in Mississippi, was canvassing the other segments of the Department having offices in Mississippi and contemplated advising Edwards briefly as to what the situation was. It was recommended and approved by the Director, that the Personnel Section of the Department be advised telephonically that we have no Negroes presently assigned in Mississippi and that they be advised a similar inquiry was received from Edwards and of our reply to him. This was done.

Congressman Edwards has been a persistent critic of the FBI over the years. In view of his critical attitude he has been characterized as "one of our worst enemies."
September 7, 1966

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
1 - Mr. Kavanagh

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

Dear Mr. Watson:

On August 31, 1966, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Congressman Don Edwards of California accepted an invitation for himself and his wife to attend a dinner on September 13, 1966, to be given at the residence of [redacted] to the United States.

The information contained herein is being furnished as of possible interest to the President. It is also being made available to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: C. D. Brennan
DATE: 8/23/67
SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NEW POLITICS INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

BACKGROUND:

Due to the interest of the White House in the National Conference for New Politics Convention to be held at Chicago, Illinois, August 31, 1967, through September 4, 1967, we have prepared a summary, copy attached for ready reference, setting forth current and planned future activities of the Communist Party and other organizations in support of this Convention. Highlights of this summary are as follows:

The Convention seeks to solidify the antiwar, black power, and campus left movements into an effective third political force. The Convention leadership at this time is drawn from "graduates" of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). The Communist Party is reportedly the only organization substantially mobilizing its membership in support of the Convention. While some factions desire to see Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin Spock emerge from the Convention respectively as third party Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, the Communist Party prefers nominations be held for a subsequent Convention. In the words of Gil Green, Communist Party National Committeeman, the Convention's slogan "should be "power for all people who are politically powerless." Over 100 members of the Socialist Workers Party may attend the Convention. Stokely Carmichael is expected to speak at the Convention, however, an effort may be made to remove him from the Convention's Executive Board because of anti-Semitic statements made by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It is noted the SDS is a militant youth group which Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, has stated the Party has "going for us." SNCC is a militant civil rights movement. The Communist Party and the SWP have been designated as subversive by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
Memorandum C.D. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan  
Re: NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NEW POLITICS

Don Edwards of California, will attend the Convention representing seven Congressmen including Edwards. Edwards is a former FBI Agent who served in 1940 and 1941. He resigned to enter his father's business. He has been critical of the Bureau in the past.

OBSERVATIONS:

Approximately two thousand people drawn from most of the militant groups known are expected to attend the Chicago Convention. This brings to that city all the necessary elements for riot. We are covering this Convention from all aspects and responsible authorities are being kept advised. Informant coverage of the Convention has been arranged.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum to Mrs. Mildred Stegall, the White House; the Vice President; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Defense; Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley, Doar and Vinson, be approved.
Enclosed herewith are five copies of a LHI captioned as above for dissemination as the Bureau deems appropriate.

For the information of the Bureau Congressman DON EDWARDS, mentioned in the enclosed LHI, is a former Special Agent of the FBI, 1940-41, according to the Congressional Directory dated March, 1965.

The enclosed LHI has been classified "Confidential" since it reflects FBI investigation of a foreign diplomatic official.
May 26, 1978

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 17, 1978.

As you were previously advised, your request for information has been considered in light of the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a).

The enclosed documents consisting of 560 pages include the San Francisco files and the remaining files which were located during the search of the central indices at our Headquarters.

Excisions have been made from your personnel file in order to withhold materials which are exempted from disclosure by the following subsection of the Privacy Act:

(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 an individual who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.
Other files including a few documents in your personnel file have been processed in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA. Excisions have been made and other documents have been withheld in order to protect materials which are exempted from disclosure by the following subsections of this Act:

(b)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy;

(b)(7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:

(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person;

(D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means.

You will note in some of the enclosed documents you are not the subject, victim or complainant of the investigation, but are mentioned in the documents which relate to our investigations of other events, organizations or individuals. These documents are referred to as "see" references. Inasmuch as your name is merely mentioned in each of these documents, only those portions containing a reference to you have been processed for release along with sufficient material to indicate the context in which your name is recorded.
Honorable Don Edwards

An investigation regarding [redacted] was also located in our San Francisco Office. You are being provided with only those documents which pertain to you in connection with this investigation.

During the review of our Headquarters files, we located two documents which originated with the Central Intelligence Agency. These documents have been forwarded to this Agency for a determination regarding their release and a direct response to you.

In accordance with the regulations cited in our March 17, 1978, letter, please forward your check for duplication cost to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the amount of $56.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal in writing to the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, (Attention: Privacy Appeal - Denial of Access).

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

Enclosures (9)

1 - SAC, San Francisco (FOIPA Info.) - Enclosure

NOTE for SAC, San Francisco (FOIPA Info.): Edwards was furnished documents from Headquarters main files by letter dated 3/17/78. This release includes all remaining Headquarters "see" references (129) and the San Francisco files. Edwards is the subject of the following SF files: 9-2897; 52-18069; 67-1281; 52-19278; 80-910 and 89-191 and is mentioned in several other files (14).
MAY 16 1978

BY COURIER

Freedom of Information Act Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Room 2E 42

Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOI/PA) Branch
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FOI/PA REQUEST OF WILLIAM DONHOY EDWARDS

☐ In connection with the FOI/PA request of the above-named individual, the FBI surfaced one unclassified document(s) which originated with your agency. The document(s) are being referred to you for direct response to the requester. A copy of the requester's initial request is enclosed for your convenience. We will advise the requester that your agency will correspond directly concerning this matter.

☐ During the course of reviewing FBI documents pursuant to the above request, the FBI document(s) containing information furnished by your agency were located. Please review your information (outlined in red) and return the document(s) to us, making any deletions you deem appropriate, and citing the exemption(s) claimed.

☐ During the course of reviewing FBI documents pursuant to the above request, classified FBI document(s) containing information furnished by your agency were located. Please review your information (outlined in red) and return the document(s) to us, making any deletions you deem appropriate, citing the exemption(s) claimed, and advising if the document(s) still warrant(s) classification.

☐ See Continuation Page for additional information.

If you have any questions concerning this referral please contact

Enclosure(s) (X) Classified Material Attached

TELETYPE UNIT □

SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED
Memorandum

TO: Chief, Operations Section
(Attn: Document Classification Review Unit)

FROM: Chief, Disclosure Section

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS
REQUEST OF Don Edwards

Attached records are presently:
☐ Classified ☑ Both
☐ Unclassified ☑ Particular attention is directed to serials on attached

After reviewing these records to determine if classification is presently warranted, it is requested you indicate your determination hereon, and return this form and the records to the following:

Unit 1
Team 2
Attention
Room 1975
Ext 4537

These are San Francisco's files.
Memorandum to: Chief, Operations Section
Re: Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA)
Request Re: Don Edwards

ADDENDUM: DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION REVIEW UNIT

TEAM CAPTAIN: 
REVIEWER: 
EXTENSION: 3672
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ADDENDUM DATE: 4/1/78
TIME EXPENDED: 1/2
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SF 1015 - 10/12/66
March 27, 1978
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 -

Office of Congressional Affairs
1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. McCreight
1 - Mr. Long
Attn: Mr. Groover

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1978, which enclosed your check in the amount of $37.90.

I wish to assure you that the statements made by Deputy Associate Director John J. McDermott in his recent meeting with you express my sincere sentiments.

My staff and I are looking forward to working with your Subcommittee on matters of mutual interest that may arise regarding my Directorship of the FBI.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,
William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director
The Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

Thank you for your courtesy in having McDermott and deliver to me information from FBI files made available pursuant to my request under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. I appreciate the courteous observations made by and also your personal concerns as transmitted by him.

I and the other members of the Judiciary Subcommittee that has oversight responsibility over the FBI have great confidence in you and the team you are assembling and feel sure that the regrettable actions described in these documents are merely relics of an era that will not come again.

My personal check in amount of $37.90 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

ENCLOSURE
Check for $37.90

Xerox Copy made
HON. DON EDWARDS, M. C.
2329 House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Washington, D.C., March 17, 1978

Postmaster:
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Thirty Seven and 90/100 Dollars

The Sergeant at Arms,
House of Representatives, U.S.

Don Edwards

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March 17, 1978

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

Reference is made to our letter dated January 25, 1978.

Your request for information concerning you has been considered in light of the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a). It has been determined by the Attorney General that requests by individuals seeking information about themselves are governed by the Privacy Act. In addition, as a matter of administrative discretion, any documents which are found to be exempt from disclosure under the Privacy Act will also be processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Through these procedures you receive the greatest degree of access authorized by both laws.

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files. Exclusions have been made in order to withhold materials which are excepted from disclosure by the following subsection of the Privacy Act:

(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 an individual who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.

A portion of the documents from your personal file and other files have been processed pursuant to the FOIA. Exclusions have been made and other documents have been withheld in order to protect materials which are excepted from disclosure in the following subsections of this Act:

SEE NOTE PAGE 4
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(D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means;

(E) disclose investigative techniques and procedures, thereby impairing their future effectiveness.

In the investigation regarding the only material which is being withheld pertains to interviews of other individuals who may have had knowledge concerning the whereabouts of personal information regarding him and letters which he furnished to the bureau.

You were one of several Congressmen who received an extortion letter from You are being furnished the documents which pertain to You in connection with this investigation.

Please be advised that documents in which you are merely mentioned in connection with investigations of other individuals or organizations have not as yet been processed. You will be advised as soon as these documents have been reviewed and processed.
Honorable Don Edwards

The enclosed 379 pages are stapled into documents as the originals appear in our files. The documents are assembled and fastened together in six packages which also match the manner in which they appear in our files.

Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, sections 16.9 and 16.46, there is a fee of ten cents per page for duplication. Please forward a check in the amount of $37.90 made payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal in writing to the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, (Attention: Privacy Appeal - Denial of Access).

In reviewing the material being released to you, it was noted that a counterintelligence program action concerning you was approved in October, 1962. I have caused this matter to be looked into further and have determined as evidenced by San Francisco letter, dated October 29, 1962, that this action never was instituted. I wish to assure you that, as I stated during confirmation hearings and on other occasions, the FBI during my tenure will operate strictly in conformance with the law and with regard for constitutional rights of all American citizens.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

Enclosures (6)
Honorable Don Edwards

NOTE: Edwards is the subject of the following B-files:
9-61175, 9-44749, 62-109537, 67-174350, 89-3418, and 94-
67681. These files consist of approximately 557 pages and
the requester is receiving 379 of these pages. (b)(7)(E)
was applied to protect a pretext telephone call. The
majority of the pages being withheld pertain to our investi-
gation of an individual who had directed an extortion letter
to several other Congressmen. Edwards is receiving the
portion of this investigation which concerns only himself.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(FOIPA SECTION - ATTN: ROOM 3441)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (190-114)
SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - PRIVACY ACT (FOIPA) REQUEST OF CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of the following references: 52-0-5039; 89-0-81; 100-57484-838; 100-64331B-66; 157-1142-143; 174-148-19; 7-855-20041; 100-58828-198 and 199; SF 1015-S, 10/12/66.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of the following main case files: 52-18069, entitled "UNSUB, THEFT OF REMINGTON MANUAL, IBM ELECTRIC, IBM SELECTRIC, AND IBM EXECUTIVE TYPEWRITERS FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS, 12/3/73, TGP, 00:SF"; 52-19278 entitled "UNSUB, THEFT OF TWO IBM SELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS, SERIAL NUMBERS 1317621 AND 2443087 FROM CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS' OFFICE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, 12/3-4/76, TGP"; 9-2897, entitled "POSSIBLE EXTORTION"; 89-191, entitled "POSSIBLE THREAT TO DON EDWARDS, CONGRESSMAN, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA";
SF 190-114
CAE: lmk

30-910, entitled "DON EDWARDS, 40 N. FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS"; 67-1281, entitled "WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, APPLICANT, SPECIAL AGENT".

Bureau is requested to process the above-mentioned records identifiable with the FOIPA request.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FOIPA BRANCH, ROOM 6975

FROM: SAC, WFO (190-120) (C)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - PRIVACY ACTS (FOI) APPLICATION OF CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

Re WFO routing slip to FBIHQ and WFO letter to requester, 2/7/78. Also, reBurcal, 2/9/78, and WFO call, 2/13/78.

Enclosed for coordination with FBIHQ release are copies of serials from WFO files containing information pertaining to requester. Unexcised copies and copies as released to requester are stapled together and are enclosed. Only serials in which FBIHQ is designated as sender or recipient thereon are enclosed.

WFO has no file pertaining to requester.

The documents enclosed are itemized as follows:

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WFO has completed its release to requester.
TO: DIRECTOR AND
SAN FRANCISCO
WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: MIAMI (87-35724) —

UNSUB, AKA DON EDWARDS, COUNTERFEIT SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY PAYROLL CHECKS, DRAFT NUMBER ITSP

MATTERS.

RE: MIAMI TELETYPES TO ATLANTA DATED MAY 6, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION, COUNTERFEIT SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. PAYROLL CHECKS TOTALING $15,000 PASSED IN SOUTH FLORIDA AREA BY UNSUB IN PAST WEEK. CHECKS ARE ALL PAYABLE TO UNSUB IN AMOUNTS OF $265.20 OR $275.20, REFLECT A COMMON DRAFT NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ARE LIGHT GREEN IN COLOR AND DRAWN ON FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIAMI, FLORIDA. NO ITSP VIOLATION DETERMINED TO DATE.

SOUTHERN BELL, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., ADVISED TOTAL OF 55 CHECKS CASHED TO DATE.

1 Miami: 8/70 SUBA 1972 MET -NA- GLOP
1 Atlanta (AH) SEARCHED INDEXED MLE 1970 JGR -SF- 720P
1 Jacksonville (AH) - MEL 1970 -WFO-
1 Mobile (AH)
1 Tampa (AH) MAY 8 9 M 1774

KCP: GTO

UNSUB DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, 37 - 40 YEARS OF AGE, 5'10'', 185 POUNDS, WELL DRESSED, USING FICTITIOUS UTAH DRIVER'S LICENSE. INVESTIGATION BY SOUTHERN BELL DETERMINED UNSUB USING STOLEN IDENTIFICATION OF CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS OF CALIFORNIA. CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS, FORMER SA, WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY SOUTHERN BELL AND ADVISED HIS IDENTIFICATION INCLUDING SHELL OIL, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MASTER CHARGE, AVIS, AND HERTZ CREDIT CARDS STOLEN, DORAL COUNTRY CLUB, MIAMI, DURING 1972 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS PRESENTLY RESIDES WATSON GATE WEST APARTMENT COMPLEX, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS REPRESENTS DISTRICT INCLUDING ALAMEDA AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA.

MIAMI WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN BELL TO ASCERTAIN EXTENT OF CHECK PASSING ACTIVITIES AND POSSIBLE IRSP VIOLATION.
McLEK - SIO - Summary

DANIEL ELLSBERG OBSERVED TO VISIT INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES (IPS), ONE FIVE TWO ZERO NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), FOR TEN MINUTE PERIOD DURING LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST, CARRYING A LARGE CARTON OF PAPERS IN AND OUT.

AN ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT EDITION OF "THE WASHINGTON POST" NEWSPAPER, ENTITLED "AND ONE COPY FOR ELLSBERG," BY HENRY ALLEN, REPORTS THAT ELLSBERG WENT TO THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA) BOOKSTORE AT ONE SEVEN SEVEN SIX PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE (WDC) AT FIVE THIRTY PM ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND PAID FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A CARTON OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CENSORED VERSION OF THE PENTAGON PAPERS.

THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES IN PART THAT ONE HOUR LATER ELLSBERG ATTENDED A FUND-RAISING PARTY AT THE WDC HEADQUARTERS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) AND

JWV:rs

Approved: RKL
Special Agent in Charge

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THE CONCERNED OFFICERS MOVEMENT (COM). ELLSBERG WAS QUOTED AS EXPLAINING, "I DIDN'T HAVE A COPY FOR MYSELF," AT THE FUND-RAISER; AND, WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WOULD DO IF SOMEBODY SWIPED THE CARTON, HE ANSWERED, "I'D HOPE HE'D MAKE A COPY." AMONG THOSE NOTED AT THE PARTY IN ADDITION TO ELLSBERG WERE VVAW HEAD JOHN KERRY AND REPRESENTATIVES DON EDWARDS OF CALIFORNIA AND LES ASPIN OF WISCONSIN.

ELLsBERG WAS ALSO ASKED IF HE WAS WORKING WITHIN, WITHOUT OR AGAINST THE SYSTEM. HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING "IN A DIFFERENT SYSTEM. I'M WORKING AGAINST THE PRESIDENCY. TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF BULL---- IS CONCENTRATED IN THESE VOLUMES. I GET LETTERS FROM POLITICAL PRISONERS THANKING ME FOR PROVING THEY WERE RIGHT."

THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT ELLSBERG'S CREDENTIALS AS AN ESTABLISHMENTARIAN ARE AVAILABLE IN A UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE PAMPHLET ENTITLED "NEGOTIATION AND STATECRAFT," WHICH CONTAINS ESSAYS BY CONFUCIUS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND DANIEL ELLSBERG, AMONG OTHERS.
THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTES THAT ELLSBERG DEPARTED THE PARTY FOR A RIDE TO THE AIRPORT, CARRYING THE THIRTY-ONE-POUND, TWELVE- VOLUME CARTON OF PAPER, PLUS AN ANVIL-SIZED, BRIGHT RED, PAPER MACHE MOCK-UP OF A DESK STAMP LABELED "DECLASSIFIED."

THE IPS HAS BEEN PUBLICLY DESCRIBED AS A NEW LEFT "THINK TANK:"

THE VVAW IS AN ANTIWAR VETERANS GROUP HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE COM IS AN ANTIWAR GROUP COMPOSED OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

OBSERVATION OF ELLSBERG'S VISIT TO IPS ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN LAST MADE BY PERSONNEL MANNING STATIONARY LOOKOUT PLANT COVERING IPS, WHOSE IDENTITIES ARE MAINTAINED IN WFO FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR SIX SEVEN EIGHT FOUR SUB B. PHOTOGRAPHS OF ELLSBERG'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED. IT IS NOTED THAT THE CARTON OF PAPERS, WHICH ARE APPARENTLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE DENOTED IN THE NEWS.
PAPER ARTICLE AS BEING A TWELVE-VOLUME GOVERNMENT VERSION OF THE PENTAGON PAPERS, WAS CARRIED BY ELLSBERG ON OCCASION OF HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM IPS.
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FM DIRECTOR (185-789)
TO SAN FRANCISCO (185-120) PRIORITY
WASHINGTON FIELD (185-425) PRIORITY

BT
E F T O

CHILBOM: PFO - MURDER; EID.

FOR INFORMATION OF WASHINGTON FIELD, FOLLOWING FURNISHED

BY SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 9, 1977:

ON MARCH 4, 1977, LIEUTENANT [Redacted] SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED
THAT CHIEF JOSEPH MC NAMARA HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL
FROM CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS, RELATIVE TO UNSUBS FIRING
SEVERAL BULLETS INTO THE WINDOWS OF THE BREAD AND ROSES
BOOKSTORE, 136 SOUTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.
CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS ASKED CHIEF MC NAMARA IF THE MATTER
HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE FBI, AS EDWARDS FELT THE INCIDENT
HAD TERRORIST RAMIFICATIONS RELATIVE TO THE CHILEAN SITUATION.

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TION. THE BREAD AND ROSES BOOKSTORE IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A LONG-TIME COMMUNIST MEMBER AND LEADER IN THE SAN JOSE AREA.


STATED HIS STORE WOULD BE CONSIDERED LEFT WING. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE SHOOTING COULD BE POLITICALLY ORIENTED. HAS NO SPECIFIC PERSON IN MIND, BUT SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATS DUE TO THE NATURE OF HIS BUSINESS."

LIEUTENANT SAID THE ONLY POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS RELEVANT TO THE MATTER WAS EXPRESSED BY VICTIM HIMSELF.

ON MARCH 8, 1977, CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAN JOSE RESIDENT AGENCY AND SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SHOOTING WITH CHIEF MC NAMARA. EDWARDS SAID HE BELIEVED THE INCIDENT HAD INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS INCLUDING THE BOMBING OF THE FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED STATES, ORLANDO LETELIER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
EDWARDS SAYS BELIEVES THE SHOOTING WAS DONE BY
THE RIGHT-WING OF THE CHILEAN JUNTA AND THERE IS POSSIBLE
FEDERAL JURISDICTION IN THE MATTER. CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS
SAID HE WANTS INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE FBI.
IN VIEW OF CP AFFILIATIONS OVER THE PAST
20 PLUS YEARS AND REFUSAL TO TALK TO THE FBI
ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, UACB WILL NOT BE INTER-
VIEWED RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER. SAN FRANCISCO SOURCES
HAVE FURNISHED NO INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE INCIDENT.

NOTE FOR SAC, SAN FRANCISCO:
FBI HQ FEELS THAT SHOULD BE
INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER. SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER HE HAS
ANY INFORMATION RE CHILBOM AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING A VIOLATION WITHIN FBI INVESTIGATIVE
JURISDICTION. IN THE FUTURE, INSURE THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN
CAPTIONED RECEIVES COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS.
ARMMED AND DANGEROUS.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ALEXANDRIA
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-49908)

PROPOSED COMMEMORATION PROGRAM SPONSORED BY CESAR CHAVEZ-FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR-CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS, SYLVAN THEATRE, WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE;

INTERNAL SECURITY-MISCELLANEOUS.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED AUGUST FOURTEEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] U.S. PARK POLICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT WITH CAPTIONED GROUP FOR THEIR "FOURTH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE" TO WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC).

THE PILGRIMAGE IS being SPONSORED IN WDC, BY THE UNITED STATES LITURGICAL CONFERENCE AND THE WASHINGTON LAY ASSOCIATION.
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MET WITH PARK AUTHORITIES ARE ONE AND AN WHO GAVE HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER AS THE LATTER INDIVIDUALS HAVE SCALED DOWN THEIR ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO A MORE "REALISTIC" FIGURE OF FROM SEVEN HUNDRED TO ONE THOUSAND.

THE GROUP HAVE A PERMIT TO USE SYLVAN THEATRE FROM TWO TO FOUR P.M., SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NEXT, WHERE THEY HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL HAVE SPEAKERS FROM CONGRESS, THE LABOR MOVEMENT, THE CHURCH AND GRAPE STRIKE OFFICIALS.

LT. SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED ON INSTANT DATE TO ADVISE THAT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, TELEPHONED AT TWO TWENTYFIVE P.M., INSTANT, TO ADVISE THAT THE CAPTIONED GROUP HAVE CHANGED THEIR PLANS CONCERNING MARCHING TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. THEY NOW PLAN TO MARCH FROM THE SYLVAN THEATRE ALONG
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE TO TENTH STREET, S. W., WHERE THEY WILL
CONCLUDE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN L'ENFANT PLAZA. STATED
THAT THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THE PILGRIMAGE:

REVEREND SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE; REPRESENTATIVE JAMES G. O'HARA OF MICHIGAN; PAT
GREATHOUSE, VICE PRESIDENT, UNITED AUTO WORKERS; REVEREND
CHANNING PHILLIPS, WASHINGTON, D. C.; UNION
OFFICIAL FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.; MONSIGNOR GEORGE L. GINGRAS
REPRESENTING CARDINAL O'BOYLE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASH-
INGTON, D. C.; FATHER CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN
RENEWAL, MARYLAND; FATHER RICHARD MC SORLEY,
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. STATED THAT CONGRESSMEN DON
EDWARDS AND PHILLIP BURTON OF CALIFORNIA MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE.

WFO WILL FOLLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS
SET FORTH IN BE AIRTEL...
TO: Chief, Operations Section  
(Attn: Document Classification Review Unit)  
FROM: Chief, Disclosure Section

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS REQUEST OF William Davlin Edwards

Attached records are presently:

☐ Classified  ☑ Both  
☐ Unclassified  ☑ Particular attention is directed to serials [see below]

After reviewing these records to determine if classification is presently warranted, it is requested you indicate your determination hereon, and return this form and the records to the following:

Unit  C  
Team  2  
Attention  
Room  6975  
Ext  5845

157-1793-3

DATE: 2-14-78

[Signature]

[Stamp: FBI/DOJ]

[Stamp: NOT RECORDED 24 JUN 27 1978]
Memorandum to CHIEF: DISCLOSURE SECTION
Re: Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA)
Request RE: William D. Edwards

ADDENDUM: DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: REVIEW UNIT:

Reviewer: SA Ext.: 5238

The following documents have been declassified:

FILE NUMBER  SERIAL NUMBER

None

The following documents need additional review:
(Additional comments re excisions and impact on ongoing investigations.)

None

The following documents need referral to other agencies for consultation as to whether the information contained therein warrants classification.

None

AGENT/CLERICAL TIME EXPENDED FOR THIS REVIEW WAS

1 HOURS.
Records have been reviewed and the following classification determinations were made for each serial listed.

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To: [X] Director

Att.: FOIPA Branch

FILE WFO 190-120

Title Freedom of Information - Privacy Acts (FOIPA)

Request of Congressman

DON EDWARDS

RE: Request of Congressman

ACTION DESIRED

- Acknowledge
- Assign Reassign
- Bring file
- Call me
- Correct
- Deadline
- Deadline passed
- Delinquent
- Discontinue
- Expedite
- File
- For information
- Handle
- Initial & return
- Leads need attention
- Return with explanation or notation as to action taken

See attached correspondence between requester and FBI, and FD 521.

Enclosures

SAC NICK F. STAMES

See reverse side

Office WFO
Washington Field Office
Washington, D. C. 20535
February 7, 1978

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

This is in response to the letter to you dated January 25, 1978, from Clarence M. Kelley, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) referring to your request for all information in this office pertaining to you.

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files. Excisions have been made from these documents and entire documents withheld in order to protect materials which are excepted from disclosure by the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552:

(b) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy

(b) (2) materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI

(b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:

(A) interfere with law enforcement proceedings;

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(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person;

(D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means;

(E) disclose investigative techniques and procedures, thereby impairing their future effectiveness.

You have thirty days from the receipt of this letter to appeal in writing to the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, (Attention: Privacy Appeal - Denial of Access).

Sincerely yours,

Nick F. Stames
Special Agent in Charge
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FOIPA BRANCH

FROM: ACTING SAC, JACKSON (190-0)

SUBJECT: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515
FOIPA REQUEST

DATE: 1/30/78

Re Bureau letter dated 1/25/78 captioned as above.

Enclosed for FBIHQ is one copy of Jackson's reply to Congressman DON EDWARDS.

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1 - Jackson
LCB:mfm
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U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
January 30, 1978

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI, Jackson Division, of your Freedom of Information - Privacy Acts request dated January 12, 1978, which was received by this office on January 28, 1978.

Please be advised that a review of the indices of the Jackson office failed to disclose any record identifiable with you under the names of William Donlon Edwards and Don Edwards.

Very truly yours,

Patrick W. Murray
Acting Special Agent in Charge

By:
L. C. Butenau
Supervisory Special Agent

1. Address See
1. FBIHQ
1. Jackson (190-0)
LCB: mfm
(3)
Honorable Don Edwards  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congressman Edwards:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts request dated January 12, 1973.

Please be advised your request will be handled as expeditiously as our current work load permits. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to our San Francisco, California, field office, our Jackson, Mississippi, field office and our Washington, D.C., field office. For your information, records are not maintained in our resident agencies such as San Jose, California, which is covered by the San Francisco office. The aforementioned field offices will respond directly to you, releasing any available records or advising you that no records were located.

Should you find it necessary to correspond with us concerning this matter, please refer to number 59,696, assigned to your request.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE FOR SACS: Enclosed herewith for each recipient is a copy of the request of Congressman Don Edwards. Promptly process this request according to current FOIPA instructions. Any questions should be directed to SA Thomas W. Lenahan, Records Management Division, FOIPA Branch, FBIHQ, extension 4084.
January 12, 1978

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, DC

ATTENTION: Freedom of Information Act Coordinator

Dear Mr. Kelley:

This is a request under the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to request all information in your files regarding me, William Donald Edward also known as Don Edwards.

Please include a check of the files in the San Jose, California FBI office, the San Francisco, California office, and the Jackson, Mississippi office and also the Washington, D.C. field office.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Member of Congress

(1975 California)
Type of Search Requested:
- Restricted Search Not Applied
- All Reference (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
- Subversive Search
- Nonsubversive Search
- Main References Only

Special Instructions:
- Restricted to Locality of
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
- Buildup
- Variations

Subject: William Donlon Edwards
Birthdate & Place: 11/6/15 Sw Jose, Ca
Address: 

Localities: 
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Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 7, 1975, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

In discharging its responsibilities for the coordination and dissemination of information regarding espionage, sabotage and matters pertaining to the internal security of the United States, the FBI makes available to other Federal agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government information in which such agencies have a legitimate interest. A large segment of this dissemination is handled in the form of "name checks" requested by Federal agencies. Pertinent information developed by FBI investigations or received from outside sources is summarized from our files and furnished the requesting agency as it relates to those individuals in which the agency has an interest, such as an applicant for employment, appointments for positions or contract-business type relationships with the agency.

In making such checks, our investigative files cannot be reviewed feasibly by a "name" submission alone. In order to insure a productive, adequate and intelligent check, identifying data such as alias, maiden name, date and place of birth, residence and employment for at least 15 previous years, names of relatives and identifying numbers such as social security or armed forces serial number are essential items. The actual check of FBI files is performed by FBI personnel and it is understood that any data furnished by this Bureau should not be considered a "clearance" or "non-clearance" of that individual by the FBI.

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Honorable Don Edwards

With respect to arrest records maintained by FBI Identification Division, a separate or duplicate request is made to the Identification Division directly. To insure a positive check, fingerprints of the individual, or the individual's name plus FBI Identification Number or other identifying number must be submitted. The FBI recognizes that all persons are not fingerprinted at the time of arrest, and that all fingerprints taken at the time of arrest are not necessarily sent to the FBI. Consequently, a check of FBI arrest records does not necessarily prove that an individual has never been arrested.

If you desire further clarification, I would be pleased to have an FBI representative contact you personally to explain our procedures in greater detail.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Congressman Edwards, a former Special Agent, is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights exercising oversight of the FBI. He inquired concerning our use of the phrase "name checks" in the FBI Annual Report for fiscal year 1974. He requested amplification of the use of this phrase and what the processing entails. This response has been coordinated with the Name Check Section of the General Investigative Division, Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section of the Special Investigative Division, the Freedom of Information Act Unit of the Legal Counsel Division, and the Recording and Posting Section of the Identification Division.
January 7, 1975

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
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Mr. George L. Lewis
Personnel Manager
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974 East Arques Avenue
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Dear George:

I do appreciate your letter of January 18, 1974, and it is now being studied by our Identification people in an effort to possibly draw up some sort of responses to the type of questions that were uttered by Congressman Edwards. As you well know, we have little control over rap sheets after they go into the files of local police departments and, frankly, some are bootlegged to employers who want to have a check of potential employees. One of the ways whereby this might be minimized as a menace would be to do as was suggested, to make only convictions available, but, of course, this is something very difficult to do inasmuch as courts, prosecutors, and the police are slow in giving dispositions and sometimes actually refuse to do so. We are, however, working on this and possibly some progress can be made.

I hope things are going along well for you and maybe you will make the 1974 Ex-Agents Convention in Seattle. Dick Auerbach is spearheading it and he promises it will be the best ever. I will be there and have already received several instructions, as usual, from Richard. He will undoubtedly keep me informed throughout the ensuing months.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director, FBI  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Clarence:

Thought you would be interested in the following and if it is "old hat" or you're already informed, there is nothing lost.

I am presently on the board of X-Squared Foundation which is directed toward operation of a half-way house for Federal and State prisoners. At yesterday's session, Congressman Don Edwards, California, was a guest. While establishing the fact that he was a former FBI agent (1940-1941), he mentioned service afterward with ONI. He is presently on the House Judiciary Committee.

In conversation with him yesterday, he mentioned he was disturbed about the manner in which rap sheets were seemingly available to municipalities and agencies, other than law enforcement, and he was going to direct questions to you regarding correction of this type of dissemination. He used as an example, whether true or not, of a person applying for a job as a cook whose rap sheet had been made available to a municipality, thereby negating any opportunity for employment. While being unable to get into a more thorough discussion, he seemed to feel the rap sheets should contain only those crimes in which there had been a conviction.

He made a couple of off-hand remarks such as, "I think Kelley's doing a good job." "He seems to have opened things up." "Looks like he's doing a good PR job."

Unfortunately I was not able to make the meeting of ex-FBI'ers at San Diego but I'm looking forward to the conference in Seattle for a renewal of old friendships.

With personal wishes for your continued success.

Very truly yours,

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY

George L. Lewis  
Personnel Manager

February 1974
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop  
FROM: M. A. Jones

DATE: 5-16-72

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF CONGRESSMEN
DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.) AND LAWRENCE J. HOGAN (R-MD.)
ON "FACE THE NATION"
MAY 7, 1972

Mr. Gray has requested a transcript of the above program and it is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:
For information.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Bishop-Enclosure
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TRANSCRIPT OF CONGRESSMEN DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.) AND LAWRENCE J. HOGAN (R-MD.) ON "FACE THE NATION" MAY 7, 1972

(Note: Three commentators, George Herman, CBS News; Robert Novak, CBS News; and Robert Pierpoint, CBS White House Correspondent, interviewed the Congressmen. It is not clear who asked some of the questions and in these cases the questioner is designated as Announcer.)

It was announced that Congressmen Larry Hogan and Don Edwards, both former FBI Agents, would appear on "Face the Nation" and they would discuss the FBI and the appointment of Mr. Gray. Edwards and Hogan then made the following brief opening statements.

EDWARDS: He should be confirmed or not confirmed by the United States Senate and so leaving Mr. Gray in there for a number of months is not in the Congressional intention.

HOGAN: I don't agree with that. I think that under the circumstances it's the appropriate and proper thing to do. Because I think it would be a disservice to the American people if we were to allow the FBI to now become a political football because it is an election year. I think President Nixon did the right thing in taking it and insulating it from politics until after the election, then he or whoever else is elected has the opportunity to appoint the Director of the FBI.
ANNOUNCER: Both of you gentlemen have served as former FBI Agents. One of the points to the question I think that Mr. Hogan said quite clearly that he has removed it from the area of politics as far as confirming is concerned but still the FBI as an investigatory body can have some impact on politics one way or another. The question or part of the question still remains. Is it fair to have a political adviser to the President in charge of our national investigating body during the campaign period, Mr. Hogan?

HOGAN: Well, the FBI is and always has been under the Department of Justice which has always been under a political appointee of the incumbent President, so I don't see what the difference is. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gray's confirmation as Deputy Attorney General has been pending before the Senate while the Kleindienst investigation has been going on so, in fact, the Senate already has an opportunity to probe and assess his background for the job so I think that under all things considered, he was probably the ideal choice for the job, at least on an interim basis, until we can piece together what the transition from the Hoover years to the new years should be.
NOVAK: Mr. Hogan, do you envision that Mr. Gray is going to last forever and ever as FBI Director if Mr. Nixon is reelected or whoever Mr. Nixon names if he is reelected is going to act in that role for many years as Mr. Hoover or is this going to become an appointment, do you think, that would change as the Presidency changes?

HOGAN: Well, it's difficult to answer that, Bob. I don't think that we can expect or even if it would be a good thing to have somebody to serve as Director of the FBI for 48 years. But, what we have to recognize that J. Edgar Hoover, in effect, created the FBI at its inception as a young man of 29 and we're not going to have those parameters in the current situation. I would hope that the Directorship of the FBI would not become a political football where the incumbent President would appoint a political hack to run the FBI. I think that would be a tragedy and with all the criticism that has been leveled at Mr. Hoover, one thing has to be recognized...he was completely nonpartisan and the very fact that he did have independence of judgment and action where Presidents and Attorneys General were afraid to fire him because of the rapport he had with the American people. This
was a built-in protection for the American people that the FBI would not be used, or misused I should say, in a political way.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. Edwards, you seem to feel that the President's appointing Mr. Gray as an interim Director was somehow wrong and that in this, we all agree this is going to be a highly political year, that Mr. Gray should have been submitted to the Senate for approval. Do you think that the Senate would, in fact, have approved Mr. Gray without a strong political fight?

EDWARDS: I have no way of answering that question because Mr. Gray is somebody that no one knows anything about. I had hardly heard of him before he was appointed interim Director, but I reiterate the plans of the President are to have Mr. Gray as Director, interim or not, for nearly an indefinite period of time, more than half a year, and this is not what Congress intended in the Omnibus Crime Bill. It said that any Director of the FBI has to be confirmed by the Senate and it is being circumvented by this procedure.

ANNOUNCER: But, the legalities of the case aside, what is it that really bothers you about this method of operation? After all, that's the way FBI Director Hoover was appointed many, many years ago and the way he stayed
in office all the time. It is without the Congress' approval. Why is it that for six months you're worried about Mr. Gray staying in that job? Are you afraid that he may use his office in a political way?

EDWARDS: Not necessarily; however, I think that it must be admitted that Mr. Gray's appointment is a political appointment. He is an old and valued friend of the President, the relationship going back to when Mr. Nixon was a Congressman. So, it is a political appointment. It is not in the realm of possibilities that I would consider appropriate for this job.

ANNOUNCER: In that connection, Mr. Hogan, as a former Agent, would you have preferred to have seen Mr. Hoover's successor come from within the ranks of the Bureau?

HOGAN: I'm not sure that I would. I've been talked to myself as a possible replacement for the job because I was there and then I was out.

ANNOUNCER: Who talked to you about it?

HOGAN: Some of my colleagues in Congress had proposed this and discussed it with me, and in time past I have discussed it with other people in the Administration. But, I don't expect that that is going to happen. But, I do think there is an advantage in having someone within the organization who knows how it operates, but
I also think there is an advantage of having an infusion or cross-pollination from the outside world with the FBI. I think that this is the kind of balance that we need. I think the President's appointment of Mr. Gray was a good one. He's a political friend and associate of the President. Well, you could hardly expect the President to appoint a political enemy to that job...obviously.

ANNOUNCER: What about the permanent appointment of Mr. Gray? Would you rather see someone with some expertise in the law enforcement field succeed Mr. Gray if Mr. Nixon is elected?

HOGAN: I don't think that police work is necessarily the best... I'm talking about a local police department...because the police department's responsibility is protection, not investigation primarily, and it's riot control, parade control, and so forth. So, I don't think that that's the best preparation. Someone ought to be a lawyer, he ought to be able to meet the qualifications for an FBI Agent, as Mr. Gray does. I think if Mr. Gray does the job well in this interim period, that he probably will be the one appointed and perhaps should be the one appointed.
ANNOUNCER: We've left hanging the question of how long an FBI Director should serve. Do you have some ideas on the subject, either of you?

EDWARDS: Yes, I don't think that the FBI Director should serve more than six years. There are too many built-in machineries for excess power in the FBI as it is run today, and I do not think definitely that the new Director should be of the family of the FBI, trained in the organization and a protege of the late Mr. Hoover.

ANNOUNCER: Well, let me get back to that machine for excesses in a moment. But first I want to find out what Mr. Hogan thinks about the length of term.

HOGAN: I don't think that it's really appropriate to put a fixed number of years on the term. I mean, he's not a politician running for office as we, Don and I, are. I think it ought to be someone who can serve at the will of the President. But, I would hope the Presidents in succession would recognize that this ought to be a position as aloof from politics as Mr. Hoover has always kept it.

ANNOUNCER: In other words, the Director should submit his resignation pro forma when there is a change of Administration and then the President should make up his mind.
HOGAN: I would say so, but I would hope that the Presidents would leave...I've got a great deal of confidence in the men who survive and become Presidents of the United States, regardless of Party. I think most of them are genuinely concerned with protecting the liberties of Americans, so I would hope that that would be the case, that they would appoint someone who, if he were in politics, or as Mr. Gray...Mr. Gray is making great efforts now to completely disassociate himself from politics, as he should.

NOVAK: Now, I want to ask Congressman Edwards about this statement which is made frequently. Now, you didn't make it, Congressman Hogan did just now, but that is that the FBI under Director Hoover has been aloof from politics. In view of the...let's take, for instance, the heavy investigation of antiwar groups of the past few years. Do you agree with that that it's always been aloof from politics?

EDWARDS: I wish I could say that it's always been aloof from politics, and it was, I believe, when I was an FBI Agent more than 25 years ago. However, in the past few years it has become rather...not closely connected, but connected with politics. The late Director wrote two letters that were used as recommendations in
Senator races. The nearly obsessive concentration on conservative domestic politics... student unrest, Black unrest... rather than on the problems of international communism and the international situation, do have a flavor of politics about them.

HOGAN: Could I comment about that? I just can't let that go unchallenged. Now is it politics when antiwar groups bomb the Capitol building? Is it politics when they blow up ROTC buildings, or blow up banks? That's not politics. Those are violations of the law, and the FBI not only has the right, it has the obligation, to investigate these violations. Whether they happen to be antiwar groups is completely immaterial. But, the FBI has been completely aloof from politics. J. Edgar Hoover served under eight different Presidents, four Republican, four Democrats.

ANNOUNCER: Could we use the word "partisan" politics? It has been aloof from the problems of the Republican and Democratic Parties, but the Director has indicated a political stance.

HOGAN: Well, if you define antiwar radical activities as politics, then yes, the FBI has been involved in politics, but I don't think violence is politics.

NOVAK: Mr. Hogan, is your definition of "aloof from politics," take into consideration the very close relationships
that the late Director had with several Presidents including Lyndon Johnson, the fact that he was on intimate terms with his staff, was cooperating closely with him. Is that aloof from politics or political consideration?

HOGAN: I think it's aloof from partisan politics, yes, which I think it's entirely normal for a man of Mr. Hoover's stature to be friendly with a number of Presidents.

NOVAK: Well, I don't think it's a matter of friendliness. I mean in making political decisions and discussing what's in the best interests of the President. There's much information on that.

HOGAN: There's rumors on a lot of things, Mr. Novak, but I know of no instance of my personal knowledge where Mr. Hoover has, in any way, been known of helping the political fortunes of any incumbent President.

ANNOUNCER: Gentlemen, I want to get back to the tantalizing hint that Mr. Edwards dropped a few moments ago when you said, "The possibilities for excesses are so great." I'd like you to develop that theme a little bit and also to tell us if these possibilities have been at any time, in any way, utilized.

EDWARDS: The responsibilities by statute of the FBI are rather immense. Internal subversion in the United States,
NOVAK: Why does Congress not do it, and why has Congress not
done it for the past forty-some years?

EDWARDS: I regret to say that it has much to do with our procedures
in Congress, our seniority system, and in addition the
real fear that taking on Mr. Hoover is a little like
taking on motherhood.

ANNOUNCER: The second half of the question is, do you think the
possibility for exploitation is being utilized? Has
the FBI done the type of thing that you think it might
do?

EDWARDS: The FBI is like every other agency. It is good, and there
are aspects where it has not done particularly well.

