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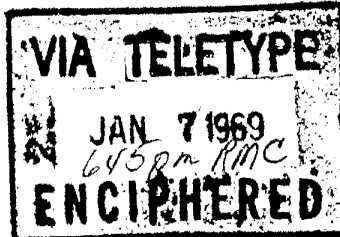
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, AKA WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR, SPECIAL  
INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY FOURTEEN, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF  
SAFIRE WHO HAS BEEN NAMED A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT-  
ELECT. BORN DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN TWENTYNINE, NEW YORK CITY,  
AND SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE HAS RESIDED ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE  
PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY. MARRIED TO THE FORMER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BRITISH SUBJECT.

HAS RESIDED NEW YORK CITY SINCE NINETEEN FORTYTWO. FROM  
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FIFTYEIGHT, FOUR TWENTYFIVE EAST SEVENTYNINTH STREET. NINETEEN

NOTE: Request received 1/7/69. Separate memo sent through re request

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Return to Mr. [REDACTED] Room 1258.

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD  
RE: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

FIFTYEIGHT TO NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, ONE ONE SIX ONE YORK AVENUE.

ATTENDED BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, BRONX, NEW YORK,  
NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY,  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN TO NINETEEN FORTYNINE,  
NO DEGREE INDICATED. SSN ONE ZERO THREE DASH TWENTYTWO DASH  
SEVEN SEVEN ZERO THREE.

SERVED IN U.S. ARMY NINETEEN FIFTYTWO TO NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR,  
ASN FIVE ONE ONE NINE ZERO ONE THREE SEVEN. ALSO INDICATES  
"BRIEF SERVICE" IN U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE IN EARLY NINETEEN  
FIFTYTWO.

EMPLOYED FROM NINETEEN FORTYNINE TO NINETEEN SIXTYONE,  
EXCEPT FOR MILITARY SERVICE, BY TEX MC CRARY, INCORPORATED,  
ONE TWO TWO EAST FORTYSECOND STREET, NEW YORK CITY, AND ITS  
PREDECESSOR COMPANIES. SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYONE HAS BEEN  
PRESIDENT OF SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS, THREE SEVEN FIVE PARK  
AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

MOTHER, IDA DANISH SAFIR, ONE ONE SIX ZERO THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK CITY. FATHER, OLIVER CROUS SAFIR, DECEASED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEW YORK,

AND [REDACTED]

NEW YORK CITY.

CHILDREN, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED],

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RESIDE WITH HIM AND WIFE.

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD  
RE: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

REFERENCES, [REDACTED]

DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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STREET, BOTH NEW YORK CITY.

ASSOCIATES, [REDACTED]

STREET; [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALL IN NEW YORK CITY.

HE INDICATES THAT HE POSSIBLY HAD A "SECRET" CLEARANCE  
IN CONNECTION WITH AFOREMENTIONED SERVICE IN AIR FORCE RESERVE.

NEW YORK NOTE THAT TEX MC CRARY IS ON LIST OF PERSONS  
NOT TO BE CONTACTED WITHOUT BUREAU APPROVAL. IT IS BELIEVED  
NECESSARY TO CONTACT MC CRARY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS  
ORGANIZATION TO DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS CASE.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

DATE: 1/7/69

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY INVESTIGATIONS  
NIXON ADMINISTRATION

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*for file*  
The Nixon Administration has today requested investigation of William Lewis Safire who has been named by the President-elect as a Special Assistant who will be a speech writer. A request has likewise been received for investigation of Safire's [redacted] who apparently will go to the White House with him.

Mr. Jones's memo to Mr. Bishop dated 12/31/68 (tickler attached) indicates Safire, President of his own public relations firm in New York, was previously connected with Tex McCrary, Incorporated. He was Vice President of that firm. While with that firm, the organization was involved in several Registration Act investigations involving the Dominican Republic. He was with McCrary from 1949 to 1961 except for two years' military service.

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Background data concerning [redacted] indicates that she was also employed by the McCrary firm from 1955 to 1959.

Tex McCrary has been on the Bureau "no contact" list for many years. It is believed, however, that it will be necessary to contact McCrary and other members of his firm concerning both Safire and [redacted] in order to adequately discharge our responsibilities in these cases.

**ACTION:** The cases have been ordered separately to the field and New York is being instructed to conduct appropriate investigation regarding their McCrary employment even though McCrary is on the "no contact" list.

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- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Young

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Standard Form 86  
AUGUST 1964  
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
(F.P.M. CHAPTER 736)  
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# SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

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

1. FULL NAME  (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)".)	(LAST NAME) <b>Safire</b>	(FIRST NAME) <b>William</b>	(MIDDLE NAME) <b>Lewis</b>	2. DATE OF BIRTH <b>17 Dec 1929</b>
	OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)  <b>Original name spelled Safir; added an 'e' for pronunciation purposes in 1955.</b>			3. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>New York City</b>
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5. HEIGHT <b>6'0</b>		WEIGHT <b>175</b>	COLOR EYES <b>grey</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>brown</b>

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.)  <b>Married 16 Dec 1962 to Helene Julius, British subject, in London (place of wife's birth). No previous marriages.</b>
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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
1965	present	1085 Park Avenue	New York	N. Y.
1958	1965	1161 York Avenue (Apt. 8B to 1963; 12A to 1965)	New York	N. Y.
1955	1958	425 East 79th St.	New York	N. Y.
1953	1955	4 East 89th St.	New York	N. Y.
1942	1953	666 West End Ave.	New York	N. Y.
1941	1942	68-37 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills		N. Y.
1940	1938	300 S. Elm Drive, Beverly Hills,		Calif.
1937	1938	91 Riverside Drive	New York	N. Y.

9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN CERT. NO. 104-1	PETITION NO.	
<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S)		
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary:)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Jr. H.S. 118	154 West 93rd St, NYC	1942	1944	
Bronx H.S. of Science, Bronx, N. Y.		1944	1947	
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York		1947	1949	

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>103-22-7703</b>
13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)	
SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)
<b>US 51190137</b>	<b>Army</b>
FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
<b>1952</b>	<b>1954</b>

ENCLOSURE

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

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

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
1961	present	Safire Public Relations,	375 Park Ave. NYC	public relations exec.	
1955	1961	Tex McCrary, Inc.	122 E. 42nd NYC	public relations exec.,	left to start own firm
1955	1955	McCrary & Dearing, Inc.	270 Park Ave. NYC	Partnership dissolved.	
1954	1955	Tex McCrary Productions Hotel Dorset, New York, N. Y.		radio-television program producer; left to enter public relations business.	
1952	1954	U. S. Army			
1949	1952	Tex McCrary Productions, Inc. 21 East 63rd St., New York, N. Y.		radio-TV reporter, Newspaper column writer, left for Army.	

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

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

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

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

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)

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

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

COUNTRY

DATE LEFT U.S.A.

DATE RETURNED U.S.A.

PURPOSE

*see attached sheet*

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

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

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

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

FROM

TO

OFFICE HELD

~~Overseas Press Club~~

~~of America, Ind. 54 West 40th, NYC~~

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

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

TYPE

FROM

TO

OFFICE HELD

**Overseas Press Club**

**of America, Ind.**

**54 West 40th, NYC**

**prof.**

**1955**

**present**

**Board of Govs. member;**

**Bankers Club**

**170 B'way, NYC**

**prof.**

**1962**

**present**

**Public Relations Society**

**of America**

**845 Third Ave.**

**prof.**

**1957**

**present**

**CONT'D**

**ON 28**

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

RELATION

NAME IN FULL

YEAR OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP

**Mother**

**Ida Panish Safir**

**1898**

**1160 Third Ave. NYC**

**US**

**US**

**Father (dead)**

**Oliver Crous Safir**

**1896**

**dead**

**US**

**US**

**Wife**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**1085 Park Ave NYC**

**England**

**British**

**Brother**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**King's Pt., N. Y.**

**US**

**US**

**Brother**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**NYC**

**US**

**US**

**Son**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**1085 Park Ave., NYC**

**US**

**US**

**Daughter**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**1085 Park Ave., NYC**

**US**

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

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

Norton Simon<sup>3</sup>, Inc. 9  
1645 No. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, Calif  
375 Park Ave, NYC 8 yrs  
Dillon Read & Co. 46 William St. NYC 9 yrs

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

Safire PR, 375 Park NYC 3  
555 Madison Ave., NYC 15  
Goldman, Sachs & Co. 15  
55 Broad St., NYC

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

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

#24, cont'd. \*Brotherhood-in-Action, 560 Seventh Ave., NYC philanthropic '64-present  
\*Boys Athletic League, 51 E. 42nd St. NYC, philanthropic 1963-present  
Newcomen Society, 350 Park NYC, social, 1958-1967

\* Board member

Believe was cleared for "secret" in connection with brief service with U.S. Air Force Reserve in early 1952.

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

DATE:

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

#### CERTIFICATION

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

False statement on this form  
is punishable by law.

24 Dec 1968  
(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

#### INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

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

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DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

William Lewis Safire - Foreign Travel (name appears on passports up to 1967 as "Safir")

1947 - July: Canada (tourism)

Oct. 1951 - January 1952: England, France, Germany, Egypt, Malta, Greenland, Libya, Morocco, Greece, Italy. WNBC-WNBT correspondent, accredited by Dept. of Defense.

July-August, 1955: England, France (tourism)

June, 1957: France, England (tourism)

Oct. 1957: Canada (tourism)

July-August, 1958: Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, France (tourism)

April, 1959: Cuba (tourism)

July-August, 1959: USSR, Portugal, Spain, England. Three weeks in Moscow as public relations representative for U.S. company exhibiting a house at U.S. Exhibition in Sokolniki Park; remainder of European tour, vacation.

July-August, 1960: Philippines (business), Japan, Hong Kong, Tahiti (tourism)

July, 1961: Nassau, The Bahamas (tourism)

July, 1962: Jamaica, BWI (tourism)

November, 1962: England, France (tourism)

Dec. 1962 - Jan. 1963: England (to be married), Morocco (honeymoon)

Dec. 1963: England (tourism)

Sept. 1964: England, France (tourism)

Jan. 1964: Lucaya, Grand Bahama (business)

Jan. 1965: England (death of father-in-law)

July, 1965: Bermuda (tourism)

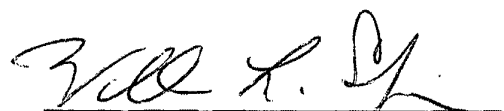
March, 1966: England, France (tourism)

June-July, 1967: England, France (tourism)

July, 1968: England (tourism)

This records, to the best of my ability, my entire foreign travel, exclusive of military service. From 1958 on, it is based on old passports; prior to that, on memory.

December 24, 1968.

  
William L. Safire

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

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# Nixon Offers Shriver U.N.