ANNOUNCER: Such as?

EDWARDS: Such as in its data processing and fingerprint identi-
fication files to use the recent Menard judge's decision;

espionage, and counterespionage, as well as the criminal
code of the United States. There are 25,000 to 30,000
fingerprints coming in a day...information coming into
the data bank of the FBI...and the need for respect
and for the defense of constitutional liberty is huge.
So, any organization with this kind of power has to be
carefully scrutinized and Congress should maintain con-
stant oversight of its activity which Congress does not
do today.
ANNOUNCER: Congressman Hogan, would you say that the FBI has kept up with the times?

HOGAN: I would say that it has, but I'd like to comment on the excesses because I don't think that should go unchallenged; it's just not true. The FBI has been zealous in protecting the civil rights and the liberties of Americans and to have the things happen that the FBI is accused of presupposes that there is a conspiracy of 20,000 loyal Americans who are somehow involved in this activity. I'd like to cite one thing. Mr. Hoover was involved in a commission...committee that the President set up to study the problem of campus radicalism. Everyone on that committee recommended rampant wiretapping to get to the root of campus unrest. Mr. Hoover, who was chairman, was the sole opponent of this rampant wiretapping and went to the Attorney General and the President, and it was not done. This is the kind of
thing...by his very nature he was dedicated to personal liberty...so it's paradoxical that he would be criticized for the very thing he feels strongest about.

NOVAK: Didn't he, in fact, order that his Agents infiltrate Black student unions on all campuses in the country, and Black student unions are a fairly common thing and simply an organization of Blacks, and yet he did not order the infiltration of white student unions.

HOGAN: Well, I can't believe that. He certainly tried to infiltrate the SDS and other radical revolutionary organizations. That's part of the responsibility in trying to protect the United States against revolution. We have to recognize that in virtually every nation in the world where there's been a successful revolution the seeds of it were on college campuses.

NOVAK: Among the Blacks?

HOGAN: Well, I don't know among the Blacks. I don't know if this is true, but I'm sure it hasn't been exclusively. If there are Black power groups who are dedicated to revolutionary activities, and bombings, and police snipings, I think the FBI ought to know what's going on.

NOVAK: You're not accusing Black student unions of that?
HOGAN: I'm not accusing anyone, but I'm just saying that for the FBI to carry on its responsibilities, it ought to know what radical revolutionaries are doing, whether they be Black, red, or white.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. Edwards, I'd like to know what you, as a liberal, think the FBI ought to be doing. One--do you think the FBI should maintain surveillance over the Black Panthers?

EDWARDS: The FBI should maintain appropriate surveillance in accordance with the statutes which we have enacted over any groups that is...has as its object the overthrow of the United States.

ANNOUNCER: So you think, unlike some of your colleagues in the ADA, that the FBI does have a legitimate function in the political and security area apart from catching bank robbers and auto thieves.

EDWARDS: Of course it has, and by Federal law it has that responsibility and it must comply.

ANNOUNCER: Do you think that the FBI should maintain surveillance over members of Congress who may be in some way connected with any of these organizations, who may be speakers, for example, at their rallies?

EDWARDS: No, I think that members of Congress are not entitled to any privileges that are not those of the American...
public in general. So, if a Congressman is involved in any possible illegal activity, then certainly he should be investigated by the FBI.

NOVAK: Congressman Hogan, do you feel that the FBI should be allowed to investigate the private lives of leaders of civil rights groups, such as the private life of Martin Luther King which we know was investigated by the FBI?

HOGAN: No, I don't think they should, and I think what we have to recognize here is the information to which you're alluding came as a result of a wiretap in an internal security case.

NOVAK: Which was much more than a wiretap, sir.

HOGAN: Well, you know more than I do then, but I don't think that anyone, because they are prominent should be exempt from the same type of investigative scrutiny that the average citizen has. Why should someone because they are prominent...

ANNOUNCER: I think the point of Bob's question is, should that type of material be then widely disseminated and...

EDWARDS: Absolutely not, under no circumstances should it be. You have to recognize that the only time the FBI should conduct any kind of investigation is where there is a violation of Federal law, or a potential violation of
Federal law, or falls within the other responsibilities of the Agency. During the course of that investigation, you might gather information which is not vital to the prosecutive action, but you don't discard that.

NOVAK: What can the Congress do to stop the passing along of juicy tidbits of gossip by Special Agents in Charge in the field to the Director, which then went to the... in recent past...to the President of the United States. Do you think that Congress ought to establish some safeguards so that the powers of the FBI are not so abused?

HOGAN: If this is done...I think it's reprehensible...I don't think it should go on...I don't know how Congress would control that...That's a human frailty, like women gossiping over the backyard fence. That's deplorable. But, I don't see how we can legislate to protect it.

NOVAK: Well, it's been common knowledge in the Bureau, that it's been done. Isn't that true, Mr. Hogan?

HOGAN: It's not common knowledge to me. Of course, I was only in ten years.

NOVAK: Mr. Edwards, do you have any suggestions as to what Congress might do to put a stop to what is common knowledge to many of us, but apparently not to Congressman Hogan? Namely, the dissemination of private
sex information on the private lives of some of our civil rights leaders and some of our sports figures and of some of our actors and actresses in this country?

EDWARDS: Well, if that is taking place, and I've heard of an instance or two, but not widespread violations...

NOVAK: But, presumably one instance is bad enough.

EDWARDS: Yes, it is bad enough and I reiterate that Congress has been derelict in its oversight of the FBI. The House Judiciary Committee should have hearings from time to time and ask them what they are doing. Ask them what their practices are and call individual Agents before the Committee.

NOVAK: Is your problem your Chairman? Is that why you're not getting anywhere with legislative oversight of the FBI?

EDWARDS: Well, up until the death of Mr. Hoover, a portion of it was that Mr. Hoover refused to come to Congress except to Mr. Rooney's subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. He refused to go to the Senate and he insisted on having his testimony in secret, and I might add, that most of the employees, 65 percent of this particular committee, go to the FBI...the employees of the committee are 65 percent FBI employees.
HOGAN: Could I comment on that? I, as a member of Congress, resent the implication that we are somehow not doing what we're supposed to do with regard to a Government agency. The Appropriations Committee has to approve the FBI budget every year as part of the Department of Justice's (budget). Now, do we have this kind of scrutiny with the Bureau of Narcotics, the Bureau of Customs, with the Office of Equal Opportunity? We don't hone in and pinpoint every activity of other agencies.

ANNOUNCER: (Unintelligible questions concerning FBI's budget not being cut.)

HOGAN: That's not the question. He's talking about wholesale scrutiny and surveillance over the FBI's activities. We don't do that with other agencies. We do approve appropriations.

NOVAK: Mr. Hogan, isn't there a tremendous neglect of duty by Congress that you have never even had one line of testimony about the international operations of the FBI which they have no legislative mandate for. Isn't that a failing?

HOGAN: Well, I don't know that that's true. They have liaison men with the police agencies in various governments. Why do they need legislative authority for this when it's part of the FBI's administrative activities. I'm
on the Post Office and the Civil Service Committee, and
I've only been in Congress three years. We've had, on
at least five occasions, representatives of the FBI
testify. Other committees do as well.

ANNOUNCER: A question that must philosophically trouble a lot of
people who visit Washington. We watch the FBI building
going up on Pennsylvania Avenue. It is going to be the
second...third largest Government building in Washington,
smaller only than the Pentagon and the Rayburn Office
Building. Do we need such an enormous national police
building and operation in this country for our safety
and our well-being?

HOGAN: Well, I resent the words "national police" because...

ANNOUNCER: I'll strike the word...Federal Bureau...

HOGAN: OK, but we have to recognize we have billions of finger-
prints on file and that's occupying one separate building.
The FBI's facilities are now occupying about four
different buildings...

ANNOUNCER: Did you say billions?

HOGAN: Billions. Yes, fingerprint cards.

NOVAK: They show more people than there are in the United States.

HOGAN: There are multiple people there and there are also people
who are dead. There are also aliens in there. This all
puts it in one building.

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I'd like Mr. Edwards' answer also.

I think that it's a mistake to have in the Nation's Capitol an FBI building that dwarfs the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice is the boss, the FBI is a part of it, and I think it would have been better if it had been a less pretentious building.

The building isn't really what's important here. I mean, it's the function of the organization itself. After all, if you're going to have a large national police, or whatever you're going to call the FBI, you do need a decent place for them to work.

Yes, that is correct.

We have one minute left. Do you think, though, that the FBI operation is dwarfing the Department of Justice, and should it?

No, it certainly should not. To a great extent, it has in the past few years, because it has acted independently from the Justice Department, and that's a great mistake. During the last six months of Robert Kennedy's tenure as Attorney General he did not have any words at all with Mr. Hoover.

We have less than 30 seconds left. I just want to ask you for sort of a one-word answer. Do you think now that with this changeover that the Justice Department will get more
control over the FBI than it's had in the past?

Mr. Edwards...

EDWARDS: I think it is essential that it do.

HOGAN: I think we're contradicting the point that was made earlier. You're saying now that it should have more control under a political appointee, which is the converse of what was said when we opened this program.

ANNOUNCER: OK, and on that rather complex note we have to sign off. Thank you gentlemen very much for being with us today on "Face the Nation."
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop

FROM: M. A. Jones

DATE: 5-8-72

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF CONGRESSMEN
DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.) AND
LAWRENCE J. HOGAN (R-MD.)
ON "FACE THE NATION"
MAY 7, 1972

Congressmen Edwards and Hogan were interviewed on "Face the Nation" by George Herman, CBS News; Robert Novak, CBS News; and Robert Pierpoint, CBS White House Correspondent. The initial question was whether or not President Nixon should have appointed an Acting Director. Congressman Edwards said that the appointee should be confirmed and it was not the intent of the Senate to leave an Acting Director in this position for half a year without being confirmed. Mr. Hogan said it was perfectly proper to appoint an interim Director to prevent the FBI from becoming a political football in an election year.

Mr. Hogan was asked if it was fair to have the President's political advisor as head of the FBI and Hogan replied that the FBI Director has always been an appointee of the President through the Attorney General. He felt that Mr. Gray was an ideal choice for the job at least until we see what the transition from the Hoover era will bring. He also pointed out that the President could not be expected to appoint a "political enemy" to the position of Director. Mr. Hogan felt that the Director should at least have the qualifications of an Agent, that Mr. Gray has, and if he does a good job he probably will be appointed, and perhaps should be.

Mr. Edwards said that no Director should serve more than six years because there are too many chances for excess power and whoever is appointed should not be from within the FBI. Mr. Hogan stated that he felt it was not appropriate to name a fixed number of years but the Director should serve at the will of the President and "aloof from politics" and he pointed out that Mr. Gray was making a great effort to divorce himself from politics.
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RE: APPEARANCE OF CONGRESSMEN DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.) AND LAWRENCE J. HOGAN (R-MD.) ON "FACE THE NATION" MAY 7, 1972

Mr. Novak referred to heavy investigations of anti-war groups and asked Edwards if he would agree the FBI was non-political. Edwards said that the FBI was non-political when he was in it but in the past few years had become connected with politics. He claimed that Mr. Hoover had written two letters used as recommendations in Senatorial races and the FBI has an obsessive concern with student and black unrest rather than concentrating on international problems.

Hogan said he could not let that statement go unchallenged and pointed out that it was not political to investigate people bombing the Capitol and blowing up ROTC buildings and banks and he felt the FBI has been aloof from politics. Novak stated that Mr. Hoover had very close relations with several Presidents including President Johnson. Hogan explained it was normal for Mr. Hoover to be friendly with Presidents and he had no knowledge of Mr. Hoover helping the political fortunes of any incumbent President.

Edwards said the FBI has immense responsibilities, that 25,000 to 30,000 fingerprints are received daily and information entered into the data banks of the FBI. He said the need for respect of constitutional liberties is huge and the power of the FBI should be constantly scrutinized by Congress. He said that had not been done in the past because of Senate procedures including the seniority system and the fear that taking on Mr. Hoover was like taking on motherhood. He said part of the FBI was good and part not so good. He said that in the data processing field and the fingerprint identification field there had been inaccuracies and it was out of control as cited in the decision of Judge Menard. He also claimed the FBI was very bad on race relations, that it had fewer than 100 brown and black Agents and no women. Hogan stated that the FBI was zealous in its protection of civil rights. Novak claimed that Mr. Hoover had ordered the infiltration of all black student unions but did not order infiltration of white student organizations. Hogan pointed out
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that the FBI had certainly investigated SDS and other revolutionary organizations. Edwards said it was appropriate for the FBI to surveill organizations advocating overthrow of the Government and also that members of Congress should certainly not be exempt from investigation if they are violating the law.

Novak asked if the FBI should be permitted to investigate the private lives of civil rights leaders as in the case of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hogan replied that it definitely should not, but it should be remembered that the information alluded to was the result of a wiretap in an internal security case. He said that no one should be exempt from investigation simply because they are prominent. Often in an investigation information is obtained which is not essential to the prosecution but it is not simply discarded. Novak asked about the alleged practice of SACs gathering juicy tidbits and passing them along to the Director. Hogan said that if this was done it is reprehensible but it is something that cannot be legislated. Novak claimed it was common knowledge to everyone that this was done and Hogan replied it was not common knowledge to him. Novak then addressed a question to Edwards asking if he could suggest what Congress could do put a stop to what is common knowledge to most of us but not to Mr. Hogan, the dissemination of sex information on civil rights leaders, sports figures, actresses, and actors. Edwards replied that he had heard of one or two instances but did not believe practice was widespread. He said Congress has been derelict in its oversight of the FBI. He said that Mr. Hoover had refused to appear before Congressional bodies other than the Appropriations Committee and then much of his testimony was secret. Mr. Hogan said he resented the implication that Congress was not doing what it should do and pointed out that Congress did not zero in on other Federal investigative agencies in the manner it is being proposed to investigate the FBI.

Novak said that it was a tremendous neglect of duty by Congress that it had never investigated the overseas operations of the FBI. Hogan replied that he did not see why a legislative mandate was required since these were merely liaison men and part of the administrative activities of the FBI.
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MAY 7, 1972

There was then some talk on the size of the new FBI building and Edwards said that it was essential for the Justice Department to have more control over the FBI. Hogan said that this was a contradiction from Edwards' statement in the beginning of the program, because in the beginning he said the FBI should not be under the control of a political appointee but he was now saying that the Justice Department, which is under the control of a political appointee, should have more control over the FBI.

Congressman Hogan entered on duty as a clerk on 8-30-48 and was appointed a Special Agent on 6-28-54. He voluntarily resigned on 10-17-58 and has been a staunch supporter of the FBI.

Congressman Edwards was appointed as a Special Agent on 12-16-40 and voluntarily resigned on 12-27-41. He has frequently criticized the Bureau in the past.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

ADDENDUM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BISHOP
5/8/72 TEB:asg

In accordance with Mr. Felt's instructions, Bishop contacted Congressman Hogan on 5/8/72 and advised him that Mr. Gray had attempted to reach him on Sunday, 5/7/72, to commend him on his appearance on the above-captioned program and to thank him for the very capable manner in which he had defended the FBI. Mr. Hogan advised that he was aware that Mr. Gray had been attempting to reach him on 5/7/72, was sorry that he was not available on that date, and that he is going to return Mr. Gray's call on 5/8/72.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Kinley
FROM: D. W. Bowers

DATE: 2/1/73

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR BRIEFING ON FBI CRIMINAL ARREST RECORD PROCEDURES
FEBRUARY 7, 1973, 10 A.M.

Alan Parker, Counsel of Subcommittee Number Four, chaired by Congressman Don Edwards (D-Calif.), called on 1/31/73, and advised that Congressman Edwards would appreciate a briefing for Congressional members of the Subcommittee on FBI Criminal-Arrest Record Operations and Procedures at 10 a.m., 2/7/73, at the Identification Division Building. Parker stated the Subcommittee would be primarily interested in the process of receiving, maintaining and disseminating of records. This request is in connection with Congressman Edwards' Bill, H.R. 188, which was introduced on 1/3/73. The same Bill was introduced in the 92nd Congress by Edwards and contains a series of provisions, previously highlighted, objectionable to the FBI. Briefly these related to limited exchange of identification data to law enforcement officials only, destruction of arrest records which contain no felony conviction after a two-year period, revealing the names of persons to whom identification records have been disseminated for a six-month period prior to receipt of such a request, and requiring law enforcement officials to obtain a court order to maintain an arrest record without a felony conviction beyond the two-year period.

Through the Department all of these objections were presented to the Subcommittee in testimony during hearings on the Bill on 3/23/72. During the period of the hearings, a few staff members of the Subcommittee were given a tour of the Identification Division and a briefing on its operations, and they appeared to be impressed with our procedures and had mentioned that it might be beneficial to members of the Subcommittee to see the operations.

1 - Mr. Purvis
1 - Mr. Soyars
1 - Mr. Armstrong
1 - Mr. Bowers
J. W. Bowers to Mr. Kinley
RE: REQUEST BY HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE

Parker stated that those to be included in the briefing would be the nine Subcommittee members and himself. He explained that there was a possibility, of course, that some of the Congressmen might not be able to attend. Aside from Chairman Edwards, the other Democratic members are Congressmen Jerome R. Waldie (Calif.), Paul S. Sarbanes (Md.), Robert F. Drinan (Mass.), and Charles B. Rangel (N.Y.). The Republican members are Congressmen Charles E. Wiggins (Calif.), Robert McClory (Ill.), Trent Lott (Miss.), and M. Caldwell Butler (Va.).

We have had friendly and cordial relations with Congressmen Wiggins and McClory. Congressmen Lott and Butler are new Representatives elected in November, 1972, and a courtesy visit was made with Butler by the Congressional Services Office on 1/30/73. Our relations with Congressman Sarbanes have been somewhat limited; however, he has never indicated close support of the Bureau. Chairman Edwards was employed as an SA from 12/16/40 to 12/27/41. Over the years, he has exhibited hostility toward the FBI and our dealings with him are most circumspect. Likewise, Congressman Waldie's attitude to the FBI has been unpredictable and he has opposed legislation relating to liberal retirement benefits for FBI employees. Congressman Drinan, since elected to Congress in 1970, at times has been critical of the Bureau, but contacts with him have been limited. Congressman Rangel, a Black Representative from New York City, has had some contacts and relations with known Black extremist organizations. He was elected to Congress in 1970 and there is no indication as to what his feelings are concerning this proposed legislation.

OBSERVATIONS:

The possibility exists that the briefing requested could probably result in some purpose or action unfavorable to the FBI. However, inasmuch as a similar visit was provided certain staff members of the Subcommittee last year and there appears to be no logical basis on which the request can be denied, it would appear that arrangements for the briefing should be made and that we take this opportunity to highlight the outstanding features of our present operations in the handling of criminal arrest records.
O. W. Bowers to Mr. Kinley Memo

RE: REQUEST BY HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) That Assistant Director Purvis and his staff make arrangements to provide a briefing for Congressional members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee Number Four at 10 a.m. on February 7, 1973, in the Identification Division Building.

2) That Counsel Alan Parker be advised that the FBI will be pleased to hold a briefing for the Subcommittee at 10 a.m. on February 7, 1973, at the FBI Identification Division Building.

1 & 2 Approved,
but clear with DJ
& notifying Mr.
Parker.

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1:05 P.M.

Clear'd by Deputy AG 2:15 p.m.

Subcom. Counsel Parker
advised 3:25 p.m., 2/5/73 CRF.

Asst. Dir. Purvis advised 2:20 p.m.
2/5/73 CRF

Asst. Dir. Purvis advised 1:55 p.m.
2-5-73, that Mr. Gray would sit in on briefing.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM: R. L. Shackelford

DATE: 8/29/72

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW)
INTERNAL SECURITY - REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE:

To advise of information developed indicating that President Nixon will visit San Jose, California, during 9/72. Based on this information a meeting was held in San Jose to form a coalition of extremist groups in the San Jose area to plan a hostile reception for the President. Our San Francisco informant advised that available information concerning President Nixon's activities has been furnished to Secret Service and intensive efforts continuing to follow his activities.

BACKGROUND:

On 8/1/72 a San Francisco informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that President Nixon will visit San Jose, California, during 9/72. Based on this information a meeting was held in San Jose to form a coalition of extremist groups in San Jose area to plan a hostile reception for the President. Our San Francisco informant advised that available information concerning has been furnished to Secret Service and intensive efforts continuing to follow his activities.

At a further meeting just held in San Jose to make plans for demonstrations against President Nixon, our San Francisco informant determined that President Nixon's...
Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller  
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War  
100-448092

trip to San Jose for 9/72 has been canceled, possibly because a large demonstration was planned. Our informant learned that this information, as well as other "good information from Washington," had come from Our San Francisco Office has determined through pretext inquiry that Bureau indices and indices of San Francisco Office negative regarding

OBSERVATIONS:

Congressman Edwards is former Special Agent who served from 12/16/40 to 12/27/41 and in recent years has adopted extremely critical and hostile attitude toward Bureau. Edwards has accused FBI of every form of improper practice, including FBI investigation of congressmen, including Edwards, and other political interference. It is quite possible that if Edwards were contacted concerning activities of such information would be used by him as ammunition for further accusations that FBI is investigating congressmen, and in this case specifically Edwards. Further, considering Edwards' antivwar sympathies, it is not inconceivable that is acting with full knowledge of Edwards. In addition, contact with Edwards regarding this matter could compromise our investigative interest in VVAV and could possibly lead to the compromise of our San Francisco informant. For these reasons, it is felt that no contact should be made with Congressman Edwards regarding this matter. However, in view of the fact that information has been leaked concerning the activities and travels of the President, this matter should be orally discussed with high-level official of Secret Service and consideration given to Secret Service contact with Edwards concerning the potential danger to the President if advance information is released concerning the President's itinerary.

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100-448092

Our San Francisco Office is also being instructed to immediately furnish information developed regarding to local authorities in the event action can be taken against for

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That no contact be made with Congressman Edwards regarding this matter.

(2) That representatives of Domestic Intelligence Division contact appropriate high-level official of Secret Service to discuss this matter.

(3) That attached teletype to San Francisco instructing that information regarding be immediately disseminated to local police be approved and sent.

RLP

Wee EM/TSS

JAN 4, 1973
Memorandum

TO: MR. MOHR  
DATE: 3-28-72

FROM: L. M. Walters

SUBJECT: TOUR OF IDENTIFICATION BUILDING  
CHIEF COUNSEL AND ASSISTANT COUNSEL  
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, 3-29-72

You will recall in hearings before House Judiciary Subcommittee No. 4 on 3-23-72 when Associate Deputy Attorney General Donald E. Santarelli presented testimony and was accompanied by Section Chief Beverly E. Ponder of Identification Division, some interest was expressed of having a tour of Ident and observing the manual fingerprint record keeping process. Committee Counsel were assured they would be welcome and could communicate later for a definite appointment. The testimony presented was in opposition to the Bill introduced by Subcommittee Chairman Don Edwards (D - Calif.), former FBI agent, which is the Bill (H. R. 13315) that would severely limit maintenance and dissemination of arrest records for law enforcement purposes, as well as for applicant checking.

...of the Legislative and Legal Section of the Department advised this morning that he had received a telephonic request from Subcommittee Chairman and his Assistant Counsel, Jerome M. Zeifman, on the afternoon of 3-29-72. (No derogatory information Bureau files on either).

The tour for the Chief Counsel and Assistant Counsel of this Committee will be most beneficial in conveying to them demonstrable clarification of the voluminous and complex operations involved in our manual system. While this was explained fully by the Department in the testimony submitted on this legislation, the tremendous work regularly processed through the Division always has a substantial impact upon visitors actually seeing the operation.

ACTION TAKEN

was advised he could inform that he would be welcome to tour Ident 3-29-72. You will be informed of any observations of interest in connection with this tour.

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Dalbey

LMW:nmr  
(5)
By letter dated 8/9/71, the San Francisco Division advised that the captioned individual has a nephew in the Washington, D.C. (WDC) area, i.e. who resides in the WDC. San Francisco also advised

Upon interview, a white male, age WDC, advised that he could furnish no information concerning the subject's whereabouts, but stated that the subject's brother, who lives somewhere in Northern Virginia, would be the individual that the subject would most likely to maintain contact with. added that, although he did not know the exact whereabouts of Judge DON EDWARDS, Democrat - California, would certainly know of location.

added that Congress EDWARDS, is a former Special Agent of the FBI.
TO: Mr. Bishop
FROM: M. A. Jones
DATE: 11-10-70

SUBJECT: FORMER FBI EMPLOYEES IN THE SENATE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNORSHIPS

As a matter of information, set forth below is a list of the former Bureau personnel who now are in the House of Representatives, Senate or a Governorship (as result of recent elections):

SENATOR
None

GOVERNOR
Cahill, William T. (R - N.J.)

REPRESENTATIVES
Burleson, Omar (D - Tex.)
Danielson, George E. (D - Calif.)
Denholm, Frank (D - S. Dak.)
Devine, Samuel L. (R - Ohio)
Edmondson, Ed (D - Okla.)
Edwards, W. Donlon (D-Calif.)
Hogan, Lawrence J. (R - Md.)
Mayne, Wiley (R - Iowa)
Smith, H. Allen (R - Calif.)
Wyatt, Wendell (R - Ore.)

CLERICAL
Repr. Garry E. Brown (R - Mich.)
Repr. Harold L. Runnels (D - N. Mex.)
Repr. Robert O. Tiernan (D - R. I.)

All of the above are favorable toward the Bureau with the exception of Congressman Edwards of California who, as you know, has been a frequent Bureau critic.

RECOMMENDATION:
For information.

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Jones

JAN 24, 1978
Honorable Don Edwards  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congressman:

Your letter of January 8, 1968, has been received. The allegation made to which you refer in your letter, was discussed with the U.S. Attorney in San Francisco who advised that no Federal criminal violation was involved. Therefore, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted no investigation in this matter and the facts were furnished to the Regional Office, Comptroller of the Currency, San Francisco, California.

Your interest in bringing this matter to the attention of this Bureau is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director  

NOTE: Don Edwards (D), Congressman, 9th District, California, in his 1/8/68 letter referred to a complaint received from [redacted] by SAA [redacted], assigned to Hayward Resident Agency, San Francisco office. This related to matter captioned "Unknown Subjects, Alleged Irregularity in Operations, "  

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Honorable Don Edwards  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

NOTE: (continued)

Central Valley National Bank, Oakland, California, Federal Reserve Act. Alleged that Central Valley National Bank officials declined business loans unless the borrower would purchase stock in a subsidiary of that bank known as Small Business Investors Corporation. Congressman Edwards' constituent, former Assistant Cashier, Livermore National Bank, Livermore, California, informed he considered this activity to be illegal. The USA, San Francisco, stated no Federal criminal violation was involved. No investigation was conducted and the matter was referred to the Regional Office, Comptroller of the Currency, San Francisco, 12/18/67.

According to Bureau file 67-174350, Congressman Edwards, a former Bureau Agent from 12/16/40 to 12/27/41, has been a persistent critic of the FBI over the years. In view of his critical attitude toward the Bureau, he has been recently characterized as "one of our worst enemies." (1-10160-226)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have received information regarding the possibility of breaches of the law in connection with a bank in Livermore, California. My constituent has contacted [redacted] in your Hayward Office and I believe has also talked with Mr. John O'Beirne in Washington.

I have no first hand knowledge of the validity of the allegation made by [redacted] my constituent, but I assured him that I would bring this to your attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress

DE:1db
November 17, 1965

Dear [illegible],

Your letter of November 12th, with enclosures, has been received and I want to thank you for your interest in writing.

You may be sure I appreciate your thoughtfulness in furnishing me your observations and comments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:
Congressman W. Donlon Edwards was a Special Agent from 12-16-40 to 12-27-41 when he resigned. He has been known to have made critical remarks regarding the Bureau.
Anti-HUAC Congressmen Are Upheld by Voters

VOTING for abolition of the House Un-American Committee was "no kiss of death" for 20 congressmen. All of them were re-elected and in many cases with heavier majorities. So noted an editorial of the Dec. 15 "Advance" official paper of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. The editorial follows:

"In 1963, when the appropriation for the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) came up for a vote, 20 congressmen voted in opposition. They were immediately marked for political extinction by the hysterical right wing.

"It is good to report that all 20 of them were re-elected in the Nov. 3 election, most of them by even higher pluralities than they received in 1962. The time when voting against budgetary appropriations for HUAC was a kiss of death has ended. Perhaps the time is approaching when the committee itself will be abolished, or, at the very least, forced to adopt ground rules and methods more in keeping with our American standards of fair play.

"Be that as it may, hats off to the courageous 20: Thomas L. Ashley, Ohio; George E. Brown, Jr., Philip Burton, W. Donlon Edwards, James Roosevelt and Edward R. Roybal, all of California; Charles C. Diggs, Jr., John R. Dingell and Lucien N. Nedzi, of Michigan; Robert B. Duncan and Edith Green, of Oregon; Leonard Farbstein, John V. Lindsay, Abraham J. Multer, Benjamin S. Rosenthal and William Pitts Ryan, all of New York; Donald M. Frasier, Minnesota; Henry B. Gonzalez, Texas; Robert W. Kastenmeier, Wisconsin, and Barratt O'Hara, Illinois. May their ranks increase."

THE WORKER, JANUARY 12, 1965
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gale
FROM: W. V. Cleveland
DATE: 6/17/65

SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS

On June 16, 1965, we received a request from the Civil Service Commission to conduct an investigation of Congressman, Don Edwards (Democrat of California), who is a former Bureau Agent. The congressman's true name is William Donlan Edwards and he was employed as a Special Agent from 12/16/40 to 12/27/41 when he voluntarily resigned.

Patrick Thomas Hancock, former security index subject was one of Congressman Edwards' campaign managers in 1962. Congressman Edwards employed Wayne Richard Hultgren in the Valley Title Company of San Jose, California. Hultgren and his wife, Ruth, were identified as Communist Party members. Applicant's stepfather, John Henry Merryman, has been affiliated with Communist Party front groups.

Basis of referral of this case to the Bureau is that Congressman Edwards was born in San Francisco, California, and is a graduate of ___________. He lists his stepfather as ___________.

Basis of referral of this case to the Bureau is that Congressman Edwards was a civil rights worker in Mississippi in 1964. Congressman Edwards visited his son in Mississippi and stated "there is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi Project." It is noted Congressman Edwards has a record of voting for abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

ACTION: AUG 23, 1965

The application of ___________ is being processed, files are being reviewed and the investigation is being sent to the field. The field has been instructed they should not conduct investigation in a manner which will leave impression we are conducting investigation of Congressman Edwards. You will be advised of any unusual developments.
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Clyde Tolson

Note and Return

Edwando is the new head of the American Democratic Association.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. DE LOACH

Judge Edward A. Tamm called and advised he had heard an amazing story this afternoon. He stated that Congressman, Don Edwards, who is described as a former FBI Agent, is very hostile to the Bureau and has introduced a bill or resolution to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Judge Tamm continued that it is reported that the bill or resolution was written in a hotel across the street from the House Office Building and present at the drafting of the bill were Wilkinson, a convicted communist, and Mr. and Mrs. Braden, who formerly operated a communist school in Georgia. Judge Tamm stated it sounded so odd to him that an ex-FBI Agent would be associating with that kind of people. I stated I did not know what district he came from and Judge Tamm stated he was listed as from San Jose in the Congressional Directory. He stated he could not understand why anybody who was mad at the FBI would think he was accomplishing anything by abolishing the HCUA. I inquired if he had mentioned the FBI in the bill and Judge Tamm stated that apparently he did not.

Judge Tamm stated that the name Wilkinson meant nothing to him and he stated he was convicted and the Bradens have always been active in communism. Judge Tamm stated the three are supposed to have collaborated with Edwards in a hotel room across from the House Office Building in writing the resolution and he thought that might be of some interest to me.

I stated it is because there is an intensive drive on to abolish the HCUA or to cut its appropriations materially. I stated they have already lined up 13 Congressmen in opposition to it led by Jimmy Roosevelt, who has always opposed it. I stated there is a delegation coming down from New York week after next to try to line up Congressmen to abolish the HCUA and we have already advised the Committee of that possibility. I stated I was glad to have this as there are three or four Congressmen, former Agents, who are high class fellows and from California and perhaps one of them can get to Edwards and try to pull his fangs.
January 14, 1965

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Sullivan, DeLoach

Judge Tamm stated this information comes from a high class fellow, with contacts on the Hill and Judge Tamm thought this was more than gossip. Judge Tamm stated his informant was not the type that would come to him with this type of thing if it were gossip and if it becomes essential he can pass the name on later. I stated I thought it could be taken care of without bringing the Bureau or anybody else into the picture.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Room 5640  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

I am sorry if you found my letter offensive. It was not so intended. I have always been proud of my former employment with the Bureau and count myself as one of its friends.

The subject of my letter is of no great importance to me. I thought you might be interested because it concerns your procedures. I would be glad to discuss the matter personally with you or someone else from the Bureau at any time.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards  
Member of Congress
January 21, 1965

MR. MOHR:

William Donald Edwards

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Chairman Edwin Willis of the captioned Committee called me this morning. He had received what he termed to be reliable information indicating Congressman Don Edwards, former FBI Agent who served approximately 11 months in our service, had met at the Congressional Hotel with two communists by the name of Braden and Wilkinson. I told the Chairman in confidence that we had received the same information. The Chairman told me that he understood that Congressman Edwards drafted a bill to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) during the meeting. I told him this was our understanding.

Chairman Willis mentioned that he plans to handle the above information in a discreet manner. He stated he had discussed it with Judge Howard Smith, Chairman of the House Rules Committee. There are 7 bills before the House at the present time to abolish the HCUA. Last year there were also 7 bills introduced for the same purpose. Only one was brought to the floor of the House. This bill received only 20 affirmative votes. Chairman Willis has asked Judge Howard Smith to consider the 7 current bills and to hold hearings regarding Congressman Edward's specific bill. Edwards will be called before Judge Smith's Committee, of which Congressman and former Agent H. Allen Smith is a ranking member. At this time Edwards will be asked questions concerning his association with communists in attempting to abolish the HCUA. Judge Smith will later release the testimony, proving that the communists are guiding various Congressmen in an attempt to abolish the HCUA.

Chairman Willis will keep us advised regarding this matter.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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C. D. DE LOACH
Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Room 5640
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

I recall your kindness in visiting my office and extending a welcome shortly after my election in 1962. I am therefore writing you personally about this matter which came up in the election just passed. My opponent came up with some information that could only have been obtained from my personnel file at the Bureau. He quoted a telegram sent by me to Mr. Hoover on or about December 8, 1941. It would seem to me that this information should not have been furnished to my opponent, and I am somewhat disturbed that it was.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Member of Congress
November 16, 1964

Honorable W. Donlon Edwards
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I am astonished by the accusation you made in your letter of November 9th. You are very badly mistaken in your claim that the FBI made information concerning you available to your opponent in the recent election. I know this for several reasons.

For one thing, I doubt seriously that anyone in this Bureau had even the slightest interest in the outcome of your campaign and, consequently, would have no reason to be guilty of the tactics you so gratuitously accuse us of. For another, we do not play ball in that manner, not being a political organization.

As you should certainly know, information contained in FBI files is confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. It is only made available to authorized individuals. I am quite sure that your opponent, whoever he may have been, did not fall into that category. 

If you have any specific facts to back up your allegation that we have violated the Department's rules, I would appreciate your giving me the benefit of them.

Sincerely yours,
NOTE: Edwards was a Special Agent from 12/16/40 to 12/27/41, when he voluntarily resigned to accept a position with his father's title company at San Jose, California. In 1962 he was elected to Congress, using as one of his campaign managers, Patrick T. Hancock, a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. In February, 1963, Edwards was among those who voted to trim funds of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was among those who worked on civil rights in Mississippi this past summer. Edwards visited him and was quoted as saying "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi project." He refers to his former FBI service at every opportunity and used it as a basis for criticizing the Bureau in June, 1964, when he deplored the fact that FBI Agents were not making arrests of those who Edwards claimed were violating the rights of civil rights demonstrators in the presence of these Agents. The telegram he is probably referring to was sent to the Director on 12/8/41, requesting that his resignation from the FBI be canceled and that he be given an immediate transfer to the San Francisco Office because of the necessity of looking after his family. This was refused by telegram dated 12/9/41.
SAC Moore of the Jackson Office has furnished the following information concerning the up-to-date picture of coverage in the McComb, Mississippi, area.

There are now on assignment in McComb 14 Special Agents temporarily housed in Room #1 of the State Theater Building, 221 State Street, McComb, Mississippi. No Agents have had any holidays, week ends or annual leave since the beginning of the Summer. Overtime has fluctuated between six and eight hours daily. The McComb Police Department is comprised of 20 individuals including two Negro officers.

There are regularly assigned six to eight Mississippi Highway Patrolmen in the Brookhaven area, 24 miles from McComb, and usually four other Highway Patrolmen covering Pike County. According to reliable racial informants, 80 per cent of the Mississippi Highway Patrol in that area at one time were in the Klan but have since been sworn out as Governor Johnson has made the statement he would fire any Mississippi Highway Patrolman he found to be a Klansman. The Jackson Office has furnished the Governor the names of several Mississippi Highway Patrolman who were Klansmen and he had them dismissed.

Since the opening of the Jackson Office, being operational since August 17, 1964, we have made seven penetrations of the Klan. One, the best informant in the State, being of a top echelon variety. According to this informant, he is positive there are at least 200 Klansmen in the McComb area of which this office has the names of 125.

The Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) Office in McComb has been staffed with a variety of people during the summer. The Jackson Office has reported that of 700 COFO workers in the State of Mississippi during the summer, they have positive subversive references on 189. The COFO Office in McComb has often times called on matters that when checked could not be verified. They have read press releases to Agents in McComb which they intended to give out involving certain matters, in order to exert pressure.
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

C. C. Bryant, President, McComb Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), steward, railroad union, brags of his "direct line" to representatives of the Department and has on at least six different occasions furnished us alleged violations of civil rights laws that when investigated were found to be unfounded. Bryant advised an Agent on September 24, 1964, that he was telephoning the following named persons requesting legal assistance in making bond for Negro juveniles among 19 Negroes currently in Pike County Jail, Magnolia, Mississippi: Clarence Mitchell, Director, Washington Bureau of NAACP; Dr. Aaron Henry, Mississippi State President, NAACP, Clarksdale, Mississippi; NAACP Field Representative, Mississippi; and (First Name Unknown) Hall, attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

We have been most prompt in our arrivals at the scenes of those explosions which have occurred in the McComb area, many times being first on the scene. Prior to establishment of the Resident Agency there, the men were housed in the Holiday Inn. A recent explosion involved the home of and Agents were first on the scene. SA Frank Ford and those assisting him had to depart due to missiles being hurled at them and their cars. Ford was hit on the right hand by a rock. The victim has convictions since 1955 for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages, all were of a local nature. It is alleged by local police she is a prostitute. It was she who recently visited the President and made complaints against SA Ford to the Department representatives. Federal prosecution for assaulting Agent Ford is presently under consideration.

The reason the Sheriff's Office and the Chief of Police at McComb have been picking up so many Negroes is that they have statements from certain Negroes wherein the parties named in the affidavits and warrants issued have been identified as taking part in the violence committed by the unruly mob of Negroes which gathered at the scene of the residence at on the night of 9-20-64, when the dynamiting occurred. These statements described the activities of individuals involved as throwing bricks and other objects, being in possession of firearms and cursing officers on the scene. A Highway Patrolman advised he personally was present when SA Frank Ford identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI, that he was on the scene to help them and pleaded with the mob to disperse so the officers could continue investigation. SA Ford was jeered, cursed and struck on the right hand. Standing adjacent to SA Ford was Chief of Police Guy, McComb Police Department. As the mob became more unruly, it was necessary for officers in the interest of personal safety and to avoid bloodshed to leave the area until the mob had dispersed.
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

During the evening of 9-24-64, Agents of the Jackson Office observed a Klan meeting near Crystal Springs wherein 17 cars bearing approximately 30 Klansmen appeared. The meeting took place with armed guards on top of the meeting house and outside. It is the definite opinion that appropriate coverage of future meetings will be afforded both in person and otherwise as has been authorized by the Bureau.

Jackson also states that up to 9-24-64, had furnished the names of perpetrators of three prior acts of violence occurring this Summer. This is being checked out. It will be recalled Henry Dee and Charlie Moore are the persons whose half bodies were removed from the Mississippi River July 12-13, 1964. The informant has furnished information re this which Jackson is attempting to verify.

In addition to the above, I also spoke to Burke Marshall concerning the comment in the news dispatch and indicated that it would appear that the comments are more than just happenstance. Marshall stated that he had been aware of this and that Congressman William Fitts Ryan (D. - New York) and Congressman Burton of California are concerned, and they are wild ones. He said they and others apparently are repeating comments that had been made by Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) people which heretofore have been brought to the attention of the Bureau concerning Agent Frank Ford. These allegations were to the effect that Ford had stated the FBI force in Southern Mississippi had been reduced and these cases are handled by local authorities. It is recalled we checked out these allegations and found them to be totally without foundation in fact. I advised Burke Marshall of this.

He also advised Congressman Edwards of California (Congressman Edwards is William Donlon Edwards who was a Special Agent from 12-16-40 to 12-27-41) has also joined with Burton above. He voluntarily submitted his resignation to accept a position with his father's title company at San Jose, California. He was elected to Congress in November, 1962, and one of his campaign managers was a security index subject of the San Francisco Office. In June, 1964, Edwards, Ryan, Congresswoman Green and Congressman Nix (D. - Penna.) joined in placing before the House the results of a meeting held by COFO at the National Theater, Washington, D. C. This consisted primarily of testimony from individuals alleging they had been subjected to police brutality while engaging in integration activities in the State of Mississippi.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

Burke Marshall said that he had learned that the young Sweeney, whose parents expressed concern to Congresswoman Green, was a strong supporter of the FBI and heretofore at the convention of the Democratic Party at Atlantic City, the elder Sweeneys who were active in supporting the campaign of Congressman Green were most favorably inclined toward the FBI. Burke Marshall stated he could not understand this complete change in their attitude.

Marshall also stated that some of these Congressmen wanted to meet with him on Tuesday of next week and that he did not know whether he would meet with them but he has talked to a couple. He did not mention their names and he has merely indicated to them that the FBI was performing its job and the attitude of the FBI had not changed.

With regard to the action being taken by the appropriate state and local authorities, as a result of the investigative efforts of the Jackson Office and pressure generated through the Governor's Office, officials of the Mississippi Highway Patrol conferred with SAC Moore at Jackson on 9-25-64. As a result of this conference, these officials stated that they will interview each patrolman on the Mississippi Highway Patrol for the identity of Klansmen known to him most likely to be involved in the violence. Thereafter the Mississippi Highway Patrol will interview the pertinent Klansmen so identified in such manner as to clearly indicate that the Mississippi Highway Patrol "means business." These officials also stated that they will assign additional troopers to the McComb area to act as a deterrent to future bombings and in addition, on a selective basis, will saturate certain areas where acts of violence may occur, in an effort to identify and apprehend those responsible for the bombings.