## Envoy Ponders Bid, Consults With Kennedys

### Negro Is Appointed Special Assistant By President-Elect

By GARNETT D. HORNER  
Star Staff Writer

NEW YORK — President-elect Richard M. Nixon's search for a Democrat to be U.S. representative to the United Nations in his administration has turned to Sargent Shriver, who is considering taking the position, informed sources said today.

Shriver, a brother-in-law of the late President Kennedy and current U.S. ambassador to France, met with Nixon for nearly two hours here Sunday evening and consulted members of the Kennedy family in Washington and elsewhere yesterday.

A source indicated that Shriver was having difficulty making up his mind whether or not to accept Nixon's offer and that he returned to Paris yesterday without having reached a decision on taking the U.N. post.

On his arrival in Paris, Shriver was asked about the U.N. post. He said that any report on what he and Nixon discussed would have to come from Nixon.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Nixon was preparing to announce one or more major staff appointments today. There was no official indication who would be involved. There was some speculation that the president-elect would accept Shriver's acceptance in time to announce it before the day ended.

### Negro Joins Staff

Other speculation centered on Daniel P. Moynihan, director of the Harvard-MIT Center for Urban Studies and a former assistant secretary of labor under President Kennedy, as a possible assistant to the president to coordinate urban affairs in the Nixon administration.

Yesterday, Nixon named the first Negro to his White House staff. Robert J. Brown, head of a North Carolina public relations firm and a leader in the civil rights organizations, was named to be a special assistant to the president with "general duties."

The appointment of William Safire, who has headed his own New York public relations firm since 1960, as another special assistant to the president also was announced last night by Ronald L. Ziegler, Nixon's press assistant.

The U.N. representative job in his administration was first offered by Nixon to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, a few days after the Nov. 5 election in which Nixon defeated Humphrey, the Democratic candidate.

Among others, Shriver conferred with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., in Washington yesterday. The senator was flying to Boston this morning and could not be reached for comment.

Other sources reported, however, that Shriver was consulting Sen. Kennedy and other members of the Kennedy family about the possibility of accepting the Nixon job offer.

Shriver flew back to New York later yesterday and on to resume his post in Paris. He delayed the flight to Paris briefly while making telephone calls.

Ziegler said last night that among Brown's first projects will be to follow through on task force reports and explore ways to implement Nixon's "black capitalism" program.

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During his election campaign, Nixon called for promoting new enterprises in city ghettos to help "black employes to become employers."

Brown said he would seek new ideas from black and white people alike. He added that on the White House staff he would not be concerned only with "black problems as such" but with "all the problems of the country."

Brown, 33, once served on the High Point, N.C., police department, and also has been a federal narcotics agent and publisher of a Negro newspaper in Durham, N.C. In 1964, the High Point Junior Chamber of Commerce named him "most outstanding young man of the year." The following year he was on the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce list of the "most outstanding young men in America."

He served on Nixon's press staff during the election campaign.

Safire, describing himself as "primarily a writer," said one of his jobs will be "to take a great many ideas in a given subject area and work them into a sensible workable program."

Safire, 38, was a special assistant to Nixon during the election campaign. He is the author of three books, the latest of which, "The New Language of Politics," was published this year.

Moynihan has figured also in Cabinet speculation as a possible secretary of housing and urban development.

After a conference with Nixon yesterday, he told reporters, asking whether he was taking a job in the new administration, that both he and the President-elect still had some decisions to make.

There were some indications that he was more likely to get a White House staff job than a cabinet position.

There still was no comment from Nixon or Ziegler about any individuals who might be among members of the Cabinet the President-elect plans to announce in a 10 p.m. nationally televised press conference in Washington tomorrow night.

In what Ziegler later de-

scribed as a "facetious remark," Nixon said last night he would make the planned Cabinet announcement tomorrow night "unless what I think may be the beginnings of the Hong Kong flu catches up with me by that time."

He made the remark during an off-the-cuff speech at a dinner of the national board of the Boys Clubs of America at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Ziegler said Nixon told him later that "I have been sneezing a little, but I'm okay. I'll be there."

At the dinner, Nixon stressed the great value of private volunteer efforts in such organizations as the Boys Clubs and said that as president, he intends to find a better way for the federal government to work through volunteer organizations.

#### Sees Anderson, Martin

Meanwhile, the President-elect conferred yesterday with two men figuring in speculation as possible members of his Cabinet—Robert B. Anderson, former secretary of the treasury in the Eisenhower administration, and William McChesney Martin Jr., chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Martin took himself out of such speculation immediately after his conference with Nixon. He told newsmen the President-elect had asked him to serve out the remainder of his term as Federal Reserve chairman that expires on Jan. 31, 1970.

While not completely committing himself to stay on till his term ends, Martin said: "I agreed I wanted to do everything possible to help Mr. Nixon in the difficult days which he has ahead of him."

#### Anderson Mystery

Anderson, who also has served as secretary of the navy and undersecretary of defense and more recently served President Johnson as a special negotiator about Canal Zone problems with Panama, evaded reporters after his visit with Nixon.

Ziegler would not comment about Anderson's visit, telling newsmen only that it was "private."

The mystery surrounding the

visit stimulated speculation that he might be included in the Nixon Cabinet—possibly as secretary of state.

C. Douglas Dillon, who was undersecretary of state in the Eisenhower administration and secretary of the treasury under President Kennedy, had been prominently mentioned as a likely secretary of state in the Nixon cabinet.

But Dillon seemed to take himself out of the running at a Lincoln Center luncheon yesterday when he said he had had no contact with Nixon since his election and there had been no discussion of a job for him in the Nixon administration, either personally or through intermediaries.

New York Mayor John Lindsay, who conferred with Nixon late yesterday, said they discussed problems of New York and cities generally—but no job offer.

#### Martin Encouraged

Martin said he called on the President-elect at the latter's request to brief him on the domestic fiscal situation and international monetary problems.

The Federal Reserve Board chairman said he believed budget deficits since 1965 had stimulated an inflationary psychology in the country that is still dominant.

But he indicated he was encouraged by a trend now toward a balanced budget. He said he expected an administrative budget deficit for the current fiscal year of \$5 billion or less, which could have amounted to \$25 billion if the 10 percent income tax and expenditures reduction bill had not been passed by Congress earlier this year.

Official estimates now are in terms of the new "unified" budget, including expenditures and receipts of trust funds such as social security. The latest estimates are that the unified budget deficit for the current fiscal year may be about \$3 billion, possibly less.

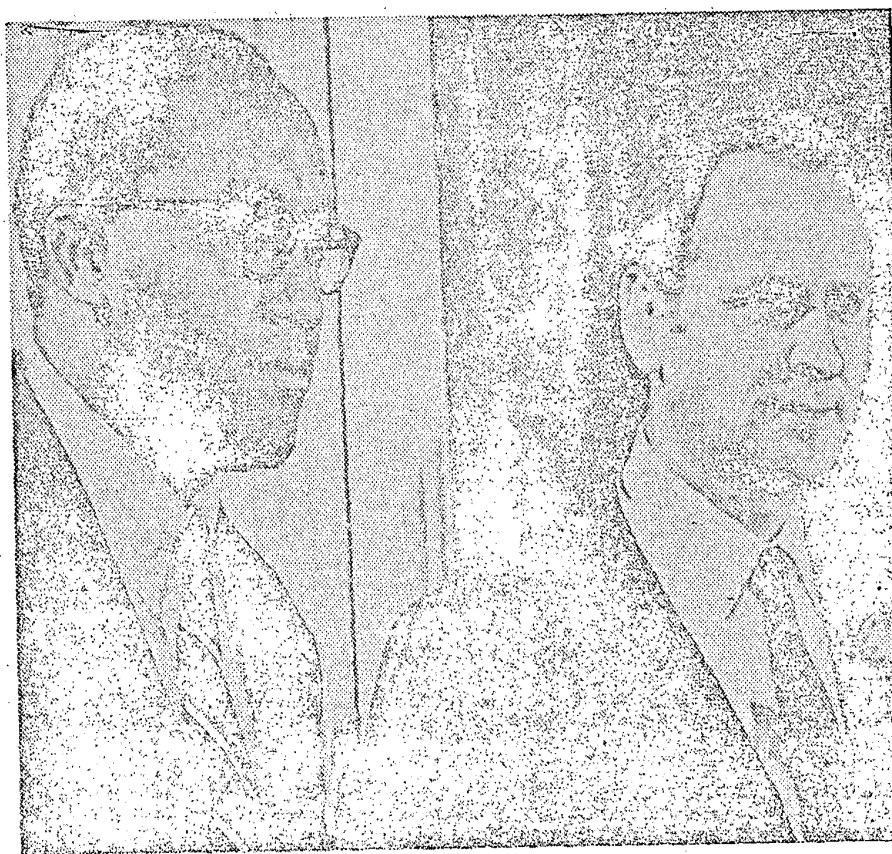
Martin said the only way to bring inflation under control is to restore confidence, that government monetary and fiscal policies will provide the discipline to maintain the purchas-

ing power of the dollar.



—Associated Press

**SARGENT SHRIVER**



—United Press International

**Robert J. Brown (left) and William Safire who yesterday were named special assistants to President-elect Richard M. Nixon.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 12-31-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WILLIAM SAFIRE  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT NIXON

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President-elect Nixon has named William Safire, aged 38, of New York as a Special Assistant who will be a speech writer and work on "policy and program development." (U. S. News and World Report, 12-23-68)

According to Bureau files, in 1965 William Lewis Safire was president of a public relations organization known as Safire Public Relations, Incorporated, 375 Park Avenue, New York, New York. He was born on December 7, 1929, at New York City. He participated in the 1959 American National Exhibition in Russia as a member of Tex-McCrary, Incorporated, New York City. He was vice president of this public relations firm which was headed by the well-known John Regan ("Tex") McCrary.

While Safire was connected with Tex-McCrary, Incorporated, that organization was involved in several Registration Act investigations involving the Dominican Republic which were conducted by the Bureau. The July 12, 1958, issue of "Editor and Publisher" alleges that Safire, a vice president of McCrary's office, was involved in exposing the use of microphones in a Washington, D. C., hotel by reporter Jack Anderson, [redacted] associate, and others. This was a well-publicized side issue to the appearance of Bernard Goldfine, Boston textile millionaire, before the Special House Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight. According to the above article, Safire's assignment was to track down and catch committee investigators suspected of "bugging" the hotel rooms of Goldfine and those of McCrary's organization. (105-77346-251)

The files of the Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with Mr. Safire.

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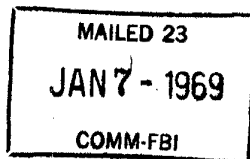
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From: Director, FBI

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On 1/8/69, personnel, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado, advised they were unable to locate or identify at that center military records for WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, aka William Lewis Safir, under Serial No. 51100137; however, military records for appointee may be maintained at the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Field Office File #: 161-902

Bureau File #:

Title: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

SAFIRE attended College of Liberal Arts, Syracuse University, from 9/47 through 6/49, and achieved 1.97 average based on 3.0 grading system. Records, Office of Dean of Men, revealed no disciplinary action. No arrest and credit record, Syracuse, N.Y.