According to SAC Moore, this is the first real indication that the Mississippi Highway Patrol intends to take concrete, positive action to deter future incidents of racial violence in the state.

SAC, Jackson has advised that all possible and investigative avenues are being thoroughly and completely explored, including the immediate and complete exploration on a continuing basis of all pertinent information developed through Jackson sources and informants. In addition, surveillance teams of Agents are covering logical targets in the McComb area as well as all pertinent roads in the vicinity of McComb in order to identify the individuals responsible for the bombing violence.

ACTION

Investigation of these bombings will continue to receive continuous "priority" attention.
WASHINGTON.--TWO CONGRESSMEN CALLED TODAY FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PUT DOWN A "REIGN OF TERROR" AGAINST NEGROES IN THE MCCOMB, MISS. AREA.

REPS. WILLIAM FITTS RYAN, D-N.Y., AND ROBERT W. KASTENMEIER, D-WIS., MADE THEIR PLEAS WITH STATEMENTS INSERTED INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RYAN URGED "AN INCREASE IN THE FBI PRESENCE...A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF PAST ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND TERROR" AND THE CONVENING OF A FEDERAL GRAND JURY "TO INVESTIGATE THE CONDUCT OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE." HE CHARGED MCCOMB POLICE WITH "CARRYING ON A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION."

KASTENMEIER SAID THE SITUATION DEMANDS "MUCH MORE VIGOROUS INITIATIVE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE." HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON "WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN TURNING BACK THIS TIDE OF BRUTAL REPRISAL BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE
July 21, 1964

North Shores Young Democrats—
8631 Kilbourn Drive
La Jolla, California

Dear Miss [blank]

Your letter of July 12th, with enclosure, has been received.

I would like to emphasize that this Bureau's actions in the civil rights field are governed by laws as they are in all fields. We cannot exceed our authority nor will we attempt to do so. In the event of a violation of a Federal law within our jurisdiction, the FBI will conduct a prompt, thorough and objective investigation. If no Federal law is involved, we are not authorized, and cannot investigate.

Acting within the law, the FBI has recorded a number of accomplishments in the civil rights field. As a result of our investigations the Department of Justice has been able to file more than sixty suits in five states to end racial discrimination in voting. FBI Agents solved the case involving the burning of a Greyhound bus transporting "Freedom Riders" through Alabama in 1961, and six persons have been convicted for their part in this crime. As a result of an FBI investigation in September, 1962, four persons were arrested and convicted in state court for burning a Negro Church in Terrell County, Georgia. FBI Agents also arrested Byron De La Beckwith, the man charged with the murder of Medgar Evers, the Mississippi leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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More currently, one individual has received a seven-year sentence in connection with the bombing of a home at Jacksonville, Florida, which was the residence of the only Negro student attending an elementary school in compliance with an integration order of the Federal court. Three men in the Itta Bena, Mississippi, area were arrested by the FBI on June 26th as a result of this Bureau's investigation. They were charged with conspiracy to intimidate civil rights workers in the free exercise of rights guaranteed them under the Constitution and with intimidating these civil rights workers in their voter registration efforts; however, the Federal Grand Jury failed to indict them. As the result of FBI investigations, six law enforcement officers in Tennessee were indicted on June 25, 1964, by a Federal Grand Jury at Nashville on charges involving alleged police brutality.

Enclosed is some material I hope will give you additional understanding of the FBI's responsibilities in connection with civil rights.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)
FBI and Civil Rights
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Congressman Don Edwards (former Special Agent William Donlon Edwards) was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from December 16, 1940, until December 27, 1941, when he voluntarily resigned. We are aware he has been supported by known communists in his campaign. He has recently made a statement critical of this Bureau with regard to its role in the civil rights field.

D:FC:
July 12, 1964

North Shores Young Democrats
8631 Kilbourn Dr.
La Jolla, California

Edgar J. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been requested by the executive board of the North Shores Young Democrats to send you the enclosed carbon copy of a letter to Representative Edwards, former FBI agent.

Enclosed is that copy of the letter to Representative Edwards.

Sincerely yours,

for

North Shores Young Democrats
July 12, 1964

North Shores Young Democrats
3637 Kilbourn Dr.
La Jolla, California

Representative D. Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Edwards,

We were very impressed by the associated press article concerning your visit to Mississippi and participation in the Negro Aid Project.

Our club realizes that there are many difficulties and obstacles that face integration in the South and we find your optimistic outlook on its future heartening. Recognizing the vital need for action and support towards this worthy cause, we gladly offer our help if in any way we could be of service to you in any civil rights' project.

We are truly concerned about your statement regarding the distrust felt by civil rights' workers for the FBI and are very grateful to you for making this fact known to the public.

We are very glad to know that representatives from our state participate for the good of the civil rights' cause so actively and we would be proud to demonstrate this in supporting you with any kind of help.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

for
North Shores Young Democrats

Second copy for Edgar J. Hoover
A news item in the 7-10-64 Washington Evening Star reflected that captioned individual, is a civil rights worker in Mississippi this summer, just returned from a tour of southwestern Mississippi where there is great concern among students as to what will happen to local Negroes when summer is over and the students leave the state. According to the news item Edwards said he was "immensely proud" of for going to Mississippi to try to get Negroes registered to vote, but was "terribly concerned" for his safety. Edwards and had slept in a house in McComb, Mississippi, in a Negro district last Monday night which was ripped the following night by three bombs thrown from the street. The article concludes by saying that Edwards, who was an FBI Agent before he joined the Navy in World War II, said, "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi project."

This is not Edwards' first derogatory comment concerning the FBI.

BACKGROUND:

Edwards was a Special Agent from 12-16-40 to 12-27-41 when he voluntarily submitted his resignation to accept a position with his father's title company at San Jose, California. In 1962, he campaigned successfully for the Democratic nomination for the 9th Congressional District of California and was elected to Congress in November, 1962. By letter 10-10-62 the San Francisco Office advised that one of Edwards' campaign managers had been identified as Patrick Thomas Hancock, a Security Index subject of that office.

In February, 1963, Edwards was listed with those Democrats who voted to trim the funds of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. On 3-27-63 you (Mr. DeLoach) called on Representative Edwards, inasmuch as it was felt that due to his extremely liberal leanings he might be ripe for an approach from characters such as Levine, Turner, etc. Edwards received you most cordially and asked that his best wishes be extended to the Director.
M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo
RE: REPRESENTATIVE W. DONLON EDWARDS

On 6-16-64 Edwards assisted Representative William F. Ryan (D, -N.Y.) in reporting to the House the results of the meeting held by the Council of Federated Organizations on 6-8-64. This Council, made up of CORE, SNCC, NAACP, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held hearings which consisted primarily of testimonies from individuals who alleged they had been subjected to police brutalities while engaging in integration activities in the State of Mississippi. Ryan and Edwards, who were joined by Congresswoman Green and Representative Nix, in placing these results before the House, constantly deplored what they termed the failures of law enforcement authorities to protect demonstrators. Edwards referred to his former employment with the FBI and criticized agents for not making arrests of those who Edwards claimed violated the demonstrator's civil rights in their presence.

RECOMMENDATION:
None. For information.

[Signature]
7-10-64
Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

Mr. Turnbow was insulted and cursed. His home was bombed and set afire. He was shot at as he left the burning house with his wife and daughter. And have the culprits been arrested? Not to date by either the local police or the FBI." Mr. Edwards made reference to his employment with the FBI and stated "Why are these men not arrested by a Federal marshal? Or by the FBI? As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was an FBI agent in 1940 and 1941. I know that FBI agents have the power of arrest where Federal law is violated in their presence." (William Donlon Edwards was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from December 16, 1940, to December 27, 1941.) The testimony of Robert Harris, associate professor of law, University of Michigan Law School, was included. Mr. Harris comments on investigation of civil rights cases and pointed out that "there is no feasible way to cooperate with local police officials in enforcing routine crime, and also be the agency that polices these very officials with whom you are trying to cooperate very closely. The FBI is in that position, and it doesn't like the position. -- The other difficulty is that the FBI, by its very nature, is interested in having a good batting average. It lives in the press. Its appropriations are geared to its public image. -- So I think it is very difficult, given the FBI's other roles and other images and its recent traditions, to expect it to turn out to be the investigative force for the Justice Department Civil Rights Division." Congressman Stratton, (D) New York, stated "I would like to join with my colleague from New York (Mr. Ryan) in urging the Attorney General and the Justice Department to take preventive measures in Mississippi to insure the safety and constitutional rights of those student volunteers working on voter registration drives and education projects in connection with the Mississippi summer project."

Adjournment: Until Wednesday, June 17, 1964, at 12 noon.

APPENDIX

Pages A3252-A3255. Congressman Curtis, (R) Missouri, extended his remarks concerning Federal employment costs. He pointed out that the Tax Foundation had prepared a recent study entitled "The Federal Budget for Fiscal 1965." He included number 7 of the series of budget briefs prepared by the Foundation. A reference to the Justice Department indicating an increase in civilian employment has been noted.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (67-1281)  
SUBJECT: DON EDWARDS  
FORMER SA  

California, telephone telephonically advised 6/11/64 that he is campaign manager for a Republican, who will run against Congressman DON EDWARDS in the fall. plans to write a letter to the Bureau requesting: 1. Length of time EDWARDS served in the FBI. 2. Did EDWARDS serve beyond the probation period? For information.

Bureau  
San Francisco  
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Approved: Sent M Per

Special Agent in Charge
TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 20109-20109. Congressman Gonzalez, (D) Texas, requested to have printed in the Record several editorials and newspaper columns. A column captioned "Amblin' Around" with Jim Glasscock states "When is Congressman Ed Foreman going to start representing the people of the 16th District of Texas and stop meddling in the affairs of Representative Henry Gonzalez of San Antonio and Representative Don Edwards, of California? Foreman is such a super-self-styled patriot that if you don't agree with his particular political philosophy, he labels you a 'pinko.' --- Although Foreman did not apologize to Gonzalez after their fistfunda in Washington earlier this week, he did write a letter of retraction to Representative Edwards, Democrat, of California, a former FBI agent and a millionaire businessman." (Don Edwards was employed with the FBI as an Agent from December 10, 1949, to December 27, 1941. His services were satisfactory.)

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Wednesday, November 14, was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.
TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

DATE: 11-1-63

Pages 19696 and 19697 - 19699. Congressman Foreman, (R) Texas, spoke concerning a newspaper report on a speech he delivered in California, in which he was quoted as calling 20 members of the House "pinkos." Mr. Foreman stated "That fact of the matter is, as I was saying, to set the record straight, I have only referred to one Member of this body as a 'pinko.'" On Friday, October 18, 1963, during a speech in San Jose, Calif., I referred to the gentleman from California, Mr. Don Edwards, as Don "Pinko" Edwards." At this point Congressman Rooney, (D) New York, objected to the comments of Mr. Foreman and pointed out that "no Member of this House, regardless of which side he sits on, is entitled to go down into the well and make a speech such as was started here this afternoon." Mr. Foreman did not resume his comments. (Don Edwards was employed with the FBI as an Agent from December 19, 1946, to December 27, 1941. His services were satisfactory.)
GOP Congressman 'Apologizes' for Slur

Rep. Edwards Can Hardly Be Tickled Pink

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

Rep. Ed Foreman (R., Tex.), who has labeled 20 Hill colleagues as "pinkos," has apologized to one of them.

During a speech at San Jose, Calif., Friday Rep. Foreman, referring to Rep. Edwards (D., Calif.) said:

"If you had an outright leftist, avowed communist (in congress), you wouldn't be getting any different kind of votes than you're getting from Don Edwards."

MILLIONAIRE

Rep. Edwards, 48, a millionaire businessman and former FBI agent, is a Freshman congressman.

Rep. Foreman's words were reported in the San Jose Mercury & News. He told the Scripps-Howard newspapers:

"I was quoted exactly correctly."

REPUBLICAN

An apology, of sorts.

Rep. Edwards, furious, consulted with House Speaker John McCormack (D., Mass.), Majority Leader Carl Albert (Okla.) and Majority Whip Hale Boggs (La.). The result was that Foreman went to Rep. Foreman with an apology all typed out.

Rep. Foreman would not sign it, but did write an apology of his own and signed it. This is what he wrote.

"Dear Don:

"In view of the publicity given my remarks in San Jose, Calif., last week-end, causing embarrassment to you personally, I regret that the news people reported me as describing you as a pinko. I retract the statement regarding your voting record.

"Altho we strongly disagree philosophically, a description of this sort was not in the best taste or good manners. Best wishes and regards,

"(Signed) Ed Foreman."

FEARED SUIT

Rep. Foreman said today:

"I wrote the retraction to keep from being sued by Edwards. But I still say he is a pinko. I will speak out against his voting record and the voting records of others who aid the communists with their votes."

The Washington Post and Times Herald
The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star
New York Herald Tribune
New York Journal-American
New York Mirror
New York Daily News
New York Post
The New York Times
The Worker
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
People's World

Date: 5-27-63
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach
FROM: M. A. Jones

DATE: 11-21-62

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER, 1962, ELECTIONS
FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

Former Special Agents now serving in the Senate, House of Representatives and as state Governors remain in the same ratio despite changes resulting from the 1962 elections.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, remains the only former Special Agent in the Senate. Dodd served in the FBI from 9-33 to 8-30-34.

There are six former Special Agents in the House of Representatives.

Although Representative A. Paul Kitchin of North Carolina was defeated, former Special Agent William Donlon Edwards was elected to the House of Representatives from the 9th District of California. Former Special Agents now in the House of Representatives are:

Omar Burleson (D-Texas) 12-16-40--4-9-41
William T. Cahill (R-New Jersey) 10-11-37--5-9-38
Samuel L. Devine (R-Ohio) 12-2-40--10-10-45
Ed Edmondson (D-Oklahoma) 12-2-40 (Clerk); 12-5-41 (SA) Resigned 1-18-44
W. Donlon Edwards (D-California) 12-16-40--12-27-41
H. Allen Smith (R-California) 12-35--late 1942

While Governor Stephen L. R. McNichols of Colorado and Governor Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico were defeated in the election of 11-6-62, former Special Agents Jack M. Campbell and Frank G. Clement won election from their states keeping the total state Governors who were former Agents at three. They are:

Jack M. Campbell (D-New Mexico) 9-8-41--12-29-42
Frank G. Clement (D-Tennessee) 7-13-42--12-1-43
Terry Sanford (D-North Carolina) 12-29-41--military leave 12-7-42; resigned 1-16-46

1 - Mr. Morrell

ULG: (A)
M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memorandum
RE: November, 1962, Elections
Former Special Agents

For your information, Representative William H. Bates, Republican of Massachusetts, served in a clerical capacity in the FBI from 7-22-40 to 11-24-40.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.
TO: Mr. DeLoach  
FROM: M. O. Malone  
DATE: October 18, 1962  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS  
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT  
DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR CONGRESSMAN  

SAC, San Francisco, by letter dated 10-10-62, advised that Edwards is the Democratic nominee for Congressman from the Ninth District of California and is heavily favored to win in the general election. One of Edwards' campaign managers has been identified as Patrick Thomas Hancock, Hayward, California, a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. A brother of Patrick's, Donald Hancock, has also been active in Edwards' campaign and is reportedly employed by the Valley Title Company, San Jose, a firm owned by Edwards. Donald Hancock has also been the subject of a San Francisco security investigation. SAC advised that an informant reported on 5-31-62 that the signatures of Patrick and Donald Hancock had appeared on a petition circulated by the Committee for Constitutional Liberties which had been drawn up for the purpose of petitioning the President to repeal and nullify enforcement of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

CHECK OF BUREAUX

William Edwards was a Special Agent from December 16, 1940, to December 27, 1941, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation while assigned to the New York Office. He resigned to accept a position with his father's title company at San Jose. Edwards' file contains no derogatory information and he is not known to have been critical of the Bureau. He is now the successful operator of Valley Title Company of San Jose, a firm he started several years ago after leaving his father's company.

Bureaux indicate that the San Francisco Office initiated a Security Matter--Communist investigation regarding Patrick Thomas Hancock in 1949. It was determined that in 1949 he had become a member of the
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Elmhurst Club of the Communist Party (CP) in Alameda County, California. He attended numerous meetings of the Marxist Institute, Oakland, California, a CP school, during 1949. He reportedly attended CP functions intermittently in the Berkeley, Oakland areas until early 1957; however, there is no indication in the files that he has had direct association with CP organizations since that time. Agents attempted to interview him in 1958 but he was uncooperative. Hancock was designated as a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office in 1949.

A Security Matter--Communist investigation was conducted by San Francisco in 1955 regarding Donald Hancock, Patrick's brother. While it was shown that Donald Hancock was a subscriber to the "Daily People's World" and was on a mailing list of the Independent Progressive Party in California, an organization cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it was not disclosed that Hancock was a member of the CP or was directly associated with any CP activities. The investigation regarding Donald Hancock was terminated in 1955.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Jan 24, 1978
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (67-1281)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

DATE: 10/10/62

Re San Francisco letter 6/29/62 advising that EDWARDS was a successful Democratic nominee in the 9th District and that he has been employed as an operator of the Valley Title Company, San Jose, California.

EDWARDS will run on the Democratic ticket in the coming general election and according to ____ who advised on 10/10/62, EDWARDS will win by a large majority.

The San Leandro "Morning News", a daily newspaper published in San Leandro, California, in the issue of 5/23/62, reported that the Democratic Volunteers had been organized and that they met at the Edwards for Congress headquarters. This article further set forth that PAT HANCOCK had been elected Director of the Democratic Volunteers and that he would hold this job for the coming year.

Source on PATRICK THOMAS HANCOCK, who resides at 452 Willow Avenue, Hayward, furnished the following information on 10/10/62:

HANCOCK is working full-time for DON EDWARDS as one of his campaign managers. HANCOCK'S brother, first name unknown, is also working for EDWARDS and is very active in EDWARDS' campaign.

Bureau (AM REG.)
San Francisco (67-1281)
1 - 100-30411 - PATRICK THOMAS HANCOCK
1 - 100-38167 - DONALD EDGAR HANCOCK
A review of PATRICK THOMAS HANCOCK's file (Security Index Subject, SF file 100-30411, Bufile 100-365979) reveals that in an application in 1955 HANCOCK listed a brother DONALD HANCOCK as residing at 14 Chelsea, Los Gatos, California.

San Francisco file on DONALD EDGAR HANCOCK (SF file 100-38167, Bufile 100-415346), in part reflects the following:

Credit records, when reviewed on 11/27/61, revealed that DONALD EDGAR HANCOCK formerly resided 15087 Chelsea Drive, Los Gatos, California in 1950 and in 1961 disclosed that he resided at 2280 Woodard, San Jose, California, and at that time was employed as a title searcher for the Valley Title Company, San Jose, California.

On 5/31/62, [redacted] furnished a petition circulated by the Committee for Constitutional Liberties for the purpose of petitioning the President to insure non-enforcement and repeal of the Internal Security Act of 1950. This petition was signed by PAT T. and [redacted] California, and DON and [redacted] California.

DIO locally telephonically advised of the above on this date.

The above is for information purposes and the Bureau will be immediately advised of additional developments.
SAC, San Francisco (67-1281) 7-6-62

Director, FBI

WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Reurlet dated 6-29-62.

Files contain no information regarding Edwards subsequent to 1950. Edwards EOD as a Special Agent 12-16-40 and voluntarily resigned 12-27-41, while assigned to the New York Office.

NOTE: SAC, San Francisco, by referenced letter, advised Edwards was the successful Democratic nominee in the recent 9th Congressional District of California primary. Edwards was last brought to Bureau's attention by San Francisco in 1950 when he was California president of the Young Republicans. He has not been known to have been critical of the Bureau. San Francisco requested any information in Files re Edwards since 1950.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (67-1281)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, more commonly referred to as DON EDWARDS, is the successful democratic nominee for the new 9th District of California, which has just been granted under the Re-Apportionment Act. The 9th District encompasses the northeast section of Santa Clara County, the southern portion of Alameda County. This office by letter dated 5/29/50, brought the Bureau's attention to EDWARDS who at that time was associated with the Young Republicans. Considerable political criticism was levied against EDWARDS because of this party switch by his unsuccessful democratic opponent.

The margin of victory for EDWARDS was just over 600 votes and his opponent has now demanded a recount.

EDWARDS has been a successful operator of the Valley Title Company with a main office in San Jose and branches throughout the County. It was started by EDWARDS as a new company a few years ago and before that he was associated with his father in the father's title company.

EDWARDS' former Special Agent position with this Bureau was made known in his campaign. He has not been known to have been critical of the Bureau.

This information is forwarded to the Bureau for information purposes. The Bureau is requested to advise of any information in its files regarding EDWARDS subsequent to 1950 for the information and guidance of this office.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, San Francisco
SUBJECT: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

DATE: May 28, 1950

Rebell dated 5–2–50, captioned "DONALD EDWARDS".

In accordance with referenced letter, a student at Stanford University, address Box, was interviewed and apprised of the service record of former SA WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS. It was clear from the interview that in his letter to the Director of 4–18–50 had reference to former Special Agent EDWARDS.

stated that he and other members of the Young Republicans at Stanford had been somewhat suspicious of EDWARDS because he appeared too young to have been a "former Special Agent of the FBI" and a veteran of World War II. advised that he had no reason other than the above for suspecting EDWARDS, and other members of the Young Republicans are resentful of EDWARDS' representations that the Young Republicans and his inferences that the Republican Party itself endorses the United World Federalists, of which said EDWARDS was a member.

advised that neither organization even approves of the policies of the United World Federalists and he questioned the integrity of a member of the Young Republicans who would make such representations.

In this connection, SA LOUIS D. WINE, resident agent at San Jose, has advised that he attended on 3–23–50 a meeting at the Fremont High School near San Jose, California, under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This meeting advertised that MYRON C. FAGEN, described as "A famous playwright, producer, author, and National Director of the Cinema Educational Guild, Hollywood, California", would be the principal speaker on the subject of "Americanism", and that representatives of the United World Federalists had been invited to present their views. SA WINE before the meeting started noticed a group of about thirty young people, probably Stanford University students, come into the auditorium accompanied by WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS. During the course of the meeting MYRON C. FAGEN spoke for about thirty minutes, stating that he had investigated Communists in Hollywood and further, that he had made a study of the Organization, aims and purposes of the United World Federalists and expressed the opinion that this organization was infiltrated with Communists. At the conclusion of his talk the group with EDWARDS appeared obviously displeased with Mr. FAGEN's remarks and "booted" and others made unmistakable Fascist salutes toward Mr. FAGEN. Former SA EDWARDS
then arose and addressed Mr. FAGEN from the audience. He said, "I am DON EDWARDS, former FBI Agent and President of Young Republicans in California." He then said, "The Young Republicans are in favor of the UMF" and then mentioned the names of a number of prominent Republicans who are reported members of the United World Federalists, and EDWARDS shouted to Mr. FAGEN, "Are these persons Communists?" Mr. FAGEN answered EDWARDS by saying that he felt the question was unfair and that insofar as he knew the Republican Party had not endorsed the United World Federalists and that he intended to report EDWARDS to the head of the Republican Party of California. EDWARDS made no further comment.

In this connection, this office is in receipt of a letter dated 4-18-50 from Los Angeles setting forth that the above MYRON FAGEN had reported the above incident to the Los Angeles Office. FAGEN had reported, however, that EDWARDS identified himself as "an FBI man."

It would appear from the information furnished by SA LOUIS WINE and from that furnished by FAGEN reported inaccurately when he said EDWARDS had described himself as an "FBI man" with the implication that he is presently with the FBI.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you in an effort to secure a confirmation of a statement made by a local resident of this area, Donald Edwards of Palo Alto.

Mr. Edwards is serving at the present time in the capacity of State President of the California Young Republicans. He has consistently claimed that he was an agent of the FBI, and he was elected to his present position on that claim or qualification which naturally seemed a good recommendation. Recently, however, there has risen some doubt among members of the State Young Republican organization concerning the truth of Edwards' claim. I should appreciate having some official confirmation of this claim in order that I may satisfy the doubts of some of my friends in the Palo Alto area.

Thanking you for this consideration, I am,

Respectfully yours.

April 18, 1950

California

JUL 12, 1950

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Respectfully yours.

[Signature]

[Date: 5/1/50]
May 2, 1950

SAC, San Francisco

Director, FBI

DONALD EDWARDS

There is enclosed for your information and prompt attention a copy of a letter received from [redacted]. The contents of which are self-explanatory. A search of the bureau's records indicates no one by the name of Donald Edwards has been employed but the subject of the inquiry may be identical with William Donlon Edwards who entered on duty as a Special Agent on December 16, 1940. For your confidential information former Special Agent Edwards resigned allegedly to accept a position with the San Jose Abstract and Title Company of San Jose, California. His active duty with the Bureau ceased at the close of business November 29, 1941 and on December 7, 1941 he applied for reinstatement stating that the extreme necessity of looking after his family in California prompted his action. He was not favorably considered because he had resigned during an emergency period. Your attention is also called to the report of Special Agent Edwin O. Rauscep dated at San Francisco November 16, 1949 in the case entitled, Rose Selma Isaac, was., Internal Security - B, wherein former Special Agent Edwards is mentioned.

You should interview [redacted] and ascertain from him the reason for his inquiry. He should merely be advised of former Special Agent Edwards' service record. The Bureau should be advised of the results of this interview.

Enclosure
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO

Report Made at SAN FRANCISCO
Date when made 11-16-49
Period from which made 9/21; 10/11, 21,
27, 28, 31, 11/1,
4-4, 7-10, 14/49
Report made by EDWIN O. RAUDESEP djl

Title: ROSE SELMA ISAAK, was.
Character of case INTERNAL SECURITY - R

CONFIDENTIAL (U)

Synopsis of facts: Wm. Donlan Edwards

ROSE SELMA ISAAK continues her activities in the ARI and contacts with members of the Communist Party. ROSE ISAAK was in contact with YURI NOVIKOV, Attache of the Soviet Embassy in the United States at San Francisco 9-18-49 and at Los Angeles a few days previously. On September 29, 1949 ROSE ISAAK stated that the ARI "line is entirely from the Soviet Union." On October 10, 1949 ROSE ISAAK stated she did not feel that her "friends" would suddenly be for the United States in event of war between the United States and the USSR. ROSE ISAAK was in Los Angeles with from September 13, 1949 to September 17, 1949. ROSE ISAAK continues to reside at 522 - 416 Avenue, San Francisco.

REFERENCE:
Bufile 100-210092.
Report of SA RAUDESEP dated 10-3-49 at San Francisco.

DETAILS:
I. ACTIVITY IN THE ARI

For the sake of brevity, the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, San Francisco, California, will hereafter be designated as the ARI. It will be noted that the Attorney General has declared that this organization comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, advised that

/s/ APPROVED AND SPECIAL AGENT
FORWARDED Harry M. Kimball IN CHARGE
1. POSSIBLE ESPIONAGE

San Francisco T-6 was unable to furnish any information concerning


II. INCOME

San Francisco T-16, of known reliability, advised that


It will be noted from previous reports that

San Francisco T-15, of known reliability, advised that

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San Francisco T-16, of known reliability, advised that

San Francisco T-17, of known reliability, advised that

T-17 added that

San Francisco T-17, all advised that DON EDWARDS and his father both had good reputations in San Jose, where they had lived for many years, and that they knew nothing concerning either of them which would reflect against their loyalty to the United States.
MR. L. P. EDWARDS, President of the San Jose Abstract and Title Insurance Company, 76 North First Street, San Jose, advised that his son, DON'S, full name was WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS and that he had been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He advised that WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS was now employed as the manager of the Palo Alto, California Branch of his company, located at 534, Ramona Street, Palo Alto.

Mr. L. P. EDWARDS added that his son, WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, was presently in New York City but would return in about two weeks. Mr. L. P. EDWARDS knew nothing concerning the $5735. checks nor the nature of any transaction WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS might have had with ROSE ISA K.

The files of the San Francisco Office reflect that WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS is a former Special Agent of the Bureau, having entered on duty in 1940 and resigning in 1941. There is no other information of interest concerning him in these files.
In view of the close connection between the activity of ROSE ISAAK and [ ] who resides in the Los Angeles Division, a copy of this report has been submitted to the Los Angeles Office for information.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At Palo Alto, California, will contact WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, 534 Ramona Street, for information concerning [ ].

At San Francisco, California, will continue to contact informants concerning ROSE ISAAK's activities.
The following former Agent's name was received by the Bureau as having applied for membership in the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated:

Don Edward
1266 Hamilton Ave.
Palo Alto, California
Title Insurance

1940-41
NAME  
DATE 14-3-57 TO 11-29-58
LEAVE THROUGH 11-29-58

Days Hrs. Min.
Accumulated 1-0-35
Current Accrued 21-4-40
0-0-39
Total Accrued 24-5-54
Taken 32

NET ACCRUED 31-3-54

TAKEN 10-26-58
CC-218
NAME

DATE 11/07 TO 11/24

LEAVE THROUGH 11/24

Accumulated ---- 1-0-35

Current Accrued -21-4-40

2-0-37

Total Accrued ---- 21-4-114

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT H. BEAUDREAU
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS
Former Special Agents

Dear Sir:

There are forwarded herewith for appropriate disposition the field firearms cards of the above named former Agents, who at the time of separation from the service were assigned to this office.

Yours truly,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director.

Enclosures.

New York, N. Y.
January 11, 1943.

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March 21, 1942

Mr. D. R. Lake
Central Employment Department
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation
1705 Victory Place
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Lake:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 6, 1942, regarding Mr. William Donlon Edwards.

Please be advised that Mr. Edwards was employed as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, from December 16, 1940, to December 27, 1941, when his voluntary resignation was accepted.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We are reviewing the employment qualifications of the above individual who lists your name in accounting for his past work or school record. Your assistance in verifying or supplying the information requested and authorized below will be greatly appreciated, and your reply will be held in strict confidence. Please use the reverse side to explain any unfavorable answers. The signed duplicate is for your files.

Yours very truly,

D. P. Lake
Central Employment Department.

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Would you re-employ or re-admit?

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AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the addressed individual, company or institution to furnish the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation with any information they may have concerning me which they have on record or otherwise, and do hereby release the addressed individual, company or institution and all individuals connected therewith from all liability for any damage whatsoever incurred in furnishing such information.

Signed
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM

RE: WILLIAM DONLAN EDWARDS
Former Special Agent

The name of the above individual was included in a list from ONI on which name checks were requested.

A review of his personnel file reflects that he entered on duty as Special Agent December 16, 1940, and voluntarily submitted his resignation to become effective December 27, 1941. He stated that he was resigning to accept a position with the San Jose Abstract and Title Company of San Jose, California. There is no derogatory information appearing in Edwards' file. It is noted, however, that his active duty with the Bureau ceased prior to December 7th and after commencement of hostilities he requested to be reinstated. His reinstatement, however, was not considered in view of the fact that he resigned in the face of an emergency.

The matter of clearing this information was discussed with Mr. L. B. Nichols and he instructed the writer to advise an official of ONI that Edwards voluntarily resigned to accept the position above referred to and that there was no derogatory information appearing in his file.

This information was accordingly transmitted to Lieutenant Truscott, of ONI, on February 21, 1942.
January 30, 1932

Mr. Williams: D. Edwards
76 North First Street
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 23, 1932, requesting reinstatement as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In reply therefor, you are advised that favorable action cannot be taken on your request for reinstatement.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
San Jose, California
January 22, 1942

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

From December 15, 1940 to November 29, 1941, I was a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being assigned first to the office at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and later to New York City. On November 1, 1941 I was offered a position as Vice-President of the San Jose Abstract & Title Insurance Company at a salary of $4550 per year. I decided to accept this position after due consideration only because it was an opportunity to provide more adequately for my wife and son. I so informed you of my desire to resign on November 1, 1941, and active duty ceased November 29, 1941.

I have declined the position in San Jose mentioned above and desire above all things to again be a Special Agent. I have been informed that there is a Bureau regulation to the effect that a re-appointment is not possible. I earnestly request that you consider making an exception in my case. While in the service of the Bureau I worked hard and conscientiously and was fortunate enough to receive an increase in pay in October, 1941. I am competent in the use of firearms and my efficiency reports in Grand Rapids rated me as an outstanding agent.

Your serious consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated, and should it be possible to re-appoint me, I assure you that I will again be a loyal and industrious employee.

Sincerely yours,
William D. Edwards
76 North First Street
San Jose, California
Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  

Dear Sir:  

On November 29, 1941 I resigned my position as Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to accept a position as Vice-President of the San Jose Abstract and Title Insurance Company, in San Jose California. Since that time, however, our country has gone to war, and I am desirous of securing employment which is nearer to the war effort.  

Inasmuch as I am unable to again be employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I intend to apply for a commission with the Office of Naval Intelligence in San Francisco, California. The Commanding Officer, ONI, San Francisco, requests that I submit with my application a communication from you stating that you have no objection to my securing such an appointment.  

If you would be so kind as to address a letter or telegram to me at the address given below stating that you have no such objection, it would be greatly appreciated. I am very sorry that there is no way that I could again become associated with the Bureau. My association with the Bureau even further increased my great admiration and respect for it, and I resigned only at the entreaties of my family to accept a job paying a great deal more. Although this position is still open, I have decided not to take it, because I believe that as a trained man I want to do whatever I can to assist the country in pursuing the war.  

Thanking you for whatever attention you may give to this matter, and with kindest personal regards, I remain  

Yours very truly,  

William D. Edwards  
76 North First Street  
San Jose, California
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ONI SANFRANCISCO REQUESTS YOU DIRECT COMMUNICATION TO ME STATING THAT BUREAU HAS NO OBJECTION TO MY SECURING ONI COMMISSION. THANK YOU

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS FAIRWAY AND MCKEE.

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December 19, 1941

Mr. William D. Edwards
Yellow Road
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Reference is made to your wire dated December 16, 1941, requesting that this office furnish you with a statement advising that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would interpose no objection to your being appointed to a position with the Office of Naval Intelligence.

In reply, please be advised that this Bureau would interpose no objection to the acceptance of such a position.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIR FBI

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WILLIAM D'EDWARDS FAIRWAY AND MCKEE SANJOSE.

1248PM.

Checked effective date 12/27/41

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Re: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

December 19, 1941

Mr. Tolbert
Mr. E. A. Truva
Mr. Clag
Mr. Glade
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Food.
Mr. Food.
Mr. Crotz
Mr. Canyon
Mr. Calley
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Quinrazza
Mr. Nasso
Miss Grady
Files

DEAR SIR:

To complete the Bureau’s file concerning the above named individual, I wish to advise that Mr. EDWARDS personally called at this office on the morning of December 15, 1941, and conferred with Assistant Special Agent in Charge H. C. Van Pelt.

He informed that he entered on duty as a Special Agent of the Bureau on December 15, 1940 and was assigned to the Grand Rapids and New York Field Divisions, but resigned to take a position as vice president of the San Jose Abstract and Title Company. He ceased active duty on November 19, 1941 and his resignation was to become effective December 27, 1941. He was driving across the country to commence work in his new position when he learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. He advised that he wired the Bureau on December 7, 1941, requesting re-instatement in the service but received a reply on December 9, 1941, that the Bureau was unable to grant the request. He inquired whether he could consider this decision of the Bureau as final and asked that his request again be brought to the attention of the Bureau by this office.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge H. C. Van Pelt questioned EDWARDS as to just why he had changed his mind about leaving the service of the Bureau, and the latter advised he realized he made a mistake when he tendered his resignation, that he did so thoughtlessly and has deeply regretted his action ever since then. He pointed out that he is not afraid of being drafted, inasmuch as he is married and has one child. He also insisted he still had the opportunity of securing the above mentioned position at San Jose.

Mr. Van Pelt advised him that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Bureau for possible re-consideration, but that he should not construe same as any encouragement that he would
be re-instated. In a telephonic conversation with Assistant Director L. P. Nichols of the Bureau later in the day, I mentioned the foregoing and was informed that inasmuch as EDWARDS had resigned at a time when this country was faced with war, and because the Bureau's policy had been established with respect to such matters, the Bureau could not make an exception and re-instate him in the service.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge H. C. Van Pelt telephonically contacted EDWARDS later that evening and informed him of the above decision. EDWARDS merely thanked him for securing a final and definite decision from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,
N. J. L. Pieper
Special Agent in Charge

67-1281
hvp-gws
New York, N. Y.
December 15, 1941

CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

There are forwarded to the Bureau here-with the field personnel files of the former employees listed below:

Hiram L. Robinson
William A. Morris
Edward M. O'Brien
Richard T. Henry
P. A. Lowery

Very truly yours,

P. M. MCMURRY
Assistant Director.

Encl
Registered M-11

DECLASSIFIED BY
1/26/78
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: WILLIAM EDWARDS
Former Special Agent

SAC Pieper advised me that the above-mentioned Agent ceased active duty October 29th, and his resignation was effective December 27th. He wired in asking to be reinstated. He quit the Bureau to accept the job of Vice President of the San Juan Abstract and Title Company.

I told Pieper that since Edwards had chosen to go into private business in the very face of war the Bureau would of course not want in any way to interfere with his personal plans. In other words, we did not want to take him back.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

[Signature]
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

TRANSMIT the following message to:

SEND PREPAID

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM REGRET INABILITY TO GRANT YOUR REQUEST.

MR. WILLIAM D. EDWARDS
C/O S. T. HARRISON
PARIS ROAD
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

DECEMBER 9, 1941

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REQUEST PERMISSION TO CANCEL MY RESIGNATION AS SPECIAL AGENT BECAUSE OF EXTREME NECESSITY OF LOOKING AFTER FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSFER TO SANFRANCISCO CAN REPORT FOR DUTY THERE DECEMBER 13TH WIRE ANSWER BY WESTERN UNION.

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS CARE S T. HARBISON PARIS ROAD.

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DEC 8 757AM.
APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS

To the United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D.C.:  

I, W. DONLON EDWARDS, also known as WILLIAM D., born January 6, 1915,

formerly employed as Special Agent

in Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice

at New York City, New York

being no longer employed in any position within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act, having been separated on or about December 27, 1941, because of voluntary resignation

hereby make application for the amount due me on account of retirement deductions made from my salary.

Previous claims have been filed by me as follows: None

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(signed) W. Donlon Edwards

William D. Edwards

(Aplicant's signature in full)

76 North First Street

San Jose, California

State of New York | 88.

County of New York

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law, by the above-named applicant, to me personally known, this 1st day of Dec., 1941.

Witness my hand and official designation:

(signed) Rose K. Booth

(Signature of attesting officer)

Notary Public
(Official designation)
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

(Failure to comply with instructions will delay payment)

To the Applicant:

1. The application should be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, or may be executed before any administrative officer of the Government who is authorized by statute or regulation to execute documents in connection with departmental matters, or before any United States postmaster.

2. Sign your name in full, letter for letter, as it appeared on the rolls of the office where employed. In the case of a woman who has married since entrance into the service, both the maiden name and the name since marriage must be signed. If applicant cannot write, signature by mark must be attested by at least one witness who can write, giving address.

3. Applications must be filled in with ink, or preferably be typewritten. Signatures and addresses must be legibly written, and it is recommended that in addition to the written signature the name of the applicant be also printed or typewritten.

4. Give full and complete local post-office address to which you desire check mailed.

5. If claim is made at time of separation, it should be forwarded by the applicant to the office where last employed; otherwise claim should be transmitted to the United States Civil Service Commission, Service Record and Retirement Division, Washington, D.C.

6. When the applicant has previously filed an application for refund, or annuity, or has deposited or redeposited any amount in order to receive credit for past service rendered, the nature of such application (such as refund, annuity, or service credit) and the exact name under which prior application was filed should be stated on the reverse.
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I attended a dinner in Los Angeles and met Mr. Fred Hinze, who is counsel for the Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica, California, with offices located at the plant.

In general conversation he informed me that he has a cousin named Edwards who is employed in the Bureau as a Special Agent, and that he became an Agent for the purpose of avoiding the Draft. He stated this person was assigned to the Grand Rapids Office and is now located in New York City. I did not question Hinze further about this matter, but I am submitting it for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
DIRECTOR

RE TELETYPE TODAY, FORTY FIVE DAY EFFICIENCY REPORTS WILL BE
FORWARDED TODAY ON AGENTS G W KITCHEL, D H SHELL, J B SMITH, W D
EDWARDS, H T CLAYTON AND J M PREJEAN. REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED ON
OTHER AGENTS LISTED AS FOLLOWS. W K WHITE, L J MUNCY AND L H
BRASHEAR, ALL ON OCT TWENTY SECOND. W H GRAY ON OCT TWENTY FIFTH.

FOXWORTH
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Mr. W. Donald Edwards  
Date: December 6, 1941  

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**PRESENT STATUS**

1. Title: Special Agent  
2. Grade: CAJ 10  
3. Salary: $3500 per annum  
4. Seat of Government: Field:  
5. Division:  
6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI"  
   (National Defense)  

**PROPOSED ACTION**

7. Title:  
8. Grade:  
9. Salary:  
10. Seat of Government: Field:*  
11. Division:  
12. Appropriation:  
13. Effective:  
14. Position: Vice:  
15. Remarks: Accept voluntary resignation, without prejudice, effective at the close of business December 27, 1941. Mr. Edwards has been requested to execute and return Form 3005, "Application for Refund of Retirement Reductions." Upon receipt of the executed form in this bureau, same will be forwarded to your office for attention.

Respectfully submitted,

CC: Chief, Audit Section  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
November 8, 1941

Mr. Will B. Weston
Chairman
Local Board Number III
Selective Service System
991 Main Street
Santa Clara, California

Dear Mr. Weston:

Under date of June 20, 1941, Mr. William D. Edwards was furnished with D.S.S. Form 42, signed by me to be transmitted to you in connection with his Selective Service Questionnaire. At that time Mr. Edwards was employed as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For your information, Mr. Edwards has submitted his resignation as a Special Agent in this service. It is requested that the previous request for occupational deferment be withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director
November 6, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the resignation of Mr. W. Donlon Edwards is being accepted effective at the close of business December 27, 1941, active duty to cease at the close of business November 29, 1941.

The following is a list of the Government property charged to Mr. Edwards:

- Badge with Case #1573
- Commission Card with Case #1586
- Manual of Rules and Regulations #2241
- Instructions #2241
- Tax Exemption Identification Card #3761
- 1 Agents' Brief Case
- 1 Zipper Brief Case
- Official Police Revolver #651322
- 1 Official Police Hip Holster
- 1 Packmayr Adapter
- Protection of Industrial Facilities Manual #30131
- National Defense Manual #2241
- Bureau Accounting Lessons 1-36, inclusive

This property should be secured from Mr. Edwards when he ceases active duty and forwarded to the Bureau promptly. It is also desired that you forward to the Bureau any Government Transportation Requests or Tax Exemption Certificates which Mr. Edwards may have in his possession. In addition, it is desired that you advise this office as to Mr. Edwards' forwarding address.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
MEMORANDUM

Re: William D. Edwards
Special Agent

While discussing other matters with SAC Foxworth of the New York Office, he advised that the above-mentioned Agent is submitting his resignation, active duty to cease about December 1, 1941. Mr. Foxworth is sending in the resignation today.

Glavin

NOV 17 '41
November 6, 1941

Mr. W. Donlon Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 United States Courthouse Building
 Foley Square
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30, 1941, submitting your resignation as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and you are advised that same is being accepted without prejudice, effective at the close of business December 27, 1941, active duty to cease at the close of business November 29, 1941.

In order that you may be reimbursed for the deductions which were made from your salary for retirement purposes, it is desired that you execute and return the enclosed Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions. For your information, the jurat of this form should not be executed more than thirty days prior to the effective date of your resignation.

I am indeed glad to know that you have enjoyed your connection with this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

CC: SAC, New York

NOV 6 1941

P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that it is necessary for me to resign from my present position as Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation effective December 1, 1941, and this letter is to give the requested thirty day notice.

I do wish to say, however, that my association with the Bureau has been most pleasant, and I will always consider it an honor and a privilege to have been a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With thanks to you and sincere good wishes for the future, I remain,

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS
SPECIAL AGENT

[Signature]

[Date: November 17, 1941]
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 27, 1941

Transmit the following message to: SAC NEW YORK

BUREAU HAS NOT RECEIVED FORTY-FIVE DAY EFFICIENCY REPORTS ON:

WK WHITE, L. MUNCT, W. GRAY, L. BRASHEAR, GN. MITCHELL, DH. SHELL, JB. SMITH, WD. EDWARDS, HT. CLAYTON

AND J. M. FREJEAN, SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY.

HOOVER

COLLECT

16 3 205
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York  

October 28, 1941

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL  

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Special Agent William D. Edwards;  
45-Day Report.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent Edwards entered on duty on December 16, 1940. He arrived in the New York Office on September 12, 1941, and is in Grade CAF 10 at $3500.00 per annum.

Agent Edwards presents a good appearance, dresses neatly, and has a good personality.

He has been assigned to the investigation of Custodial Detention cases since his arrival in this office. His work along this line has been satisfactory. Due to the stenographic situation in this office, only a few reports dictated by this Agent have been typed. Therefore, an accurate opinion as to the type of report submitted by him cannot be given at this time. He appears to organize his work in a satisfactory manner and conducts his investigations with a moderate amount of supervision. He appears to be a very willing worker, has a good attitude toward the Bureau's work, and appears to have a good knowledge of the Bureau's work, considering the length of time that he has been in the Service.

He handles the Bureau firearms in a satisfactory manner and is an efficient automobile driver. He has not had an opportunity to testify in any of his cases since arriving in this office.

DECLASSIFIED BY  

Wise  
24/28  
JAN. 6, 1978
Director

New York, N. Y.
October 28, 1941

This Agent appears to be progressing satisfactorily and it is believed that, with additional experience, he will develop into a good Agent for the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH, Assistant Director.
New York, N. Y.
October 29, 1941

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, SPECIAL AGENT.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Glavin of the Bureau today, Special Agent Edwards has advised me that he intends to submit his resignation tomorrow. He states that he has enjoyed his work with the Bureau, has no dissatisfaction of any kind, but that such a good position has been offered to him by his former employers, the San Jose Abstract & Title Company, that he does not feel, in fairness to his family, he could decline it.

Edwards is submitting his resignation to take effect on December 1st.

The position which he is getting is General Counsel for the Company.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director.
October 24, 1941

Mr. Will B. Weston
Chairman
Local Board Number III
Selective Service System
991 Main Street
Santa Clara, California

Dear Mr. Weston:

I am in receipt of your communication of October 15, 1941, wherein you advise that Mr. William D. Edwards, Order Number 4480, has been classified in Class III-A because of dependency.

I desire at this time to express my appreciation for your courtesy in advising me of the action of your Board in this matter and I want to assure you that in the event there is any change in his occupational status I will promptly advise you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED

P. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Directory Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Records of this office show that under date June 20th 1941 you submitted DSS 42, Claim for Deferred Classification, in favor of Mister William D. Edwards, 4480, Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Under date June 30th 1941 Mister Edwards was classified in Class III-A by this Board on a dependency basis. As you know, III-A is a deferred group and Mister Edwards will therefore not be called for service under present regulations.

In a re-check of our files it was noticed that you were apparently not informed by us of this classification, hence this letter is being sent for your records.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM WESTON
Chairman

001-21 1941

By direction

Francis J. Cronin
Chief Clerk

JAN 24 1978
Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 4, 1941, advising that the fly sheets of the National Defense Manual and the Manual of Instructions in the possession of Special Agent William Dolan Edwards were missing and requesting new fly sheets for the same.

There are attached hereto new fly sheets for the above-mentioned manuals for issuance to Special Agent Edwards. You are instructed to have a property receipt executed for the same and forwarded to the Bureau immediately.

Should the fly sheets of these manuals be found, they should be forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
October 4, 1941

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Special Agent William Dolon Edwards.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the National Defense Division in New York City, dated September 29, 1941, advising of the arrival of Special Agent William Dolon Edwards in this district at 8:30 P.M. on September 12, 1941. This form letter also listed the Bureau property in the possession of Special Agent Edwards at the time he reported to the National Defense Division.

It is noted that the fly sheets on the Manual of Instructions and the National Defense Manual issued to Special Agent Edwards were missing at the time his property was checked by Supervisor Carl Herring of the National Defense Division.

Special Agent Edwards was required to submit a memorandum as to why these pages were missing and in this memorandum he advised that he cannot locate these two fly pages, which contained the identifying numbers of the Manual of Instructions and the National Defense Manual, and that he is at a loss to explain why they are missing. He also stated that the only possible explanation he can offer for these two pages being missing is that both of his manuals were used considerably in the Grand Rapids Division at the new Agents' conferences and that possibly these pages became lost at that time.

Agent Edwards advises that the Manual of Instructions and the National Defense Manual which have been assigned
to him have carried identification number 2241. In the event the Bureau has fly pages available, together with identifying numbers for both of these manuals, it is requested that these be forwarded so that they can be placed in the manuals of Agent Edwards.

Agent Edwards has been advised that he has been careless in the handling of Bureau property assigned to him and that in the event there is any future indication of carelessness on his part in the handling of Bureau property, appropriate administrative action will be taken against him.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH,
Assistant Director.

cc Grand Rapids
September 26, 1941

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Mr. W. Donlon Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 United States Court House Building
Foley Square
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Edwards:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing a letter from the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from $3200 per annum in Grade CAF 9 to $3500 per annum in Grade CAF 10, effective September 16, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY - NEW YORK CITY
Mr. W. Donlon Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Edwards:

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as indicated:

From
Position: Special Agent
Assignment: Field
Grade: CAF 9
Salary: $3200 per annum
Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)

To
Position: Special Agent
Assignment: Field
Grade: CAF 10
Salary: $3500 per annum
Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)

Effective: September 16, 1941

Respectfully,

[Signature]

By the Attorney General:

(Sgd.) Matthew J. Wainwright

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Position: Additional
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Grand Rapids, Michigan
September 7, 1941

Dear Sir:

Re: Special Agent William D. Edwards; Bureau Accounting Lessons.

Special Agent William D. Edwards of this office has expressed a desire to take advantage of the opportunity of taking the Bureau Accounting Course.

It will be appreciated if you will forward to this office the necessary material.

Very truly yours,

M. WILSON McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge
Mr. William D. Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

RE: BOOKKEEPING AND ELEMENTARY ACCOUNTING COURSE

Dear Mr. Edwards:

In accordance with your request to be enrolled in the Bookkeeping and Elementary Accounting Course, please find enclosed lessons number 1 to 35, inclusive.

This course is to be treated as strictly confidential and each lesson furnished is to be retained by you until the completion of the entire course. When received at the Bureau, your paper on each lesson will be graded and you will be advised of the grade received.

The purpose of this training is to better equip you for the performance of duties under the jurisdiction of this Bureau. The papers submitted by you will not be given a numerical grade, but will be graded as EXCELLENT, SATISFACTORY, and UNSATISFACTORY. If you receive a grade of UNSATISFACTORY, your paper will be returned for further study.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Mr. E. D. Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of $5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause, while employed as a Special Agent.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to April 15, 1941, and who dies from any cause, while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars ($5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of $5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Nancy D. Edwards Address 76 N 1st Street, San Jose, California
Relationship Wife

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Special Agent

[Date] JAN 24, 1978
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN
RE: William V. Edwards
Special Agent

Entered on duty
Reported to field
Present grade and salary
Last salary change
Accounting course
Marksmanship
Qualified in all firearms:
Failed to qualify with:

REMARKS

At the conclusion of this agent's training on February 7, 1941, Mr. Nathan said he thought he was all right; that he could be better than average if he wanted to. He was assigned to the Grand Rapids Office on February 9, 1941. On March 25, 1941, Mr. McFarlin said he believed that with additional training and experience, he would overcome any deficiencies which then existed and that his development would be satisfactory with close supervision. This agent has received his investigative service questionnaire and on June 20, 1941, was furnished with the deferment form.

On August 8, 1941, Mr. McFarlin said he had been engaged in general investigative work and had spent considerable time developing American Legion contacts; that he had performed his work in an outstanding manner considering his length of service; that he had developed many good contacts for the Bureau, principally among police agencies as a result of which he had secured a considerable number of new cases for the Grand Rapids Office; that he presented a good personal appearance, had a pleasing and engaging personality, evidenced a sincere interest in his work, which he performed in a conscientious manner, that he was loyal; that he had developed a more aggressive and forceful attitude in his contacts, voluntarily performed a considerable amount of overtime, handled firearms in an able manner and he would hesitate to place him on a raid assignment; that he had required a minimum amount of supervision and dictated work in an able manner and that considering his length of service he was more than satisfied with this agent's progress and it was believed that with additional experience he would be able to satisfactorily perform administrative duties.

Respectfully,
[Signature]

Wm. S. McFarlin
Dear Sir:

This efficiency report is being written on the above Agent in view of his transfer from this office to Assistant Director F. J. CONNELLEY, New York City.

The Grand Rapids Office was the first office of assignment of this Agent, he reporting for duty here February 9, 1941. Since that date he has been engaged in the general investigative work of the Bureau, principally National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White Slave Traffic Act, Applicant investigations, internal security cases, Selective Service Act cases, and like matters. He has spent considerable time in the development of American Legion contacts, sources of information, and confidential informants, all of which he has performed in a manner which has been more than satisfactory. He has been particularly successful with his contacts with the various police agencies in this district. As a result of such contacts he has brought into the Grand Rapids Office many new cases and I have heard many commendatory remarks made by the heads of local police agencies concerning the excellent conduct and personality of this Agent.

Agent EDWARDS presents a good personal appearance, has a pleasing and engaging personality, evinces a sincere interest in his work, and his loyalty to the Bureau cannot
(Letter to the Director dated September 9, 1941 from Special Agent in Charge, Grand Rapids, Michigan.)

be questioned. He has organized his work in an excellent manner and dictates rapidly. His investigations have been thorough and well conducted. He has voluntarily performed a considerable amount of overtime, is an efficient automobile driver, and is proficient with the typewriter. He handles firearms in an able manner, and I would not hesitate placing him on a raid assignment.

He has required a minimum amount of supervision in the work which he has performed. I have not had the opportunity of hearing this Agent testify in court since his assignment. I have had occasion on one or two instances to assign some administrative duties to this Agent, which duties he performed in a capable and able manner. He has a good knowledge of the Bureau's work, and he applies this knowledge with judgment.

Although this Agent's experience has been limited due to his length of service, I am confident that with additional experience he will be able to satisfactorily perform administrative duties. His development and progress in Bureau work have been more rapid than most Agents with the same amount of experience. I am more than satisfied with his progress and believe that he will continue to develop more rapidly than the average Agent.

Very truly yours,

M. GILSON McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge
Mr.      Miss
Mrs.  Mr. A. Donlon Edwards

Date: September 10, 1941

New appointment [ ] Transfer [ ] Promotion [X] Separation [ ]

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: Special Agent
2. Grade: GAP 9
3. Salary: $3200 per annum
4. Seat of Government: Field:
5. Division:
6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent
8. Grade: GAP 10
9. Salary: $3500 per annum
10. Seat of Government: Field:
11. Division:
12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)
13. Effective September 16, 1941
14. Position: Vice:
15. Remarks: Additional:

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CC: Chief, Audit Section
September 5, 1941

Mr. W. W. McFarlin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. McFarlin:

You are advised that the Bureau's records indicate that Special Agent W. D. Edwards has not as yet contributed to the Agents' Insurance Fund.

It is desired that you personally speak to the above Agent with a view to ascertaining whether he desires to participate therein. In the event Agent Edwards does not desire to affiliate himself, it is requested that he submit a written explanation of his opinion in order that it may be a matter of record.

There is enclosed herewith a beneficiary form which Mr. Edwards may use if he so desires. It is desired that a reply to this communication be received in the Bureau not later than September 15, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
EMPLOYEE'S NOTICE OF INJURY AND ORIGINAL CLAIM FOR
COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

(To be submitted to the official superior by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury causes disability for work beyond the day or shift in which the injury occurred, or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense, when it should be forwarded to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission with report of injury, Form C. A. 2.)

_________________________ ___________ ___________
City or town State

715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Street and number

_________________________ ____________________
Date of this notice Date

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on ____________________________, 1941.

_________________________ _____________ ____________________
Day of week Date (Week, a.m. or p.m.)

1. The injury occurred at ____________________________, (Give name of establishment where employed)
   ____________________________, Michigan, ____________________________
   _____________
   while driving bureau automobile on official business on Highway
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

2. Cause of injury ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

3. Nature of injury Multiple facial bruises and one-inch laceration over upper
   lip on left
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4. Names of witnesses to injury:
   NONE
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

5. If this notice was not given within 48 hours after the injury, explain failure to give notice and state the name of the person to whom first notice was given and date:
   Notice not filled out within 48 hours as I was recuperating. M.W. McFlin
   Special Agent in Charge, Grand Rapids Office, F.B.I. was notified within
   15 minutes after an accident.

   This injury was not caused by my willful misconduct, intention to bring about the injury or death of myself or of another, nor by my intoxication, and I hereby make claim for compensation and medical treatment to which I may be entitled by reason of the injury sustained by me.

   ____________________________
   (Name) William D. Edwards

Before compensation is paid, written claim on Form C. A. 4 must be submitted to the Commission.

C. A. 2
Revised Apr. 27, 1939
U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1941 — D-185494
William D. Edwards
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| 6. Name of injured employee | William D. Edwards |
| 7. Age | 26 |
| 8. Sex | M |
| 9. Race | White |
| 10. Home address | 70 N. Collage, Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 11. Occupation and division | Special Agent, FBI |
| 12. Was employee doing his regular work? | Yes |
| 13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian? | Since December 15, 1940 |
| 14. How long at present work in this establishment? | Since February 5, 1941 |
| 15. Dates of other injuries | June 27, 1941 |
| 16. Rate of pay on date of injury | $3,200.00 per annum |
| 17. Employee begins work at | 8:00 A.M. |
| 18. Regular day's work ends | 5:00 P.M. |
| 19. Hours worked per day | 8 |
| 20. Days paid per week | 5 |

| 21. Place where injury occurred | On U.S. Highway #131, four miles North of Wayland, Michigan |
| 22. Date of injury | August 23, 1941 |
| 23. Date employee stopped work | August 23, 1941 |
| 24. Date employee's pay stopped | September 2, 1941 |
| 25. Has employee returned to work? | Yes |
| 26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of: | (a) Annual leave |
| 27. Describe in full how injury occurred | While driving on Highway #131, four miles North of Wayland, Michigan, on official business in a Bureau-owned automobile, a pheasant went through the windshield breaking glass which cut my face. |
| 28. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury | Multiple facial bruises and one inch laceration on upper lip on left |
| 29. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? | No |
| 30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? | Yes |

| 31. Was injury caused by: | (a) Wilful misconduct of the employee? No |
| (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death | (c) Employee's intoxication? |

| 32. Was written notice of injury given within 48 hours? | No |

| 33. Was injury caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? | No |

| 34. Name and address of physician who first attended case | Kent A. Dewey, M.D., Bass Surgeon, Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 35. How soon after injury? | One hour |
| 36. Name and address of physician now attending case | Kent A. Dewey, M.D., Bass Surgeon, Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan |

**Signed**

[Signature]

| 37. Date | September 2, 1941 |
| 38. Place | Grand Rapids, Michigan |

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STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

I was requested by Mr. H.W. McFarlin, Special Agent in Charge of the Grand Rapids Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to drive immediately to Wayland, Michigan, where William D. Edwards was waiting in a local doctor's office after having been cut by glass when a pheasant went through his windshield. I drove to Wayland, arriving there about 11:30 A.M., August 29, 1941. I found Edwards with several cuts on his face and took him to Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was treated. I examined the car and took pictures of same. The left windshield had been shattered and there was glass all over the inside of the car, and in the rear seat I found a dead pheasant.

Signed this 3 day of September, 1941

[Signature]

(Signature of witness)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

I certify that (W. Durn Edwards) was given first-aid treatment, or examined, on Aug. 29, 1941, at 12:15 P.M., and (was or was not) disabled for work. Probable length of disability will be (was or was not) due to injury on Aug. 29, 1941.

Nature of injury as found on examination: Multiple face bruises, 1 inch laceration over upper lip on left.

Hospitalized: Will return for further treatment in 3 days.

Discharged: Other disposition

Remarks

Signed this 29 day of Aug., 1941

[Signature]

(Signature of medical officer)
EMPLOYEE'S NOTICE OF INJURY AND ORIGINAL CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

(To be submitted to the official superior by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury causes disability for work beyond the day or shift in which the injury occurred, or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense, when it should be forwarded to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission with report of injury, Form C. A. 2.)

Grand Rapids, Michigan
(City or town)

715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
(Street and number)

July 30, 1941
(Date)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on

May 16, 1941
(Date)

Friday
(Day of week)
2:00 P.M.
(Hour, a.m. or p.m.)

1. The injury occurred at U.S. War Dept. Range at Big Rapids, Michigan
(here name of establishment where employed)
in the following manner: While shooting a Thompson Sub-machinegun a small

piece of lead lodged in my left bicep

2. Cause of injury

Bullet stuck in barrel

3. Nature of injury

Flash wound

4. Names of witnesses to injury:

W. Wilson McFarlin, 715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan

W. B. Albaugh, 715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan

5. If this notice was not given within 48 hours after the injury, explain failure to give notice and state the name of the person to whom first notice was given and date:

Round was not serious

This injury was not caused by my willful misconduct, intention to bring about the injury or death of myself or of another, nor by my intoxication, and I hereby make claim for compensation and medical treatment to which I may be entitled by reason of the injury sustained by me.

(Name) William D. Edwards

Before compensation is paid, written claim on Form C. A. 4 must be submitted to the Commission

C. A. 4
Revised Apr. 27, 1941
### OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Washington, D.C., as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which causes any disability for work beyond the day or shift on which the injury occurred or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expenses. This form should be accompanied by C.A. 1.]

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| 6. Name of injured employee | William D. Edwards |
| 7. Age | 26 |
| 8. Sex | Male |
| 9. Race | White |
| 10. Home address | 715 S.E. North College, Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 11. Occupation and division | Special Agent |
| 12. Was employee doing his regular work? | Yes |

| 13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian | eight months |
| 14. How long at present work in this establishment | six months |

| 15. Dates of other injuries | None |
| 16. Rate of pay on date of injury | $3200.00 per year and subsistence valued at $ | | per |
| 17. Employee begins work at | 7:00 A.M. |
| 18. Regular day's work ends at | 5:00 P.M. |
| 19. Hours worked per day | Eight |
| 20. Subject to Minimum pay | 7 |

| 21. Place where injury occurred | U.S. Army Dept., Range, Big Rapids, Michigan |
| 22. Date of Injury | May 16, 1941; day of week Friday; hour of day 7:00 A.M. |
| 23. Date employee stopped work | did not | | |
| 24. Date employee's pay stopped | did not | | |
| 25. Has employee returned to work? | | |

| 26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of: | |
| (a) Annual leave | |
| (b) Sick leave | |
| (c) Other reason | |

| 27. Describe in full how injury occurred | Small piece of lead came from Thompson Sub-machine gun while firing same |

| 28. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury | Left bicep |

| 29. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? | No |

| 30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? | Yes |

| 31. Was injury caused by: | |
| (a) Willful misconduct of the employee? | No |
| (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? | No |
| (c) Employee's intoxication? | No |
| (d) Any other reason | No |

| 32. Was written notice of injury given within 48 hours? | No |
| | H.R. Albaugh, 715 S.E. Grand Rapids National Bank Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan |

| 34. Was injury caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? | No |
| 35. Name and address of physician who first attended case | Big Rapids Hospital |
| 36. Medical attendant | |
| 37. To what hospital sent? | Big Rapids |
| 38. Name and address of physician now attending case | None |

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Signed this day of at .

[Signature of reporting official] Special Agent in Charge

Revised to June 11, 1942
STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[The statement of witness should tell just what the witness saw personally, or, if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given.]

While Edwards was shooting the machine gun I noticed a flash of flame and heard him exclaim that he believed that his arm had been injured. He rolled up his sleeve and noticed that there was a small piece of lead embedded in his left bicep. He immediately left for the hospital.

Signed this 19 day of August, 1941.

Edwards was shooting the gun and some flame appeared and he said that his arm had been injured. He rolled up his left sleeve and we could see that there was a little piece of lead in his left bicep. After putting some iodine on it he left for the hospital in Big Rapids.

Signed this 19 day of August, 1941.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

I certify that H.W. Edwards was given first-aid treatment, or examined, on May 16, 1941, at 10:30 A.M., and was disabled for work. Probable length of disability will be ___ weeks. In my opinion disability due to injury on ___.

Nature of injury as found by examination: ________

Hospitalized: ________ Will return for further treatment: __________

Discharged: ________ Other disposition: ________

Remarks: ________ Unfavorable for future of service.

Signed this 11 day of August, 1941.

(Title)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Grand Rapids, Michigan
August 8, 1941

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, SPECIAL AGENT;
SPECIAL EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with Bureau letter of July 30, 1941
the following special efficiency report is being submitted
relative to the above-named Special Agent.

This Agent was assigned to the Grand Rapids Office
as his first office of assignment on February 9, 1941. He
has been engaged in the general investigative work of the
Bureau, principally National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White
Slave Traffic Act, Applicant investigations, internal security
cases, Selective Service Act cases, and like matters. He also
has spent considerable time developing American Legion con-
tacts, sources of information, and confidential informants.
Agent EDWARDS has performed this work in an outstanding manner
considering his length of service in the Bureau. He has de-
veloped many good contacts for the Bureau, principally among
police agencies, as a result of which he has secured a con-
siderable number of new cases for the Grand Rapids Office.

Agent EDWARDS presents a good personal appearance,
has a pleasing and engaging personality, evinces a sincere
interest in his work, which he has performed in a conscien-
tious manner. I believe he is entirely loyal to the Bureau
and the work which it is performing.

DECLASSIFIED

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]
(Letter to the Director dated August 8, 1941 from Special Agent in Charge, Grand Rapids, Michigan.)

Since my last efficiency report on this Agent I have noted that he has developed a more aggressive and forceful attitude in his contacts. He voluntarily performs a considerable amount of overtime, is a good automobile driver, and is proficient with the typewriter. He handles firearms in an able manner, and I would not hesitate placing him on a raid assignment.

I have not had the opportunity of hearing this Agent testify in court since his assignment. He has required a minimum amount of supervision in the work which he performs and arranges and dictates his work in an able manner.

Considering the length of service of this Agent, I am more than satisfied with his progress. Although I have not assigned this Agent any administrative duties, I believe on the basis of his past development that with additional experience he will be able to satisfactorily perform administrative duties.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

M. WILSON McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge

MEM: RAF

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July 29, 1941

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Re: William Donlon Clouds
Special Agent

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to submit, to arrive at the Bureau not later than April 10, 1941, a special efficiency report relative to the above-named Special Agent.

Very truly yours,

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

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that I have not at any time advocated the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or by violence.

I am not now, nor have I been a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or by violence.

Very truly yours,

William D. Edwards

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named person, this 24th day of April, 1944, at city of Grand Rapids, county of Kent, and State (or Territory or District) of Michigan.
June 25, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to original letter of June 7, 1941, relative to an injury sustained by Special Agent William B. Jenkins on May 10, 1941, while in the performance of his official duties.

It is requested that 'Workers' Compensation' Compensation Forms C, A, 1 and C, A, 2 be executed and forwarded to the Bureau at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John W. Brower
Director
June 26, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Re: Photographic Training

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the photographs exposed by the Agents listed below in connection with training in the use of the camera noted below, which you recently submitted.

The grade obtained by each Agent is noted opposite his name.

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It is requested that you relay the photographs and grade obtained by any Agent listed above who may be assigned to another Field Division.

The developed negatives together with prints from the same and the camera training forms which you submitted on which have been noted appropriate comments are being transmitted under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
June 25, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith D.S.S. Form 42, "Claim For Deferred Classification By Person Other Than Registrant", which has been issued for Special Agent William D. Edwards.

It is requested that Agent Edwards be instructed to forward this certification to his local draft board immediately.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Special Delivery
Registered
Return Receipt Requested

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED
★ JUN 25 1941 ★

P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS

I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, has been designated by the President to take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage and violations of the neutrality regulations. This Bureau is also charged with the duty of investigating other matters bearing upon the maintenance of the internal security of the United States. The duties thus imposed upon this Bureau constitute a vital function in the national defense program of this country. At the present time this Bureau is required by Act of Congress to expand its personnel in order effectively to discharge the important duties devolving upon it.

William D. Edwards is a trained Special Agent and has been continuously employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since December 16, 1940. He cannot be replaced satisfactorily because of the shortage of persons with his qualifications and experience in such activity, and his removal for induction would cause material loss of effectiveness in the conduct of the national defense work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Extreme difficulty is being experienced at present in obtaining a sufficient number of qualified applicants to take care of the increasing expansion of this Bureau and it is impossible to consider a replacement of any individual for this reason. Turnover of personnel is extremely detrimental to efficiency, as trained and experienced members of the staff, such as William D. Edwards, must form the nucleus of the expanded staff which this Bureau must recruit in order to fulfill its function, and therefore it is suggested that he be given Classification II-B.

general supervisory

John Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

20th June 41
FBI GRAND RAPIDS 6-18-41 3-45 PM EST RAF

DIRECTOR

SA WILLIAM D. EDWARDS RECEIVED SELECTIVE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY. BELIEVE HE WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN CLASS THREE A DUE TO FACT HE IS MARRIED AND HAS SIX WEEKS OLD BABY.

MC FARLIN

END

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OK FBI WASH DC PJF
Re: Photographic Training

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Grand Rapids, Michigan
April 30, 1941

PERSONAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that my Selective Service serial number is 1716, and local order number is 4480. I have not as yet received my questionnaire.

The Selective Service Board at San Jose, California does not have my national lottery number, and said they would have to send to Washington, D.C. to secure same.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS
Special Agent

WDB: LRT
April 22, 1941

Mr. William D. Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 10, 1941, wherein you request to be permitted to remain at Grand Rapids until such time as your wife is able to travel after the anticipated birth of your child on or about May 20, 1941.

You may rest assured that your request will be granted if it is at all possible to do so, and you will not be transferred from your present office prior to Mrs. Edwards' complete recovery unless exigent matters should arise to make such action necessary.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Grand Rapids (PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL) (U)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan
April 10, 1941

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On or about May 20, 1941 the writer's wife expects a baby. It is respectfully requested that the writer be permitted to remain in his present office of assignment until such a time after the birth as the physician will permit a change of residence.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  

Grand Rapids, Michigan  
March 25, 1941  

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  

Re: SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM D. EDWARDS;  
45-DAY EFFICIENCY REPORT.  

Dear Sir:  

This Agent was assigned to the Grand Rapids Division  
as his first office of assignment. During this forty-five day  
period he has been engaged chiefly in White Slave Traffic Act,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Selective Training and Service  
Act, and internal security cases. He has also spent considerable  
time in developing American Legion contacts and sources  
of information. His work along these lines has been average  
for a new Agent.  

Agent EDWARDS presents a nice personal appearance  
evines a sincere interest in his work, is loyal and conscientious. It is believed, however, that his personality, although pleasing, is too retiring, and he lacks forcefulness. It is further believed that he is somewhat lacking in confidence in himself, which, of course, does not inspire confidence in  
others with whom he has contact.  

He voluntarily performs a considerable amount of  
overtime, is a good automobile driver, and is proficient with  
the typewriter. I have not had the opportunity of seeing this  
Agent handle firearms, and due to his lack of experience, I  
would hesitate placing him on a dangerous assignment. He has  
not testified in court since his assignment to this office.  

I believe that with additional training and experience  
he will overcome any deficiencies which presently exist and  
that his development will be satisfactory with close supervision.  

Very truly yours,  

[Signature]  

[Handwritten Note: MILSON McFARLIN]  
Special Agent in Charge  

[Handwritten Note: RAF]
February 12, 1941

Mr. William D. Edwards
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
715 Grand Rapids National Bank Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Edwards:
This will acknowledge receipt of your contribution of $10 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who may lose his life by violence in the line of official duty.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Date Submitted 2/8/41

Date of Training School 12/16/40 - 2/7/41 Age 1/6/15

Legal Residence San Jose, California Marital Status Married

Offices of Preference San Francisco, Honolulu, Assigned to Grand Rapids Los Angeles

Education: A.B.

Previous Experience: Secty. & Escrow clerk and attorney

### Training School Grades

| Examination, Rules & Regulations | 94 | Auditory Test | Good |
| Examination, Manual of Instructions | 96 | Visual Memory Test | Good |
| Examination, National Defense | 92 | Auto Driving | Satisfactory |
| NMVTA Special Interview Test | Good | Laboratory Examination | 99 |
| Searches at Crime Scene | Good | Moot Court | Fair |
| | | Uniform Crime Reporting | 100 |

### Firearms Training

- Hip Shooting: 98
- Practical Pistol Course: 76
- Shotgun: 100
- .30’06 Rifle: 67
- .351 Rifle: 61
- Machine Gun: 100
- Night Firing: 60

There is attached a copy of my comments concerning this agent.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan
January 16, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Special Agent W. D. Edwards, who entered on duty December 16, 1940, in Grade Caf-9, at a salary of $3,200 per annum, has been directed to report to you for assignment. The training school terminates on February 7, 1941, on which date he will proceed to your division. You should advise the date of his arrival.

You are instructed to continue the training of the Agent so that he may receive experience in all branches of the work of the Bureau. In submitting special efficiency reports, in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, you should include statements as to the kinds of cases on which the employee has been engaged, his ability or lack thereof in any certain phase of the work, and particularly his ability to perform more involved investigations, such as bankruptcy. It is further desired that you give your personal attention to the development of this employee along administrative and executive lines and that any pertinent information indicating possibilities for assignment to such work be reported to the Washington headquarters of the Bureau from time to time.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director
NAME  William D. Edwards
BIRTH DATE - January 6, 1915
MARITAL STATUS - Married
LEGAL RESIDENCE - San Jose, California
TITLE - Special Agent
EDUCATION - A.B.
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE - Secretary and Escrow clerk and attorney
OFFICE OF PREFERENCE - San Francisco; Honolulu; Los Angeles

Edwards is 25, married, with no children, and his legal residence and birthplace is San Jose, California.

He does not have a working knowledge of any foreign language.

He has an AB from Stanford, with above average grades.

The reports are that he has a pleasing personality, is quiet, interested, and average.

I think he is all right. I think he can be better than average if he wants to be and develops a little animation.

I recommend the Northeast.
January 9, 1941

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. William Donlon
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C., on December 19, 1940.

This report reflects the following physical defects:

None

The Board of Examining Physicians makes the following recommendations:

Vaccination for smallpox.
Insoulation for typhoid.

It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion, and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

For your information, it was determined during this examination that your blood is International Type "A".

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Mr. Nathan
**Laboratory Examination**

**NAME:** Edwards, W.P.

**Status:** 4-0-2

**Date:** 2/9/40

**Request of:** J. Duncan

**Address:** 4-1-1 Room

Request for Blood Kahn and Blood Wassermann Tests.

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**Signature:** F.W. Farrar

**Ranks:** Lieut., Comdr.,(MC), U.S.N. (MC), U.S.N.
NAME: EDWARDS, W.D.
RATE: F.B.I.
DATE: 12-19-40

Request of: Dr. Duncan
Address: F.B.I. Room

Diagnosis

Character of examination desired

URINALYSIS

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Signature: L.R. NEWHouser (MC), U.S.N.
Lt. Comdr. (MC), U.S.N.
RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D.C.    December 19, 1940

HISTORY

Name: Edwards, William Donlon  Age: 25 years, 11 months
Nativity (state): California  Married, Single, Widowed: Married  Children: None

Diseases, operations, or injuries previous to age of 15 (Give date and full description of each and examine carefully for evidence of sequelae.)

Now except broken leg at age of six. Was a crack in bone of right ankle. Measles & Whooping Cough, very young.

Diseases, operations, or injuries subsequent to age 15 (Give date and full description of each and examine carefully for evidence of sequelae.)  None.

State of Health

Father: (Living? Yes)  State of Health: Good
(Dead? )  Cause & age at death?

Mother: (Living? Yes)  State of Health: Good
(Dead? )  Cause & age at death?

Brothers: (Number living) None  State of Health: __________
(Number dead) One  Cause & age at death: Auto Accident

Sisters: (Number living) One  State of Health: Good
(Number dead) ______  Cause & age at death?

Has any member of family suffered from neurasthenia or insanity or been confined in any institution for the insane?  Give relationship and full history of case.

Not

Has any blood relative been an inmate of a penal institution or poorhouse?  Give relationship and state reasons.

Not

Habits: Tobacco? One cigarette  Alcohols? Socially  Drugs? None per day

William Donlon Edwards
Signature of Candidate.
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Eyes: Color? Blue
Exophthalmos? No
Chronic inflammation? No
Other abnormality? None
Eyelids: Ptosis? No
Condition of conjunctiva on eversion? None
Other eye conditions? None

Vision: (Note: Each eye must be tested separately.)

Does candidate wear glasses? Yes
For what purpose?

Distant: Uncorrected vision of right eye?
Uncorrected vision of left eye?
Corrected vision of right eye?
Corrected vision of left eye?

Near: Uncorrected vision of right eye?
Uncorrected vision of left eye?
Corrected vision of right eye?
Corrected vision of left eye?

Remarks:

Color sense: Rosses Endrige & Green Lamp
(Standard color plate test required)

Ears: Abnormalities? No
Evidence of mastoid or other disease?
Condition of drums? Right
Left

Hearing: (Note: When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard:
Right ear feet.
Left ear feet.

Distance whispered speech (Using residual air) can be heard:
Right ear feet.
Left ear feet.

(Note: Use tuning fork tests, Rinne, Weber & Schwabach, if indicated.)
Right ear
Left ear

Nose: Deflection of septum
Polypi?
Chronic nasal disease?
Is candidate a mouth breather?

Palate: Cleft or perforated?
Other conditions?

Fauces: Condition of tonsils?
Pharynx?

Signature of Examining Specialist.
Height? 5 feet, 11 inches. Weight, stripped? 146 Pounds.

General appearance: (Robust? ✔️)
(Puny?)
(Plethoric?)

Complexion: (White? ✔️)
(Colored?)
(Blonde?)

Skin: Diseases?

Hair: Color: Blonde Thickness

Glands: Enlargement: Other abnormalities

Head, Depressions? Asymmetries?

Facial disfigurement? Facial asymmetry?

Abnormalities of speech?

Neck: Goitre? Other conditions?

Chest: Inspiration 36 1/2 inches. Expiration 34 inches. Respiratory rate? 16

Inspection:

Lungs: Palpation:
Percussion:

Auscultation:

X-ray examination:

Heart: Palpation:
Percussion:

Auscultation:

Exercise Test: Step upon chair 25 times in 30 seconds. Pulse rate should return to normal after two minutes.

Pulse rate: Sitting 74 After exercise 108

Condition of heart after exercise:

Blood pressure, Systolic? 112 Distolic? 74 Pulse pressure 38
Abdomen:
Circumference at umbilicus? ____________
Tenderness? ____________
Other abnormalities? ____________
Liver, percussion? ____________ Palpation? ____________
Spleen, percussion? ____________ Palpation? ____________
Inguinal rings? ____________ Hernia? ____________
Scrotum:
Varicocele? ____________ Hydrocele? ____________ Sarcocèle ____________
Testicles:
Induration? ____________ Atrophy? ____________
Other conditions? ____________
Penis:
Epispadias? ____________ Hypospadias? ____________
Condition of prepuce? ____________ Venereal diseases? ____________
Anus:
Hemorrhoids? ____________ Fistulae? ____________
Prolapse of bowel? ____________ Other conditions ____________
Spine:
Tenderness? ____________ Curvature? ____________
Reflexes:
Pupillary: ____________ Cremasteric: ____________
Patellar: ____________ Babinski: ____________ Ankleclonus: ____________
Upper Extremity:
Missing fingers? ____________ Contractures of hand? ____________
Condition of joints? ____________ Other conditions? ____________
Lower Extremity:
Flat foot? ____________ Bowed legs? ____________
Knock-knees? ____________ Varicose Veins? ____________
Hammer toes? ____________ Bunions?

Other abnormalities?

Agility:

Co-ordination of muscular movements? ____________ Romberg? ____________

Defects of gait?

Mental Condition? __________________________________

(Note: If indicated refer to specialist)

Temperature?

Has this person been successfully vaccinated within 5 years? No

Has this person had prophylactic typhoid inoculation? No Date last taken None


Reaction? ____________ Shreds? ____________ Blood cells? ____________ 

Fus cells? ____________ Casts? ____________ Epithelial cells? ____________

Blood: Red corpuscles per C.mm ____________ White corpuscles per C.mm ____________ 

Differential count

Blood serologic tests (syphilis): ____________ Haemoglobin per cent: ____________

Has candidate any of the following defects, viz: Cachexia, or apparent predisposition to any constitutional diseases, permanent defects of either of the extremities or articulations, including defects of gait, flat foot, badly bowed legs, knock-knees, unnatural curvature of the spine, impaired vision, color-blindness, chronic diseases of the visual organs, epilepsy, insanity, chronic diseases of the ears, deafness, chronic nasal disease, polypi, chronic ulcers or cicatrices of old ulcers likely to break out afresh, chronic cardiac pulmonary or renal affections, insufficient chest expansion, hernia, sarscocele, hydrocele, varicocele (unless slight), fistula in ano, hemorrhoids, varicose veins on lower limbs (unless slight) stature less than 5 feet 4 inches, or more than 6 feet 2 inches, or any marked abnormality of speech or facial disfigurement?

Report of any special examination:
DENTAL EXAMINATION OF ________________

MUCOUS MEMBRANE

- Normal
- Inflamed
- Swollen
- Ulcerated
- Septic

TONGUE

- Coating
- Cryptic
- Ulcerated
- Enlarged

GENERAL ORAL CONDITION

SALIVA

- Normal
- Excessive
- Acidity
- Thick or ropy
- Odor

OCCLUSION

- Normal
- Class I
- Class II
- Class III

ARCH

- Square
- Tapering
- Ovoid

DENTAL DIAGNOSIS

A. Labial
B. Lingual
C. Incisal
D. Occlusal
E. Buccal
G. Mesial
H. Lingual
K. Mesio-labial
L. Distal-labial
M. Mesio-lingual
N. Disto-lingual
O. Mesio-incisal
P. Disto-incisal
R. Mesio-occlusal
S. Disto-occlusal
T. Bucco-occlusal
U. Lingual-occlusal
V. Mesio-distal-occlusal
W. Bucco-lingual-occlusal

X-ray No. ___________ X-ray reading ___________

Gingival disease (indicate nature and extent) ___________

Conditions of appliances replacing teeth ___________

Remarks: ___________

In case a dentist is not available to make the dental examination, the medical examiner shall record missing teeth, prosthetic replacements, and give a general estimate of oral condition.

Date 12-18-40 (Signature) George T. Deering
Dental Surgeon
Summary of Findings

(Summarize here all defects found.)

Recommendations:

1. Is this man capable of strenuous___moderate___light____
or very light____ physical exertion. (Indicate which).

2. Has this man any defect which would interfere with his participation in raids or other work connected with the detection and apprehension of criminals which might entail the practical use of firearms? (Indicate YES or NO) ___

Remarks:

Administrative action by Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DIRECTOR
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William Donlon Edwards
New Agents # 22
E.O. 12/4/40

I hereby certify that the above-named Special Agent is qualified in the use of all Bureau firearms and that he has made qualifying scores in each required firearms course.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM

A search of the files of this Division fails to disclose any record of William Donlon Edwards, employee, whose fingerprint card has been retained here. The fingerprint classification in this case is 9 S 9 R 8. S 1 Ur

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Q. Tamm
December 19, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. T. D. QUINN
THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This is to advise you that the following individuals entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as Special Agents on December 16, 1940:

Charles F. Alden
H. Bruce Baumaister
George E. Baine
James A. Brennan
Omar T. Burleson
Harry H. Byrner, Jr.
C. Barrett Campbell
Kanning C. Clement
Heldin M. Coppenger
Jackson C. Davis
Lavel Dunham

[Signature]

Charles W. Edmonds
George A. Fletcher
Hugh N. Foster, Jr.
Allan Gillies
J. Oliver Goldsmith
Adolph G. Hauer
Albert T. Healy
Arval N. Kochler
William V. Koons
William J. McCormick
George W. McGurr

John P. McLaughlin
Edwin A. McMillan
Albert G. Macdonald
Clyde G. Miller
Walter G. Miller
Edward J. Mooney, Jr.
Howard B. Patterson
Robert A. Petry
Joseph A. Prendergast
Clarence F. Purdy
Dom E. Naney
Malcolm H. Roberts, Jr.
Donald E. Aone
Leo J. Hoss
J. William Staidley
Den H. Shell
Edward B. Stanton
George H. Stevena, Jr.
Charles W. Stickle, Jr.
Lester C. Wilhelm
Howard P. Winter
James G. Woods

Oaths of office have been received from the above employees.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Mr. William Donlon Edwards,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

You are hereby appointed a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of $3200 per annum in Grade Caf-9. You will also be allowed your expenses of travel and operation in accordance with existing regulations and $5.00 a day in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are hereby fixed at Washington, D. C., effective upon your entry on duty, to which point you should proceed at your own expense in order to assume your official duties. Your headquarters will thereafter be changed from time to time to such places as may be deemed advisable by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under whose supervision and instructions you will be employed.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation (National Defense)," FIELD.

This appointment will take effect when you enter on duty at Washington, D. C.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

Respectfully,

By the Attorney General:

[Signature]

The Assistant to the Attorney General.
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to Bureau communication of November 15, 1939 concerning Departmental Circular #3302 please be advised that I have not been holding office in any political party or political club.