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DETAILS:AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORKEDUCATION

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Syracuse University, stated that their records disclosed that WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR attended Syracuse University from September, 1947, through June, 1949, in the College of Liberal Arts. He completed 63 hours of work and achieved a 1.97 average based on the 3.0 grading system. This represents an average just short of a B. He did not receive any degree and records did not disclose whether or not SAFIR had continued his education at another institution. His permanent residence

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was listed as 666 West End Avenue, New York, N.Y., and prior attendance at the Bronx High School of Science, Bronx, N.Y., was revealed.

On January 9, 1969, Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Syracuse University, stated that a review of their file concerning SAFIR disclosed that no disciplinary action had been taken against him during the period of his matriculation and that his file was entirely satisfactory. SAFIR, who was born on December 17, 1929, at New York City, according to University records, was an honor senior at the Bronx High School of Science and was active in many affairs there. He served as Circulation Manager of the newspaper. His parents were identified as OLIVER C. SAFIR, born in Dyersburg, Tennessee, and IDA PANISH SAFIR, born in New York City.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that in view of the lapse of time since his attendance at the University, she knew of no faculty personnel who might recall him.

#### ARREST AND CREDIT

On January 9, 1969, Mrs. [REDACTED] Identification Division, Syracuse Police Department, and Miss [REDACTED] Syracuse Credit Bureau, both stated that their files contain no record identifiable with the appointee.




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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: SAFIR served in U. S. Air Force Reserve, U. S. Army and in U. S. A. R. Received honorable discharges and release from active duty.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On January 9, 1969, a review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, disclosed that WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR, serial number 12 373 149, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force Reserve on July 20, 1951. He served in the Reserve on an inactive status until May 8, 1952, at which time he was honorably discharged as an Airman Basic by reason of induction into the U. S. Army.

He was inducted into the U. S. Army, serial number 51 190 137, on May 9, 1952, and he entered on active duty on the same date at Syracuse, New York. He was honorably released from active duty on April 17, 1954, as a Corporal at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, by reason of convenience of the Government (early release program), and he was transferred to the Reserve to complete his military obligation.

He served in the U. S. Army Reserve, inactive status, from April 18, 1954, to May 25, 1960, at which time he was honorably discharged as a *corporal*

His military occupations were shown as light weapons infantryman, information specialist, clerk typist, and as script writer.

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He had foreign service in Germany, and he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from excellent to superior, and there was no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave. He was granted Interim Secret clearances on July 30, 1951, and on September 1, 1953.

The date and place of birth were shown as December 17, 1929, at New York, New York, and his Social Security number was listed as 103-22-7703.

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## Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

January 13, 1969

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Mr. [ ] a reference, comments favorably and recommends appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by

SA [ ]

REFERENCE

On January 9, 1969, Mr. [ ]  
[ ] Norton Simon Inc., with offices located at  
Hunt Foods and Industries, Inc., 1645 West Valenica  
Drive, Fullerton, California, advised as follows concerning  
the appointee, WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE:

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He first met Mr. SAFIRE in 1960 in New York at which time [redacted] of Nixon Associates, which was a volunteer group who worked in behalf of Mr. NIXON in the Presidential election campaign. Mr. SAFIRE also worked with [redacted] at that time in this group. In January 1961, Mr. SAFIRE began his own public relations firm, Safire Public Relations, and his first account was given to him by Mr. [redacted] who was then [redacted] the Good Humor Company. Since that time he has known Mr. SAFIRE both socially and professionally. He has met the appointee's wife and children. He said he considers the appointee to be a very loyal and patriotic American of excellent character and reputation. Mr. [redacted] said the appointee's associates are people of equally good character and reputation. He noted the appointee is outstanding in his ability in the public relations field. He said he would unqualifyingly recommend Mr. SAFIRE for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

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FBI NEW YORK

9:45 PM URGENT 1-13-69 AWS

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, ALBANY, NEWARK AND CLEVELAND  
FROM NEW ORK 161-2728

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE AKA WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED, ONE FOURTEEN NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1248

NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF  
APPOINTEE WHO HAS BEEN NAMED AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO  
THE PRESIDENT-ELECT. APPOINTEE BORN TWELVE SEVENTEEN  
TWENTYNINE, NYC, NEW YORK, AND SINCE ONE NINE SIXTYFIVE  
RESIDED TEN EIGHTY FIVE PARK AVENUE, NYC. MARRIED TO THE  
FORMER [REDACTED] A BRITISH SUBJECT.

ON INSTANT DATE INVESTIGATION BY THE NYO DISCLOSED THE  
FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES:

STATE SENATOR ROY GOODMAN, NYS SENATE OFFICE BUILDING,  
ALBANY, NEW YORK; UNITED STATES SENATOR JACOB JAVITS,

SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, DC, [REDACTED] 13 1969

GOOD HUMOR ICE CREAM COMPANY, TRENTON.

MIDLAND - ROSS CORPORATION.

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WFO, ALBANY, NK AND CV HANDLE RESPECTIVE INTERVIEWS OF  
ASSOCIATES.

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

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (161-541) 1P

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, AKA., SPI.

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✓ MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

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MIDLAND-ROSS CORPORATION, CLEVELAND, ADVISED THIS DATE WILLIAM SAFIRE AND ASSOCIATES, NYC, HAS HANDLED MIDLAND-ROSS PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS FOR APPROXIMATELY PAST SEVEN YEARS, AND HE HAS BECOME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE DURING THIS PERIOD. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS ONLY MET APPOINTEE'S WIFE ON ONE OCCASION, BUT THAT SHE MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION. [REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS ASSOCIATED WITH NIXON FROM MANY YEARS, APPARENTLY PRIMARILY AS SPEECH WRITER, ACCOMPANIED NIXON ON TRIP TO USSR AS VICE PRESIDENT, AND ASSISTED IN SIXTY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. [REDACTED] COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON APPOINTEE'S QUALIFICATIONS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS, HIS REPUTATION IN HIS FIELD AND GENERALLY HIS ASSOCIATES, CHARACTER, AND LOYALTY. RECOMMENDS FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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FBI ALBANY

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11:59 AM URGENT 1/14/69 KEM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBANY (161-902) 1P

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, AKA; SPI.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO ALBANY, JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

NYS SENATOR ROY GOODMAN, ALBANY, N. Y., ADVISED TODAY HE MET SAFIRE IN SIXTYFOUR WHEN LATTER'S PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM COMMENCED HANDLING ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS FOR EX-LAX, INC., OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., WHOSE PRESIDENT IS GOODMAN. GOODMAN DESCRIBED SAFIRE AS A MAN OF TOP INTEGRITY AND REPUTE, WHO IS AN EXPERT IN PR AND COMMUNICATIONS FIELDS, AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM. -P-

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MR. CLEVELAND  
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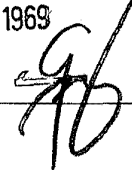
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The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of SA  dated August 11, 1961, at New York, entitled  "Registration Act-Dominican Republican." Page 25 of this report contains information from a New York source indicating that on or about May 1, 1961, the firm of Tex Mc Crary, Incorporated, was then in the process of dissolution.

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The above is being submitted for information as it was in 1961 that the appointee formed his own Public Relations firm.

LEADS: WFO <sup>✓</sup>Will interview ~~Senior~~ JACOB JAVITS.

Will report a check of the reports of the Department of Commerce Security Office. (File temporarily unavailable.)

Will report IRS.

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Title:

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records Office of President elect reviewed. Information obtained from Registration Section, USDJ, reported. No credit record. Police agencies negative. CSC reported. HCUA, CIA no record. State Passport records reviewed. Secret Service no record. Newspaper morgues and Library of Congress records reviewed.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Office of President elect RICHARD M. NIXON

On January 10, 1969, Mr. [REDACTED] Assistant  
for Administration, captioned office, advised SA GEORGE E.  
SAUNDERS that his files contain no record for the appointee.

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U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ)

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On January 13, 1969, SA [ ] reviewed Registration File #1189 at the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ). It disclosed on December 12, 1958, WILLIAM L. SAFIRE filed a Short Form Registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as Amended, in support of the registration of Tex Mc Crary, Inc., 122 East 42nd Street, New York City. SAFIRE listed his birth as December 17, 1929, New York City and showed his home address as 1161 York Avenue, New York City. He was shown as a Vice President of Tex Mc Crary, Inc. At the time of the above registration, Tex Mc Crary, Inc., was acting as agent for the Government of Argentina. On February 13, 1959, Tex Mc Crary, Inc., began acting as agent for the Government of El Salvador. On February 15, 1959, Tex Mc Crary, Inc., ceased acting as agent for the Government of Argentina. Tex Mc Crary, Inc., ceased acting as agent for the Government of El Salvador on July 1, 1959. In October, 1959, Tex Mc Crary, Inc., began acting as agent for the Tibetan Government in Exile, and this association ceased on November 1, 1959. There was no additional pertinent information.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on January 9, 1969, that the files contain no record for the appointee.

On January 9, 1969, IC [ ] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On January 9, 1969, IC [ ] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on January 10, 1969, that the U. S. Department of Commerce initiated an investigation of the appointee on May 21, 1959, for the following reason: *AC*

"Exhibitor Commerce."

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on January 9, 1969, by SE [redacted] *Deva* and no identifiable record was found for the appointee. *b6 b7C*

SA [redacted], caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was advised on January 10, 1969, that the files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning either the appointee or [redacted] *CIA*

The files of the Passport Office, USDS, reviewed by SE [redacted] on January 10, 1969, disclosed that WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE was issued Passport #H567589 on June 14, 1967, at New York for a proposed two-week tour of Great Britain and France.

Passport #C549817 was issued to WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR on July 24, 1962, at New York for a two-week visit to Sweden. This passport was renewed on February 24, 1966, at New York to be valid until July 23, 1967, for a pleasure and business trip of two weeks to Great Britain and France.

He was issued Passport #526943 on June 14, 1957, at New York, for a three-week business trip to England, France, West Germany and Italy.

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He was first issued a passport #512626 in the name, WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR, on October 1, 1951, at Washington, D. C., for a two-month trip to Iceland, France, England, Germany, Portugal, Morocco, Italy and Libya, for the purpose of gathering news.

He stated that he was born on December 17, 1929, at New York, and the files shows that his birth certificate, in the name WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR, was seen by the passport authorities.

His father was listed as OLIVER C. SAFIR, born at Dyersburg, Tennessee, birth date shown variously as April 1, 1896, April 1, 1894, April 2, 1893. His mother was listed as IDA PANISH, born at New York, New York, January 12, 1896.

This file contained no additional pertinent information.

IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the U. S. Secret Service Department of the Treasury, and was advised on January 13, 1969, that no record was located concerning the appointee. CJH

The following investigation was conducted at the Library of Congress by IC [ ] on January 10, 1969. b6  
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The Book Review Digest for October, 1968, described the book "The New Language of Politics" as an anecdotal dictionary of catch words, slogans and phrases-political usage.

The Book Review Digest for 1964 reveals SAFIRE was co-author of a book entitled "Plunging Into Politics." This book explains how to become or support a candidate on the national, state or local level. It also gives advice on how to build a campaign, staff it with willing hands and finance it with contributions.

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Additional references at the Library of Congress reflect he was the author of two additional articles entitled "The Relations Explosion" and "Public Relations Publicity" these articles concern the public relations field.

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The files of the Evening Star Newspaper, Washington, D. C., contains a newspaper clipping, dated December 10, 1968, which furnishes information relative to the appointment of WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE as a Special Assistant to President elect NIXON and that he was a special assistant during the election campaign.

It further revealed SAFIRE is an author who has headed his own New York public relations firm since 1966. His latest book "The New Language of Politics," which was published in 1968 was mentioned.

On January 14, 1969, SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., caused a search to be made of the Library of the "Washington Daily News" and no additional information was located therein other than that set forth above from "The Evening Star."

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128 PM URGENT 1-14-69 FXT

TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM NEWARK (161-1198)

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1245

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, SPI. BUDED ONE FOURTEEN INSTANT.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO NEWARK, ONE THIRTEEN LAST.

GOOD HUMOR CORP. EIGHT HUNDRED SYLVAN AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH SAFIRE FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. HE ORIGINALLY MET SAFIRE AS A SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE, BUT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS AGO HE HIRED SAFIRE'S FIRM, WILLIAM SAFIRE, INC., THREE SEVEN FIVE PARK AVENUE, NYC, TO HANDLE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE GOOD HUMOR CORP.

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS MET SAFIRE'S WIFE, BUT IS NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HER. REGARDING SAFIRE, HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE LATTER A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATIONS.

THERE IS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND AS TO SAFIRE'S LOYALTY TO THE US, AND HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECOMMEND

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SAFIRE FOR ANY HIGH POSITION OF TRUST.

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FBI NEW YORK

5:10 PM URGENT 1-14-69 AWS

TO DIRECTOR (PLAIN)

FROM NEW YORK 161-2728 26 P.

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

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WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE AKA WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR; SPI;  
BUDED ONE FOURTEEN INSTANT (WITHOUT FAIL).

RE BUREAU TEL TO NY DATED, ONE SEVEN SIXTYNINE,  
NY TEL TO MM DATED, ONE TEN, SIXTYNINE AND NY TEL TO THE  
BUREAU, WFO, AL, CV, NK, DATED ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE.  
EMPLOYMENTS:

IT IS NOTED THE APPOINTEE WAS EMPLOYED BY TEX  
MC CRARY PRODUCTIONS, INC., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, DURING THE  
PERIOD ONE NINE FOUR NINE THROUGH ONE NINE SIX ONE WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE TWO THROUGH ONE NINE  
FIVE FOUR WHEN THE APPOINTEE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
ARMY.

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ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, TEX MC CRARY TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACTED THE NYO OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
(FBI) FROM MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, AND ADVISED  
SA  THAT HE DESIRED TO FURNISH THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE TELEPHONICALLY:

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*J* MR. MC CRARY ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN THE APPOINTEE  
SINCE HIRING HIM IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE AS A REPORTER FOR  
THE TEX MC CRARY PRODUCTIONS, INC., TWENTY ONE EAST SIXTY  
THIRD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. HE ADVISED THAT BY THE TIME  
HE (MC CRARY) ENTERED INTO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS, THE  
APPOINTEE HAD RISEN TO THE POSITION OF PRODUCER OF THE  
BROADCAST SHOW. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD LEFT HIM  
FOR THE PERIOD NINETEEN FIFTY TWO THROUGH NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR  
TO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES (US) ARMY AIR FORCE; UPON  
COMPLETION OF THIS DUTY THE APPOINTEE RETURNED TO MC CRARY'S  
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PUBLIC RELATIONS CONCERN IN WHICH HE BECAME A PARTNER. HE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD TERMINATED HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH HIM IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY ONE BUT OPENED HIS OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS CONCERN WHICH IS KNOWN AS SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS, THREE SEVEN FIVE PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK (NY), NY.

MC CRARY DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS A REMARKABLE INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY. HE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE'S INTEGRITY WAS NOT SIMPLY "MONEY" INTEGRITY BUT " PRINCIPLE " INTEGRITY. MC CRARY STATED THE APPOINTEE WAS AN EXTREMELY RESPONSIBLE PERSON AND THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD WORKED FOR PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON'S NINETEEN SIXTY CAMPAIGN. HE ADVISES THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS ACCUSTOMED TO WORKING LONG HOURS UNDER ENORMOUS PRESSURE AND THAT HE HAD DEMONSTRATED EXTREME STABILITY IN SUCH SITUATIONS. MC CRARY ADVISED THAT IN SUCH PRESSURE SITUATIONS

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THE APPOINTEE WAS NEARLY "GLACIAL" AND HE (MC CRARY) HAD  
RELIED HEAVILY UPON THE APPOINTEE NOT TO PANIC WHEN UNDER  
PRESSURE.

MC CRARY ADVISED THE APPOINTEE CAME FROM A GOOD  
FAMILY AND IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS  
MARRIED TO A BRITISH SUBJECT WHO WAS A FINE PERSON. HE  
ADVISED THT THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED A FINE HOME LIFE AND  
THAT HE (MC CRARY) HAD THE HIGHEST OPINION OF THE CHARACTER,  
REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY OF THE APPOINTEE'S  
FAMILY MEMBERS.

MC CRARY ADVISED THAT HE WOULD, WITHOUT  
RESERVATION, RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST  
AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

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SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS, THREE SEVEN FIVE PARK  
AVENUE, NY, NY----

ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTY NINE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS, ADVISED THAT HE HAD  
BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE  
YEARS AND THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD ESTABLISHED SAFIRE PUBLIC  
RELATIONS IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND THE APPOINTEE  
PRESENTLY HELD THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION.  
HE ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO POSSESS OUT-  
STANDING EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY AND HE NOTED  
THE APPOINTEE POSSESSED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE  
PUBLIC RELATIONS FIELD IN THE NY AREAM HE STATED THAT HE HAD  
OCCASION TO WORK WITH THE APPOINTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
NUMEROUS PROJECTS AND THAT AT ALL TIMES HE FOUND THE APPOINTEE  
TO BE DILIGENT IN THE PRESENTATION OF HIS WORK.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD MET THE APPOINTEE'S WIFE AND FAMILY AND CONSIDERED THEM TO BE PEOPLE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT FAMILY LIFE. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD, WITHOUT RESERVATION, RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTY NINE [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD BEEN THE APPOINTEE [REDACTED] FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A HARD WORKER WHO WAS CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY AND WORKING UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE. SHE STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES AND REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A HARD WORKING EXECUTIVE WHO ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG HIS CONTEMPORARIES. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM TO A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

NEIGHBORHOODS:

ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE PARK AVENUE, NYC.

ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED] CAPTIONED ADDRESS, ADVISED THE APPOINTEE HAD RESIDED IN AN APARTMENT IN THIS BUILDING WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN FROM NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE TO THE PRESENT DATE. HE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE

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AND HIS FAMILY ENJOY AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE BUILDING  
AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM AS TO HIS CHARACTER,  
REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST  
WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] RESIDING AT THE CAPTIONED ADDRESS FOR  
FIVE YEARS AND SEVEN YEARS RESPECTIVELY, ADVISED THE  
APPOINTEE HAD RESIDED IN THE BUILDING FROM APPROXIMATELY  
NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE TO THE PRESENT DATE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED  
THE APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND  
ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON [REDACTED] NYC.

ON ONE TEN SIXTYNIN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ALL RESIDING AT CAPTIONED ADDRESS

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FOR SEVEN YEARS, EIGHT YEARS AND TEN YEARS RESPECTIVELY,  
ADVISED THEY RECALLED THE APPOINTEE AS HAVING RESIDED IN  
APARTMENT EIGHT-B AND LATER IN APARTMENT TWELVE-A DURING  
THE PERIOD NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.  
THEY ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE HAD ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION  
IN THE BUILDING DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME HE HAD RESIDED THERE  
AND THEY WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM AS TO HIS CHARACTER,  
REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST  
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[REDACTED] NYC ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED  
WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY NINE YEARS. HE ADVISED  
THAT HE WAS COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THE APPOINTEE HAD PREVIOUSLY  
BEEN EMPLOYED FOR TEX MC CRARY PRODUCTIONS, INC. DURING  
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THE LATTER PART OF NINETEEN FORTY NINE THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTYONE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A BREAK FOR MILITARY SERVICE. HE ADVISED THE APPOINTEE WAS A HARD WORKING PERSON WHOSE WORD WAS GOOD AND HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIELD IN THE NYC AREA.

HE ADVISED HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY, AND ASSOCIATES AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE EIGHT SIXTY NINE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND CURRENT STAFF MEMBER OF PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON'S STAFF, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING THE APPOINTEE APPOINTED AS SPECIAL

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ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD, WITHOUT RESERVATION, RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS A HARD WORKING INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THOROUGH AND CONSCIENTIOUS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AND HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD OBSERVED THE APPOINTEE WORKING UNDER STREETS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE CALM MANNER IN WHICH HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED HIS DUTIES. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ASSOCIATES---

ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GOLDMAN, SACHS AND COMPANY, FIFTY FIVE BROAD STREET, NYC, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED  
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WITH THE APPOINTEE SINCE CHILDHOOD AS BOTH HE AND APPOINTEE HAD ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY TOGETHER, HAVING BEEN ROOMMATES AT THE LATTER.

HE STATED THAT APPOINTEE UPON GRADUATION FROM SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY HAD ENTERED THE EMPLOY OF TEX MC CRARY AT NYC AS A REPORTER OR WRITER AND EXCEPT FOR A PERIOD OF MILITARY SERVICE IN THE EARLY NINETEEN FIFTY'S HAD REMAINED WITH MC CRARY, EVENTUALLY BECOMING A MANAGER OF MC CRARY'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OPERATION, UNTIL THE APPOINTEE LEFT MC CRARY TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. MR. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE KNEW OF NO OTHER EMPLOYMENT FOR THE APPOINTEE.

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HE DESCRIBED <sup>H</sup>TE APPOINTEE AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND HONESTY WHOSE CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WERE ABOVE  
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REPROACH. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY QUALIFIED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS ENDEAVORS AND MOST EFFECTIVE IN HIS CONTACTS WITH THE PUBLIC.

HE ADVISED THE APPOINTEE'S FATHER WAS DECEASED AND THAT THE APPOINTEE'S WIFE, WHO IS FROM ENGLAND HAD GIVEN THE APPOINTEE TWO CHILDREN. HE STATED HE HAD ONLY THE HIGHEST OPINION OF THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS' CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES.