Very truly yours,

William Donlon Edwards

Dec 16, 1940

Note:
If the above is answered affirmatively an explanation follows stating whether or not you have resigned and the date of resignation.
I, ...W. Donlon Edwards... do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) .... W. Donlon Edwards...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of December, 1940.

O. Eugene Coleman
Notary Public

DATE OF ENTRY ON DUTY ... Dec. 16, 1940

DATE OF BIRTH ... Jan. 6, 1915

PLACE OF BIRTH* ... San Jose, Calif.

* If foreign born, date of naturalization ...

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE ... San Jose, Calif.

DO YOU RECEIVE AN ANNUITY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ACT? ... (Yes or no) ... No

JAN. 1949 17 - LWD RECORDED
THE FBI PLEDGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Humbly recognizing the responsibilities entrusted to me, I do vow that I shall always consider the high calling of law enforcement to be an honorable profession, the duties of which are recognized by me as both an art and a science. I recognize fully my responsibilities to defend the right, to protect the weak, to aid the distressed, and to uphold the law in public duty and in private living. I accept the obligation in connection with my assignments to report facts and to testify without bias or display of emotion, and to consider the information, coming to my knowledge by virtue of my position as a sacred trust, to be used solely for official purposes. To the responsibilities entrusted to me of seeking to prevent crime, of finding the facts of law violations and of apprehending fugitives and criminals, I shall give my loyal and faithful attention and shall always be equally alert in striving to acquit the innocent and to convict the guilty. In the performance of my duties and assignments, I shall not engage in unlawful and unethical practices but shall perform the functions of my office without fear, without favor, and without prejudice. At no time shall I disclose to an unauthorized person any fact, testimony, or information in any pending matter coming to my official knowledge which may be calculated to prejudice the minds of existing or prospective judicial bodies either to favor or to disfavor any person or issue. While occupying the status of a law enforcement officer or at any other time subsequent thereto, I shall not seek to benefit personally because of my knowledge of any confidential matter which has come to my attention. I am aware of the serious responsibilities of my office and in the performance of my duties I shall, as a minister, seek to supply comfort, advice and aid to those who may be in need of such benefits; as a soldier, I shall wage vigorous warfare against the enemies of my country, of its laws, and of its principles; and as a physician, I shall seek to eliminate the criminal parasite which preys upon our social order and to strengthen the lawful processes of our body politic. I shall strive to be both a teacher and a pupil in the art and science of law enforcement. As a lawyer, I shall acquire due knowledge of the laws of my domain and seek to preserve and maintain the majesty and dignity of the law; as a scientist, it will be my endeavor to learn all pertinent truth about accusations and complaints which come to my lawful knowledge; as an artist, I shall seek to use my skill for the purpose of making each assignment a masterpiece; as a neighbor, I shall bear an attitude of true friendship and courteous respect to all citizens; and as an officer, I shall always be loyal to my duty, my organization, and my country. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and will constantly strive to cooperate with and promote cooperation between all regularly constituted law enforcement agencies and officers in the performance of duties of mutual interest and obligation.

Name: William Donlon Edwards
Title: Special Agent
Organ: FBI, U.S. Dept. of Justice
City: Washington, D.C.
State: D.C.
Date: Dec. 16, 1940
December 16, 1940

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

att’、“Mr. Nathan

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that I have resigned my commission as Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Clara, State of California. Said resignation is effective as of December 15, 1940.

Respectfully,

William Donlon Edwards

Special Agent
## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Form No. 1**

**This Case Originated At** BUREAU

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**TITLE**

WILLIAM DONALD EDWARDS

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant indebted to Bank of America in sum of $1437.30, representing FHA loan on San Jose, Calif., real estate. Bank officials advise that applicant keeps up payments regularly, is not in arrears, and has excellent credit record.

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**Reference:** Teletype from Bureau dated December 6, 1940.

**Details:** AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Applicant was located at his place of business, the San Jose Title and Abstract Co., 76 North First Street. He stated that he formerly owned an apartment house at 913 East Julian Street, San Jose, and still holds a $3,300 mortgage on this property, that he has been paying off a FHA loan held by the First Street Branch of the Bank of America, and still owes an approximate balance on this loan in the amount of $1,500.

He volunteered the information that he has savings and commercial accounts in the First National Bank, San Jose, and other liquid assets in excess of the full amount of the loan, and that he is receiving an annual salary of $3250 per annum. He appeared to be an alert, clean-cut type of man, and stated his reason for making application for the FBI was that he wanted to get in some interesting work where he could obtain a broad experience.

NEIL ANDERSON, Assistant Cashier of the First Street Branch of the Bank of America in charge of FHA loans stated that he was well acquainted with applicant and was very much impressed with...
applicant's personality and integrity. He stated that this bank holds the FHA loan on applicant's mortgage, that the present balance due is $1,437.30, that he is prompt in making payments, is trustworthy and entirely responsible. He spoke very highly of applicant, who was from a fine family, and was very well regarded in the community in which he resided. He stated that applicant applied for this loan more than a year ago and it was for the modernization of an apartment house which was then owned by applicant.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN
WH2 9 NT
SANJOSE CALIF DEC 8

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER FBI

APPOINTMENT ACCEPTED WILL PROCEED IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

WILLIAM DONOLON EDWARDS

808AM

DEC 13 1940

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Searches Checked
Numbered Filed
December 7, 1940

Dean M. R. Kirkwood
School of Law
Stanford University
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dean Kirkwood:

I am indeed pleased to inform you that an appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been tendered to Mr. William Donler Edwards of Palo Alto, California, about whom you were interviewed in connection with his application for a position in this Bureau.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Mr. William Donlon Edwards

Date December 7, 1940

New appointment [ ] Transfer [ ] Promotion [ ] Separation [ ]

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: 
2. Grade: 
3. Salary: 
4. Seat of Government: 
   Field: 
5. Division: 
6. Appropriation:

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent 
8. Grade: CAP 9 
9. Salary: $3200 per annum and $5.00 per diem
10. Seat of Government: 
    Field:
11. Division: 
12. Appropriation: (National Defense)
13. Effective: With entry on duty
14. Position: 
15. Remarks: Recommended for appointment as a Special Agent in grade CAP 9, with salary at the rate of $3200 per annum and $5.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

CC: Chief, Audit Section

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED
DEC 7 1940

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

WILLIAM DONALD MURRIS
1570 MILLER STREET
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

SOLD PREPAID

YOU ARE OFFERED APPOINTMENT SPECIAL AGENT THIS BUREAU SALARY THIRTY TWO HUNDRED PER ANNUM ALLOWED FIVE DOLLARS DAY LIEU OF SUBSISTENCE WHEN ABSENT HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL BE FIXED AT WASHINGTON DC EFFECTIVE WITH ENTRY ON DUTY. NOTIFY THIS OFFICE BY WIRE IF THIS APPOINTMENT ACCEPTED. IF YOU ACCEPT PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE REPORT TO ROOM FIVE TWO FIVE SIX UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH STREETS NORTHWEST AT NINE AM ON DECEMBER SIXTEENTH TO ENTER ON DUTY. RIGID PHYSICAL EXAMINATION MUST BE TAKEN AT WASHINGTON AND IF SAME REFLECTS YOU ARE NOT CAPABLE PERFORMING STRENUOUS DUTIES OR THAT YOUR COLOR VISION OR VISION NOT NORMAL OR THAT YOU HAVE ANY DEFECT WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH YOUR USE OF FIREARMS APPOINTMENT WILL BE CANCELLED. FBI STANDARDS REQUIRE UNCORRECTED VISION NO LESS THAN TWENTY FORTY IN ONE EYE AND TWENTY FIFTY IN THE OTHER EYE CORRECTED WITH GLASSES TO NORMAL VISION OF TWENTY TWENTY. ARRANGE PERSONAL MATTERS THAT YOU MAY ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT WHERE SERVICES NEEDED CONSIDER THIS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND PRESENT WIRE UPON REPORTING. FBI RESERVES RIGHT TO REFUSE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY RESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL AGENT UNLESS AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RESIGN GIVEN. ASSIGNMENT DURING TRAINING WILL BE EITHER WASHINGTON DC OR QUANTICO VIRGINIA. PER DIEM NOT ALLOWED AT WASHINGTON DC IF TRAINING GIVEN AT QUANTICO, PER DIEM OF ONE DOLLAR FORTY CENTS WILL BE ALLOWED. NOT POSSIBLE FOR WIVES OR FAMILIES OF APPOINTEES TO BE DOMICILED AT QUANTICO DURING TRAINING PERIOD.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

WESTERN DEPARTMENT

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SENT VIA
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

WILLIAM DONAHER EDWARDS, SEVEN SIX NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, SA APPLICANT. CONTACT APPLICANT THROUGH SAN JOSE ABSTRACT AND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF CREDITOR ON FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR F.H.A. LOAN AND CONTACT CREDITOR TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF LOAN. SUTEL TODAY.

HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From: Chief Clerk's Office Room 5513

December 7, 1940

To: Director
xxx Mr. Tolson
     Mr. Glavin
     Mr. Glavin
     Mr. Tracy

FOR APPROVAL TO GO OUT

Appointment Mr. WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, Special Agent, CAP 9, 3200 per annum, in the Training School of December 16, 1940.

No political endorsers.

Dean I. R. Kirkwood, School of Law, Stanford University, recommended applicant highly.

Reference:
Honorable R. R. Syer, Judge of the Santa Clara County Court House.

Applicant obtained AB at Stanford University.

App. approved 12-7-40

CC-186

W. R. Glavin
DIRECTOR
FBI JUSTICE WASHNDC
RECOMMEND FAVORABLY SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANTS: WILLIAM DONOLON
EDWARDS, FRANKLIN BERT LONG, LOUIS MAURICE COMTE
PIEPER.
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

BRIEF OF INVESTIGATION

December 5, 1940

RE: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS
Special Agent Applicant

Written Rating: 56%
Oral " : 73%
Composite " : 64.1%

EDUCATION

San Jose High School, San Jose, Calif., 1928 - 1932. Graduated.

Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., 1932 - 1936, A.B. Degree; Law School, 1936 - Nov. 1938. (As on appl.)

Applicant pursued a regular academic course and graduated with an A-B record. (See below)

Records reflect applicant enrolled in March, 1932 and majored in History and English. He maintained an average of B minus, having made 12 A's, 20 B's, 13 C's, and 1 D in Public Speaking. Miss McKendry, Secretary of the Law School, stated that while he was in Law School, applicant maintained a scholastic average of C plus. Applicant enrolled for the year 1938 - 1939, but withdrew shortly after the beginning of the year because of the death of his brother in an automobile accident. Dean Kirkwood advised that applicant had a very favorable record in Law School, and he recommended him highly. Included in applicant's file was a transcript of his record from the San Jose High School, dated June 15, 1932, and signed by Mr. Gleason, Vice-principal, which reflected that applicant graduated eleventh in a class of three hundred students. The file also contained a letter from Mr. Shipp, Dean of Boys, San Jose Senior High School, in which he recommended applicant and stated he knew of no student in the recent history of the school who had such a record to his credit.

Took Calif. Bar Exam., Oct. 1940

EXPERIENCE

San Jose Abstract and Title Co., San Jose, Calif., Executive Secretary, since Nov. 1938.

Mr. Nickel, Title Examiner, stated applicant handles escrow matters and the closing and handling of firm business after the clerical work has been performed, and that he is well-liked by the other employees. Mr. Rudolph, a reference, advised that applicant's father is President of the San Jose Abstract Company and controls most of the stock in the company. After his brother's death, applicant quit law school and returned to San Jose to take his brother's place as secretary in his father's company.

REFERENCES

Paul Rudolph, First Natl. Bank,
(see exper.)

Dr. Thomas W. MacQuarrie, Pres., San "pretty well." Mr. Goodman stated he knows applicants

...Mr. Alley
...Mrs. Atkinson
...Miss Guignon
...Mrs. Jacobs
...Mrs. Wacherman

Routed...
Search...
Serialize...
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REFERENCES (Cont.).

Jose State College;
Judge R. R. Syer
C. B. Goodwin, City Manager,
Dr. M. F. Hopkins, all San Jose, Calif.

MEMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

Delta Kappa Epsilon, Masons, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Phi.

RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Captain Frederick Edwards has been in charge of Company D, United States Customs Patrol, State of Arizona, for the past fifteen years.

Favorable.

MEMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

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Satisfactory.

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Arrested, 1930, Santa Cruz, Calif., for speeding; (As on appl.)

Arrested, 1938, for speeding on Monterey-Salinas Highway.

Languages:

Verbal.

Born January 6, 1915, at San Jose, Calif.

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Personal Interview with Interviewing Official N. J. L. Pieper:

Reports applicant has a good personal appearance, approach, and personality; is self-confident; tactful; answers general questions definitely; appears to be resourceful and to have executive ability; and is likely to develop; however, he is slightly nervous; has not studied Federal Procedure; and has had no investigative experience. Mr. Pieper states applicant has had experience in the examination of records. He is used to close analysis and accuracy, observation of detail and thoroughness. It is believed he shows imagination because he states that he has invented some kind of gadget which is of assistance in records and charts in connection with his business. Applicant was very modest about this, saying it was just a lazy man's effort to save work, but it is believed it shows practical imagination. Applicant grows on one. He is intelligent. His nervousness, it is believed, made him show up less favorably at first; however, as he loosened up, he impressed very well. He is unusually sincere, and in spite of the fact that he does not have his LLB, it is believed his experience in business will compensate for this. With training, applicant should

Favorable.

RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Frederick Edwards, Uncle, Customs Inspector, Nogales, Arizona.

Misellaneous

Neighborhood investigation and other persons interviewed:

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MISCELLANEOUS (Cont.)
make a good man as he impresses one with his sincerity and his tenaciousness, besides having a good appearance. Recommendation: Favorable.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS

None.

Applicant's physical report, dated November 25, 1940, reflects his vision as normal without glasses; color vision normal, tested with Color Skeins; blood pressure - 122/80, pulse 80; and he is recommended for arduous physical exertion.

W. R. Glavin

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DIRECTOR FBI JUSTICE
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WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS SA APPLICANT. INDEBTED TO BANK OF
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DOLLARS THIRTY CENTS. BANK OFFICIALS ADVISE LOAN NOT IN
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nieholt
Mr. Hendon
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. DECEMBER 3, 1940

Transmit the following message to: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUTEL BY DECEMBER SIX WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, SA APPLICANT.

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Per
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.  
DATE WHEN MADE: 12/2/40  
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/22, 23, 25, 26, 40  
REPORT MADE BY: L. ALEX GILLIAM, JR. - WJ  
CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant born San Jose, Calif. 1/6/15. Father is President San Jose Abstract & Title Co., substantial business firm. Applicant graduated San Jose High School, 1932; good scholastic record; Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., AB degree, 6/14/36, B minus average. Maintained good record during two years at Stanford Law School. An excellent golfer, married, lives in Palo Alto, Calif. and presently employed as Secretary, San Jose Abstract & Title Co. References, neighbors, and others state applicant has exemplary personal habits, attractive personality, and give assurances of his honesty, integrity, dependability, and ability. Good credit record, San Jose and Palo Alto, Calif. Cited three times for speeding; no criminal record.

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Reference: Teletype, Bureau to San Francisco, November 20, 1940.

Details:

- EDUCATION -

At San Jose, California: Mr. FOREST G. MURDOCK, Principal, San Jose High School, advised agent that applicant entered this institution on September 17, 1928 and graduated from this school on June 15, 1932. He stated that applicant pursued a regular academic course and graduated with an A-B record, having taken courses in Spanish, Algebra, Geometry, History, Chemistry, Public Speaking, English, and Commercial Law.
Mr. MURDOCK stated that he does not know the applicant personally, applicant having graduated from high school the year before he came to this school as principal, but that he knows applicant's father and family well. He added that the applicant's family have an excellent reputation in San Jose; that applicant's father is a very well-to-do business man, and that he has never heard anything in the least derogatory about applicant or his family.

Mr. MURDOCK further advised that the school records do not reflect what outside activities applicant may have been engaged in while he was a student in this high school or what athletic teams he may have participated in; that because applicant graduated from this school several years ago, and because of the large number of students in the classes at this school, he doubted whether any teachers in the school at this time would remember applicant's work in their classes. Mr. MURDOCK added that were there anything derogatory about applicant's record in high school, it would be revealed on the file in his office.

At Palo Alto, California: Miss P. J. BRADFORD, Registrar's Office, Stanford University, advised upon interview that the records in this office reflected that applicant entered this institution on March 1, 1932 and graduated therefrom with an AB degree on June 14, 1936, having majored in History and English. She further advised that applicant maintained about an average of B minus, having made 12 - A's, 20 - B's, 13 - C's and 1 - D in public speaking.

Miss BRADFORD further advised that the records reflect applicant's birth date as January 6, 1915 at San Jose, California; that while he was in school at Stanford University he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon social fraternity, the Scalpers, a sophomore honor society, the Circle S, an athletic club, Phi Phi, an honorary social fraternity, the Interfraternity Council, a member of the Freshman Golf Team in 1932 and 1933, a member of the Varsity Gold Team in 1933 - 1934, 1934 - 1935, and 1935 - 1936.

Miss BRADFORD permitted agent to examine the personnel file of applicant in the Registrar's Office, which contained the following information:
The applicant's Application for Admission to Stanford University, dated April 18, 1932, reflected that the applicant's father, LEONARD P. EDWARDS, was living at the date of the application, had attended Stanford University, and was in the Title Insurance business in San Jose, California; that applicant's mother, the former CLARA E. DONICON, was also living at the date of application. The blank further reflected that applicant considered himself to be an American, to be five feet and eleven inches tall, to weigh one hundred and forty-five pounds; that he had never experienced any difficulties with his eyesight or his hearing.

The blank further reflected that the applicant was a member of the Christian Science church and planned to enter the profession of law; that he had been a member of the Hi-Y, the golf team, and the Crown and Shield, boy's honor society, while in high school; that he had been president of his Junior High School class; and president of the Boy's League and the Senior Class in high school.

The file contained a letter from DR. T. W. MACQUARRIE, President of San Jose State Teachers College, San Jose, California, dated May 2, 1932 and addressed to the Registrar, Stanford University, which stated: "I have known Don for the past five years. He is a fine young fellow, of good standards, good qualities, and a good sport. He comes from an excellent family, as you very well know from the other members who are students there now. I am glad to recommend him as a Stanford student."

The file further contained a letter from FREDERIK T. SHIPP, Dean of Boys, San Jose Senior High School, San Jose, California, dated April 28, 1932 and addressed to the Admissions Committee, Stanford University, which stated: "At the request of DON EDWARDS, I am writing this letter of recommendation for his application to Stanford. Don has had a unique record in leadership, including three earlier class presidencies: junior high school presidency, boys league presidency, and finally, the senior class presidency. I know of no student in the recent history of the school who has such a record to his credit. The boy is from a fine, high-grade family, and has proven himself a clean, wholesome young man. His skill as a golfer is more than county-wide, and his popularity is great. No, I am sure, will be a real asset to the University, and a valuable alumnus."
The file also contained a letter from FLOYD A. PARRON, President of the Reserve Building and Loan Association at San Jose, California dated April 30, 1932 and addressed to Dr. J. P. MITCHELL, Stanford University. This letter states: "I write as an alumnus on behalf of this lad. I am not intimately acquainted with his high school records, but I do know the caliber of boy that he is. I have closely observed his climb to young manhood—his character, his habits, and his ambitions are A-1. His home surroundings and family reflect the best there is in wholesomeness and loyalty to Stanford. Here is a boy that Stanford University can help develop into a leader."

The file further contained a Personal Rating Blank signed by CHARLES B. GLEASON, Vice-principal of San Jose High School, and dated April 15, 1932. This rating blank reflected the following:

"Applicant is well-liked by others, does ordinary assignments of his own accord, sometimes leads in important affairs, is well-balanced emotionally, and is engrossed in realizing well-formulated objectives." The blank further stated that "this is a composite of the estimates of four teachers competent to judge this student's work and character"; that they "knew him chiefly from his class-work"; that one of them regarded his chief weakness as "being opinionated"; that his health and strength is normal.

On the back of this blank was written: "I have known EDWARDS ever since he entered school and noted him particularly because I know his family well and have had something to do with his older brother and sister, both of whom are now at Stanford. I have not, however, come into close contact with him. EDWARDS comes of a good family, is bright and capable and has been a thoroughly satisfactory student. His tastes and ambitions are social rather than scholastic, but I believe he will take pride in maintaining a good standing in his studies. He has the good qualities and the weaknesses of the habitual office-seeker."

A transcript of applicant's record from the San Jose High School dated June 15, 1932 and signed by CHARLES B. GLEASON, Vice-principal, reflected that applicant graduated from this high school on June 15, 1932, eleventh in a class of three hundred, having taken regular academic work.

The file reflected upon further examination a petition for leave of absence from July 2, 1934 to the end of the summer session. The reason given was "financial" and the petition stated: "If I continue this quarter I cannot return for the autumn quarter." The petition was granted.
The file also contained a letter from the Registrar, Stanford University, to the Fidelity and Casualty Company, New York City, dated March 1, 1939, which letter stated: "EDWARDS scholastic record was good. He received an AB degree on June 14, 1936. There is nothing in any way unfavorable to his character recorded in this office."

Miss MARION MCKENDRY, Secretary of the Law School, Stanford University, advised that the records in that office reflected October, 1936 as the date of applicant's matriculation in the Law School; that he attended this institution for the school years 1936 - 1937 and 1937 - 1938; that applicant enrolled for the year 1938 - 1939 but withdrew shortly after the beginning of the year because of the death of his brother in an automobile accident.

Miss MCKENDRY stated that applicant was given a leave of absence at this time; that while he was in the law school he had maintained a scholastic average of a C plus. She advised that she knows applicant, and considers him a very likeable and a fine young man, and that understood that applicant took the California State Bar Examination in October of 1940.

Dean M. R. KIRKWOOD of the Stanford University Law School advised that he knows applicant and also knows applicant's father, who is president of the San Jose Abstract & Title Company in San Jose, California; that he is surprised to hear that applicant has made application for a position with the Bureau, because he thought applicant would continue to work in his father's business.

Dean KIRKWOOD advised that applicant had a very favorable record in the Law School; that he gave promise of being a very good lawyer. He stated that applicant has a splendid personality, is easy in meeting people, and mixes well with them; that he has no radical views about the government or politics to his knowledge; that he does not know if applicant has any bad personal habits, but that he would be very surprised if he should hear that he had; and that he considers him excellent material for the FBI and is glad to give him a very high recommendation.
- REFERENCES -

At San Jose, California: Mr. ROBERT RUDOLPH, First National Bank of San Jose, who resides at 310 Tillmann Street, advised that he has known applicant since applicant's birth. He stated that while he is a much older man than applicant and has never associated with him in a social way, he sees applicant nearly every day.

Mr. RUDOLPH advised that applicant has excellent personal habits; that he does not believe that applicant drinks; that his family are all members of the Christian Science Church and are not "drinking people themselves." He advised that he has known applicant's family for a great number of years; that applicant's father is President of the San Jose Abstract Company and controls most of the stock in the company and is one of the more successful business men in San Jose.

Mr. RUDOLPH further advised that applicant has a sister, and had one brother, who was accidentally killed in an automobile collision about two years ago; that applicant was attending the law school at Stanford University at the time, but gave it up after his brother's death and returned to San Jose to take his brother's place as secretary in the abstract company with his father. Mr. RUDOLPH advised that applicant married a young lady from Kentucky about two years ago; that he is an excellent golfer, and met his bride while participating in a golf match at the Del Monte Country Club, Del Monte, California. Mr. RUDOLPH knows nothing derogatory about applicant; considers him an excellent young man with no radical tendencies, and very acceptable material for a position as Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DR. THOMAS W. MACQUARIE, President of San Jose State College, who resides at 5302 Greenside Terrace, advised that he has known applicant for about seven years. He stated that he does not know applicant intimately, but knows him and his family well; that the family have an excellent reputation in San Jose and that he knows "nothing but good things" about applicant.

DR. MACQUARIE stated that he does not think applicant has ever been in any kind of trouble; that he has a very pleasing personality and seems to mix well with other people; that so far as he knows, applicant's personal habits are exemplary. He advised that he is glad to recommend him very highly, giving assurances as to the applicant's integrity, conscientiousness, and ability.
Judee R. SYER, Santa Clara County Courthouse, who resides at 535 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, advised that he has known applicant practically all his life—ever since applicant was five or six years old. He stated that applicant's aunt, Mrs. J. DON HINES, has lived next door to him for a great number of years and that when applicant and his brother were both little, they used to visit Mrs. HINES quite frequently, and that he thus saw them often.

Judge SYER stated that he has watched them grow into young men and knows applicant very well; that applicant married a girl from the South several years ago, and is at the present time working as Secretary of the San Jose Abstract Title Company in San Jose.

Judge SYER informed agent that applicant's grandfather had organized this company, of which applicant's father is now the President. He controls the stock in the company as well. The Judge advised that the applicant does not search records, but acts as an official of the company—as an executive secretary.

Judge SYER advised further that the applicant's family are one of the leading families in San Jose and that applicant himself is a fine young man of exemplary personal habits. He stated that applicant decided to make a lawyer of himself; that applicant's brother, TOM EDWARDS, was working in the Abstract Title Company as secretary, and that applicant was studying law at Stanford University when TOM was killed in an automobile accident; that applicant gave up his law career and came back to San Jose to take his brother's place and to work with his father.

Judge SYER added that applicant mixes "pretty well"; that he is not officious and does not have an "effusive personality;" rather a fine, unobtrusive personality." He stated that applicant is not the type of young man that "would jump at a public meeting to express his views; that he would do a lot of thinking, but would keep his ideas to himself unless called upon to express them."

He stated that neither applicant or his family have any radical views about government or politics; that they are conservative in nature; he advises that applicant has never been in any kind of trouble and that he knows nothing derogatory about him; that applicant has never participated in any "wild life" to his knowledge, and is inclined to be on the "studious side", although he has quite a reputation as a golfer, having participated in several state and national amateur matches.
Judge SYER further advised that applicant has a quiet, determined nature; that he can always be relied upon to do his job and will begin on his own initiative whatever he thinks is his duty to begin; that when his brother was killed, he thought that his place was in San Jose with his father in his business, and that he had therefore given up his law career to do what he considered was the thing for him to do. He advised that while he has never had any personal experiences with applicant, he feels confident that applicant would be suitable material for a Special Agent with the FBI and is glad to give him a strong endorsement as to character, personality, and ability.

Mr. C. B. GOODWIN, City Manager of San Jose, who resides at 863 Riverside Avenue, advised that he has known applicant all during the applicant's life; that he knows applicant's family well and know applicant's mother, the former CLARA DONLON, before she was married.

Mr. GOODWIN further advised that while he had not been personally associated with the applicant, he knows the family well enough to know that applicant would have no radical tendencies or bad habits. He stated that applicant is quite a golfer, having participated in several tournaments in this state and some national amateur matches as well.

Mr. GOODWIN believes that applicant is associated with his father in the San Jose Abstract and Title Company, one of the largest firms in San Jose; that applicant married a girl from Kentucky about two years ago. He stated that he knows nothing detrimental about applicant, and is glad to recommend him whole-heartedly and without any reservation.

DR. E. F. HOPKINS, Medico-Dental Building, San Jose, who lives at 485 South Sixteenth Street, stated that he has known applicant's family for about thirty years, has attended them professionally, and has known applicant all his life. He stated further that so far as he knows, applicant is in splendid health, is quite a golfer, does not smoke or drink, and has no bad habits.

DR. HOPKINS advised that shortly after applicant's marriage several years ago, he built a home immediately behind the home of his parents; but that about two months ago applicant and his wife moved to Palo Alto, California, where he is living at the present time. He stated that applicant is employed in his father's business; that he is a likeable young man with a good personality; and that he is glad to recommend him one hundred per cent.
- EMPLOYMENT RECORD -

At San Jose, California: Mr. CARL NICKEL, Title Examiner for the San Jose Abstract and Title Company, located at 76 North First Street, was interviewed, and advised that applicant has been secretary of the company for about two years; that his work is of an executive nature, and does not include the examining of records and titles, but rather the usual administrative duties performed by executive secretaries.

Mr. NICKEL stated that applicant handles escrow matters and the closing and handling of firm business after the clerical work has been performed. He stated that applicant has a fine personality, is well-liked by the other employees, and seem to mix splendidly with them.

Mr. NICKEL verified that applicant had recently moved to Palo Alto, California, which is about eighteen miles from San Jose, California, and that applicant commutes to work every day; that he does not know his Palo Alto address. Mr. NICKEL added that the firm business is handled by applicant's father, Mr. LEONARD P. EDWARDS, who controls the majority of stock in the company.

- NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION -

Applicant's family live in a very exclusive residential section in the foothills near San Jose, California on McKee and Fairway Roads. The home is of a large and expensive type, and immediately behind it is a two-story, white Colonial cottage, built by applicant shortly after his marriage two years ago. He and his wife have resided here until they moved about two months ago to Palo Alto, California.

Mrs. W. L. HOLMES, 5425 McKee Road, advised that applicant and his wife formerly lived at this address, and that applicant had built this home shortly after his marriage two years ago. She stated that applicant and his wife had recently moved to Palo Alto, California; that she knows applicant and his family only casually, but that they seem to be very substantial citizens and that she knows nothing at all detrimental about any of them. Mrs. HOLMES added that she had heard that applicant is an excellent golfer, but that she does not know him personally.
Mrs. E. N. GARAFALO, Box 5345, Fairway Road, advised that she has lived at this address for several years and has known applicant's family, who live across the hill from her, for some time.

Mrs. CARAFALO stated that she and her husband, however, have known applicant's family in a business way and have never met them socially. She stated that she knows applicant when she sees him and has never heard anything derogatory about him; that the family have an excellent reputation in San Jose and in the neighborhood and that while she does not know applicant personally, she has never heard any criticism of him or his family.

Mrs. M. P. COL, who lives on the corner of McKee Road and Bay View Road, advised that she has known applicant's family for several years; that she knows applicant's sister very well and knows who applicant is, but does not know him personally. She states that she knows nothing at all derogatory about the family; stating that they are excellent neighbors and have a splendid reputation in this community.

At Palo Alto, California: Applicant and his wife have lived at 1570 Emerson Street, for about two months, according to the records in the Post Office at Palo Alto as produced for agent by Postmaster EVANS.

Mrs. WILLIAM BERNARD, 1551 Emerson Street, advised that her home is directly across the street from that of applicant; that she has never met applicant or his wife and knows nothing about them at all; that they are quiet neighbors and that she knows nothing derogatory about them.

Mrs. B. McCOSKER, 1610 Emerson Street, who lives two houses down the street from applicant's home, advised that she does not know applicant and knows nothing at all about him.

--- CREDIT RATING ---

At San Jose, California: Mr. PAUL RUDOLPH, First National Bank of San Jose, advised that applicant is indebted to the bank for about thirteen hundred dollars; that this is a personal loan to the applicant, and that the status of applicant's account at the bank is entirely satisfactory.

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Mrs. A. M. MARSHALL, Merchant's Association, First Street, advised that she knows applicant personally and has known his family for a great number of years; that they have an excellent reputation and that she knows nothing derogatory about applicant.

Mrs. MARSHALL stated that applicant has been known to the files of this organization since October, 1936; that in 1939 applicant was twenty-four years of age, married (wife's name, NANCY), and that applicant lived with his parents on Fairway and McKee Roads in San Jose; that he was employed as escrow officer at the San Jose Abstract and Title Company and was the son of L. P. EDWARDS, the president of said company.

Mrs. MARSHALL added that applicant has a satisfactory credit rating; that the file reflects that he married Miss NANCY DYER, the daughter of the late SAMUEL A. DYER and Mrs. SHELBY T. HARBISON of Kentucky in 1938; that applicant's wife was educated at the Warrenton Country Day School in Warrenton, Virginia and at the University of Kentucky, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority; that applicant is a leading golfer, having at one time been the holder of the Northern California Amateur title (Championship Title).

At Palo Alto, California: Mr. O. S. PRICE, Merchant's Association, University Avenue, advised that the records in this office reflect that applicant had a satisfactory credit rating while he was a student at Stanford University and maintained a commercial bank account, a small three-figure account at the Bank of America, Palo Alto, California.

Mr. PRICE stated that the applicant's father has been known to their records since 1912; that he has a satisfactory credit record and is recorded as having a substantial monthly income; that the record reflects that applicant's father built a $25,000.00 home in San Jose, California in 1928, where he is living at the present time.

- POLICE RECORD -

At San Jose, California: Officer HOWARD HORNBUCKLE, San Jose Police Department, advised that applicant is unknown to the records on file in this department.

At Palo Alto, California: Sergeant DALE ATWOOD, Palo Alto Police Department, advised that applicant is unknown to the records on file in this department.
At Los Gatos, California: Judge A. H. BELL, City Judge and Justice of the Peace, advised that the applicant was arrested in Los Gatos, California on July 7, 1931 for violating section number 113 of the California Vehicle Code, which is a speeding violation. Judge BELL informed that applicant was fined $10.00, and that applicant paid this fine in two installments of $5.00 each. Judge BELL stated that he knows applicant personally, considers him a very bright lad, and stated that there were no aggravating circumstances surrounding applicant's arrest; that applicant was "a mere kid" at the time.

At Santa Cruz, California: Captain JOHN E. PAYTON, of the State Highway Patrol, advised that the records in his office reflect that applicant was arrested on July 6, 1931 for speeding forth miles an hour in a fifteen-mile zone in the city of Santa Cruz. He added that there were no aggravating circumstances and that the applicant paid a $10.00 fine for this offense.

At Salinas, California: Mr. L. TYLER, Monterey-Salinas Highway Patrol, advised that the records in this office reflected that applicant was cited for passing an automobile in a "no-pass zone" and for speeding on May 8, 1938. Officer TYLER stated that, at the time, applicant was driving an automobile with a Kentucky license plate and that applicant was fined $5.00 in the Salinas District Court.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION
TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
This Case Originated At Bureau
FILE NO. 67-163

Report Made At Phoenix, Arizona
Date When Made 11-26-40
Period For Which Made 11-23-40
Report Made By MARVIN B. PASH PO

Title WILLIAM DONALD EDWARDS
Character of Case APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

Synopsis of Facts: Captain FREDERICK EDWARDS, uncle of Applicant has been in charge of Company D of the U.S. Customs Patrol for the State of Arizona for the past fifteen years.

Reference: Telegram from the Bureau dated 11-20-40.

Details: AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Captain FREDERICK EDWARDS, uncle of Applicant, has been in charge of Company D of the United States Customs Patrol for the State of Arizona for the past fifteen years and is personally known to the writer. He has been most cooperative with Agents working in the vicinity of Nogales, Arizona in promptly furnishing information concerning matters over which this Bureau has jurisdiction.

Applicant visited his uncle at Nogales, Arizona this past year for a period of one or two weeks during the summer, according to Mr. FRED PARKERSON, investigator in Captain EDWARDS' office. Mr. PARKERSON stated that from his observations of Applicant, he was a very clean-cut young man, but because of his short acquaintance with him, could not give any of his background, only that he resided at San Jose, California. Mr. PARKERSON stated that Captain EDWARDS advised him recently that his nephew, the Applicant, had applied to the Bureau for a position, but had made no further comment in this matter.

Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin

December 2

Approved and Forwarded

Copies of this Report
1. Bureau
2. San Francisco
2. Phoenix - Copy in Chief Clerk's Office
Dear Sir:

Having filed an application for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I hereby agree that in the event of an appointment I will be governed by the following conditions:

1. Upon appointment and within ten days after receipt thereof, I shall be required to proceed at my own expense to Washington, D. C., where I will take the oath of office and enter on duty.

2. That said appointment will be on a probationary basis.

3. That my retention in the Bureau shall be dependent upon the performance of satisfactory services, and if my services are deemed unsatisfactory it is understood that my employment may be discontinued at any time and that I will not receive transportation to my home, or to any other point, at Government expense.

4. That if appointed I may be sent to any part of the continental or territorial United States that the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require; that my headquarters may be fixed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have heretofore resided; that my headquarters may be changed as the work of the Bureau may require; and that no transfer will be made from one station to another for personal reasons.

5. That the confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public is fully understood by me, and that the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me, in connection directly or indirectly with my work as a Special Agent, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me, and that neither during my tenure of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor at any other time will I violate this confidence, and I agree that I will not divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me, to persons not officially entitled thereto.

I further agree that nothing connected with this certification is to be construed by me as an assurance that an appointment will be tendered me; that I fully understand all of the foregoing and that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me; that if appointed I will abide by the foregoing conditions, and I am fully cognizant that the provisions mentioned above are to be complied with and they are to be regarded as a part of my appointment if it is subsequently tendered to me and accepted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of November, A.D. 1940

[Signature]

Notary Public

Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Clara, State of California

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

William Donlon Edwards
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

(Authorized by Executive Order of September 4, 1924)

APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE

William Burton Edwards

76 21/2 Stew. San Jose, California

Male

January 6, 1915

All U.S. Civil Service Examinations

Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation

(City or town in which you are to be employed)

1. Have you any physical defect or disease or disability whatsoever? No

2. If answer is "yes" give details

PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING

71 1/4 inches. 154 pounds. 150 pounds. (Males, with and without clothing; females, clothed, but without wrap or hat.

*(To be taken for males only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

Items checked (✓) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on reverse side numbered to correspond with items below.)

1. Eyes: Distant vision: Without glasses: Right: 20/20 Left: 20/20 With glasses if worn: Right: 20/20 Left: 20/20

Near vision:

What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the following specimens of Jaeger No. 1 and Jaeger No. 2 can be read by the applicant? If No. 1 is read with ease, No. 2 need not be given. Test each eye separately.

Without glasses: With glasses, if used:

R. In. to in. 20 R. In. to in.

L. In. to in. L. In. to in.

2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear 20 ft. Left ear 20 ft.

3. Nose, sinus disease, etc.

4. Mouth and throat

5. Gastro-intestinal

6. Thyroid (especially in women)

7. Heart and blood vessels: B.P. 120/80 Pulse 80

Is organic heart disease present? No If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated?

8. Lungs: Right Healthy Left Healthy

History of tuberculosis? None If so, has the disease been arrested for at least 1 year?

9. Hernia

(if present, name variety: inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.; read definition on reverse before answering)

If present, is it supported by a well-fitting truss?

10. Varicose veins

Varicocele (see note 10 on reverse side)

11. Feet: Is flat foot present? No Degree of impairment of function

12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above

13. Scars of serious injury or disease

14. Nervous system (see note 14 on reverse side)

15. (a) Urinalysis (see reverse side) No. done

(b) Venereal disease

16. Obtain from applicant statement of disabilities, past and present, give diagnosis and your comments under appropriate heading above or under "Remarks" on back of this sheet.

17. Does Veterans Administration recognize service-connected disability in this case? No If "yes," cover in your comments.

This certificate is to be returned to the official of the U.S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination [OVER]
Notes for Examining Physician

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed, but without wrap or hat. If overweight, state whether due to bone and muscle or to fat.

HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations:

1. Eyes.—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses. Near vision must be reported. In testing vision without glasses the applicant or appointee should be instructed to remove the glasses at least one-half hour before testing uncorrected vision.

2. Ears.—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.

3. Nose.—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.

4. Mouth and throat.—Missing teeth, pyorrhea; tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.

5. Gastro-intestinal.—Ulcers, inflammations, etc.

6. Thyroid.—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor, exophthalmos; nervous high-strung disposition, especially in women.

7. Heart.—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated. Arteriosclerosis.

   Record of urinalysis, if made: Sp. gr. Albumen Sugar Casts
   Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic 122 Mm. Hg. diastolic 80
   If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting 80 Immediately after exercise 80 Two minutes after exercise 80 Cardiac reserve Good (Good, fair, or poor)

I have found this applicant abnormal under the following headings:  

In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving (arduous) physical exertion.

REMARKS:

(Signature of applicant) William Darlon Edwards

(Place of examination) Fairfield, Calif.

(Date of examination) Nov. 5, 1940

(The examining physician must be in the Federal service)

The personnel officer should fill in the blanks below before sending this form to the Commission for action

To be appointed in (Department) (Bureau)

Title of position

Type of appointment (check): □ Original appointment □ Transfer □ Reinstatement □ Classification

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears (to be given in case of original appointment)
November 22, 1940

Mr. William Donlon Edwards
76 North First
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Edwards:

With reference to your application on file for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, it is desired that you submit a report on your present physical condition. For this purpose the enclosed letter and form should be presented to the Medical Officer in Charge, Fort Barry, Crissy Field, San Francisco, California.

It is also desired that you read the enclosed letter carefully and closely and, if the conditions set forth therein are thoroughly understood by you, it is requested that you have same notarized, returning it to this office, together with your physical examination report, not later than November 27, 1940.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
November 22, 1940

Medical Officer in Charge
Fort Barry
Crispy Field
San Francisco, California

Re: Mr. William Donlon Edwards
76 North First
San Jose, California
Special Agent Applicant

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter is a candidate for appointment to the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

In accordance with arrangements previously made, it is requested that a thorough physical examination be given to determine the fitness of this candidate for the position in question. The fingerprint of the right forefinger should be included, and also a notation as to the applicant's near vision.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

[Signature]

[Handwritten Notes]
To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

From: Inspector - S. A. C.- N. J. L. PIEPER

Subject: Report of Interview with Applicant WILLIAM DONOLON EDWARDS for appointment as Special Agent

1. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

   B. DRESS: Neat. Flashy. Poor. Untidy
   D. PHYSICAL DEFECTS, if any: None.

2. CONDUCT DURING INTERVIEW:

   F. FOREIGN ACCENT: None. Slight. Noticeable.

3. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

   A. Answers general questions definitely. Quickly. Vaguely.
   B. Has Applicant studied Federal Procedure? No
   C. Any investigative experience? If so, describe. None.
   D. Does the Applicant appear to be resourceful? Yes
   E. Does the Applicant appear to have executive ability? Yes
   F. Is he likely to develop? Yes

4. GENERAL INFORMATION:

   A. What is his ultimate goal in life, aside from his desire to be connected with the FBI?
      Wants to devote himself to an interesting work.
   B. What are his recreations and tastes?
      Golf, tennis, skiing. Inventing charts for their business (sold).

Test No. 123
5. HEALTH RECORD: Very good. No glasses.

6. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT: WILLIAM DONOLON EDWARDS is married. His wife's name is NANCY; she is American of American background. They reside at 76 N. First Street, San Jose, California. Applicant was born January 6, 1915 at San Jose. His father, LEONARD P. is in the title insurance business; his mother, CLARA, both are Americans of English-American background. Mrs. GERALD TWIST is applicant's sister, and her husband is with the Atlas Diesel Engineering Co., Oakland. There is no arrest records for applicant's relatives. Applicant was fined $5 for speeding in 1938 on the Monterey-Salinas Highway. FREDERICK EDWARDS, an uncle, is Customs Inspector at Nogales, Arizona.