HE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE COMPLETELY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR OVER FIFTEEN YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED BY  
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TEX MC CRARY IN HIS PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM BUT IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE THE APPOINTEE HAD OPENED UP HIS OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM, SAFIRE PUBLIC RLATIONS, AND THAT THE APPOINEE WAS PRESENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THIS CONCERN.

HE ADVISED THAT OVER THE YEARS HE HAD OCCASION TO DEAL WITH THE APPOINTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THAT AT ALL TIMES THE APPOINTEE HAD CONDUCTED HIMSELF WITH THE UTMOST INTEGRITY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD MET THE APPOINTEE'S WIFE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND THAT SHE WAS A CHARMING PERSON. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSCOIATES AND LOYALTY AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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IT IS NOTED [REDACTED] WHO WAS LISTED AS  
AN ASSOCIATE OF THE APPOINTEE, WAS INTERVIEWED AND HIS  
COMMENTS ARE SET FORTH UNDER THE EMPLOYMENTS SECTION OF  
THIS TELETYPE.

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ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]  
TEX MC CRARY PRODUCTIONS, IN., NYC, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD  
BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE WHILE HE HAD BEEN WITH  
MR. C CRARY AND THAT SHE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE APPOINTEE'S  
CONCISE WORK. SHE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN AN  
EASY PERSON TO WORK FOR AND WAS ONE WHO WAS SENSITIVE TO THE  
FEELINGS OF HIS SUBORDINATES. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WOULD,  
WITHOUT RESERVATION, RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS  
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CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS AN AMBITIOUS AND ENERGETIC PERSON WHO WAS WELL REGARDED IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF NYC. HE STATED THAT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN PRIMARILY A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP BUT THAT HE HAD MET THE APPOINTEE'S WIFE AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT PERSON. HE ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE, <sup>FOR A</sup> ~~EM~~ APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS.

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HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS PRESENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF HIS OWN FIRM, SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HE NOTED THAT THE FIRM APPEARED TO BE DOING VERY WELL IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HE STATED THAT HE WAS ALSO COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN ACTIVE ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON.

HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES AND HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD, WITHOUT RESERVATION, RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTY NINE, [REDACTED] MORTH SIMON, INC., NYC, ADVISED THAT HIS FIRM HAD BEEN ONE OF THE APPOINTEE'S CLIENTS. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS A HARD WORKING EXECUTIVE WHO WAS EXTREMELY CALM UNDER STRESS SITUATIONS. HE STATED THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME HE HAD DEALINGS WITH THE APPOINTEE, THE APPOINTEE HAD ALWAYS

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CONDUCTED HIMSELF WITH THE UTMOST INTEGRITY. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED] SHAHEEN NATURAL RESOURCES, INC., NYC, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT BUSINESS EXECUTIVE AND ENJOYED A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. HE STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED] GEORGE JENSON, INC., NYC, ADVISED HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE  
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APPOINTEE WAS A PERSON WHO WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ARA IN NYC AND ONE WHO ENJOYED A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL HIS CLIENTS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATTON ASSOCIATES, NYC, ADVISED THAT HIS CONCERN HAD DEALT WITH THE APPOINTEE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND THAT HE HAD BEEN HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE APPOINTEE'S SERVICES. HE STATED THAT AT ALL TIMES THE APPOINTEE HAD CONDUCTED HIS BUSINESS ON A HIGHLY ETHICAL PLANE. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REALTY EQUITY CORPORATION, NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS IN A BUSINESS CAPACITY. HE STATED THAT CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON WHOSE WORD WAS TO BE TRUSTED AND HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GILBERT ROBINSON, INC., NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AS BUSINESSMAN AND THAT HIS MORALS WERE UNQUESTIONED. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE

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HAD THE REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AS A PERSON WHOSE WORD WAS TO BE TRUSTED.

HE ADVISED HE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED] CAMBRIDGE MARKETING GROUP, INC., NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIELD IN THE NYC AREA AND HE STATED THAT HE WOULD, WITHOUT RESERVATION, RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]  
CLERK, CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
ADVISED IC [REDACTED] THAT SHE LOCATED A SATISFACTORY  
CREDIT RECORD FOR THE APPOINTEE. ✓

ARREST---

ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, SA AUGUST J. MICEK, CAUSED  
THE RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYCPD)  
TO BE CHECKED BY DEPUTY INSPECTOR [REDACTED] BUREAU  
OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION; PATROLMAN [REDACTED] INFORMATION  
UNIT; SERGEANT [REDACTED] OLD RECORD ROOM (ALL OF THE ABOVE  
OF THE NYCPD); AND MR. [REDACTED] FINGERPRINT BUREAU,  
CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. NO RECORD WAS LOCATED  
FOR THE APPOINTEE OR HIS FAMILY. ✓

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ON ONE TEN SIXTYNINE, CAPTAIN [REDACTED]  
BUREAU OF SPECIAL SERVICES, NYCPD, ADVISED SA MICEK THAT HE  
COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR THE APPOINTEE OR FAMILY MEMBERS. ✓

ON ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]  
OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, FIVE FUR WEST FORTIETH  
STREET, NYC, ADVISED THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS  
ORGANIZATION FROM NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE TO THE PRESENT DATE ✓  
AND THAT HE PRESENTLY HELD A POSITION AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

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ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTY NINE, [REDACTED]  
BANKERS CLUB, ONE SEVEN ZERO BROADWAY, NYC, ADVISED THAT THE  
APPOINTEE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION FROM NINETEEN  
SIXTY TWO TO THE PRESENT DATE AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS. ✓

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ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTY FOUR, [REDACTED] ADVISED  
THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BROTHERHOOD-IN-  
ACTION, FIVE SIX ZERO SEVENTH AVENUE, NYC, AND THAT HE HAD  
BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTY NINE, [REDACTED]  
BOYS ATHLETIC LEAGUE, FIFTY ONE EAST FORTY SECOND STREET,  
NYC, ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION AND WAS PRESENTLY  
ACTIVE IN THIS ORGANIZATION.

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ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS COGNIZANT  
OF THE FACT THE APPOINEE'S MOTHER, IDA SAFIRE, PRESENTLY  
RESIDED AT THIS ADDRESS. HE STATED THAT SHE APPEARED TO BE  
A CHARMING PERSON AND ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE  
COMMUNITY.

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ONE ONE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NYC, ADVISED

THE APPOINTEE [REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDED  
IN AN APARTMENT AT THIS ADDRESS. SHE STATED THAT HE APPEARED  
TO ENJOY AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

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IT IS NOTED THE APPOINTEE WAS PREVIOUSLY A  
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION TO THE SOVIET  
UNION IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. THE RECORDS OF THE FBI REFLECT  
NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTEE.

ON ONE FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE, THE RECORDS OF "THE NEW  
YORK TIMES" MORGUE, TWO TWO NINE WEST FORTY FOURTH STREET,  
NYC, WERE REVIEWED BY [REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME  
NO RECORD WAS LOCATED FOR THE APPOINTEE.

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NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BY NEW YORK UACB.

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REPORTING OFFICE ALBANY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 1/14/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/14/69
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY lal
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## Date:

January 14, 1969

## Field Office File #:

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## Bureau File #:

## Title:

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

## Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

NYS Senator ROY GOODMAN, Albany, N. Y., advised on 1/14/69, he met SAFIRE in 1964, when latter's public relations firm commenced handling advertising accounts for Ex-Lax, Inc., of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose President is GOODMAN. GOODMAN described SAFIRE as a man of top integrity and repute, who is an expert in PR and fields of communications, and highly recommended him. Said NIXON lucky to get him.

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DETAILS:AT ALBANY, NEW YORKMiscellaneous

On January 14, 1969, New York State Senator ROY GOODMAN, (Republican 26th District, New York City), advised he first met SAFIRE in 1964, when the latter's public relations firm commenced handling advertising accounts for Ex-Lax, Inc., of Brooklyn, New York, whose President is GOODMAN. He stated he has had business and social contacts with SAFIRE since that time,

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and described SAFIRE as a highly reputable man of top integrity, who is an expert in the field of Public Relations and Communications, and has authored books on these subjects. He advised that the associates of SAFIRE known to GOODMAN are top caliber people, and he added that SAFIRE'S loyalty to the United States is beyond the slightest question. He highly recommended him for an important and responsible position with the United States Government stating that President-Elect NIXON is lucky to have him.

Mr. GOODMAN advised that he has met SAFIRE'S wife on a number of social occasions, and found her to be a lovely person whose loyalty to the United States is beyond question. He said it is his recollection that [redacted] is a Britisher, whose father is in the jewelry business in London, England.

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE aka  
William Lewis Safir  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
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ReNY teletype to Bureau, 1/14/69, and NY  
telephone call to Bureau, 1/15/69.

On 1/15/69, Lieutenant [redacted]  
[redacted], NY, advised SA [redacted]  
that a review of his records disclosed the appointee's  
[redacted] presently resides at [redacted]  
[redacted], NY, with his wife and two  
sons. He noted [redacted] had moved into this  
residence in 1961 and enjoyed an excellent reputation in  
the community.

Lieutenant [redacted] advised that a thorough  
review of his records disclosed no information pertaining  
to [redacted] or family members.

On 1/15/69, Lieutenant [redacted] Identifi-  
cation Bureau, Nassau County PD, Mineola, NY, advised  
that his department covered all of Nassau County and that  
a thorough review of his records disclosed no information  
pertaining to [redacted] or family members.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>ct</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

REFERENCES

New York teletype, dated 1/13/69,  
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Report of: SA DONALD L. WILLIAMS / Office: CLEVELAND  
Date: JANUARY 16, 1969  
Field Office File #: 161-541 Bureau File #:  
Title: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE,

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

[redacted] Administration, Midland-Ross Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio advised SAFIRE and Associates, New York City, has handled Midland-Ross relations matters for approximately the past seven years, and he has become well acquainted with appointee during this period. [redacted] has only met appointee's wife on one occasion, but has favorable impression. Appointee has been associated with NIXON for many years, apparently primarily as speech writer, accompanied NIXON on trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, when Vice President, and assisted in 1960 Presidential campaign. [redacted] commented favorably on appointee's qualifications in public relations, his reputation in his field, and generally his associates, character, and loyalty. Recommends for position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted]  
Administration, Midland-Ross Corporation, 2000 Illuminating Building, Cleveland, Ohio, advised on January 14, 1969, that he has known the appointee for approximately seven years, during which time, Midland-Ross has used the public relations service of the appointee, known as William Safire and Associates, in New York City. Mr. [redacted] advised that he has met appointee's wife, who is from England, and who made an entirely favorable impression. He noted the appointee and his wife have one or two children. [redacted] commented that he has had very limited contact with appointee's family, but from comments, appointee,



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who married late in life, is completely devoted to his family. [ ] advised that appointee has had a great deal of experience in political affairs, and has been an adviser to President Elect RICHARD M. NIXON for many years. Appointee accompanied NIXON during his visit to the Soviet Union as Vice President, and was an advisor to NIXON during the 1960 Presidential campaign. Mr. [ ] gathered that appointee contributed mainly in the area of speech matters. [ ] noted appointee has published at least two books in the field, one of which, "The New Language of Politics," is well known. The appointee has also assisted in many other political campaigns, among which was that of U.S. Senator JACOB JAVITTS. Mr. [ ] advised that appointee in these instances was apparently working as an individual, not on behalf of his public relations firm.

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[ ] advised that in his business contacts, appointee has been honest, straight forward, and exhibited high integrity, which is not always expected in the public relations field. The appointee, for instance, has always been careful to avoid exaggeration and to fairly represent the accomplishments of Midland-Ross in obtaining publicity. Appointee's conduct in [ ] presence has always been above reproach. [ ] said he has never known appointee to over indulge in intoxicants or to disclose any confidences. Appointee is very hard working, an excellent administrator, and a highly competent expert in public relations, who has enjoyed an excellent reputation, and was retained by a very impressive list of outstanding corporations. [ ] noted, however, that appointee has now disposed of his business to another New York firm in order to accept his appointment to the new administration. [ ] advised all appointee's associates known to him were, like appointee, of unquestioned character and loyalty, and he knew of absolutely nothing of an adverse nature concerning applicant. He recommended appointee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

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Re report of SA [REDACTED] 1/14/69.

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The records of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Investigations and Security, reviewed by SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., on 1/15/69, disclosed that a National Agency Check and written inquiries were made by the Department of Commerce in June through August, 1959, concerning WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, "Exhibitor" associated with Tex McCrary, Incorporated, who went to Moscow in connection with the American National Exhibition at Moscow in those months. This was a security check only and no clearance was granted. He was not an employee of the Department of Commerce.

No additional pertinent information was contained in these records.

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[redacted] to Senator JACOB K. JAVITS (New York), advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR. on January 14, 1969, the Senator is presently not available for interview. He was authorized to say in the Senator's behalf that Senator JAVITS has known the appointee, WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, as a close, personal friend and professional associate since prior to 1950. He recalled he had utilized the appointee's services as a public relations advisor in 1954 when the Senator campaigned for the office of Attorney General of the state of New York. He said the Senator has recently written a letter of recommendation in the appointee's behalf in order that he may be considered for employment in the United States Government in an appointive position.

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[redacted] said Senator JAVITS has had a continuing sociable relationship with the appointee's wife, [redacted] SAFIRE, and his children, [redacted] and [redacted] with whom the appointee resides at 1085 Park Avenue, New York City.

Senator JAVITS knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

During the course of this interview, Senator JAVITS mentioned that the appointee was affiliated with the firm of Tex McCrary, Incorporated from approximately 1954 through 1961 when he started his own public relations firm. JAVITS likewise was most complimentary concerning the intelligence, ability and integrity of the appointee.

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On January 14, 1969, [redacted]  
[redacted] Good Humor Corporation, 800 Sylvan Avenue,  
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, advised that he has been acquainted  
with SAFIRE for approximately 10 years. He first met him  
through mutual social acquaintances and he is also casually  
acquainted with SAFIRE's wife [redacted]

Approximately 8 years ago, [redacted] hired SAFIRE's  
public relations firm, William Safire Inc., 375 Park Avenue,  
New York City, to handle the public relations work for the  
Good Humor Corporation. This relationship is still in effect.

[redacted] described SAFIRE as a person of excellent  
character, reputation and associations. He has never heard

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anything unfavorable concerning him, and so far as he is aware SAFIRE is a loyal American. While he is not closely acquainted with SAFIRE's wife, on the basis of his knowledge of her, she also appears to be a very fine person. He would have no hesitation in recommending SAFIRE for any high position of trust.

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January 17, 1969

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman  
Hotel Pierre  
Fifth Avenue and East 61st Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In accordance with a request received from you on January 7, 1969, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. William Lewis Safire. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

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

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Sincerely yours,

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman

NOTE: Request received 1/7/69 from Nixon Administration. Safire, aged 39, a writer and public relations man since 1949, will according to the press serve as a writer in the Nixon Administration. He wrote speeches for President-elect Nixon in connection with the 1960 and 1968 election campaigns. He presently operates his own public relations firm but for many years was affiliated with Tex McCrary, Incorporated, New York City. Persons interviewed have no question regarding Safire and he is indicated to be held in high regard in the public relations field. Investigation complete.



January 17, 1969

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

SUMMARY

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Safire was born on December 17, 1929, in New York City as William Lewis Safir. He has been known as William Lewis Safire since 1955.

Education

Mr. Safire attended Bronx High School of Science, Bronx, New York, from September, 1944, to June, 1947, when he was graduated.

He attended Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, from September, 1947, to June, 1949, when he withdrew.

Employment

From 1949 to 1961, with the exception of the years 1952 through 1954, when he was serving in the United States Army, Mr. Safire was affiliated with the public relations firm of Tex McCrary, Incorporated, New York City. He was initially employed as a radio and television reporter and later as a producer. Mr. Safire also served as Vice President of the firm and he was a partner from 1959 until 1961.

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William Lewis Safire

Since 1961 Mr. Safire has been serving as President of Safire Public Relations, Incorporated, New York City.

During the 1960 and 1968 Presidential campaigns of President-elect Richard M. Nixon, Mr. Safire served as a speech writer for Mr. Nixon.

#### Military Service

Mr. Safire served in an inactive status in the United States Air Force Reserve from July 20, 1951, to May 8, 1952, when he was honorably discharged as an airman. He was inducted into the United States Army on May 9, 1952, and he entered on active duty the same date. He was honorably released from active duty as a corporal on April 17, 1954. Mr. Safire served in an inactive status in the United States Army Reserve Corps from April 18, 1954, until May 25, 1960, when he was honorably discharged as a corporal. His service record is clear.

#### Marital Status

Mr. Safire married [redacted] in 1962. She is a citizen of Great Britain. They and their children, [redacted] and [redacted] reside at 1085 Park Avenue, New York City.

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## II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

### Interviews

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, advised in Washington, D. C., that he has been personally and professionally acquainted with Mr. Safire since the early 1950s. He said during his 1954 election campaign when he was seeking the position of Attorney General of New York he used the services of Tex McCrary, Incorporated. In connection therewith, Mr. Safire handled the public relations phase of the campaign. Senator Javits said he has

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a very high regard for Mr. Safire and he considers him a very intelligent and industrious person. He mentioned he is also acquainted with several of Mr. Safire's close relatives, and he described them as very reputable persons. Senator Javits said there is no question concerning the character, reputation, loyalty, or integrity of Mr. Safire, and he highly recommended Mr. Safire for a responsible Government position.

John Regan (Tex) McCrary, New York City, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Safire on a close social and professional basis since 1949. He mentioned he initially employed Mr. Safire as a radio and television reporter in his firm, Tex McCrary, Incorporated. He said as a result of Mr. Safire's ability he was promoted to the position of producer and later served as Vice President and a partner in the firm. Mr. McCrary described Mr. Safire as a "remarkable individual" whose character, reputation, loyalty, and associates are above question. He said Mr. Safire is an extremely responsible person who has the ability to work long hours under enormous pressure. He stated Mr. Safire's close relatives are reputable individuals and he knows Mr. Safire enjoys a good family life. Mr. McCrary recommended Mr. Safire without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Safire Public Relations, Incorporated, New York City, advised he has been closely associated with Mr. Safire since 1961. He said he has observed that Mr. Safire possesses outstanding executive and administrative ability and that he has an excellent reputation in the public relations field in the New York area. He stated that since 1961 he has had occasion to work closely with Mr. Safire in conjunction with numerous projects and he noted that at all times Mr. Safire has been diligent in the presentation of his work. He advised he is acquainted with Mr. Safire's

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close relatives and he considers them very reputable persons. [redacted] furnished favorable comments regarding Mr. Safire's character, reputation, loyalty, and associates, and he highly recommended Mr. Safire for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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[redacted], Midland-Ross Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, advised he has been well acquainted with Mr. Safire for approximately seven years. He stated that during this period Mr. Safire's firm handled the public relations work for Midland-Ross Corporation. [redacted] commented favorably concerning Mr. Safire's qualifications in the public relations field. He said there is no question concerning Mr. Safire's character, reputation, loyalty, or associates. He mentioned he has met Mrs. Safire and he regards her as a wonderful person. [redacted] also mentioned that President-elect Richard M. Nixon has utilized Mr. Safire's services as a speech writer on several occasions. He recommended Mr. Safire for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] Good Humor Corporation, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Safire on a social and professional basis for over ten years. He said for the past several years Good Humor Corporation has utilized Mr. Safire's firm concerning public relations. He stated there is no question concerning Mr. Safire's character, reputation, loyalty, or ability, and he highly recommended Mr. Safire for a sensitive position.

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[redacted], Goldman, Sachs, and Company, investment bankers, New York City, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Safire since their youth. He stated they attended high school and Syracuse University at the same time and while attending Syracuse University they were roommates. [redacted] described Mr. Safire

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as an honest and loyal citizen whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He said Mr. Safire is exceptionally qualified in the field of public relations. He stated he has observed that Mr. Safire is very effective in his contacts with the public. [redacted] furnished favorable comments regarding Mr. Safire's close relatives and he highly recommended Mr. Safire for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Twenty-five additional persons, including social acquaintances, professional associates, and neighbors, were interviewed and they furnished favorable comments regarding Mr. Safire's character, reputation, loyalty, associates, morals, and habits. Those well acquainted with Mr. Safire described him as an intelligent, hardworking, conscientious, and ethical individual. They advised that he is concise and energetic and that his integrity is above question. It was also stated Mr. Safire is held in high regard in the business community. He was recommended for a position of trust and confidence. Persons acquainted with Mr. Safire's close relatives described them as reputable and loyal persons.

**Close Relatives**

In addition to his wife and children, mentioned previously, Mr. Safire has the following close relatives:

Father	Oliver C. Safir deceased
Mother	Ida Panisch Safir New York City
Brother	[redacted] Kings Point, New York
Brother	[redacted] New York City

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Credit and Arrest Checks

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

Miscellaneous

The records of the Registration Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., show the firm of Tex McCrary, Incorporated, New York City, registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, in December, 1958, as an agent of the government of Argentina. This relationship terminated in February, 1959. These records further show that in February, 1959, the aforementioned firm registered as an agent of the government of El Salvador. It ceased operating as an agent of that government in July, 1959. The records also show the aforementioned firm registered with the Department of Justice in October, 1959, as an agent of the Tibetan government-in-exile. This association ceased in November, 1959. Mr. Safire is listed in the records as an official of the firm of Tex McCrary, Incorporated.

The July 12, 1958, issue of "Editor and Publisher," a weekly magazine published in New York City, contains an article concerning the involvement of the public relations firm, Tex McCrary, Incorporated, in behalf of Bernard Goldfine. This article, copy enclosed, mentions Mr. Safire.