Applicant graduated from San Jose High School in 1932 where he participated in student politics, football, golf and boxing. He received his AB degree at Stanford in 1936. He took 2½ years of law at Stanford, but left to take a good job with the San Jose Title and Abstract Company. While at school he was Captain of the Golf Team, a member of "Deke" fraternity, Phi Delta Phi legal, and Phi Phi honorary. He took his California bar examination in 1940. He is indebted to the Federal Housing Administration in an amount of $1450. He has used firearms in hunting. He typewrites very well; drives an automobile. He can read Spanish. Transfer and dangerous assignment regulations are agreeable. He uses intoxicants socially; belongs to no subversive groups, but is a member of San Jose Masonic Lodge No. 10.

Applicant has had experience in the examination of records. He is used to close analysis and accuracy, observation of detail and thoroughness. I believe he shows imagination because he states that he has invented some kind of gadget which is of assistance in records and charts in connection with his business. He was very modest about this, saying that it was just a lazy man's effort to save work, but I do believe it shows practical imagination. This chap grows on you. He is intelligent. His nervousness, I believe, made him show up less favorably at first. However, as I got him to loosen up, he impressed me very well. He is unusually sincere, and in spite of the fact he hasn't his LLB, I believe his experience in business will compensate for this.

With training he should make a good man as he impresses one with his sincerity and his tenaciousness, besides having a good appearance.

Result of dictation test: Good. Fair. Poor.
Bureau test rating %.

7. Do you consider the Applicant qualified for the appointment he seeks and, if appointed, do you believe he would develop into better than an average employee?

[Signature]
Inspection

N. J. L. PIPEPER, Special Agent in Charge
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

November 29, 1949

Transmit the following message to: PHOENIX

SUBMIT REPORT INVESTIGATION BY NOVEMBER TWENTYFIFTH, WILLIAM BUEHL, ED ALDS, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT. VERIFY EMPLOYMENT, APPLICANT'S UNCLE, FREDERICK EDWARDS, CUSTOM INSPECTOR, NOGALLES, ARIZONA. BORN, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY, MARRIED.

HOOVER

CC SAN FRANCISCO
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. NOVEMBER 20, 1940

Transmit the following message to: SAN FRANCISCO

SUBMIT REPORT INVESTIGATION BY NOVEMBER TWENTYFIFTH, WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS, SEVEN SIX NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CALIF., SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT. REFERENCES, PAUL RUDOLPH, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SAN JOSE, OR THREE ONE NAUGHT TILLMANN, THOMAS W. MACQUARRIE, SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE, OR FIVE THREE NAUGHT TWO GREENSIDE TERRACE, C. B. GOODWIN, CITY HALL OF SAN JOSE, OR EIGHT SIX THREE RIVERSIDE, JUDGE R. R. SYER, SANTA CLARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FIVE THREE FIVE EAST SANTA CLARA, DR. M. F. HOPKINS, MEDICO DENTAL BLDG., OR FOUR EIGHT FIVE SOUTH SIXTEENTH, ALL SAN JOSE. ATTENDED SAN JOSE HIGH SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT TO JUNE THIRTY-TWO, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER THIRTY-TWO TO JUNE THIRTY-SIX, A. B. DEGREE, STANFORD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER THIRTY-SIX TO NOVEMBER THIRTY-EIGHT. EMPLOYED SAN JOSE ABSTRACT TITLE CO., SEVEN SIX N. FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SINCE NOVEMBER THIRTY-EIGHT. TOOK BAR EXAMINATION, FORTY. INDEBTED, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SAN JOSE, THIRTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS, F. H. A. LOAN, FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. CITED EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT, LOS GATOS, THIRTY, SANTA CRUZ, THIRTY, MONTEREY, SALINAS HIGHWAY, THIRTY-EIGHT. BORN, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTEEN, MARRIED. FATHER, L. P., MOTHER, MAIDEN NAME C. E. DONLON.

CC. PHOENIX
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SAN FRANCISCO

OCTOBER 25, 1940

ARRANGE IMMEDIATE INTERVIEWS AND EXAMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING SA APPLICANTS:

JAMES PORTNO, TWO FIVE TWO SIX THIRTY-SIXTH AVE.,
FRANKLIN B. LONG, TWO TWO THREE THREE DIVISIDERIO ST.,
LOUIS M. COMTE, TWO THREE NAUGHT THREE SACRAMENTO ST., ALL SAN FRANCISCO,
WM. DONLON EDWARDS, SEVEN SIX NORTH FIRST, SAN JOSE,
JAMES M. CARL, JR., TWO SIX TWO SEVEN CHANNING WAY, BERKELEY,
JOHN T. ROSSI, ONE FIVE NAUGHT FOUR HILL AVE., NAPA.

HOOVER

SENT VIA 8.40 P.M. Per.
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No. 5
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION (NONCIVIL SERVICE)

Mr. 
Miss 
Mrs. W. Donlon Edwards

Date September 10, 1941

New appointment [ ] Transfer [ ] Promotion [x] Separation [ ]

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: Special Agent
2. Grade: CAF 9
3. Salary: $3200 per annum
4. Seat of Government: 
   Field: 
5. Division: 
6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent
8. Grade: CAF 10
9. Salary: $3500 per annum
10. Seat of Government: 
    Field: *
11. Division: 
12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)
13. Effective: September 16, 1941
14. Position: Vice: 
   Identical: 
15. Remarks: 

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Funds Certification:

Approved

The Assistant to the Attorney General

* Indicate headquarters.
Mr. W. Donlon Edwards

Date November 6, 1941

New appointment [ ] Transfer [ ] Promotion [ ] Separation [X]

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: Special Agent
2. Grade: CAF 10
3. Salary: $3500 per annum
4. Seat of Government: [ ] Field:
5. Division:
6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title:
8. Grade:
9. Salary:
10. Seat of Government: [ ] Field: *
11. Division:
12. Appropriation:
13. Effective:
14. Position: Additional: [ ]

Vice:

Identical:

15. Remarks: Accept voluntary resignation, without prejudice, effective at the close of business December 27, 1941. Mr. Edwards has been requested to execute and return Form 3005, "Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions." Upon receipt of the executed form in this Bureau, same will be forwarded to your office for attention.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Requirements as to Classification Act:

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Funds Certification:

[Signature]

The Assistant to the Attorney General.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 6, 1941

Dear Mr. Clewett:

Your voluntary resignation as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby accepted without prejudice, effective at the close of business December 27, 1941.

Respectfully,

Francis Biddle
Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

Linton M. Collins
Assistant to the Attorney General.

Grade O-34-10, $3500
"EJC, FBI (National Defense)" FRED
There is enclosed a Form 3464a to be executed and returned to the Office of the Appointment Clerk, Department of Justice. The Civil Service Commission has requested that this form be completed by all employees who have been appointed since June 15, 1940, provided they did not execute Form 3464 (old form). If you have submitted the original form, please return this letter with a statement to that effect in order that the records may be cleared.

Sincerely yours,

T. D. Quinn
Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.
PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT
(To be prepared by applicants in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment  FBI - Dept. of Justice  Date Dec. 16, 1940

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.)  Edwards William Donlon
   (Surname)  (Given name)  (Middle name)

2. Present address  Washington Hotel, Washington D.C.
   (Number)  (Street)  (City)

3. Legal (voting) residence  Calif.  Santa Clara  San Jose
   (State or foreign country)  (City or town)  (Country)

4. Where born  California  San Jose
   (City or town)  When born  Jan. 6, 1915

5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien

6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus:  
   SEX
   Male  Female
   Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed
   Race  (If other, state which)
   White  Colored

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you  1  Wife  Age 26

8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:
   Branch of Service
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9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U.S. Government service?  If so, state below:
   NAME
   Fred Edwards
   Position
   Department or office
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   Position
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10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office?  If so, state below:

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?  No

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:
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   Enlisted  Discharged
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   Enlisted  Discharged
   Rank
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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.)

Lawyer
Typist

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

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15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

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16. In case of emergency, notify J. P. Edwards

Relationship: Father
Post office address: 76 W. 1st Street, San Jose, Calif.

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. Donald Edwards

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)
I, W. Donlon Edwards, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) W. Donlon Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January 1940.

[Signature]

Notary Public

DATE OF ENTRY ON DUTY .....Jan. 6, 1940 Dec. 16, 1940

DATE OF BIRTH .....Jan. 6, 1915

PLACE OF BIRTH* .....San Jose, California

* If foreign born, date of naturalization

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE .....San Jose, California

DO YOU RECEIVE AN ANNUITY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ACT?

...No

(Yes or no)
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION (NONCIVIL SERVICE)

Mr. William Donlon Edwards
Date: December 7, 1940

New appointment [X] Transfer [ ] Promotion [ ] Separation [ ]

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: Special Agent
2. Grade: CAF 9
3. Salary: $3200 per annum and $5.00 per diem
4. Seat of Government: [ ]
   Field: [ ]
5. Division:
6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses FBI" (National Defense)

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent
8. Grade: CAF 9
9. Salary: $3200 per annum and $5.00 per diem
10. Seat of Government: [ ]
    Field: [ ]
11. Division:
12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses FBI" (National Defense)
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15. Remarks: Recommended for appointment as a Special Agent in grade CAF 9, with
    salary at the rate of $3200 per annum and $5.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence
    and expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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ReSFlet 10/10/62 captioned "William Belden Edwards,  
Former Special Agent."

A review of background information available  
concerning Patrick Thomas Hancock in Bureau files disclosed  
that an article in the "San Francisco Examiner" on 8/11/53  
reported that Hancock appeared before the California State  
Committee on Un-American Activities on 6/10/53 and refused  
to answer the committee's questions. In 1948, Hancock was  
known by his business associates to be the secretary of  
the Kern County Independent Progressive Party.

We should endeavor to remove Hancock and his  
brother Donald Edgar Hancock from the political group  
surrounding Edwards. It is entirely possible that if  
Edwards is successful in the general election, which he  
is heavily favored to win, he may consider himself obligated  
to regard the Hancock by endorsing them for positions  
in the state or local governments. If he is made aware  
of the communist background, he will undoubtedly hesitate  
to risk his own career by any unqualified recommendations.

You should arrange to make a carefully prepared  
anonymous telephone call to Edwards using the above  
information as the basis for urging him to get the communists  
out of his campaign, unless there are certain reasons known  
to you that this counterintelligence plan cannot be carried  
out. If there is some other suggestion you believe would  
be more effective to obtain the best results, submit your  
recommendations to the Bureau.

This matter should be handled promptly and the  
Bureau advised of any tangible results.

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Letter to San Francisco
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
100-3-104-47

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/8/62

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (67-1281)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Re: San Francisco letter 10/29/62 entitled "CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS-C."

The "News Register", a weekly newspaper published in Fremont, California, in the issue of 11/7/62, reported that Democrat "W. DONLON (DON) EDWARDS, San Jose Title Company owner" easily won his race in the 9th Congressional District over his opponent JOSEPH F. DONOVAN by a voting majority of 73,061 to 37,546.

For information.

Bureau (AM)
San Francisco

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach
FROM: M. A. Jones
DATE: 11-16-62
SUBJECT: WILLIAM DONLON EDWARDS (D) CONGRESSMAN ELECT - CALIFORNIA

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

On 11-6-62 Edwards, Democrat of San Jose, was elected to the U. S. Congress from the 9th District of California. He did not replace an incumbent.

INFORMATION IN FILES:

William Edwards was a Special Agent from December 16, 1940, to December 27, 1941, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation while assigned to the New York Office. He resigned to accept a position with his father's title company at San Jose. Edwards' file contains no derogatory information and he is not known to have been critical of the Bureau. He is now the successful operator of Valley Title Company of San Jose, a firm he started several years ago after leaving his father's company.

By letter dated 10-10-62 the SAC at San Francisco advised that one of Edwards' campaign managers had been identified as Patrick Thomas Hancock, Hayward, California, a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. A brother, Donald Hancock, has also been active in Edwards' campaign and is reportedly employed by the Valley Title Company of San Jose, a firm owned by Edwards.

Files indicate that the San Francisco Office initiated a Security Matter-Communist investigation regarding Patrick Thomas Hancock in 1949. It was determined that in 1949 he had become a member of the Elmhurst Club of the Communist Party (CP) in Alameda County, California. He attended numerous meetings of the Marxist Institute, Oakland, California, a Communist Party school, during 1949. He reportedly attended CP functions intermittently in the Berkeley, Oakland areas until early 1957; however, there is no indication in the files that he has had direct association with CP organizations since that time. Agents attempted to interview him in 1958 but he was uncooperative. Hancock was designated as a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office in 1949.

A Security Matter-Communist investigation was conducted by San Francisco in 1955 regarding Donald Hancock, Patrick's brother. While it was shown that Donald Hancock was a subscriber to the "Daily People's World" and was on a mailing list of the Independent Progressive Party in California, an organization cited by the HCUA, it was not disclosed that Hancock was a member of the CP or was directly associated with any CP activities. The investigation regarding Donald Hancock was terminated in 1955.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For Information.
I called upon captioned Congressman while up on the Hill yesterday afternoon. He was in the Bureau approximately one year. He recently voted against appropriations for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). H. Allen Smith and Glen Lipscomb, both California Congressmen, have professed a dislike for this former Agent indicating he is extremely liberal and cannot be trusted.

I called upon Congressman Edwards for several reasons. First, I felt that due to his extremely liberal leanings he might be ripe for an approach from characters like Levine, Turner, Burnett, etc. I wanted him to know that he had a contact with the Bureau that would be willing to talk these matters over with him at any time. Secondly, I thought it best to acquaint ourselves with this former Agent so that at least he would give consideration to contacting us prior to shooting off his mouth regarding the Director or the FBI.

Congressman Edwards received me most cordially, introduced me to his wife and indicated that any time any matter of mutual interest came up he would certainly be in touch with my office. He asked that his best regards be extended to the Director.

ACTION: For record purposes.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Jones
1 - Mr. Morrell

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On 6-16-64, captioned individual assisted Representative William F. Ryan, Democrat of New York, in reporting to the House the results of the meeting held by the Council of Federated Organizations on 6-8-64. This Council, made up of CORE, SNCC, NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held an all-day session of hearings before a panel convened at the National Theater, Washington, D.C. These hearings consisted primarily of testimony from individuals who alleged they had been subjected to police brutality while engaging in integration activities in the State of Mississippi.

Ryan and Edwards were joined by Congresswoman Green, (D) Oregon and Representative Nix, (D) Pennsylvania, in placing these results before the House. These individuals constantly deplored what they termed the failure of law enforcement authorities to protect demonstrators and they alleged a state of anarchy exists in Mississippi. Edwards, who served briefly as a Special Agent from 12-16-40 to 12-27-41, referred to his former employment and criticized Agents for not making arrests of those whom Edwards claimed violated demonstrators' civil rights in their presence.

Attached is a blind memorandum concerning Edwards which you may desire to make available to friends in Congress. The major portion of it is devoted to refuting Edwards' assertion the FBI was derelict in not making the arrests he desired. It does not delve too deeply into Edwards' background since his personnel file is pretty bare of any pertinent material.
Rights Effort Extension Forecast in Mississippi

By the Associated Press

Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of Calif., whose son is a civil rights worker in Mississippi this summer, says the student effort to help Negroes there is sure to continue year-round. "It's working too well to let it stop."

Mr. Edwards, who just returned from a tour of south-western Mississippi, said there is great concern among students there about what will happen to local Negroes when summer is over and the students leave the State. "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Sigma Chi house at McComb, Miss., in a Negro district in which Mr. Edwards and his son slept last Monday night was ripped by three bombs thrown from the street. "The FBI project," said the program is not going to end, that the eyes agent before he joined the Navy in World War II."

Mr. Edwards said in an interview yesterday he was "immensely proud" of his son, Leonard, 23, a law student, for going to Mississippi to try to get Negroes registered to vote, but was "terribly concerned" for his safety.

The government are on the white people of Mississippi!"

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They cannot understand why in the case of the three missing students (at Philadelphia, Miss.) so many hours went by with the FBI refusing to become involved in a rather obvious kidnapping case.

"I personally find it hard to understand why it took four hours for a special agent of the FBI to arrive in McComb after the bombing, when I had advised the Department of Justice the night before of my presence there and of the explosive local situation."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today was visiting Mississippi, where more than 100 agents are searching for the three right workers missing since June 21. Mr. Edwards said the student workers are confining their efforts to voting registration, not integration of public accommodations under provisions of the new civil rights law.

"The last thing anyone wants is massive Federal intervention," he said. "... that would be a real national tragedy."

"Before I went, I had some reservations on whether we were going to make it, as far as integration goes," the Congressman said.

"But after living in Negro homes, eating in their kitchens, sharing what they had, talking at night in their living rooms, I am convinced that not only is it going to work, but it will be one of the best things that ever happened to our country." He said he often was followed by white people on his Mississippi trip when he was spotted as an outsider.

"But I want to be fair," he said. "There are areas where the local law enforcement officers are doing an adequate job." He said Ruleville, where his son is working, is one such place. He said the local police patrol the civil rights center there once every half hour.

"A year or two ago, it was one of the most dangerous places in Mississippi," Mr. Edwards said.

He said also he was encouraged by the wide acceptance so far in Mississippi of the public accommodations section of the new civil rights law.

"I hope there will be continued testing" under this provision, he said, "but it is a lot to ask of local Negroes to test the law. They have had 100 years of peonage and terror. It is almost necessary for NAACP people to come in from outside the State to do these things."
William Donald Edwards, most commonly referred to as Don Edwards, was born on January 6, 1915, in San Jose, California, and is currently a United States Congressman representing the Ninth Congressional District of California.

Mr. Edwards was the subject of an applicant-type investigation by the FBI in 1940 in connection with his appointment as a Special Agent of the FBI. This investigation revealed no information of a derogatory nature concerning him and he was employed as a Special Agent of the FBI from December, 1940, to December, 1941.

Information was received in October, 1962, that an individual who was a member of the Elmhurst Club of the Communist Party in Alameda County, California, in 1949, was one of Edwards' political campaign managers.

Another individual, who was active in Edwards' political campaign in 1962, was a subscriber to a communist paper in 1955. This same individual was on a mailing list of the Independent Progressive Party in California, which organization was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (67-174350)

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(Per request of Hayes Redmond, White House Staff.)
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: M. A. Jones

DATE: 1-18-65

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D-CALIFORNIA)

SYNOPSIS

On the afternoon of 1-15-65, Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), asked SA Hanning, "Why does Congressman Don Edwards of California hate the FBI so much?" When asked what prompted this question, McNamara stated that Congressman Richard Ichord of Missouri, who is a member of the HCUA, had asked him this question. Ichord was concerned, and while he had given McNamara no details, he indicated from talking to other members of Congress it was evident that Edwards had a deep hatred of the FBI. We enjoy limited but cordial relations with Ichord.

Edwards elected to 88th Congress in November, 1962. He is a former Agent who entered on duty 12-16-40 and resigned voluntarily 12-27-41. In connection with resignation, on 12-8-41 he requested permission to cancel his resignation and requested transfer to San Francisco. Was advised it was not possible to grant his request. Services satisfactory.

When elected to Congress in 1962, Edwards used as one of his campaign managers a Security Index subject of our San Francisco Office. In February, 1963, he was one of the Congressmen who voted to cut the funds of the HCUA. You (Mr. DeLoach) called on Edwards in March, 1963, as Congressmen H. Allen Smith and Glen Lipscomb had professed a dislike for Edwards indicating he was extremely liberal and could not be trusted. You hoped to get him on the right track so that he would come to us before popping off. He was very cordial and asked that his best regards be extended to the Director.

In June, 1964, Edwards assisted Congressman Ryan of New York in reporting to the House the results of a meeting held by the Council of Federated Organizations on 6-8-64. This meeting was an all-day session at the National Theater, Washington, D. C., and the Congressmen were critical of law enforcement authorities. Edwards referred to his former employment and criticized Agents for not making arrests. In connection with this matter, we prepared a blind memorandum concerning Edwards which was furnished to Congressman H. Allen Smith in June, 1964.
M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo

RE: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

A news item in the 7-10-64 Washington Evening Star indicated that Edwards's and that the Congressman had visited with The Congressman was quoted as stating, "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi project."

On November 9, 1964, Edwards wrote a letter to you (Mr. DeLoach) stating that during his election campaign in 1962 his opponent came up with some information that could only have been obtained from his personnel file at the Bureau. He was quite disturbed and indicated this information should not have been furnished. You quickly acknowledged Edwards's letter on November 9, 1964, indicating you were astonished by his accusation and denying his allegation.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.
M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

DETAILS

BACKGROUND:

On the afternoon of 1-15-65, SA Hanning contacted Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), on another matter. During the course of conversation, McNamara asked him, "Why does Congressman Don Edwards of California hate the FBI so much?" Hanning asked McNamara what prompted this question and McNamara stated that Congressman Richard Ichord of Missouri, who is a member of the HCUA, had asked him this question. According to McNamara, Ichord was quite concerned, and while he had given McNamara no details, he did indicate that from talking to other members of Congress, it was evident that Edwards has been talking and indicating a deep hatred of the FBI.

CONGRESSMAN RICHARD H. ICHORD:

Congressman Ichord is a Democrat from Missouri, who was elected to the 87th Congress in 1960, and reelected in 1964. We have had limited but cordial relations with him and by letter, dated 5-8-64, the Director thanked Ichord for his kind remarks on the floor of the House.

CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS:

Congressman Don Edwards was born January 6, 1915, at San Jose, California. He was elected to the 88th Congress on November 6, 1962, and represents the 9th District which covers the counties of Alameda and Santa Clara.

Although he now goes officially by the name of Don Edwards, this individual entered on duty in the Bureau as a Special Agent on 12-16-40 under the full name of William Donlon Edwards. He resigned voluntarily on 12-27-41. In connection with his resignation, he submitted it by letter dated 10-30-41 to be effective 12-27-41, active duty having ceased 11-29-41. By wire dated 12-8-41 Edwards requested permission to cancel his resignation and requested transfer to San Francisco. He was advised on 12-9-41 that it was not possible to grant his request. While in the Bureau, his services were satisfactory.

In 1962, Edwards was elected to Congress using as one of his campaign managers Patrick T. Hancock, a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. In February, 1963, Edwards was among those who voted to trim funds of the HCUA.
M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

On March 27, 1963, you (Mr. DeLoach) called upon Edwards while you were on the Hill. You indicated that he had recently voted against the appropriations for the HCUA and that H. Allen Smith and Glen Lipscomb, both California Congressmen, had professed a dislike for this former Agent indicating he was extremely liberal and could not be trusted. You further indicated that you called on Congressman Edwards for several reasons. First, due to his extremely liberal leanings he might be ripe for an approach from characters like Levine, Turner, Burnett, etc. You wanted him to know that he had a contact with Bureau if he wanted to talk matters over at any time. You also indicated you thought it best to acquaint yourself with this individual so that at least he would give consideration to contacting us prior to shooting off his mouth regarding the Director or the FBI. The Congressman received you very cordially, introduced you to his wife and indicated that any time any matter of interest came up he would contact you. He requested his best regards be extended to the Director.

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Ryan and Edwards were joined by Congresswoman Green, (D) Oregon and Representative Nix (D) Pennsylvania, in placing these results before the House. These individuals constantly deplored what they termed the failure of law enforcement authorities to protect demonstrators and they alleged a state of anarchy existed in Mississippi. Edwards referred to his former employment and criticized Agents for not making arrests of those whom Edwards claimed violated demonstrators' civil rights in their presence.

In connection with Edwards's mouthings, we prepared a blind memorandum concerning him recommending that it be made available to friends in Congress. The Director indicated, "See that this is done." Accordingly, this information was furnished to Congressman H. Allen Smith on June 22, 1964.

A news item in the 7-10-64 Washington Evening Star reflected that Edwards, just returned from a tour of southwestern Mississippi where there was great concern among students as to what would happen to local Negroes when summer was over and the students left the state. According to the news item Edwards said he was "immensely proud"
M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

"terribly concerned" for his safety. Edwards and [name redacted] had slept in a house in McComb, Mississippi, in a Negro district "last Monday night which was ripped the following night by three bombs thrown from the street." The article concludes by saying that Edwards, who was an FBI Agent before he joined the Navy in World War II, said, "There is a very deep distrust of the FBI among students in the Mississippi project."

On November 9, 1964, Edwards wrote a letter to you (Mr. DeLoach) stating, "I recall your kindness in visiting my office and extending a welcome shortly after my election in 1962. I am therefore writing you personally about this matter which came up in the election just passed. My opponent came up with some information that could only have been obtained from my personnel file at the Bureau. He quoted a telegram sent by me to Mr. Hoover on or about December 8, 1941. It would seem to me that this information should not have been furnished to my opponent, and I am somewhat disturbed that it was." You indicated on this letter, "I checked this man's background and called upon him to indicate that if he planned to seek info. re FBI at any time to call me--is very irresponsible."

Edwards's letter of November 9th was acknowledged as follows: "I am astonished by the accusation you made in your letter of November 9th. You are very badly mistaken in your claim that the FBI made information concerning you available to your opponent in the recent election. I know this for several reasons.

"For one thing, I doubt seriously that anyone in this Bureau had even the slightest interest in the outcome of your campaign and, consequently, would have no reason to be guilty of the tactics you so gratuitously accuse us of. For another, we do not play ball in that manner, not being a political organization.

"As you should certainly know, information contained in FBI files is confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. It is only made available to authorized individuals. I am quite sure that your opponent, whoever he may have been, did not fall into that category.

"If you have any specific facts to back up your allegation that we have violated the Department's rules, I would appreciate your giving me the benefit of them." This letter was over your (Mr. DeLoach) signature.

Actually, the December 8, 1941, wire which Edwards referred to in his letter above merely stated, "Request permission to cancel my resignation as Special Agent because of extreme necessity of looking after family in California would appreciate transfer to San Francisco can report for duty there December 13th wire answer by Western Union." He was, of course, advised that we could not grant his request.
M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo
RE: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS

Edwards, of course, is one of the Congressman who is against the HCUA and made a speech to this effect the very opening day of Congress.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.
Captioned individual, a former Bureau Agent of some 10 months experience, while in Mississippi last summer made a remark to reporters to the effect "students promoting civil rights down here have little faith in the FBI." In November, 1964, this Congressman wrote me a personal letter insinuating that we had leaked information from his personnel file to his political opponent. The Director approved a personal reply back to this Congressman asking him to put up or shut up and telling him we were not interested in his political activities to the extent that we would give information to his opponent.

As a matter of background, Congressman Edwards has a record of voting for the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The Director recently received confidential information indicating that this man had met with 2 communists in the Congressional Hotel to draft a bill for the abolishment of the HCUA. We confidentially furnished this information to Congressman H. Allen Smith, a good friend, who in turn got the word to Congressman Edwards that inasmuch as Smith and Edwards were both members of the California delegation, Edwards should be concerned over the fact that the information regarding his meeting with communists might leak out to the press. Congressman Edwards, of course, was not advised where Congressman Smith's tip came from. Congressman Smith later reported back to us that Congressman Edwards became extremely alarmed and denied meeting with the 2 communists.

At a social event last night in the Caucus Room of the Cannon Congressional Office Building, I met Congressman Edwards. I pulled him over into a corner and told him I wanted to talk to him for a few minutes. The subject of his remarks last summer in Mississippi and his somewhat nasty letter was brought up. I told him we had not appreciated his remark, that it was a very false, gratuitous statement and I thought it was time he put up or shut up in his statements concerning the FBI, both verbally and the insinuation in his letter. Congressman Edwards seemed to be somewhat embarrassed as a result of this confrontation. He denied ever criticizing the FBI. He admitted that his statement in Mississippi was very unfortunate. He stated he had been called to task at least 100 times.
Memorandum to Mr. Mohr, 1/29/65
Re: Don Edwards, Congressman (D-Calif.)

since then by friends of the FBI. He stated he was rapidly becoming known as "the Congressman who hates the FBI." He indicated that he has no hatred for the FBI. He stated he had complete respect for the Director and the Bureau. He added that he would be glad to be of assistance to us at any time. I asked him if this were true why had he made such statements. He stated he felt that his statement in Mississippi was true to the extent that a number of the students down there did lack confidence in the FBI. I told him this was a matter of misunderstanding of jurisdiction, and rather than shooting off his mouth he, as a former Agent, should have attempted to explain FBI jurisdiction. He admitted this was true and stated that in the future he would attempt to represent his background in a better manner.

I brought up the subject of his letter last November. He stated he wrote the letter to me in a very hasty manner and that he was mad at the time. I told him that this brought up the point that in the future when he wanted facts concerning the FBI, instead of "shooting from the hip," he might want to give me a call so that we could sit down and talk the matter over. He stated he would do this inasmuch as he felt it would keep him out of trouble.

Later during the evening this same Congressman stood up before approximately 330 men and highly praised the Director and the FBI. He told the audience that he was very proud of the fact that he had served with the FBI and he knew of no other organization in the United States that deserved the faith and plaudits of the American people as did the FBI.

I have taken the liberty of briefing Pat Coyne and other leaders of the Ex-Agents Society in Washington on a confidential basis concerning Edwards. Edwards is not a member of the Ex-Agents Society. He has however in the past been invited to events at which the Ex-Agents Society honored the members of Congress.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

[Signature]
Memorandum

TO: The Director
FROM: N. P. Callahan
SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 14991. Congressman Edwards, (D) California, commented on the news reports regarding the statement by the Solicitor General that Mr. Hoover was responsible for the illegal bugging of a hotel room here in Washington and the release by the State Department of an attempt by two Czechoslovak diplomats to plant a listening device in the State Department. Mr. Edwards pointed out that it may be "that the appearance of these two stories at the same time is totally coincidental. But I think it is more than passing strange that the two releases were so neatly timed. Indeed, I wonder whether the spy story would have appeared at this time if it had not been for the image-damaging aspects of the statement by the Solicitor General. It is common knowledge that Mr. Hoover is a master of the art of public relations. This is a valuable asset to any public figure. But I most seriously question the release of information, of potential consequence to our own intelligence and security operations, for the purpose of 'blanketing' a negative story about Mr. Hoover."

(Congressman W. Donlon-Edwards is a former Special Agent, 12-16-40 to 12-27-41. He has been critical of the Bureau in the civil rights field and in 1964 claimed the FBI made information concerning him available to his opponent in recent election but later admitted his letter to the Bureau had been written in a hasty manner when he was mad.)
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A.D.A. IS WARNED
Viet War Fever is Blamed
By National Chairman

The national chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action warned last night against "leaks in the dikes that guard our rights." Representative Joe Edgwood (D., Cal.), a 51-year-old San Jose business man, told an audience of 250 at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel that civil liberties have been eroding in the last few months because of Vietnam war fever.

Signs Of Deterioration

The dinner, an annual affair of the Baltimore A.D.A., is held as a memorial to Franklin Roosevelt. When Roosevelt Day dinners began 10 years ago, they were held on the late President's birthday, January 30. Now, however, the dinners are held whenever weather and speakers' scheduling permits.

Mr. Edgwood said that the signs of deteriorating civil rights were the positive draft reclassification of Michigan students for holding an anti-war sit-in; the FBI re-menting on Vietnam demonstrations, to the Internal security division of the Justice Department, and recent statements by J. Ed- geon Hoover and some congressmen charging that the anti-war movement is Communist-dominated.

Congressman Edwards, who is a former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, urged the audience to take a stronger stand in protecting First Amendment freedoms.

He warned that if the voices of dissent were muted, as was anti-war agitation during World War I, meaningful steps toward peace would be more difficult when the conflict was over.

Victor Reuther Speaks

Another roaster last night was Victor G. Reuther, director of the international affairs department of the United Auto Workers and the brother of Walter Reuther, UAW president.

Mr. Reuther said that the Vietnam war "had warped and twisted America's image around the world because people like you haven't spoken out."

He said that there are not enough voices in this country proclaiming America's peaceful and humanitarian commitment in world affairs.

One guest at the banquet was the newly declared candidate for governor, Hyman A. Pressman, city comptroller, who before the dinner was busily distributing imitation dollars to the A.D.A.

The toy money, about the size of a theater ticket, had this slogan written on the back: "Make your tax dollars grow, vote for Hyman Pressman!"

On the front of the hill was written "one dollar," flanked by the words (in small print) "janitor & pressman."
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach  
FROM: M. A. Jones  
DATE: 5-20-65  
SUBJECT:  

On May 19, 1965, Congressman James B. Utt (R - California) telephonically contacted the Bureau and indicated he would like the above captioned individual to come to the Bureau and talk about the communist situation in reference to the University of California at Berkley. Later that afternoon, came to the Bureau and was interviewed by SA Stukenbroeker, Crime Records Division. identified himself as being. He stated that Alameda County has over 1,000,000 population and is governed by a Board of Supervisors. stated that the city of Berkley, including the University of California, is within his area.

stated that he is deeply concerned about communist activities at the University of California. He stated that he had seen press comments about the Director's testimony before the Congress concerning communists at the University. In fact, the Director had stated that five faculty members and 38 individuals who were students or connected with the University in some capacity with subversive backgrounds had participated in the demonstrations. wondered whether the Bureau could furnish him the identities of these individuals. He added that he desired to make some speeches in Alameda County and this information would be of assistance to him.

SA Stukenbroeker furnished a copy of the Director's statement about student demonstrations at the University of California. was told that the FBI could not furnish him with the identities of these individuals or in any way elaborate on Mr. Hoover's statement. asked a number of other questions trying to gain additional information concerning the identities of the communists. However, he was told that he should stick strictly to Mr. Hoover's statement and not try to attribute anything additional to the FBI. At the conclusion of the interview he stated he thoroughly understood the FBI's position in not purposely identifying such individuals or making additional comments on the California situation. stated he had the very highest admiration for Mr. Hoover and the FBI. Agent Stukenbroeker told him that if he possesses information of a security nature he should report it to the FBI. Agent Stukenbroeker told him that if he possesses information of a security nature he should report it to the FBI.

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo

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should feel free to contact the San Francisco Office. He stated that he certainly would do this.

was a very friendly individual who apparently has a good working knowledge of communist activities in his area. He keeps in close contact with the State of California committees investigating subversives at the University. He not only is familiar with school activities but also communists in the area who are not associated directly with the University.

asked whether Congressman W. Donlan Edwards of California, a neighboring Congressman, was formerly a Special Agent of the FBI. After checking, SA Stukenbroeker told that Edwards had served as an Agent from 1940 to 1941. stated that he was highly disappointed in Edwards' record as a Congressman inasmuch as Edwards had voted against the House Un-American Activities Committee and generally taken a stand which, in opinion, favored communist activities. When citizens challenged his record Edwards immediately replies that he served in the Bureau as a Special Agent. stated that in his opinion Edwards was certainly not doing the Bureau and the country any good by his activities.

File 94-2-39725 reflects that on April 23, 1965, called at the Director's reception room and asked to shake hands with Mr. Hoover. When advised of the Director's absence he was taken on a tour.

Inasmuch as may contact the San Francisco Office in the future it is felt we should advise that Office of his visit at the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to San Francisco.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont
FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: February 4, 1965

SUBJECT: VISIT OF 8 CONGRESSMEN TO SELMA, ALABAMA

Courtney Evans called to state that in connection with his current assignment in Katzenbach's office, he was asked to call with reference to the following by the Attorney General:

He said that in connection with the trip that eight Congressmen were going to take to Alabama, they understood that the FBI, of course, could offer them no protection, but Katzenbach felt that we should tell the local offices and law enforcement officials of the plans of the Congressmen.

According to current information, eight Congressmen plan to go to Selma, Alabama, tomorrow, February 5, 1965, via Montgomery, Alabama. They will leave by plane at 8:00 a.m. and arrive at Montgomery at 11:32 a.m. From Montgomery they plan to drive by car to Selma. Their present plans are to be there for the day. The Congressmen who will make the trip are: John Conyers, Michigan; Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Michigan; Don Edwards, California; Augustus F. Hawkins, California; Jonathan Bingham, New York; James Scheuer, New York; Weston Vivian, Michigan; and Henry S. Reuss, Wisconsin.

ACTION TAKEN:

Our local offices are being advised of the above merely for their information. They have been instructed to advise the local and state police of the plans of the Congressmen. Our offices understand that we are not to offer the Congressmen any protection.
July 20, 1966

Honorable W. Donlon Edwards  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

I was shocked when I read your brief remarks on page 14901 of the Congressional Record for Thursday, July 14. It seems that once again you have forgotten my offer to talk with you and provide the facts concerning matters regarding the FBI in which you have an interest. Consequently, you once again have unjustly impugned the integrity of the FBI and its Director.

Had you inquired, I would have pointed out that the release of information concerning the Czechoslovakian attempt to "bug" the Department of State was made by State, and the FBI had neither control over nor influence in the timing of the release.

Your implication that Mr. Hoover (or anyone in the FBI) arranged for the Department of State release to "blanket" publicity regarding the statement by the Solicitor General is grossly unwarranted. Such unfounded remarks belittle your comment to me last year that you have great respect for the FBI and Mr. Hoover.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Honorable W. Donlon Edwards

Regardless, I reiterate my offer to sit down and discuss with you matters of mutual interest. I believe all concerned could benefit from such discussions.

Sincerely yours,

C. D. DeLoach
The following is being furnished as of possible interest to the President.

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on October 12, 1966, that Don Edwards, United States Representative from California, had accepted an invitation to a reception to be given at the Polish Embassy, Washington, D.C., on the evening of October 18, 1966, in honor of visiting Polish professor, (U)

This information is also being made available to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Memorandum

TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

DATE: 8-19-66

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 16039-19040. Congressman Ewingham, (D) New York; Scheuer, (D) New York; and Edwards, (D) California, objected to the present hearings being conducted by the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). Mr. Ewingham advised that those who favor the abolition of the HUAC have had their view fully confirmed by the events of the last few days. Mr. Scheuer pointed out that he was appalled by the reports of the extraordinary goings-on yesterday at the meeting of the committee. Mr. Edwards stated, "I believe that the present hearings are being held for the purpose of exposure of the views of the people who were subpoenaed—to hold them up to public obloquy by compulsory process. Mr. Edwards included an editorial from the New York Times entitled "Useless Hearings."

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October 2, 1967

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of September 25, 1967, in which you inquired about the accuracy of several reports you have read in the press that there are no Negroes in the Mississippi offices of the Department of Justice. While I cannot speak for the Department of Justice as a whole, insofar as the FBI is concerned, I wish to advise that our employees are assigned wherever the need for them is greatest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Mr. DeLoach (Direct)
1 - Mr. Bishop (Direct)
1 - Mr. Adams (Direct)
1 - Mr. Feeney (Direct)

Based on memorandum Adams to Callahan, RGH:mfs, 9-28-67.

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Based on memorandum Adams to Callahan, RGH:mfs, 9-28-67.
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Constitution Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20530  

Dear Mr. Hoover:  

I have read several reports in the press that there are no Negroes in the Mississippi offices of the Justice Department. These reports are very unsettling to me, particularly in light of the Federal Government's commitment to equal employment opportunities. I wonder if you could tell me whether the reports are accurate.  

With kindest regards,  

Sincerely,  

Don Edwards  
Member of Congress (Don Edwards)
Memorandum

TO: MR. CALLAHAN

FROM: J. B. ADAMS

DATE: September 28, 1967

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D - California)
Former Agent
Inquiry Re Negroes in Department in Mississippi

By letter to the Director of 9-25-67 Congressman Don Edwards (D - California) advised he has read several reports in the press that there are no Negroes in Mississippi offices of the Justice Department. These reports are very unsettling to him particularly in light of the Federal Government's commitment to equal employment opportunities. He wonders if the Director can tell him if the reports are accurate. Edwards was a Special Agent from 12-16-40 to 12-27-41 when he voluntarily resigned. He is an extreme liberal who has distorted the facts and gone out of his way to attack the FBI. His son has been a civil rights worker in Mississippi. During the Summer of 1964, Edwards and his son slept one night in a house in a Negro district of McComb, Mississippi, which was ripped the following night by three bombs thrown from the street. In recent years Edwards and his wife have had a number of contacts with persons of Russian and Satellite Embassies.

We cannot speak for the rest of the Department; however, the Bureau does not have any Negro employees assigned in Mississippi. In view of Edwards' record, it is likely we could expect him to use a reply to that effect in a manner highly critical of the Bureau. It is believed we should simply tell him that while we cannot speak for the Department as a whole, FBI employees are assigned wherever the need for them is greatest.

RECOMMENDATION:

That enclosed proposed letter to Edwards along lines discussed above be approved.
Memorandum

TO: MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: October 5, 1967

FROM: J. B. ADAMS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS
(D - California)
Former Agent
Inquiry Directed to Department Re Negroes in Department in Mississippi

We received a telephone call from the Personnel Section in the Department the afternoon of 10-5-67 to the effect that Congressman Don Edwards (D - California) has inquired as to the number of Negroes in the Mississippi Offices of the Justice Department. The Department desires to know whether we have any, is canvassing the other segments of the Department having offices in Mississippi and contemplates advising Edwards briefly as to what the situation is. The Personnel Section of the Department was advised a subsequent contact with the Department would be made on the matter.

The text of Edwards' letter to the Department as relayed by the Department sounds about the same as the one he directed to the Bureau 9-25-67 advising he has read several reports in the press that there are no Negroes in the Mississippi offices of the Justice Department. These reports are very unsettling to him particularly in light of the Federal Government's commitment to equal employment opportunities and he wondered if he could be informed if the reports are accurate. As pointed out in my memorandum of 9-28-67, Edwards was a Special Agent from 12-16-40 to 12-27-41 when he voluntarily resigned. He is an extreme liberal who has distorted the facts and gone out of his way to attack the FBI. During the Summer of 1964, Edwards and slept one night in a house in a Negro district of McComb, Mississippi, which was ripped the following night by three bombs thrown from the street. [In recent years Edwards and his wife have had a number of contacts with personnel of Russian and Satellite Embassies.] It was approved that a letter go forward to Edwards which was done under date of 10-2-67 advising that while we could not speak for the Department of Justice as a whole, insofar as the FBI is concerned, our employees are assigned wherever the need for them is greatest.
Memorandum Adams to Callahan
Re: Congressman Don Edwards

Department has not been advised of the letter Edwards directed to the Bureau. Bureau has no Negro employees presently assigned in Mississippi. It would seem fitting for us to advise the Department that we do not have any Negroes presently assigned in Mississippi. This is because we have provided the Department information as to minority employment in the past including annual reports in connection with Civil Service Commission surveys which call for breakdowns by state.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Personnel Section of the Department be advised telephonically that we have no Negroes presently assigned in Mississippi.

(2) That we advise the Personnel Section of the Department that the Bureau received a similar inquiry from Edwards and that we replied on 10-2-67 that while the Bureau could not speak for the Department as a whole, insofar as the FBI is concerned, our employees are assigned wherever the need for them is greatest.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

FROM: J. J. Casper

DATE: October 20, 1967

SUBJECT: GRADUATION EXERCISES
50TH SESSION, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
NOVEMBER 1, 1967

My memorandum to you dated 10/17/67 outlined the proposed format for the graduation exercises of the 50th Session, FBI National Academy, on 11/1/67.

Among the items reported were the identities of members of Congress invited to the graduation exercises by the class. Don Edwards (D), Congressman from the Ninth District, California, was one of those invited. Mr. DeLoach noted "Edwards is one of our worst enemies," and the Director noted "Who invited him?"

Congressman Edwards was invited to the graduation exercises by class member Elmer Lee Klein, Chief of the Uniform Division, San Jose, California, Police Department. Congressman Edwards is from San Jose and that city is in his Congressional District. It should be noted that Chief Klein also invited Congressman Charles S. Gubser (R), Tenth District, California, to the graduation. Class members have been instructed to check with the offices of Congressmen and Senators they have invited to the graduation exercises to determine those planning to attend. If Edwards accepts the invitation, you are assured he will be shown no courtesies or special consideration.

Chief Klein comes from a Police Department headed by a National Academy graduate in good standing. He has an excellent academic record in the class and teaches police science part time at San Jose State College. His Chief of Police, during the investigation of this applicant, stated Klein is an excellent administrator and it is to be noted that he made a grade of 100 on the comprehensive examination covering police administration.

ACTION:

For information.

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Mr. Tolsen Mr. Gable
Mr. DeLoach Mr. Jenkins
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INTERNAL SECURITY - ROMANIA

On February 5, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that Counselor, Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Washington, D.C. (WDC), had scheduled separate appointments with United States Representatives Don Edwards and Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen on February 6, 1969, and had also scheduled an appointment with United States Representative Lee Herbert Hamilton on February 7, 1969. The source was unable to determine the reason for the meetings.

The "Congressional Directory" 90th Congress, Second Session, January 1968, reflects that Don Edwards is a United States Representative from California; Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, United States Representative from New Jersey; Lee Herbert Hamilton, a United States Representative from Indiana. A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised, after viewing a photo of the Counselor, that his true name was and there is no doubt that he has been trained by the Romanian Intelligence Service (Securitate), and is highly trusted by the Securitate and the Communist Party officials within the country, and has been since 1945.

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Date: 2/6/69

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (P)

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Referenced LHM reflected that Counselor, Romanian, Washington, D.C., was to meet with Congressman DON EDWARDS on 2/6/69. This was cancelled on 2/6/69, and rescheduled for 2/11/69.

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On February 6, 1969, this same source learned from that his appointment with Edwards had been cancelled, and was rescheduled for February 11, 1969. The source was unable to determine the reason for the meetings.


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ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO

JERZY MICHALOWSKI

By J. C. Edwards

Date: 7/12/68

FBI
On July 12, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Polish Ambassador to the United States Jerzy Michalowski had arranged to meet with United States Representative Don Edwards of California at 11:45 AM that morning at the Representative's office, Room 118, Cannon House Office Building.

Source was unable to provide any information as to the reason for this meeting.

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WASHINGTON--Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., today announced he will not seek re-election to Congress in 1970. Edwards, now serving his fourth term, said his decision "has to do with a number of interests I wish to pursue in the years ahead." He did not explain further in his formal announcement.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop  
FROM: M. A. Jones

DATE: 12/10/70

SUBJECT: EAST COAST CONSPIRACY TO SAVE LIVES (ECCSL)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS

The expected colloquial on the House floor yesterday concerning the charges by Congressman William R. Anderson (D. - Tenn.) against the Director regarding his testimony about captioned group and Philip and Daniel Berrigan almost got lost in the rush to pass legislation attempting to prevent a railroad strike. Congressman Anderson did not take the floor to make his speech until 11 p.m. on 12-9-70, although he earlier had released his speech to the news media and United Press International carried a brief account of it yesterday about 5:30 p.m. He spoke for only five minutes when Congressman John M. Ashbrook (R. - Ohio) asked Anderson to yield for a comment. Ashbrook's request came after Anderson had stated the Director was practicing McCarthy tactics. Anderson refused to yield and Ashbrook then made a point of order that a quorum was not present, necessitating a quorum call of the House which took approximately 45 minutes. During this time Congressman Anderson, who had appeared extremely nervous while delivering his speech, was observed being counselled by House Liberals such as Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D. - Hawaii) and Congressman Andrew Jacobs (D. - Indiana). After the quorum call, Anderson returned to the microphone, asked for and received unanimous approval to include the remainder of his speech in the Record and promptly left the House Chambers.

Congressman Larry Hogan (R. - Maryland), who had obtained a special order immediately following Anderson's, then was recognized. He opened his remarks by chiding Anderson for circulating a letter to his colleagues inviting them to enter into a discussion regarding his charges and then refusing to yield so that a discussion could ensue. Hogan immediately was harassed by Congressman Jacobs who asked that he yield and then demanded a quorum call. He vacated his quorum call request shortly thereafter. Congressman Hogan, under very trying circumstances resulting from the "testy" attitude of members and the late hour, as well as obvious harassment by a few liberals, managed to speak for approximately 15 minutes during which time he specifically answered Anderson's two basic charges against the Director--that the Director had deprived the Berrigans of due process of law and that the Director was practicing McCarthy tactics.

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. M. Bishop
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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M.A. Jones to Bishop Memo
Re: East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives

At this point, approximately 11:55 p.m., conferees on the bill dealing with the railroad strike had returned to the House Chamber, and Congressman Hogan was asked if he would release the floor so this urgent piece of legislation could be disposed of. Hogan stated he would do so on condition that the remainder of his remarks could be placed in the Record and his several colleagues who also asked to speak on this matter would have the opportunity to put their views in the Record. This was agreed to.

Congressmen John Flynt (D-Ga.), Richard Ichord (D-Mo.), Dante Fascell (D-Fla.), and Ed Edmondson (D-Okla.), who had remained throughout the long session to speak on this matter, promptly began writing out their remarks which were submitted to the desk for inclusion in the Record. Congressman Samuel Devine (R-Ohio) had been appointed one of the conferees on the railroad bill; hence, he was engaged in this activity during the proceedings precipitated by Anderson's remarks. He docs, however, have an opportunity to submit his statement on this topic for later inclusion in the Record. Congressman H. Allen Smith (R-Cal.) who also remained throughout the long session to speak on the Anderson charges, advised Inspector Bowers as he left the Chamber around 12:15 a.m. that he planned to wait until he has an opportunity to read Anderson's full speech so he can prepare a more complete answer to it.

Although Anderson had circulated a letter among members of the House inviting them to participate in a discussion regarding his charges against the Director and in defense of the Berrigan brothers, it was apparent that no other member intended to speak in support of his views. In addition to the above-named Congressmen who had specifically told us they would speak in the Director's defense, several others on the floor indicated by their actions they would have spoken out had the situation arisen under circumstances allowing open discussion. The only other Congressman who actually did make any remarks concerning this matter was Congressman John Rooney (D-NY), who interrupted Congressman Hogan to state that he was astonished that any member of the Congress would visit two prisoners in a Federal prison as had Congressman Anderson.

Appropriate letters to those members of Congress who came to our defense in this regard are being sent through based on their remarks as they appear in the Congressional Record. The Congressional Record, received shortly after 9 a.m., reveals that Congressmen Abner Mikva (D-Ill), Ogden Reid (R-NY), and Don Edwards (D-Calif.) inserted remarks in the Record in support of Anderson. The Record also reveals that Anderson received unanimous consent for all members to have 5 legislative days in which to extend their remarks on the topic of his discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

For information.
TO: Mr. Callahan  
FROM: J. B. Adams  
DATE: 11-20-69

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL AGENT STAFFING FIGURES  
FISCAL YEARS 1940, 1941, 1968 AND 1969

On 11-19-69 [_____] of the Library of Congress (Code 173, Extension 584) called me to request information as to the number of Special Agents on the FBI-rolls on a full-man-year basis for fiscal years 1940, 1941, 1968 and 1969. She had previously called M. A. Jones, Crime Records Division, for information as to the total appropriations for these same years, which request was reported separately in a memorandum by Mr. Jones. In both instances she advised that the information was requested by a Member of Congress and their policy precluded identifying the congressman making the request.

[_____] House Appropriations Committee, telephonically advised 11-19-69 that he had received a request from the office of Congressman Don Edwards, Democrat of California, who has been critical of the Bureau, asking for the above information on FBI appropriations and number of Special Agents on the rolls. [_____] advised Edwards' office of the figures concerning appropriations which material is public information and readily available but declined to furnish the information on number of Special Agents since such is not readily available to him and [_____] advised Edwards' office they could dig it out themselves from previous appropriations reports. Edwards' office indicated a request had been submitted to the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress but no reply had been received as yet.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the above staffing information is not confidential and accordingly it is recommended that I be permitted to furnish the above figures telephonically to J.B.A.:mab (7)  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

HANDLE TELEPHONICALLY  
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August 10, 1971

Honorable Don Edwards  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

Reference is made to your letter of August 6, 1971, concerning training offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Police-Community Relations.

Since 1968, the topic of Police-Community Relations has been included in the FBI National Academy curriculum. Currently, we devote 42 hours to Police-Community Relations and directly related behavioral science subjects in the National Academy.

We have over 100 field police instructors, who have received specialized training, currently offering instruction in Police-Community Relations to local law enforcement agencies upon request. In addition, we have developed a highly specialized corps of instructors in the Training Division to handle requests for command-level, regional and statewide schools.

The Bureau's course in Police-Community Relations has been certified by the State of California Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training (POST), Sacramento, California. Among those colleges awarding college credit for these courses are the University of California, Davis, California, and College of the Redwoods, Eureka, California.

Letter to Honorable Don Edwards

Enclosed is a copy of the curriculum. There are no standard lecture outlines as each subject is geared to the time allotted, the experience and rank of the trainee, and the locale in which the school is conducted.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The following topical areas are included:

I. Introduction to Police-Community Relations
   A. Definition of Police-Community Relations
   B. Current Concepts in Field
   C. Need for Police-Community Relations as Police Function
   D. Police Organization and Structure

II. The Role of the Police in a Dynamic Society
   A. The Traditional American Role
   B. The Police Role Today
   C. The Emerging Role of Tomorrow

III. Sociology for Law Enforcement
   A. Review of Sociological Concepts Applicable to the Law Enforcement Profession Which Assist the Officer in Better Understanding his Role in Relation to the Public he Serves
   B. Social Control
   C. Social Stratification
   D. Class Values

IV. Criminology
   A. Theories of Crime Causation
   B. Crime in the Urban Environment
   C. Police-Community Relations and Crime Prevention

V. Communication and Perception
   A. The Nature of Communication
   B. Avoiding Communication Breakdown
   C. The Meaning of Meaning
   D. Perception
   E. The Nature of Rumor
   F. Rumor and Urban Unrest
   G. Rumor Clinic
   H. Explosive Words and Phrases
VI. Psychology for the Police
   A. Attitude
   B. Prejudice
   C. Discrimination

VII. Current Urban Problems
   A. Kerner Commission Report
   B. Eisenhower Commission Report
   C. Scranton Commission Report
   D. The Theory and Philosophy of Civil Disobedience
   E. Power in the Community
   F. Minority Migration Patterns

VIII. Positive Programs in Police-Community Relations
   A. Design
   B. Implementation
   C. Evaluation
   D. Programs Currently Being Used Throughout the United States
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Director:

As part of its current study of the role of the federal government in community relations, the Civil Rights Oversight Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee is concerned with the subject of police-community relations as related to minority groups. In connection with further hearings on this subject, the Subcommittee would very much appreciate your furnishing us with certain information regarding the training programs which the Bureau conducts for local police officers.

Specifically, we would like to know what portion of the curriculum of these programs is devoted to the issue of police-community relations affecting minority groups and if this topic is not covered in the training courses, whether the FBI plans to include it in future curricula. If courses on this subject are included, we would like to receive outlines of the substance of these courses and copies of the standard lectures delivered as part of the courses.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Chairman
Civil Rights Oversight Subcommittee

[Signature]

[Handwritten notes and corrections]
Memorandum

TO:  Mr. Mohr  
FROM: J. J. Casper

DATE: 8/11/71

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D-CALIFORNIA) POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS MATTERS

The 8/6/71 issue of the "Crime Control Digest," a news service publication for law enforcement put out in Washington, D. C., reported that Congressman Edwards, during a House Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on Big City Racial Tension, told Benjamin F. Holman, Director, Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice, that the latter should be more militant in urging other branches of the Justice Department to do a better job (having reference to action to relieve racial tension). Edwards allegedly cited an FBI program of training local police at its Washington academy and told Holman "You should tell the FBI here you get captive cops in here to train them how to shoot guns and wine and dine them why don't you spend as much time and money in cooling off race relations."

Edwards wrote to the Bureau 8/6/71, as Chairman of the Civil Rights Oversight Committee, House Committee on the Judiciary, requesting information concerning FBI training programs in Police-Community Relations. Director noted "Keep your guard up as he is an ex-Agent and most hostile to the Bureau." A reply was sent to Edwards 8/10/71 pointing out that 42 hours of the National Academy curriculum are devoted to Police-Community Relations and related behavioral science subjects. We outlined what we are doing in this subject area in field police training and pointed out the Bureau's course in Police-Community Relations has been certified by the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and that a number of colleges have granted academic credit to those completing the course.

I do not think we should let Edwards get away with shooting off his mouth in such a vein. The Bureau long ago recognized the necessity for closer rapport between the police and the community and we have long included subjects designed to improve that relationship in our Field Police Training and National Academy programs. Edwards' statement, as reported, leaves the clear impression that training programs for police conducted at the FBI Academy deal principally with firearms and wining and dining. We should object and set the record straight.

RECOMMENDATION: That attached letter to Congressman Edwards be sent.

Enclosure 1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. J. V. Cotter, Room 5228
1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Bowers, Room 4232 JJC:mkm (6)
August 12, 1971

Honorable Don Edwards  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

The August 6, 1971, issue of the "Crime Control Digest," a news service publication for law enforcement, reported that you told Mr. Benjamin F. Holman, Director of the Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice, that he should tell the FBI "here you get captive cops in here to train them how to shoot guns and wine and dine them why don't you spend as much time and money in cooling off race relations."

I should like to point out unequivocally that the several allegations in this statement are totally without foundation of fact. Law enforcement officers attending the FBI National Academy are not "captive cops" in any sense of the word; each attendee is nominated by the head of his agency and most wait several years for the opportunity to attend the Academy. Although the administration of a firearms training program is represented in our National Academy curriculum, my letter to you dated August 10, 1971, outlined the high priority given to Police-Community Relations and related subjects during training assistance extended by this Bureau to local law enforcement.

The "wine and dine" portion of your reported comment is absurd to anyone having even the slightest familiarity with FBI operating procedures. This allegation is almost unworthy of denial,

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Bowers  
1 - Mr. Cotter  

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO
Honorable Don Edwards

but I would like for the record to show that not one cent of Government money has ever been spent by the FBI in the purchase of any alcoholic beverage for an attendee of an FBI training school.

Our mission in the FBI National Academy is to present a well-balanced training program for law enforcement administrators and command personnel, and we shall continue our efforts in that regard.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

August 16, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1971, to Congressman Edwards. Mr. Edwards is presently out of the country on a factfinding mission for the House Judiciary Committee. When he returns to Washington on September 1, I will bring your letter to his immediate attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Legislative Assistant

AAP: sk
Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

Mr. Brennan has shown me your letter of December 7th concerning investigation by the FBI of the records of the Unitarian-Universalist Association.

As you are aware, this Bureau, at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, is conducting an intensive investigation into the unauthorized disclosure of the "Pentagon papers." On October 28, 1971, a subpoena was issued by the Federal Grand Jury, Boston, Massachusetts, to obtain bank records of the Unitarian-Universalist Association and its affiliate, Beacon Press, which published Senator Gravel's edition of "The Pentagon Papers."

Pursuant to a request by attorneys of the Department of Justice, two Special Agents assisted bank personnel in a review of their records to expedite selection of items most responsive to the subpoena and to eliminate documents with no relevancy. These Agents did not make any notes regarding the bank records and did not prepare reports based on their review.

It is considered that the actions of this Bureau in the above matter have been entirely proper and were performed in response to a specific request by attorneys of the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Salutation and closing per prior correspondence.

1 - San Francisco - Enclosure
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones - Enclosure (detached)

JBT: sel (7)
Mr. Charles D. Brennan
Assistant Director
Domestic Intelligence Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution between Ninth and Tenth Streets
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

I have been contacted by one of my constituents who has heard that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the bank records of the Unitarian Universalist Association in San Francisco. This constituent feels that this action is an act of intimidation against the association.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm or deny this rumor.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Member of Congress
VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR, IS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES.

RE: SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPING TO BUREAU AUGUST ONE LAST ENTITLED VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR.

A SOURCE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION ADVISED THIS DATE, THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT AT A COALITION OF RADICAL GROUPS AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, ON EVENING OF AUGUST TWO ONE LAST. COALITION WAS CALLED TO PLAN ANTI-NIXON DEMONSTRATION FOR SAN JOSE DURING SEPTEMBER SEVENTY-TWO. VVAV MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING. AT BEGINNING OF MEETING, LEADER VVAV, SAN JOSE, STATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY PLANNED TO BE IN SAN JOSE THIS FRIDAY; HOWEVER, TRIP HAD BEEN CANCELLED. STATED HE HAD ALSO LEARNED THAT THE NIXON TRIP TO SAN JOSE FOR SEPTEMBER HAD BEEN CANCELLED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE A LARGE DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN PLANNED. ALSO INDICATED THAT THE LAST PART OF ABOVE INFORMATION, AS WELL AS

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gebhardt
FROM: C. L. McGowan

DATE: August 17, 1973

SUBJECT: (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUBJECT: NAGI DAIFULLAH - VICTIM SUMMARY PUNISHMENT CIVIL RIGHTS

DON EDWARDS

This matter concerns a Civil Rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Office into the circumstances of victim's death on 8/14/73, following an altercation with a member of the Kern County, California, Sheriff's Department.

On 8/17/73, a discussion was held with Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), regarding this case. During the course of this discussion, advised that Mr. Robert Murphy, Chief, Criminal Section, CRD, USDJ, had received a phone call earlier this date from Democratic U. S. Congressman Donald Edwards, 10th Congressional California District, who has spent some time in the Kern County, California, area, observing the current strike situation involving the United Farm Workers (UFW) and Teamsters Union.

stated he was informed by Mr. Murphy that Congressman Edwards had offered his opinion the local police agencies were not doing their jobs.

Congressman Edwards made no reference to any specific incident but just made that general observation. In this connection, Congressman Edwards also stated he felt the Federal Bureau of Investigation was being hindered in its investigations of Civil Rights complaints by a lack of manpower and by a lack of Spanish speaking Agents.

stated he felt the remarks made by Congressman Edwards to Mr. Murphy were just observations and were in no way meant to be critical of the FBI.

On 8/17/73, Number One Man Joseph G. Kelly, Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, telephonically contacted Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Theodore P. Rosack, Sacramento Office, to ascertain whether or not that office needed additional Agents to handle the Civil Rights cases arising out of the UFW and Teamsters Union confrontations in the Kern County area and also to determine if sufficient Spanish speaking Agents were available. ASAC Rosack advised...
Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt
RE: (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN)

there has obviously been no delay in investigating any of the Civil Rights complaints arising in the Kern County situation other than that delay occasioned by the uncooperative attitude of UFW attorneys making available the location of the various witnesses to incidents that have allegedly occurred. As an example, ASAC Rosack cited the Civil Rights case which was received at the close of business 8/10/73 from FBI Headquarters involving the shooting of two UFW pickets. He stated that the results of this investigation were furnished to FBI Headquarters on the morning of 8/11/73. ASAC Rosack cited the captioned case as an example of the uncooperative attitude of the UFW attorneys in that the local District Attorney desires to conduct a murder investigation into captioned incident; however, the UFW attorneys have refused to make available to him the identities of the witnesses. The District Attorney has approached the Sacramento Office for the identities of these witnesses and he, in turn, was advised to contact the CRD, USDJ, for this information.

ASAC Rosack indicated that at the present time he feels he has sufficient personnel assigned to handle the investigations that have arisen and also feels that the two Spanish speaking Agents presently working in the area are adequate. He indicated that if there was a drastic increase in the number of investigations arising out of the Kern County situation that at that time they would reassess the manpower needs and would so advise the appropriate division at FBI Headquarters.

ACTION: None. For information.
To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

TOPICS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED AT THE EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE

For your information, the last several weeks the Executives Conference has devoted its attention to the Congressional investigating committees and my testimony on February 27, 1975, before the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives. In the near future a copy of Attorney General Levi's statement and my statement will be forwarded to you.

In addition, considerable discussion involved the General Accounting Office review of FBI operations. You have been forwarded material concerning this matter under the caption, "General Accounting Office, Review of FBI Operations."

At the Executives Conference meeting of March 6, 1975, a task force proposed by the Attorney General concerning information gathering and retention policies of the FBI was discussed. This is a result of the hearing on February 27, 1975, where Congressman Don Edwards pressed the Attorney General to adopt guidelines acceptable to the Committee in lieu of legislation.

The Attorney General has proposed a task force consisting of representatives from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General; Legal Counsel and Planning of the Department of Justice; two assistants from his own office and Assistant Director John Mintz. The Attorney General has proposed that several outside consultants, consisting of former Attorney Generals, former Special Prosecutors and members of the academic world meet concerning this

2 - All Field Offices

| RJG:DW (140) | 1 - Mr. Callahan | 1 - Mr. Jenkins |
|             | 1 - Mr. Adams   | 1 - Each Assistant Director |
|             | 1 - Mr. Reilly  | 1 - Assistant Director |
subject in a one-day session and that subsequently the task force members interview these consultants in considerable detail.

As a result, an in-house task force has been established at FBI Headquarters under the Chairmanship of Assistant Director Mintz. It will be comprised of a representative from the Files and Communications, Intelligence, General Investigative, Special Investigative and Computer Systems Divisions. Assistant Director Mintz in addition will call upon any other division he deems necessary for assistance in order to address this subject.

You will be kept advised of matters of interest discussed at the Executives Conference.
TO: The Director

FROM: D.W. Bowers

DATE: 8/24/73

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D.-CALIF.)
COMPLAINTS RE HANDLING OF CIVIL RIGHTS CASES
IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Late on 8/23/73, Jerome Zeifman, Chief Counsel of
the House Committee on Judiciary, called to advise me of a telephone
conversation he had just had with Congressman Edwards. He said
Edwards is currently in California and has spent considerable time in
the Kern County area where there is a great deal of unrest in connection
with labor activities involving grape pickers. Several individuals
have been killed or injured during this labor unrest.

Zeifman said that Edwards is very concerned that the
investigations of this situation are not being handled properly. He
said Edwards specifically expressed his concern that the publicly
stated policy of former Acting Director Gray to the effect that outside
Agents would be sent in to handle civil rights cases is not being
followed in this instance. He said Edwards feels a number of Agents
should be sent into the area from other FBI offices and that they
specifically should be Agents with Spanish speaking ability. He said
Edwards had commented that he recently had some contact with the
Phoenix FBI Office and had been highly impressed with the competency
of the number of Spanish speaking Agents available there.

Zeifman advised Edwards has visited the FBI Resident Agency
office in the area where this labor problem is centered expressing
his concern over these cases and also has communicated directly with
the Department of Justice about this matter. He said Edwards feels
his expressions of concern have not generated the proper response and
Edwards is now suggesting that he be allowed to convene his Subcommittee
on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights of the House Committee on
Judiciary to conduct hearings in California concerning the handling
of these cases. Zeifman said at Edwards' request he has discussed
this matter with Deputy Assistant Attorney General for
Legislative Affairs in the absence of Assistant Attorney General Mike
Mckevitt, and that he expects a response from Zeifman
said he was merely advising me so that the FBI would be aware of this
situation.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Herington
1 - Mr. Bowers

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Bowers to the Director (cont'd.)
Re: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS
HANDLING OF CIVIL RIGHTS CASES
IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

I told Zeifman that I was aware that Edwards had visited
the resident agency. I also told him that the adequacy of personnel
in the area has been considered by officials both in the field and
here in Washington. He was thanked for advising us of Edwards'
comments.

This matter was discussed with _____ who stated Edwards
has been constantly agitating regarding the Kern County situation.
He advised that Senator Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.) also has gotten
into the act and sent a telegram to the Attorney General urging that
a large force of personnel be sent into the area to handle the unrest
that has resulted from the labor dispute. _____ was advised that
a week ago we had inquired of the Sacramento FBI Field Office regarding
the adequacy of personnel to handle civil rights complaints growing
out of this situation in Kern County and were assured that there are
sufficient personnel in the area to take care of the matter, including
Spanish speaking Agents. He was advised that we have experienced
some delays in handling the necessary investigation because of an
uncooperative attitude on the part of attorneys representing the
United Farm Workers.

The Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division
advises we have had 23 civil rights cases referred to us as a result
of the situation in Kern County, about half of which are preliminary
types.

It is not new or unusual for Congressman Edwards to be
critical of the FBI with respect to the handling of civil rights
matters. He has done so consistently and with this situation being
in his home area, it is natural that he will make every effort to take
advantage of the publicity potential. Congressman Edwards does not
represent Kern County, however. Kern County is divided between two
congressional districts. One is represented by Congressman Robert B.
Mathias and the other by Congressman William M. Ketchum, both
Republicans.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.
TO: Mr. J. B. Adams  
FROM: Legal Counsel  
DATE: 6-30-75

SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN DON EDWARDS  
HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL  
AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
REQUEST FOR TOUR OF FBI ACADEMY  
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

On 6-27-75, Alan Parker, Chief Counsel, House  
Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights called  
Inspector [ ] and advised that Chairman Don  
Edwards would like to visit the FBI Training Academy at  
Quantico, Virginia, sometime during the week of 6-30 -  
7-4-75.

Because of the oversight responsibilities of his  
Subcommittee for the FBI, Parker said, Mr. Edwards feels it is  
important that he have a good understanding of all aspects  
of the Bureau's work, including our training activities.  
Mr. Edwards wants a general tour of the facilities and would  
like to meet informally with students and members of the  
staff. Parker thought Edwards would probably spend the entire  
day at Quantico and would be accompanied by Mr. Parker and  
for the Subcommittee.

Assistant Director, William M. Mooney, advised that  
a visit by Chairman Edwards during the current week would  
not interfere with any ongoing training programs and that  
appropriate personnel are available for tour and general  
briefing on the training programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Legal Counsel Division contact Mr. Parker and  
make appropriate arrangements, including transportation, for  
a tour of the facilities at Quantico by Chairman Edwards.

1 - Mr. Mooney  
1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. Mintz  
1 - Mr. Hotis  

SEE ADDENDUM PAGE 2
With your approval, we contacted Mr. Parker and made arrangements for a tour of the Academy on Thursday, 7-3-75. Mr. Mooney has been notified.
July 9, 1975

The Honorable Edward H. Levi
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Mr. William A. Sullivan, former Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, appeared on "Face the Nation" Sunday, July 6, 1975. It was stated by Mr. Sullivan during the telecast that he appeared with the clearance of the Director of the FBI, Mr. Kelley.

During the course of this interview, Mr. Sullivan defended the COINTELPRO's, their purpose and implementation. He also referred to break-ins — "in the national intelligence field." (I am enclosing a copy of the transcript of this program, so Mr. Sullivan's comments can be seen in their original context.)

I believe Mr. Sullivan's defense of COINTELPRO is contrary to testimony before my Subcommittee by Mr. Kelley and yourself. I would like to be informed whether Mr. Kelley's approval of Mr. Sullivan's appearance constitutes approval of his statements regarding the COINTEL operations.

Further, I would like to be informed of the truth of statements that warrantless and/or surreptitious entries are being or have been effected by the FBI in the national intelligence field. I use the phrase "national intelligence field," as it was used by Mr. Sullivan on the program, although I am not sure what the extent of that phrase means.
If warrantless or surreptitious entries have or are being effected, I would like to know:

1. How many by year of occurrence and whether they were warrantless or surreptitious.
2. The criteria established or used to decide when such occurrences will be permitted.
3. Who the ultimate official authorizing such occurrence was.
4. Some description of typical circumstances under which warrantless or surreptitious entries were utilized.
5. What the policy of the FBI and the Department of Justice is today with regard to warrantless and surreptitious entries.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in furnishing the Committee this information.

Sincerely yours,

Don Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights
(D-CAIIFORNIA)

DE/pb

Enclosure

cc: Clarence M. Kelley
    Director
    Federal Bureau of Investigation
**MESSAGE RELAY**

**From:** Director, FBI  

**To:** SACs:  

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| ☐ Deputy Attorney General  
| ☐ Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit  
| ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division  
| ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division  
| ☐ Attn: Internal Security Section  
| ☐ Attn: General Crimes Section  
| ☐ Drug Enforcement Administration  
| ☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service  
| ☐ Attn: U. S. Marshal's Service  
| ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)  
| ☐ Department of the Army  
| ☐ Director, CIA  
| ☐ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard  
| ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
| ☐ Energy Research and Development Administration  
| ☐ Federal Aviation Administration  

**To:** Legats:  

**Date:** 10-16-75  

**Subject:** See Attached  

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**Subject (Text begins next page):** See Attached
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (69-0)

UNSUB: THREAT AGAINST CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS, MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL, 1265 ESCUELA PARKWAY, MILPITAS, CALIFORNIA.

FBI SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED 10-16-75

AT 10:30 A.M., THIS DATE, MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M., A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE SWITCHBOARD BY STUDENT , ON AN OUTSIDE LINE. ADVISED THAT THE CALLER STATED "YOU BETTER BE PREPARED WE'RE GOING TO KILL DON EDWARDS." ADVISED CALLER IMMEDIATELY HUNG UP. TO HER VOICE APPEARED TO BE THAT OF A WHITE TEENAGER, NORMAL TYPE VOICE, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION KNOWN. MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE RESPONDED. NO INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS APPLIcCATION FOR AN APPROPRIATION AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE THEN TRAVELLING TO HYATT HOUSE, SAN JOSE, FOR A LUNCH AND BACK TO HIS OFFICE. EDWARDS ESCORTED TO HYATT HOUSE BY MILPITAS AND SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SECRET SERVICE AGENT , SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED OF INCIDENT.

END.

HOLD PLS
February 2, 1976

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Don:

I am enclosing two advance copies of the February, 1976, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin as I thought you might be interested in the article, beginning on page two, entitled "Inservice Police Training," by the Police Department of San Jose, California.

The distribution of our magazine, without charge, to sworn law enforcement officers is one of the cooperative services of the FBI designed to improve the standards and performance of the profession. We are appreciative of the contribution to this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence D. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

1 - Office of Congressional Affairs
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt (detached)

NOTE: Congressman Edwards represents the 10th District of California which includes the city of San Jose, in part. He is known to the Director on a first-name basis.
To recommend an oral response to Congressman Don Edwards' (California) inquiry concerning the number of Soviet seamen visiting this country each year. (U)

RECOMMENDATION:

That representatives from the Office of Congressional Affairs and INTD personally acknowledge receipt of Congressman Edwards' letter (attached), and answer any questions pertaining to his inquiry. (U)
year and these figures are attributed to the FBI. He also noted that he had heard that it was Soviet policy to severely limit the number of seamen allowed to leave Soviet ships while in United States ports because of a fear on the part of the Soviet government of defections of their seamen. Congressman Edwards went on to say that the above two statements appeared to be conflicting, but suggested that they may be reconcilable and requested this Bureau's advice on the matter. (U)

The Congressman's statistics are approximately correct concerning the number of Soviet seamen visiting the United States each year. In so far as we can determine, he is not correct in his statement that this information was publicly attributed to the FBI. INTD does, as you know, have an investigative program regarding Soviet seamen visiting this country. The program includes the use of undercover Agents and has been successful in that we have recruitments-in-place furnishing foreign counterintelligence information of value. This program is classified as is our other foreign counterintelligence efforts directed against the Soviets. Because of the classified nature of the topic under consideration, INTD believes that we could best respond to Congressman Edwards' questions in an oral manner, as opposed to a written response. (S) (U)
ADDENDUM: CI-1, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ECP:mcm 7/27/78

By appointment, Section Chief Eugene C. Peterson, accompanied by Supervisor Ronald Heller, Congressional Liaison, Legal Counsel Division, met with Congressman Edwards 7/24/78 in order to respond to his inquiry in a letter dated 5/5/78 and to give him a general overview of our investigative obligations involving Soviet ships entering U.S. ports. Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, of which Congressman Edwards is the Chairman, was present during a portion of the briefing.

The Congressman was given the background of the U.S. shipping agreement with the USSR, ports which are opened and figures concerning the number of Soviet ships entering U.S. ports during the past calendar year and an approximation as to the number of crewmen holding visas. It was suggested that the information about Soviet policy to limited shore leave may have originated from an article by Jack Anderson 11/24/77 and that the FBI experience did not substantiate this. To the contrary, large numbers are given shore leave and they are observed making purchases of merchandise such as calculators, radios, pens and pencils, watches, etc. In response to a question by the Congressman as to how we contend with this large number of potential agents, he was informed that we are working toward a computer capability to assist us which he agreed was a logical approach.

ACTION: For information and record. (U)
January 29, 1979

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Don:

Once again I am indebted to you for your actions and support of the FBI and me personally. I have reference to your inclusion in the "Congressional Record" of the letter from Chief of Police Joseph McNamara to the "San Jose Mercury." His temperate approach hopefully will have an impact on those who hold the two extreme views and will help bring these groups back to a common meeting ground.

As the new session of Congress commences, we look forward to another term in which we have your support and encouragement. I hope you will never hesitate to contact any of us here at the FBI if we can provide help or assistance to you and the members of your staff.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director
HON. DON EDWARDS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 15, 1979

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend to my colleagues the remarks of Chief Joseph D. McNamara, chief of police for San Jose, Calif., on the recent decision of FBI Director William Webster to fire two supervisors for their roles in illegal surveillance of the Weather Underground in the early 1970's. The thoughts expressed are even-handed and incisive.

The remarks follow:

[From the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury, Dec. 13, 1978]

FBI CHIEF ACTS TO SUSTAIN MORALE, REGAIN PUBLIC TRUST
(By Joseph D. McNamara)

Recently, FBI Director William Webster announced that two FBI supervisors would be fired and another demoted for their roles in illegal surveillance of the Weather Underground in the early 1970's. He also disclosed that no action would be taken against 58 street agents involved in the break-ins, wiretappings, and mail openings in the investigation.

Webster confided to associates that it was the most difficult decision he had made as director. There is no doubt that his actions have put him squarely in the middle of controversy.

The Weather Underground was a self-proclaimed revolutionary group active in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The group claimed responsibility for a series of bombings including those at the Pentagon and the Capitol. Five suspected members were arrested a year ago by FBI agents, but eight or nine are still fugitives.

Now, Webster is being attacked for not supporting FBI anti-terrorist actions during a crisis. Simultaneously, others accuse him of condoning illegal activities for not taking action against the 58 street agents. His no win position becomes evident when examining the strong views held by both sides.

For example, last year hundreds of active and retired agents picketed, signed petitions, and helped raise legal defense funds for those agents accused of misconduct. These unprecedented actions by FBI personnel are strongly supported by many in local law enforcement with memories of the Weathermen threat and pressure on the FBI to counteract the terrorist bombings. Many Americans with little sympathy for terrorists groups can also be expected to oppose the firings and demotion.

On the other side are FBI critics disturbed by revelations of questionable Bureau activities against Dr. Martin Luther King, anti-war and civil rights groups during the 1960s. Many in this camp have strongly demanded that agents be either authorized and illegal acts by FBI personnel.

Both sides should ponder some historical facts before judging Director Webster. Those opposing any discipline would do well to recall that classical revolutionary theory counts on an overreaction by authority which lessens public respect for government and enhances the ability of the revolutionary movement to gather new recruits and sympathizers. Those disciplined, in Webster's view, fail in their supervisory responsibil-
September 4, 1979

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Don:

I want you to know of my gratitude, as well as that of all my associates in the Bureau, for your participation in the Memorial Service last week. Your words were a source of inspiration to the families of Special Agents and I know they were honored to have you speak.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Will H. Webster
Director

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FBI/DOJ
February 22, 1980

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 7, 1980, wherein a pilot project to decentralize computerized criminal histories was discussed.

On March 13-14, 1980, the Interstate Identification Index (III) Committee of the NCIC Advisory Policy Board will meet in Austin, Texas, for the purpose of reviewing the progress of the pilot project.

I invite you and members of your staff to attend the meeting. Details regarding the exact place and times of the meeting will be available in the near future through Special Agent Lawrence G. Lawler, (202) 324-2606.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

NOTE: The III Committee is assessing, through use of a controlled pilot project, the feasibility of returning single-state offender CCH records to their state of origin and maintaining at FBI-NCIC only an index to these records. An inquiring agency would have to query the state holding the record by some communications facility other than NCIC.
SUBJECT: INQUIRY BY CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS REGARDING FBI RECORDS DESTRUCTION REGULATIONS

PURPOSE:

To record details of contact by Congressman Don Edwards (D-Cal.) with Records Management Division Section Chief Robert W. Scherrer regarding current FBI records destruction regulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

DETAILS:

During the morning of 1/14/81, Congressman Don Edwards, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, contacted SA Emil Moschella, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, in order to ascertain the identity of the FBI official knowledgeable regarding current FBI records destruction regulations. SA Moschella referred Congressman Edwards to SA Scherrer.

Subsequently, Congressman Edwards telephonically contacted SA Scherrer at FBIHQ on 1/14/81. Congressman Edwards explained that he desired information regarding current FBI records destruction regulations in order to answer a question presented to his Subcommittee by the "Los Angeles..."
Memorandum R. P. Finzel to Mr. Colwell
INQUIRY BY CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS
REGARDING FBI RECORDS DESTRUCTION REGULATIONS

Times" regarding the destruction of COINTELPRO material contained in FBI records. Congressman Edwards advised that the "Los Angeles Times" apparently was preparing an article on the COINTELPRO and the fact that the FBI had not, as a matter of policy, destroyed COINTELPRO material contained in FBI files had surfaced. Congressman Edwards requested a brief summary of current FBI records destruction regulations. SA Scherrer pointed out to Congressman Edwards that, at present, all previously approved National Archives and Records Service (NARS) destruction of FBI investigative records has been suspended since 1/10/80, based on an Opinion and Order of U. S. District Judge Harold Greene on the same date. Additionally, SA Scherrer explained to Congressman Edwards that it would be necessary for NARS to conduct an extensive re-appraisal of FBI records holdings, both at FBIHQ and the field, in order to develop new retention schedules for submission to Judge Greene for his review and approval. SA Scherrer also called Congressman Edward's attention to the fact that the vast majority of COINTELPRO material contained in FBI records is filed in security classifications and that no FBI records in these classifications had been destroyed since 1/16/78, based on a self-imposed FBI moratorium on destruction of such material due to the discovery proceedings in the Felt, Gray, Miller cases. SA Scherrer also explained to Congressman Edwards that, based on the Attorney General's instruction of 6/6/77, all FBI files and records related to pending litigation, Congressional interest or FOI/PA requests have not been destroyed. In conclusion, SA Scherrer emphasized to Congressman Edwards that the FBI had not promulgated a policy of not destroying COINTELPRO material contained in our files.

Congressman Edwards expressed his appreciation for the information provided and indicated he would re-contact SA Scherrer through the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs should additional questions arise.
The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Bill:

Please extend my congratulations to those talented agents who in the last few days wrapped up the multi-million dollar stolen bond case and the Rubens theft. It was extraordinarily skillful work, and all involved should be commended.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]
Member of Congress
(California)
September 14, 1981

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Don:

Many thanks for your September 14 letter on our recoveries of the Rubens sketch and the negotiable bonds. It was thoughtful of you to write and I know all those who participated in these cases will appreciate your note as much as I do.

Warmest best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

NOTE: Congressman Edwards is known to the Director on a first-name basis. He is referring in his letter to the recovery of over $50 million worth of Federal Home Loan Bank bonds which were recovered by New York Office Agents on 8/31/81 when the Agents posed as buyers. FBI Agents recovered a stolen oil sketch by Peter Paul Rubens in Arlington, Virginia, on 9/1/81 and a suspect was arrested in Waldorf, Maryland.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, AND FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

VISIT OF MEMBER OF CONGRESS DON EDWARDS TO EUROPE.

LEGAT PARIS HAS LEARNED OF CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS’S PLANNED VISIT JANUARY 9-12, 1982, TO PARIS. EDWARDS HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS AT INTERPOL HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS “CRIMINAL RECORDS AND TERRORISM.” NO FURTHER DETAILS FURNISHED TO EMBASSY. LFMZ C7 READILY ARRANGE APPROPRIATE MEETINGS AT INTERPOL BUT CONTACTS WOULD APPRECIATE IF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT COULD FURNISH THE CONGRESSMAN’S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND INSIGHTS INTO SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST OR THRUST OF HIS INQUIRY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INTERPOL CURRENTLY IS ENGAGED IN AN ACCESS QUESTION WITH THE FRENCH SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OVER THE SANCTITY OF THEIR RECORDS, AS WELL AS THE ETHICS OF IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEM.
REPORTEDLY, EDWARDS WILL DEPART PARIS FOR MILAN, ITALY ON MORNING OF JANUARY 17, 1982, WHERE HE WILL MEET CONGRESSMAN RODINO AND PROCEED ON TO ROME.
RE: PARIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR DATED JANUARY 57, 1982

REPRESENTATIVE DON EDWARDS, DEMOCRAT, CALIFORNIA, SERVES IN THE VETERANS AFFAIRS AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES. HE IS MOST ACTIVE IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FBI. IN THIS CAPACITY, HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE SHOWN A LONGSTANDING INTEREST IN ASSURING THAT FILES ARE MAINTAINED FOR LAWFUL AND CLEARLY AUTHORIZED PURPOSES. HE HAS RECENTLY CHAIRED HEARINGS WHICH EXPLORED THE USES OF NCIC AND THE PROPRIETY OF THE FBI MAINTAINING A CENTRAL INDEX AND EXCHANGING CRIMINAL HISTORIES ON AN

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Date: 1/7/82

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AUTOMATED BASIS WITH THE VARIOUS STATES. IN APRIL AND AGAIN IN NOVEMBER, 1981, CHAIRMAN EDWARDS ADVISED FBI OFFICIALS TESTIFYING BEFORE HIS SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE FBI MUST BE VIGILANT OF INDIVIDUALS' RIGHTS IN FORMULATING A LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM THAT WOULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL CITIZENS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EDWARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE TRAVELED TO EUROPE IN EARLY 1981 FOR THE STATED PURPOSE OF OBSERVING OTHER GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSES TO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

BT

NOTE: THIS TELETYPING IS IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM PARIS DATED JANUARY 5, 1982.
Memorandum

To: Mr. Bayser
From: [Redacted]

Subject: NCIC ADVISORY POLICY BOARD--TRANSCRIPT OF CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS' SPEECH AND SUBSEQUENT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Date 2/6/84

PURPOSE: To provide complete transcripts of comments to the NCIC Advisory Policy Board.