Mr. Goldfine, now deceased, was a Boston, Massachusetts, textile manufacturer who in 1961, upon a plea of guilty to income tax evasion, was sentenced to serve a year and a day in custody of the United States Attorney General.

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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the Central Intelligence Agency indicating its files contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning Mr. or Mrs. Safire.

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

Bureau of Personnel Investigations,  
Civil Service Commission; Passport  
Office, Department of State; House  
Committee on Un-American Activities;  
United States Army Investigative Records  
Repository, Fort Holabird, Maryland;  
and the United States Secret Service.

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

Enclosure

# Newsman in PR Melodrama: It's a Gift in Washington

## Exit McCrary, Enter Lotto, with Pearson in Wings with a 'Bug'

WASHINGTON  
The game of investigate the investigators, complete with a "bugged" conference room, screams of horror, a "spontaneous" statement of startled indignation carefully read from a typed paper, pilfered records, — these and many other strange incidents were ingredients of this week's chapter of the Bernard Goldfine-Sherman Adams inquiry.

The Harris Committee investigation of influence in government turned into a multi-ring performance that slipped so far out of control that the probers were forced into an all-day session to pick up the pieces. Washington police and the FBI came into the case. Goldfine was excused from testifying on the appointed day. The Boston millionaire and free-spender pleaded that he was too tired and excited to do so: he had reason to be because he had been up most of the night, expressing his indignation. When last photographed in the early hours of Monday morning he hadn't had time to change from his gold-threaded robe and pajamas into a testifying suit.

### Newsman in the Cast

Newsman functioned as "extras" in the production that saw the Capital rivaling Hollywood with all the trappings, the cast, and the scenarios to produce a full season's fare of mystery, intrigue, and comedy. The rapidly shifting panorama picked up a newspaper reporter and a House committee investigator in the act of "bugging" a room occupied by Goldfine's new public relations counsel.

Jack Lotto, former newspaperman employed by Goldfine, succeeded Tex McCrary, New York public relations man who put the show on the road with Goldfine's prepared statement to the committee. Then McCrary retired, explaining he had been performing an act of friendship for Goldfine's attorney, Roger Robb, and was not on the payroll.

The "bugging" incident cost Committee Investigator Baron I. Shacklette his \$16,000-a-year

year job. But the reporter, Jack Anderson, whose room in the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel was being used to eavesdrop on Lotto and his conferees fared better. His employer, Columnist Drew Pearson, pulled the nifty of the week by parroting now-famous lines:

"He has been imprudent. But I need him."

Pearson elaborated in his column: "Anderson was on deck as any good police reporter is at the scene of action. . . . The chief thing Anderson ascertained was that Goldfine's cohorts had done some pretty good sleuthing by getting a copy of the preliminary Harris Subcommittee report on Sherman Adams' wire pulling at the Federal Trade Commission."

The column then went on to relate revelations said to be in the report.

### Midnight Call

Lotto began earning his retainer soon after reaching Washington. Sunday night he called newsmen, summoning them for a 12:30 a.m. press conference. Upon arrival they were told by Lotto and Attorney Robb that a former Washington policeman, Lloyd B. Furr, had undertaken to discover whether Lotto's room was "bugged" by hostile interests.

From that point on, the drama unfolded without hitch: Furr solemnly announced that the room was, indeed, "bugged." Then another member of the party noted that the door leading to the next space was raised an inch off the floor, and that a man's shoes could be observed pacing the floor. This was Furr's cue to grab a handy wire coat hanger, sprawl on the floor and begin fishing under the door. With a jerk, he pulled the small microphone into Lotto's room, whereupon Bea Duprey, a model who carries the title of Goldfine's "press receptionist," made her entry, glanced at the microphone, and emitted a dramatic scream.

### 'Bugging' Mission

The action then moved into the hall with the press relations man banging on his neighbor's door and demanding entrance. With the help of an assistant manager, he gained admission and with the troupe of reporters and camera men taking up the rear he confronted Shacklette and Anderson. Shacklette said his mission was to find who has been tapping the telephones of committee members and had accepted the hospitality of Anderson, registered as "Mr. Brooks." Police eventually arrived, responsive to calls from one of Lotto's entourage. They patiently explained there was no criminal law violation, hence no police action was indicated.

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### Next Set

The cameras then moved to the next set, which was the corridor in front of Goldfine's door. Goldfine came to the door and, glancing at a piece of paper, proclaimed his indignation, saying: "This is worse than Russia and worse than the Gestapo. I'm shocked beyond words. I intend to move out of the hotel in the morning."

The next installment came when Miss Mildred Paperman, Goldfine's secretary, reported her room had been rifled over the week-end in her absence from Washington and that papers her boss intended to present to the Harris Committee in response to its demand, were missing. An 11:30 a.m. press conference was called to announce this development. Miss Paperman knelt and opened bags and bundles obligingly while camera shutters clicked.

A reporter suggested Goldfine might be happy to get rid of some of the papers and Lotto replied heatedly: "I'm not even going to answer that!"

"Thank you, Mr. Hagerty," the reporter quipped.

The police returned with fingerprint experts and detectives who promptly went into their official routine. Since papers destined to a Congressional committee were said to be involved, the FBI also sent men.

### Lotto's 'Credentials'

Jack Lotto, who refers to himself as "a former ace reporter" for INS, thinks he won his job as Bernard Goldfine's publicity agent on the recommendation of Tex McCrary, whom he met about 19 years ago.



Jack Lotto

"I guess he knew me mostly from my jobs as an investigative reporter," Lotto, who is 37, reasoned.

Better to acquaint the press with him, Lotto distributed reprints from the Dec. 22, 1956 edition of **EDITOR & PUBLISHER** in which his exploits, some of them resulting in journalism prizes, were detailed.

One of the incidents in which he expressed pride was participation in "bugging" a room occupied by Richard M. Nixon, then a U. S. Senator. Nixon had brought together for face-to-face confrontation, Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss. A hearing aid pressed against the closed door with the instruments volume tuned up, turned that trick, Lotto related.

The activities of Lotto and others in behalf of the Goldfine story prompted the House committee to competitive action. It engaged Raymond William Martin, 25, as an administrative assistant to answer press inquiries. Martin's background consists of studies at the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism and work for small Georgia newspapers and as a staff member in the office of Rep. John J. Flynt of Georgia.

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### The McCrary Story

John Reagan "Tex" McCrary, chairman of Tex McCrary, Inc., public relations, entered the Goldfine case as "a favor to a friend," he told E&P this week.

After setting strategy he considers successful, Mr. McCrary and Jerry Finkelstein, the PR firm's president, arranged for hiring two men to carry on, and the McCrary organization pulled out to return to the business of handling fee-paying clients. A fee offered by Goldfine's staff was declined.

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## Melodrama

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"I have no regrets," Mr. McCrary said of the episode that put his name on front pages. But he did ask to have emphasized that politics was not involved in his own or firm's entry into the bizarre affairs of the Boston textile man, his gifts to Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, and others in politics.

"I am a life-long Republican," he said. "Mr. Finkelstein is a life-long Democrat."

### Aims to Tell Whole Truth

"I feel strongly that no American likes a lynching, Mr. Goldfine's or anybody else's. The telling of the whole truth through the press was a restraining influence on a House committee that badly needed public relations counsel and which has finally hired a young man who today has the toughest job in the country."

The last reference was to Raymond William Martin, 25, hired by the Harris Committee.

"You have nothing to fear if you tell the whole truth to the press, because the press is ultimately fair," Mr. McCrary continued. "As professionals, we tried to tell the truth directly to the press, the public, and the committee, and in that order."

Mr. McCrary personally knows Roger Robb, Washington attorney, and member of Mr. Goldfine's legal staff. On June 26, Mr. Robb asked "Tex" for the loan of a man to help him on the case. William Safire, vicepresident of the McCrary office, was sent to Boston to dig up biographical material on Mr. Goldfine. From there he went to Washington to be joined by another staff man, George Britt, formerly of the *New York World-Telegram & Sun*. There, with Mr. McCrary, the strategy was set: (1) to keep the Harris committee off balance by careful timing of releases of filmed statements and testimony to pull the punch out of committee-planned headlines; (2) to stress the immigrant-boy-who-made-good theme by setting up personal interviews between Mr. Goldfine and top newsmen; (3) to track down and catch committee investigators suspected of "bugging" Goldfine and McCrary rooms in hotels.

### Counter-Intelligence

On July 2, Mr. Safire and Mr. Britt, with an attorney and news photographer, began the

counter-intelligence drive that involved large crawling, surveying suspected rooms, and standing in hotel corridors. It was the first of several efforts to catch the tappers that finally paid off on Sunday.

On Saturday the McCrary staff men had withdrawn to New York, after arranging for Mr. Robb to engage Jack Lotto, who once had worked for Mr. Finkelstein on the *Civil Service Leader* of New York, and Philip Brennan, an independent Washington PR counsel.

Mr. McCrary, a former newsman and editor, said he liked working with newspaper men. He related how he and Merri-man Smith, United Press International, broke the story on Mr. Goldfine's tax deductible gifts on Wednesday, July 2. Mr. McCrary and Mr. Robb had interviewed Mr. Goldfine. When they came out of his room, Mr. Smith was waiting. From Mr. Robb's notes, Mr. Smith composed a statement while Mr. McCrary typed. As soon as the typing was finished, Mr. Smith took one copy, Mr. McCrary the carbon. At 7:18 P.M. they both reached for telephones. Mr. Smith dictated his copy to UPI, Mr. McCrary to Associated Press.

Mr. McCrary began his career as copy boy for the old *New York World-Telegram*. Prior to World War II he was for six years editorial chief of the *New York Mirror*.

McCrary clients include Continental Baking Co., Cenco Instrument Co., New Haven Railroad, Waterman Pen, Fifth Avenue Coach Co., Continental Industries, U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corp., and the *New York Herald Tribune*. In the past months four new accounts have been added: Food Fair Stores, Hilton Hotels International, Universal Products, and Republic Aviation, Corp.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MAR 9 1972

TO:  FBI

FROM:

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

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Subject's Name: SAFIRE, William Lewis

Date of Birth 12/17/29 Place of Birth New York City

Present Address: 6200 Elmwood Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland

We request: Copy of Previous Report

Name Check

X Full Field Investigation update 1/17/69

The person name above is being considered for:

X White House Staff Position

Presidential Appointment

Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

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SF 87, Fingerprint Card

Biography

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REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO:

ENCLOSURE 161-5833-23

<b>Standard Form 86</b> AUGUST 1964 U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (F.P.M. CHAPTER 736) 56-107		<b>SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA FOR SENSITIVE POSITION</b>		CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS.</b> —Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.					
1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)".)		(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME) Safire, William		2. DATE OF BIRTH 12/17/29	
		OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)		3. PLACE OF BIRTH New York, N.Y.	
				4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
				5. HEIGHT	WEIGHT
				COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.)			
8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)					
FROM		TO		CITY	
1/69		present		6200 Elmwood Rd., Chevy Chase, Maryland	
9. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. DATE, PLACE, AND COURT CERT. NO. PETITION NO. <input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).					
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.		NATIVE COUNTRY		DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	
10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.) NAME OF SCHOOL ADDRESS FROM (Year) TO (Year) DEGREES					
11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)					
12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER					
13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)					
SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)		BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)		FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
161-5835-28					

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

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

WFO  
FROM TO NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) ADDRESS TYPE OF WORK REASON FOR LEAVING  
AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known) (Where employed)  
1/69 present U.S. Government The White House Special Assistant to the President

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
England, France, Italy,			
Germany, Belgium	2/69	2/69	Presidential trip
England, France, Italy	7/70	7/70	Vacation
Ireland	10/70	10/70	Presidential trip cont'd

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO. 28

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

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

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

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

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
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26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

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

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

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

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

#20: Bermuda 4/71 - 4/71 vacation  
Bermuda 12/71 - 12/71 Presidential trip

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

DATE:

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

CERTIFICATION

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

False statement on this form  
is punishable by law.