DETAILS: Enclosed is the complete transcript of Congressman Edwards' speech to the NCIC Board during its October, 1983, meeting. Also enclosed is the subsequent question and answer session and my response to issues raised by Congressman Edwards regarding the Secret Service Protective File. Also enclosed is a summary of comments of Congressman James Sensenbrenner who although unable to attend the full Board meeting, did speak to many of the members.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

Enclosures (4)
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1 - Mr. Colwell
1 - Mr. Baker
1 - Mr. Stames
1 - Mr. Hotis
1 - Mr. Bayse
1 - Mr. Smith
1 - Mr. Masterson
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Prior to the Board meeting, Congressman James Sensenbrenner, Jr., minority member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, requested an opportunity to address the Board. Scheduling difficulty prevented his addressing the entire Board, but he did meet with those members present on October 3, 1983. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- He desired to speak to the Board members in order to set the record straight.

- That the views of Congressman Edwards are not the views of Congress as a whole, the House Judiciary Committee, nor even necessarily those of the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. Congressman Edwards is representative of a very small minority.

- That he would support the development of investigative applications for the NCIC System.

- That Board members take a proactive approach in informing Members of Congress as to the benefits of NCIC as a whole, as well as the benefits of the proposed applications.

- That he is especially interested in the development of a terrorist application prior to the 1984 Olympics.
FROM
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL OF INVESTIGATION

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Congressman Edwards represented the view that same form of computing crime
of legislation was needed to be very carefully

FBI/DOJ
December 6, 1983

MEMO TO FILE

RE: MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS

The following items were discussed today.

1. Computer crime legislation - Congressman Edwards believes that such legislation is inevitable and probably desirable if narrowly focused. He was of the view that it will not have the emotional issues which were present during the Missing Children legislation and, therefore, could be more rationally considered.

2. Senior Executive Service - I explained that we were in the final stages of drafting a form of parallel senior executive service for FBI and DEA Agents which would track the Civil Service System closely and would materially help our career program. Congressman Edwards thought this was a good idea and would help the FBI. I told him we would be back to him when we were in general consensus with the Department.

3. NCIC - Congressman Edwards expressed some general concerns about expanding NCIC beyond public record information. I reviewed the need for the Secret Service file based upon possibly Secret Service statutory responsibility to protect the President. He felt there would be tremendous push to put terrorist information into NCIC. I told him the Committee had a number of proposals and were currently evaluating them. I share some of the Congressman's concerns about maintaining a principled approach to what goes in the NCIC files.

4. GREYLORD - The New York Times article this morning mentions the GREYLORD investigation along with other problems in Chicago. I told the Congressman that this investigation had been an extremely sensitive one and that we had followed it closely from the beginning and had insisted on a number of precautions which will make it a different kind of situation from the Cleveland case. Specifically, I told him that we had worked in close association with the United States Attorney, with the Department of Justice and had kept certain high-ranking officials
MEMO TO FILE
RE: MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS

In Illinois generally informed of the investigation. I told him that we had given the Senate's ABSCAM report to Chicago for purposes of analyzing the predication and other standards of investigation in the GREYLORD case and that this predication had been re-reviewed at Headquarters. The purpose of my discussing this was, as I told him, because I anticipated defense counsel would mount an assault on the Government as the best defense and I wanted him to know that we believe we were more than ready to meet the challenges.

It was a very useful meeting and we both agreed that it would be helpful to put them on a regular periodic basis.

William H. Webster
Director
Memorandum

Subject: Complaint of Congressman Don Edwards

Date: APR 1 1986

To: William M. Baker
   Assistant Director
   Office of Congressional
   and Public Affairs
   Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: Michael E. Shaheen Jr.
   Counsel
   Office of Professional
   Responsibility

In the attached correspondence, Congressman Edwards complains that various officials of the Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation frequently violate the Department's policy guidelines, as well as American Bar Association rules, regarding pretrial statements and press releases in pending criminal cases. We would appreciate being provided a memorandum addressing the Congressman's complaint insofar as it involves personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation so we may respond to the Congressman. We have asked other components of the Department to provide information with regard to their employees.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me or Assistant Counsel.
November 22, 1985

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am writing with respect to recent statements in press releases and at news conferences by Department of Justice officials discussing the details of pending criminal charges before trial. These extrajudicial statements oftentimes describe the charges as proven fact; offer opinion on the character of the defendants, or imply a belief in the guilt of the accused. This practice, which began before you took office as Attorney General, threatens to deprive defendants of the presumption of innocence.

Our entire criminal justice system is based on that presumption. Arrest warrants and indictments contain only accusations, which the government must prove through evidence submitted to a court of law. Extrajudicial statements by persons associated with the prosecution (or defense) of a criminal case should include only incontrovertible, factual matters, and should not include subjective observations. Certain types of information that tend to create dangers of prejudice without serving a significant law enforcement function should not be disclosed.

These principles have been embodied in a Department statement of policy covering all personnel, 28 C.F.R. §50.2. They are also reflected in the ABA's Code of Professional Responsibility, which is binding on most lawyers in your Department and has been adopted by local rule in many courts.

It appears, however, that Department of Justice and FBI officials no longer feel bound by these principles. Press releases, news conferences, and attributed and unattributed statements to the press freely discuss the unproven details of pending cases and regularly violate limitations on pretrial publicity. The most frequently ignored rule is the bar against
statements indicating a belief in the guilt of the accused. Often there is a disturbing discrepancy between what is said immediately following an arrest or indictment and what is proved at trial. I am enclosing a list of some specific examples of recent improper statements by federal officials.

This problem was illustrated in the case against John A. Walker, Jr., where the trial judge actually issued an order restraining FBI Assistant Director William Baker from making any further extrajudicial statements in violation of Rule 16 of the U.S. District Court in Maryland. (Rule 16 adopts the limitations of Disciplinary Rule 7-107 in the ABA's Code of Professional Responsibility.)

Law enforcement cannot be conducted by news conference and press release. The media techniques that are exploited in other areas of public policy are inappropriate to criminal justice. Self-congratulatory press releases on specific cases are not only undignified, they erode the presumption of innocence and may infringe upon constitutional guarantees of a fair trial.

I am sure that you are sensitive to these issues. I hope you will take immediate steps to ensure that Department personnel adhere to prevailing standards on fair trial and free press. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights

cc: Honorable William H. Webster
Extrajudicial Statements by DOJ and FBI Officials

1. 28 CFR §50.2(b)(6)(i) prohibits observations about a defendant's character, and DR 7-107(B)(1) prohibits extrajudicial statements relating to the character, reputation, or prior criminal record of the accused.

(a) In the September 4, 1985 San Juan Star, FBI press spokesman Diader Rosario is reported to have stated in an interview on the arrest of 11 persons in Puerto Rico that one of the accused was a fugitive from justice, that another served time for armed robbery, and that a third had been convicted previously of possession of explosives.

(b) In a Washington Post article last spring, Manhattan U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani, commenting on the arrest of 133 members of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang, is reported to have said, "This is a very, very dangerous group."

(c) A November 4, 1984 FBI press release states, "Director Webster noted that these very dangerous fugitives were arrested without serious incident or injury...."

2. 28 CFR §50.2(b)(6)(v) prohibits statements concerning evidence in the case, and DR 7-107(B)(6) prohibits statements relating to any opinion as to the evidence.

(a) On the front page of the San Juan Star for September 5, 1985, FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard W. Held is quoted as describing documents seized in searches attending the arrest of 11 persons: "We have seen some spectacular documents which spell out what the organization was doing."

(b) In the Washington Post on June 2, 1985, Assistant U.S. Attorney Barbara S. Sale is quoted as saying with reference to the seizure of "very detailed" plans to bomb federal offices, "It's unbelievable -- there's more evidence than we can ever use."

3. 28 CFR §50.2(b)(6)(iii) prohibits reference to investigative procedures such as ballistic tests, and DR 7-107(B)(4) prohibits statements that relate to the performance or results of any examination or tests.

In the September 5, 1985 San Juan Star, Mr. Held is quoted as saying in connection with
arrests in Puerto Rico that the FBI will analyze weapons seized during the arrests to determine if they were used in certain earlier crimes.

4. 28 CFR §50.2(b)(6)(vi) and DR 7-107(B)(6) prohibit opinions as to the guilt of the accused, yet DOJ and FBI frequently make statements that assume guilt:

(a) In an article in the Washington Post on May 24, 1985 about the Walker case, Assistant Director Baker is quoted: "Based on the duration of the espionage and the access of those who have been charged, you have to assume that damage they cause is substantial."

(b) According to the same article, Mr. Baker reportedly said, "We believe the father's [John Walker's] reason for doing this was for financial gain."

(c) In a Washington Post article of June 1, 1985 on the Walker case, Mr. Baker said, "We patiently watched him for six months and waited for him to commit espionage."

(d) The Washington Post article last spring on the Hell's Angels arrests stated: "Through its agents and electronic surveillance, [FBI official Lee] Laster said, the FBI overheard Hell's Angels members discuss contract murders, extortion, bribery, assault and the harboring of fugitives."

(e) An October 24, 1984 Department press release states, "Attorney General William French Smith announced today that a federal grand jury in Manhattan has indicted the entire leadership of a major organized crime family."

(f) A May 13, 1985 FBI press release states as fact that a group of Sikhs were plotting the assassination of Indian officials and planning guerilla type operations against the Government of India.
(g) A December 18, 1984 FBI press release on the arrest of Thomas Patrick Cavanagh states, "The FBI Director said that the disclosure of these documents would have caused irreparable damage to the national security of the United States."

(h) In a New York Times article last spring, Mr. Giuliani is quoted as saying, "This case charges more Mafia bosses in one indictment than ever before."

(i) The lead sentence on a February 26, 1985 press release from Mr. Giuliani's office states, "A federal grand jury in Manhattan has indicted 'the Commission,' the ruling council of the Mafia's Five Families in New York and other American cities."

5. Of a similar nature are self-congratulatory statements that an arrest or indictment is "unique," "historic," or "sends a message." The apparent implication of such statements is the defendant is guilty.

(a) Articles in the Washington Post and New York Times on April 16, 1985 quote William Baker stating that indictment of members of a white supremacist group contains a "warning message."

(b) A May 2, 1985 press release from the FBI states that the arrest of Hell's Angels members "sounds as an emphatic warning to criminal enterprises."

(c) In an article in the San Juan Star on August 31, 1985, Attorney General Meese is quoted as saying that the arrest of 12 alleged members of the Macheteros group "is a signal to terrorists and their supporters."

(d) An October 24, 1984 press release and statement by then Attorney General Smith trumpets that "The case is unique.... This indictment marks a major advance in our battle against organized crime.... This case is especially significant.... The indictment I am announcing today is new and dramatic proof of our success in throwing the full force of law enforcement against the mob."
(e) An FBI press release for February 26, 1985 quotes Director Webster as saying "This indictment is historic."

(f) An article last spring in the New York Times quoted Mr. Giuliani, commenting on the indictment of reputed organized crime leaders, as saying "It is a great day for law enforcement, probably the worst day for the Mafia."

6. 28 CFR §50.2(b)(6)(vi) and DR 7-107(B)(2) prohibit statements regarding the possibility of a plea of guilty to the offense charged or to a lesser offense.

In a June 2, 1985 article in the New York Times, Stephen S. Trott is quoted as saying that John Walker, his brother Arthur and his son Michael would have a difficult time winning a plea bargain for a lesser sentence.
§ 50.2 Release of information by personnel of the Department of Justice relating to criminal and civil proceedings.

(a) General. (1) The availability to newspapers of information in criminal and civil cases is a matter which has become increasingly a subject of concern in the administration of justice. The purpose of this statement is to formulate specific guidelines for the release of such information by personnel of the Department of Justice. The release of information for the purpose of influencing a trial is, of course, improper, but there are valid reasons for making available to the public information which is a matter of public concern in the administration of the law. The task of achieving a fair balance between the protection of individuals accused of crime or involved in civil proceedings with the Government and public understandings of the events and administering government depends largely on the exercise of sound judgment by those responsible for administering the law and by representatives of the press and other media.

(b) Guidelines to criminal actions. (1) The substance or text of the charge, such as a complaint, indictment, or information.

(c) Statements concerning the identity, testimony, or credibility of prospective witnesses.

(d) Statements concerning evidence or argument in the case, whether or not it is anticipated that such evidence or argument will be used at trial.

(e) Any opinion as to the accused's guilt or, in the possibility of a plea of guilty to the offense charged, or the possibility of a plea to a lesser offense.

(f) Personnel of the Department of Justice shall be an act or encouragement or assist news media in the portrayal of a defendant unless a law enforcement function is served thereby.

(g) This statement of policy is not intended to restrict the release of information concerning a defendant who is a fugitive from justice.

(h) Since the purpose of this statement is to set forth generally applicable guidelines, there will, of course, be exceptions. Moreover, it is anticipated that the release of information which would not be prejudicial under the particular circumstances. If a representative of the Department believes that in the interest of the fair administration of justice and the law enforcement function information beyond these guidelines should be released, in a particular case, he shall request the permission of the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General to do so.

(i) Guidelines to civil actions. Personnel of the Department of Justice associated with a civil action shall not during its investigation or litigation make or participate in making any extrajudicial statement, other than a quotation from or reference to public records, which a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of public communication if there is a reasonable likelihood that such dissemination will interfere with a fair trial and which relates to:

(1) Evidence regarding the occurrence or transaction involved.

(2) The character, credibility, or criminal records of a party, witness, or prospective witness.
§ 50.3

(3) The performance or results of any examinations or tests or the refusal or failure of a party to submit to such.

An opinion as to the merits of the claims or defenses of a party, except as required by law or administrative rule.

(5) Any other matter reasonably likely to interfere with a fair trial of the action.

28 U.S.C. 3050

(2) Consultation with or seeking assistance from other Federal agencies (such as the Contract Compliance Division of the Department of Labor) having authority to enforce nondiscrimination requirements; (4) Consultation with or seeking assistance from State or local agencies having such authority.

II. PROCEDURES

A. NEW APPLICATIONS

The following procedures are designed to apply in cases of noncompliance involving applications for one-time or noncontinuing assistance and initial applications for new or new or existing Federal financial assistance. The following procedures may be completed and assistance finally refused. In some instances, as outlined below, it is more promptly by appropriate court action.

B. REQUESTS FOR CONTINUATION OR REN OF ASSISTANCE

The following procedures are designed to apply in cases of noncompliance involving applications for one-time or noncontinuing assistance and initial applications for new or new or existing Federal financial assistance.

If it is found that an adequate assurance has not been filed, and if administrative alternatives are ineffective or impractical, court enforcement is not feasible, the case may be referred to the implementing agency.

If the case is referred to the implementing agency, the following procedures are designed to apply in cases of noncompliance involving applications for one-time or noncontinuing assistance and initial applications for new or new or existing Federal financial assistance.

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RULE 16

RELEASE OF INFORMATION BY ATTORNEYS
IN CRIMINAL CASES

It is the duty of the lawyer not to release or authorize the release of
information or opinion for dissemination by any means of public com­
munication, in connection with pending or imminent criminal litigation with
which he is associated, if there is a reasonable likelihood that such dis­
semination will interfere with a fair trial or otherwise prejudice the due
administration of justice. As used in this rule, the word "lawyer" in­
cludes his partner, member of his firm, associate, employee or agent.

With respect to a grand jury or other pending investigation of any
criminal matter, a lawyer participating in the investigation shall refrain
from making any extrajudicial statement, for dissemination by any means
of public communication, that goes beyond the public record or that is
not necessary to inform the public that the investigation is underway,
to describe the general scope of the investigation, to obtain assistance in
the apprehension of a suspect, to warn the public of any dangers, or
otherwise to aid in the investigation. (Added 3/29/69)

From the time of arrest, issuance of an arrest warrant or the filing
of a complaint, information, or indictment in any criminal matter until
the commencement of trial or disposition without trial, a lawyer as­
sociated with the prosecution or defense shall not release or authorize the
release of any prejudicial statement, for dissemination by any means of
public communication, relating to that matter and concerning: (Added
3/29/69)

(1) The prior criminal record (including arrests, indictments, or
other charges of crime), or the character or reputation of the
accused, except that the lawyer may make a factual statement
of the accused's name, age, residence, occupation, and family

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status, and if the accused has not been apprehended, a
lawyer associated with the prosecution may release any infor-
information necessary to aid in his apprehension or to warn the
public of any dangers he may present; (Added 3/29/69)

(2) The existence of- or contents of any confession, admission, or
statement given by the accused, or the refusal or failure of
the accused to make any statement;

(3) The performance of any examinations or tests or the accused's
refusal or failure to submit to an examination or test; (Added
3/29/69)

(4) The identity, testimony, or credibility of prospective witnesses,
except that the lawyer may announce the identity of the victim
if the announcement is not otherwise prohibited by law; (Added
3/29/69)

(5) The possibility of a plea of guilty to the offense charged or a
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(6) Any opinion as to the accused's guilt or innocence or as to the
merits of the case or the evidence in the case. (Added 3/29/69)

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this period, in the proper discharge of his official or professional obli-
gations, from announcing the fact and circumstances of arrest (including
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of seizure of any physical evidence other than a confession, admission
or statement, which is limited to a description of the evidence seized;
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a brief description of the offense charged; from quoting or referring
without comment to public records of the court in the case; from an-
nouncing the scheduling or result of any stage in the judicial process;
from requesting assistance in obtaining evidence; or from announcing
without further comment that the accused denies the charges made against
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defense shall give or authorize any extrajudicial statement or interview,
relating to the trial or the parties or issues in the trial, for dissemina-
tion by any means of public communication, except that the lawyer may
quote from or refer without comment to public records of the court in
the case.

After the completion of a trial or disposition without trial of any cri-
minal matter, and prior to the imposition of sentence, a lawyer associated
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affect the imposition of sentence.

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Honorable Don Edwards
Chairman
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Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chairman Edwards:

This letter responds to your expressed concerns about extrajudicial statements made by Justice Department personnel during news releases and press conferences.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) respects and joins you in your interest for justice and fairness and respectfully submits that we will continue, in furtherance of this interest, to act in a responsible manner when dealing with the news media on matters of public interest. The DOJ and FBI, in accepting responsibility to individuals and society, follows the guidelines set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility, when considering the vast amount of fast breaking information that is prepared for release, through trained FBI and Justice Department spokesmen.

The various guidelines a Government agency like the FBI must follow before releasing information to the news media are unquestionably open to interpretation. FBI officials are continuously made aware of the guidelines and the FBI's position not to disclose prohibited extrajudicial information concerning individuals. To my knowledge, there has never been a situation in which an FBI official willfully disobeyed the standards set forth in the guidelines. However, should a violation occur, there appears to be adequate recourse and procedures to address the wrongdoing through the organization's internal policies and the judicial system.

I am unaware of any FBI case in which statements issued to the news media resulted in a judicial determination that such statements prejudiced the Justice Department's prosecution or the defendant's right to a fair trial. In addition, I know of no FBI official who has ever been found in contempt of a court order by a magistrate or Federal judge for comments made to the media.

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[Signatures]
Honorable Don Edwards

In your letter expressing concern about extrajudicial statements you list several examples which you consider to be in violation of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the American Bar Association's (ABA) Code of Professional Responsibility. I will not debate such conclusions and appreciate you bringing them to our attention. The application of the regulations to specific cases is, of course, a matter open to interpretation. On rare occasions, a technical violation may occur. However, I can assure you it will not happen because of a reckless or casual approach to our duties. I know you appreciate the difficult task of balancing the legitimate interest of the public to be informed and the rights of the accused, especially in a fast breaking and complex criminal investigation.

I want to assure you that the FBI's entire Public Affairs Program stresses accountability and responsibility - accountability for the accuracy of releases made to the media, and responsibility by having the spokesman identified. The FBI's continuing media program stresses the need to respect a defendant's right to a fair trial. Through this proactive effort, I am confident that the FBI will continue to make responsible comments on matters of public interest.

Sincerely,

John R. Bolton
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs

NOTE: The statement in the first sentence of paragraph 4 of this letter is based on conversations with the Legal Counsel Division, the Inspection Division (OPR), the Press Office and the Administrative Services Division (Administrative Summary Unit).
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Frequently, the FBI is confronted with inquiries by the press and other media concerning indictments, arrests, and convictions of subjects. In response to those inquiries, the best available information is utilized. On occasion, there may appear to be a discrepancy between the information released at the time of the indictment or arrest and the information revealed at the trial. The discrepancy arises because of the very nature of our criminal justice system, which places the burden upon the Government to prove the guilt of the individual and allows the defendant the opportunity to provide evidence. Additionally, new facts may be developed in the investigation after an arrest or indictment.

The FBI frequently relies on public records, such as warrants, affidavits and indictments, for its factual information. Most subjects are arrested after a complaint is presented under oath to a neutral and detached magistrate or judge who issues a warrant. The complaint must meet the standard of probable cause before the warrant is issued. Therefore, the information contained in the complaint is factual and provides sufficient detail and circumstances of the investigation to convince the magistrate that the subject for whom the warrant is issued in all probability committed the crime for which he or she is charged. It is understood under our system of laws that only proof beyond a reasonable doubt, or a guilty plea, resulting in a conviction, constitutes actual proof of the charges. On the other hand, our criminal justice system does not allow for charging and adjudication of ultimate issues behind closed doors. The process is quite properly subject to public scrutiny, and to release no information at the time of charging would usually be inconsistent with the nature of our legal system. What is to be released requires a delicate balancing process.

Congressman Edwards' letter of November 22, 1985, references several examples citing violations of the CFR, Local Rule 16 of the U.S. District Court of Maryland, and the Disciplinary Rules as set forth in the ABA's Code of Professional Responsibility. On a rare occasion when dealing with hundreds of press releases throughout the country a technical violation of the Rules and Regulations may occur. The occurrence of such action is not done in a wanton reckless manner but is something that happens during the excitement created by the public's intense interest. However, what may appear to be a technical violation when taken out of context is not necessarily a violation when viewed and interpreted as part of the complete text and circumstances surrounding the news release.
The following are example responses to the news articles referred to by Mr. Edwards in his letter of November 22, 1985.

1(a) - The article referred to in this paragraph of Congressman Edwards' letter cites a violation of 28 CFR 50.2(b)(6)(i) which prohibits observations about a defendant's character. First one must look to the case and circumstances surrounding the news release. The particular article in question was captioned, FBI: Ojeda Came Out Firing, Hit Agent. The caption alone says this case and the arrest were unusual, life threatening and one raising a great deal more public interest than most other cases. The firing of the Uzi submachine gun at the arresting Agents of the FBI by one of the subjects, raised this arrest to a higher level of interest. The public interest suddenly became sensitized and curious. The news media sought the answers to questions concerning the circumstances surrounding this shoot-out and arrest.

The descriptions provided by FBI spokesman Diader Rosario are examples of technical interpretations under an unusual set of circumstances. Rosario provided the news media with a description of Rios as a fugitive from justice on explosives charges, and described Ramos as an individual found guilty several years ago of possession of 1,350 pounds of iremite, a highly sensitive explosive, while including a description of Osorio as having served time for attempted robbery. The descriptions were made to inform the public of the potential danger of the situation and the threat of these individuals to society. It informs the public as to the necessity to approach the arrest, by the FBI, in the manner described in the article.

4(a)(b)(c) - The statements referenced in these sections of Congressman Edwards' letter were made by me in response to press inquiries concerning the John Anthony Walker, Jr., investigation. The investigation of Walker became a case of high visibility with a great deal of national interest after his arrest for espionage. In response to inquiries by the news media, I provided information.
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which I believed to fall within the guidelines of
the CFR. But, I also recognized the fact that the
defense, in this particular case, disagreed with some
statements. The defense sought and obtained a court
order to prohibit comments to the press concerning the
Walker investigation by me and other representatives
of the FBI. However, the court order was a mere
recitation of the Local Rule 16 of the U.S. District
Court for the District of Maryland and only prohibited
extrajudicial statements. Later an attempt was made to
find me in contempt of the court order, but that failed
when the judge vacated the order after a hearing in
which the defense had an opportunity to argue in favor
of the contempt charges.

The efforts on the part of the defense
in the John Anthony Walker, Jr., case are perfect
examples of our judicial system at work. The defense
alleged that extrajudicial statements were made but
the Department of Justice, in argument on my behalf,
disagreed. The end result was the dismissal of the
complaint filed by the defendant.

5(a)(b)(e) - The articles referenced in
these paragraphs were made to inform the public of the
problems of controlling crime in our society and to
inform organized criminal groups that criminal activity
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Although the above comments do not address individually each article in Congressman Edwards' letter, the comments are applicable to nearly all situations. On a rare occasion comments may be made that could be interpreted as extrajudicial. If such a comment should be made, appropriate action will be taken to correct the error made by the FBI representative so that the same mistake is not repeated in the future. Please note that the statement in paragraph four of the enclosed letter regarding the absence of adverse judicial action resulting from public statements by FBI officials is based on contacts with our Legal Counsel Division, Administrative Services Division, Office of Professional Responsibility, and Press Office, as well as my own personal recollection.

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11/22/85 Ltr. from the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, Committee on the Judiciary, regarding recent statements in press releases and at news conferences by DOJ officials discussing the details of pending criminal charges before trial.

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**Remarks**
Please forward signed response to [ ] Room 1607, for transmittal to Chairman. Advise [ ] if deadline cannot be met.

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**(Explain in Remarks)**
PERSONAL

Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Edwards:

I want to join with others in offering my congratulations on your reelection to Congress. If the past is prologue, I know that you and I will work in a spirit of cooperation to ensure that the FBI leads the fight against crime in America, while serving as a paragon for all law enforcement agencies. Again let me extend my best wishes for your success. I look forward to working with you in the 103rd Congress on the many issues that are of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions
Director
MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPEx

DATE
12/12/78

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FM DIRECTOR FBI

TO

☐ The President
☐ The Vice President
☐ White House Situation Room
☐ Attn: National Security Council
☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
☐ Department of the Army
☐ Naval Investigative Service
☐ Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard
☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (ATTN: 500))
☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
☐ Director CIA
☒ U.S. Secret Service (PID)
☐ Attn: Executive Protective Service
☐ ZEN/U.S. Postal Service
☐ Attn: Chief Postal Inspector

☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission
☐ Department of Energy
☐ Department of Treasury
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☐ Department of Treasury
☐ Attn: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
☐ Department of Transportation
☐ Attn: Director of Security
☐ Drug Enforcement Administration
☐ General Services Administration (WASHDC area, specify office)

☐ (Other Areas, specify CITY/STATE)

☐ Federal Aviation Administration
☐ Federal Protective Service
☐ Secretary of State
☐ Attn: Director Bureau of Intelligence & Research
☐ Attn: SCA – VISA Office Room 709 – SA2

(SERVICE ALSO AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOT LISTED. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR ADDRESSING INFORMATION)

SUBJECT:

SEE ATTACHED

APPROVED BY

ORIGINATOR
KMR

RCOM 5027
TELE EXT. 2895

DO NOT FILE WITHOUT COMMUNICATIONS STAMP

FBI/DOJ
USE OF FORM 0-73

1. Only incoming teletype messages which require transmission relay may be prepared for transmission using form 0-73. Use of form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received within the last 3 days which require transmission relay; all other teletype messages must be prepared using form 0-93.

2. Additions such as notes and administrative data for a specific addressee are not allowed. If a note or administrative data is required for a particular addressee a separate 0-73 form must be prepared.

3. The message will be transmitted just as it appears. The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes have been made.

PREPARATION OF FORM WHICH CONSISTS OF A PREPRINTED YELLOW.

1. Complete appropriate boxes: date, classification & precedence.
2. List addresses immediately following the "TO" or place a check mark in the appropriate boxes.
3. Type or PRINT the subject in the space provided.
4. Print or type originator's name, room number and telephone extension.
5. Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the "Approved By" box.

PREPARATION OF MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED

1. Xerox 1 copy of incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype "1 copy made for relay to SACS ________, (OR LEGATS) ________, (OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) ________ ."
2. Minor editing changes shall be made on the xerox as follows: using a lead pencil ONLY draw single line through the first and last lines of the heading and connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z," figure. (DO NOT OBLITERATE THE HEADING.) Use horizontal lines to delete sentences or words. Printed changes of a word or two to the text of the message may be made; however, changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two necessitate the originator to initiate a new message using form 0-93.
3. Administrative data or notes may be typed immediately following the text and will be transmitted to all addressees.
4. When using the 0-73 form to disseminate information to field offices, Legal Attaches and other Government agencies simultaneously, the text, notes and administrative data must be identical for all addressees.
On December 12, 1978, at approximately 8:48 A.M., the Office of Congressman Mineta, 1245 South Winchester Boulevard, Telephone 984-6045, telephonically contacted the San Jose Resident Agency of the FBI and advised as follows:

- On December 12, 1978, at approximately 8:48 A.M., Congressman Mineta's office, San Jose, received a telephone call from an individual who advised as follows: "I'm Jesus Christ, Norm Mineta killed me and I'm coming to kill him in two days. Also I'm going to kill..."
MC CLOSKEY AND EDWARDS AND YOU BITCH AND I'M PICKING UP MY SISTER. WILL BE THERE IN TWO DAYS."

ADvised stated the individual calling sounded like a middle aged white male and the call sounded like it was a long distance call.

Advised also recalled that approximately two years ago she had received a similar call of an individual referring to his sister.

On December 12, 1978, SA Secret Service, San Francisco, California, was telephonically advised by SA of the above telephone call received by Congressman Mineta's office and the threat to kill Congressmen Mineta, Mc Closkey, and Edwards.

On December 12, 1978, Congressman Don Edwards' office, 10th District, 1625 The Alameda, San Jose, California, telephone 292-0143, was telephonically advised of the telephone call received by Congressman Mineta's office and the subsequent threat to kill Congressmen Mineta, Mc Closkey, and Edwards.
Congressman Edwards is currently in South Africa and will not return to the San Jose, California, until December 31, 1978.

On December 12, 1978, Office of the Telephone and the subsequent threat to kill Congressmen Mineta, McCloskey, and Edwards.

Congressman McCloskey advised she would notify Congressmen Mineta, McCloskey, and Edwards:

Some time between December 16-17, 1978, the following police departments were contacted and advised of the telephone call received by Congressman McCloskey's office in Washington, D.C., of the threat and would arrive in San Francisco, California, on December 13, 1978, and would be in the 12th District over the weekend of December 16-17, 1978, before returning to Washington, D.C.

Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., 12th District, 305 Grant Avenue, Palo Alto, California,telephone 326-7383, was telephonically advised of the telephone call received by Congressman Mineta's office and the subsequent threat to kill Congressmen Mineta, McCloskey, and Edwards.
IT IS NOTED THAT IN CONTACT WITH OF NORMAN MINETA'S OFFICE ADVISED THAT CONGRESSMAN MINETA IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND WILL NOT RETURN TO THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, AREA UNTIL JANUARY 3 OR 4, 1979.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THIS MATTER BY THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION.
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Reference: (Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of
BEIRUT

ELEGY OF BEIRUT - THAT NOW SAW MY PAIN OF WOKE

WHICH MOVEMENT, RED & WHITE HATE, BLUE EYES LIKE STARS - RUSHY

I CAME TO MY RESPONSIBILITY - NOT FOREIGN POLICIES

IF WE HAD MARCH & PRINCIPLES WE WOULD HAVE UNTI VICTORY

DPL CHAIRMAN [ ] OF BANKRUPT ITALIAN LEADERS

I HAVE LITTLE HOPE IN THIS SYSTEM

I DECIDED THAT - HAVE NO HUMANITY OR HUMAN

I DID NOT SAY IT - HAVE NO GUTS OR BOMBS

DAN EDWARDS - CHAIRMAN

HOW MANY MORE CHILDREN? & HOW MANY FED ROSE MEDAL

FOR WORK AT EDITORIAL IN NEWS REPORT POLICY IN IRAQ

I HAVE NEVER MADE A MEANINGFUL CALL & HUNGER STRIKE

COMPLAINT I MADE FILES AS I REALIZED IT WAS A FRAUD

I MAY HAVE TO GET BETTER THIS PROBLEM IT HAS

I WISH YOU WOULD FINISH YOUR BUSINESS WITH ME

SO I WOULD BE FREE & WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY DUES TO YOU

WE SHALT STAY HOME & BANNED 10 BUT - STAY OUT OF STRIKE COMMISSION

BONS EBERL & JEWISH MUSLIMS

I DO NOT INFORM TO KNOW UNIQUE

IT HAS BEEN BY HERE - IS SUSPECT WHO

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (ROUTINE)
SAC, ALEXANDRIA (ROUTINE)
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SECRET (U)

ATTENTION: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

UNNAMED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, CHAIRMAN DON
EDWARDS - CALIFORNIA - VICTIMS; EXTORTION; 00: ALEXANDRIA

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" ONLY WHERE NOTED,
OTHERWISE IS UNCLASSIFIED.

FOR INFORMATION OF PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT AND ALEXANDRIA ON
5/28/87, WFO WAS NOTIFIED BY DETECTIVE

SECRET (U)

PAGE TWO DE WF 0033 SECRET (U)
THAT THE ABOVE NAMED COMMITTEE THROUGH THEIR SECRETARY, __________
________ HAD RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 7 TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CAPTIONED
SUBJECT. DETECTIVE __________ ADVISED THAT __________ TOLD HIM THAT SUBJECT
WAS VERY ABUSIVE AND WAS SCREAMING ABOUT THE IRAN SITUATION,
ISRAEL, AND MISSILE INCIDENTS. AT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE LAST
CALL, SUBJECT TOLD __________ "YOU ALL SHOULD BE BOMBED." THE CALLER
THEN HUNG UP. ACCORDING TO __________ SUBJECT HAS IN THE PAST WRITTEN
LETTERS TO THE SAME SUBCOMMITTEE. IN THOSE LETTERS NO THREATS
HAVE BEEN MADE BUT NUMEROUS REFERENCES HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE
FBI AND AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FBI IN THE PAST.

A CHECK OF WFO INDICES REVEALED THAT SUBJECT IS A MATTER OF
RECORD WITH THE FBI AS A SUBJECT IN AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
INVESTIGATION, FILE NUMBER __________ A REVIEW OF THE FILE SHOWS
THAT

[Redacted]

SUBJECT IS ALSO IN INDICES AT FBIHQ FOR THE SAME INCIDENTS.
SUBJECT IS ALSO A KNOWN TO THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
(USSS). AND IS CONSIDERED BY THEM TO BE A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER
SECRET (U)
WHO IS PRO-ARAB AND OPPOSED TO ISRAEL AS WELL AS BEING ANTI-
LAWYER AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

USSS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAS WRITTEN NONTHREATENING LETTERS TO
THE PRESIDENT.

SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

NAME: ________________________________

RACE: WHITE

SEX: MALE

HAIR: RED

EYES: GREEN

ADDRESS: ____________________________ VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE #: ________________________

EMPLOYMENT: _________________________ VIRGINIA

DOB: ________________________________
COMMERCIAL.

SUBJECT MAY HAVE A MENTAL CONDITION.

LEADS: ALEXANDRIA DIVISION AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

WILL INTERVIEW SUBJECT AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT CONCERNING HIS STATED THREATS AGAINST VICTIMS AND ASCERTAIN HIS INTENTIONS REGARDING VICTIMS.

WILL ALSO PRESENT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUSA FOR A PROSECUTORIAL DECISION AND PROVIDE WFO WITH AN LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO USCP.

WFO AT WASHINGTON, D.C

WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH USCP AND VICTIMS REGARDING SUBJECT.

C BY G-3; DECL: OADR.

SECRET

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#0033
PM ALEXANDRIA (9A-851) (P)
TO DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE
WFO (P) (C-4) ROUTINE
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"CHANGED"

UNNAMED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, CHAIRMAN, DON EDWARDS - CALIFORNIA - VICTIMS; EXTORTION; (CO: AX)

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT CORRECT SPELLING OF SUBJECT'S LAST NAME: [REDACTED] AS SUPPORTED BY PREVIOUS WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM SUBJECT AND VIRGINIA DMV FILES.


[Signature]
Approved: [Signature]

Transmitted 6/8/87 7:40 Per 7/5/87

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ON APRIL 20, 1987, FROM [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS PURPORTED ANGER AT NOT RECEIVING THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.

ON JUNE 3, 1987, SUBJECT WAS INTERVIEWED BY ALEXANDRIA DIVISION BUAGENTS AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, [LOCATION REDACTED], VIRGINIA. UPON BUAGENTS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES SUBJECT BECAME UPSET AND CLAIMED HE WAS BEING HARRASSED AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF HIS POLITICAL VIEWS. SUBJECT WAS NEVER ABUSIVE OR THREATENING BUT WOULD BECOME VISIBLY AGITATED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN HIS POLITICAL BELIEFS AND SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH POLITICAL FIGURES.

WHEN QUESTIONED REGARDING HIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, SUBJECT ADVISED HE HAS MADE "TWO OR THREE CALLS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS". SUBJECT STATED "I HAVE NEVER MADE A HARRASSING CALL AND HAVE SINCE WITHDRAWN A COMPLAINT I HAD FILED, AS I REALIZED IT WAS A FRAUD". SUBJECT DENIED MAKING THE COMMENT "YOU SHOULD BE BOMBED". SUBJECT ADVISED HE MAY HAVE SAID "THE GOVERNMENT DESERVES THE PROBLEMS IT HAS" REFERRING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICIES.

SUBJECT WAS ADVISED IF HE HAD ANY INTENTIONS OF HARMING OR

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ATTEMPTING TO HARD DON EDWARDS, MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, OR ANY MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND SUBJECT ADVISED "I DO NOT INTEND TO HARM ANYONE. IT HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF HARMING ANYONE". SUBJECT WENT ON TO STATE THAT DOES NOT OWN ANY GUNS, WEAPONS OR BOMBS.

FACTS PRESENTE DTO AUSA, ALEXANDRIA, WHO DECLINED PROSECUTION AS NOT PROSECUTABLE VIOLATION.

AGENT USSS, WDC, WAS NOTIFIED ON JUNE 4, 1987, OF ABOVE INFORMATION BY ALEXANDRIA DIVISION.

SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: 

ALIASES: 

SEX: MALE

RACE: WHITE

DOB: 

POB: 

SSAN: 

HEIGHT: 

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AIRTEL AND LHM FOCUSES TO FBIHQ AND WFO.

LEAD. WFO AT WDC: NOTIFY APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT U.S. CAPITOL POLICE AND OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS.

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Approved: ____________________ Transmitted (Number) (Time) Per ____________________
Date of transcription: 6/15/87

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

_____ I I, Date of Birth, _____ was advised as to the identities of the Interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. _____ was interviewed at his place of employment, Virginia, telephone number _____.

Upon the undersigned identifying themselves as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, _____ claimed this was "harrassment at my place of work". It should be noted the undersigned did not identify ourselves to any other employees at _____ other than _____.

It was explained to _____ that he was not being interviewed because of his political viewpoints, but rather because of a recent phone call to the United States House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights at the conclusion of which _____ was reported to have said "you all should be bombed". _____ denied making this statement, advising he may have said "the Government deserves the problems it has", referring to the United States Government's Foreign Policies. _____ went on to state that he has only made "two or three calls in the last few weeks" and "I have never made a harrassing call and have since withdrawn a complaint I had filed, as I realized it was a fraud", referring to the Sub-Committee.

_____ was asked if he had any attentions of harming or attempting to harm Congressman DON EDWARDS, members of the United States House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, or any member or employee of the Government, at which time _____ advised "I do not intend to harm anyone. I have no intention of harming anyone". _____ went on to state he does not own any guns, weapons, or bombs.

_____ went on to state that if "we" referring to the undersigned, had any morals and principles, "we would arrest the vast majority of bankrupt lawyer leaders". He further advised "I have little faith in this system". _____ further advised he believes he's being harrassed

6/3/87 Arlington, Virginia

Investigation on File # by
SA SA

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by the Federal Bureau of Investigation due to the fact that he has contacted the Embassy of Bahrain. He went on to state he has been interviewed previously by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and wished that "you would flash your badges to my employers so I would be fired and would not have to pay taxes to you".

The following descriptive data was obtained through interview, observation and previously provided background data:

Name: 
Aliases: 
Sex: Male
Race: White
DOB: 
POB: 
SSAN: 
Height: 
Weight: 
Build: 
Hair: Gray with red
Eyes: Blue
Facial Hair: White mustache
Complexion: Ruddy, acne scarred
Address: Virginia

Employment: 
Telephone: Virginia
In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Alexandria, Virginia July 8, 1987

UNNAMED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES SUB-COMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, CHAIRMAN DON EDWARDS - CALIFORNIA - VICTIMS; EXTORTION.

Alexandria investigation at Northern Virginia was predicated upon information received that the Secretary at the U.S. House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights had received approximately seven telephone calls from one was very abusive and was screaming about the Iran situation, Israel, and missile incidents. At the conclusion of the last call, told the Secretary "you all should be bombed", and then hung up. According to the Secretary, has in the past written non-threatening to this same sub-committee.

is described as:

SSAN:  
DOB:  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Current employment: Virginia

On June 3, 1987, was interviewed by Alexandria Division at his place of employment at which time he advised he had made "two or three calls in the last few weeks" to the Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. stated non of these calls were of a harassing nature and denied making the comment "you all should be bombed". advised he may have said "the Government deserves the problems it has" referring to the United States Foreign policies. further advised he had no intentions of

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harming anyone and does not own any weapons of any kind.

Alexandria Division has advised Special Assistant United States Attorney of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia on the facts and circumstances related to captioned matter. AUSA advised that the facts and circumstances presented did not merit prosecutive action.
TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: ACTING SAC, ALEXANDRIA (9A-851)

UNNAMMED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUB-COMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
CHAIRMAN DON EDWARDS - CALIFORNIA - VICTIMS; EXTORTION;


Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and four copies of an LHM and enclosed for WFO are three copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination to the United States Capitol Police.

United States Secret Service to be provided a copy of LHM by Alexandria Division.

For information, ___________________________ was interviewed at his place of employment on June 3, 1987, by Alexandria Division BuAgents. At this time, _____________ claimed he had made only two or three telephone calls to the United States House or Representatives Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. He denied making the comment "you all should be bombed", advising that he may have said "the Government deserves the problems it has" referring

Bureau (Enc. 5)
WFO (Enc. 3)
Alexandria

Approved: __________________________ Transmitted __________________________ Per __________________________
to the United States Government's Foreign Policies. He further advised he did not have any intentions of harming or attempting to harm Congressman DON EDWARDS, members of the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, or any member or employee of the Federal Government. He added he does not own any guns, weapons, or bombs.

On June 4, 1987, AUSA was presented with the facts of this matter. AUSA declined prosecution as captioned case lacked prosecutive merit and has such was not a prosecutable violation.
TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (9A-5589) (RUC) (C-4)

Re Ax airtel to FBIHQ, dated 7/8/87.

For information of FBIHQ and Alexandria, in view of the fact that USA, Alexandria has declined prosecution, and United States Capitol Police have been notified, WFO is placing this case in an RUC status to be reopened should additional information come to the attention of WFO.