Feb. 15 1972  
(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

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

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

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

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

3-70-1972

☒ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527  
☐ Service Unit - Room 6524  
☒ Forward to F. [redacted]  
☒ Attention [redacted]  
☐ Return to [redacted] 1260 2557  
Supervisor Room Ext.

## Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☐ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☐ Main \_\_\_\_\_ References Only

## Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

MAR 13 1972

Subject SaFire, William  
 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Localities \_\_\_\_\_

R# \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/13 Searcher Initials 745

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Date 3/17/72

To: ☒ Director

BUFILE 161-5833\*

Att.: SPECIAL INQUIRY  
SECTION

FILE BAFILE 161-0-940

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_

Title WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_

SPI

☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_

BUDED: 3/24/72

☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ IC \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Dir. A/T WFO 3/10/72

☐ CC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION DESIRED**

☐ Acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Open Case \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Prepare lead cards \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Bring file \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Prepare tickler \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Call me \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Return assignment card \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Correct \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Return file \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Search and return \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deadline passed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See me \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Delinquent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Discontinue \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return

☐ Expedite \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ File \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Submit new charge out \_\_\_\_\_

☐ For information \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Initial & return \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Leads need attention \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

**FOLLOWING IS RESULT OF**

**CHECK OF INDICES FBI BALTIMORE**

☒ NO RECORD **re SAFIRE & spouse**

☐ NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION

☐ NO INFO. NOT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED

☐ NO IDENTICAL INFORMATION

☐ NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

SAC FBI, BALTIMORE

See reverse side

SAC THOMAS H. FARROW

Office BALTIMORE



Airtel

3/10/72

To: SACs, Washington Field (161-5270) - Enc. (5)  
New York (161-2728) - Enc.  
Baltimore - Enc.  
Alexandria - Enc.

From: Director, FBI (161-5833)

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 3/24/72

WILLIAM SAFIRE  
WILL L. SAFIRE

Bureau has been requested to bring up to date January, 1969, investigation of Safire, Special Assistant to the President. Born 12/17/29, New York City, and resides 6200 Elmwood Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Up-to-date background data attached.

New York will note that at time of previous investigation Safire was residing in New York City, where he was self-employed in public relations. He accepted current position in January, 1969.

For info Baltimore, wife is the former [redacted]  
and they have two minor children, [redacted]

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NOTE: Request received today from White House.

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RETURN TO MR. YOUNG, ROOM 1258.

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Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Miller, E.S.  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
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Date: 3/22/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-5833)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-RC) (RUC)

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 3/24/72

Re Bureau airtel dated 3/10/72.

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SA [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised on 3/21/72, that their files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning appointee and [ ]

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1 - Alexandria  
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ALEXANDRIA FILE WILL BE  
DESTROYED IN 90 DAYS

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3/24/72

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(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (161-5833)

From: SAC, WFO (161-5270) (RUC)

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference: Buairtel to WFO, dated 3/10/72

Details: at Washington, D.C.

① - Bureau (161-5833)  
1 - WFO (161-5270)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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EMPLOYMENT

White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on 3/20/72:

The files of the Personnel Office, WHO indicated the appointee WILLIAM L. SAFIRE received a presidential appointment (commissioned) on 1/21/69 as Special Assistant to the President and that he has been so employed to date. RAYMOND K. PRICE, JR., Special Assistant to the President, advised the appointee is one of the speech writers for the President. PRICE heads up the staff of speech writers for the President. PRICE described the appointee as a highly intelligent capable, competent person of great intellectual capacity. SAFIRE is one of the top speech writers for the President and is highly regarded by Mr. NIXON. SAFIRE is a dedicated discreet person. He has known the appointee socially, has taken numerous official White House trips with SAFIRE and considers him a personal friend. SAFIRE is a fine, decent person who is devoted to his wife and family. There is no question of the appointee's loyalty to the United States and PRICE highly recommends him.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN, Special Assistant to the President, advised he has worked closely with the appointee for the past approximately four years dating from the presidential campaign. Since coming to the White House in January, 1969, they are both assigned as speech writers for the President. Their offices are adjacent to each other. They have also accompanied each other on numerous White House trips. BUCHANAN has the highest respect for SAFIRE and considers him a very intelligent, capable, competent person who is completely dedicated to his position and the President. The appointee is an honorable, honest, trustworthy person whose personal habits are above reproach. SAFIRE is a devoted family man. BUCHANAN considers the appointee a loyal American citizen and favorably recommends him.

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DWIGHT L. CHAPIN, Deputy Assistant to the President, advised he first became acquainted with the appointee during the presidential campaign and has worked continually with him to date. He has had social contact with SAFIRE and in this respect has found him a decent, respectable person. He described SAFIRE as an industrious, knowledgeable, productive staff member. His comments are completely favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. *Handwritten: 1 n 2*

The following White House personnel gave substantially the same information as set out in the interviews above. They all consider the appointee to be a highly motivated, intelligent, brilliant, energetic, charming and moral person;

GEORGE T. BELL, Special Assistant to the President  
[redacted], Staff Assistant

ROBERT J. BROWN, Special Assistant to the President  
[redacted], Chief Receptionist

CHARLES W. COLSON, Special Counsel to the President  
[redacted], Administrative Officer  
[redacted], Staff Assistant

FREDERIC V. MALEK, Special Assistant to the President

NOBLE M. MELENCAMP, Chief Executive Clerk

WALTER R. TKACH, Brigadier General, U. S. Air Force,  
Personal Physician to the President

[redacted], Personal Secretary to the President

HERBERT G. KLEIN, Director of Communications for the Executive Branch

[redacted], Secretary  
[redacted], Personnel Officer

JOHN C. WHITAKER, Deputy, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs

HARRY S. DENT, Special Counsel to the President

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RESIDENCE

6200 Elmwood Road,  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

On March 23, 1972, Special Agent [ ] conducted the following investigation in the above-captioned neighborhood:

[ ] employed as a Houseman at this address, stated that the appointee, WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE and family, which consists of his wife, [ ] and two small children, ages from about two to six years of age, moved to the above-captioned address about January, 1969, and they have been living here since. He has met both the appointee and his wife and stated that they have impressed him favorably. They are good neighbors. They are considerate, responsible, dependable, and cooperative. He has no reason to question their character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States. He has no reason not to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[ ] Chevy Chase, Maryland, stated that the appointee and his wife moved into the neighborhood at the above-captioned address in January, 1969 and that they are living there at the present time. She knows them casually only. They have impressed her as good neighbors. They maintain their property in excellent condition, have caused no problems in the neighborhood, are personable, intelligent, and responsible. She vouched for the appointee's character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the United States. She recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[ ] stated she moved to this address nine months ago and that the appointee and family were already living in the neighborhood. She stated that their yards are adjacent to one another, even though they live on different streets. She met the appointee on one occasion. Her association with the appointee and his family has been very casual. She has had no reason to question their character, reputation, associates, or loyalty to the United States. She has no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[REDACTED] has met both the appointee and his wife when they moved into the neighborhood in 1969. They have been neighbors since. Her relationship with them has been very casual. She stated that the appointee has many parties and feels that this is because of the political position that he holds with the White House. She stated that they have caused no problem and that there has been no reason for her to question his character, reputation, associates, or loyalty to the United States. She has no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on March 15, 1972, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee.

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On March 15, 1972, SC [ ] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning [ ] and the following record was contained concerning WILLIAM L. SAFIRE, DOB: 12/17/29:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
4/12/69	Passing through red light	Forfeited \$10.00

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On March 15, 1972, SC [ ] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record was found concerning the appointee or his spouse.

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On March 15, 1972, SC [ ] searched the files of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, and no identifiable record was located concerning the appointee or his spouse.



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MISCELLANEOUS

SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on March 21, 1972, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

On March 16, 1972, SC [ ] caused a search to be made on the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that no identifiable record was found concerning the appointee.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed on March 20, 1972, by SC [ ] disclosed that WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE was issued Diplomatic Passport Number X-050249 on February 20, 1969, at Washington, D.C., for proposed travel to all countries on official business as need be for such travel, for the White House. The appointee listed his birth date as December 17, 1929, as New York, New York, and his birth certificate in the name of WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIR was seen by passport authorities. The above is all the information in the file since it was last reviewed on January 10, 1969.

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On March 20, 1972, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury and was advised that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

On March 16, 1972, SA [ ] reviewed Registration File #1189 at the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice. It disclosed no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 25 1972

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Date: 3/24/72

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Via NITEL FACSIMILE  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-5833)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2728)  
WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:  
MARCH TWENTY FOURTH, SEVENTY TWO.

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO, DATED MARCH TENTH,  
SEVENTY TWO.

EMPLOYMENT

SAFIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS  
THREE SEVEN FIVE PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

A CHECK OF THE CURRENT TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES SHOWS  
NO LISTING FOR ABOVE EMPLOYMENT. *Goldman, Sachs & Co.*

ON MARCH TWENTY SECOND, SEVENTY TWO,

*[Redacted]* GOLDMAN SACHS COMPANY, FIFTY FIVE BROADWAY, NEW YORK,  
NEW YORK AND A LISTED ASSOCIATE IN SIXTY NINE, ADVISED APPOINTEE  
WAS PRESIDENT OF CAPTIONED PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM UNTIL HE  
BECAME ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT NIXON IN JANUARY, SIXTY NINE.

STATED ABOVE FIRM IS NOW DISBANDED. ADVISED STILL MAINTAINS  
CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE AND STILL CONSIDERS APPOINTEE AS  
INDIVIDUAL OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND HONESTY. VOUCHER FOR  
CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND RECOMMENDED

HIGHLY

Chief Clerk:

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Date:

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NEIGHBORHOODONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

ON MARCH TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTY TWO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CAPTIONED ADDRESS, ADVISED APPOINTEE AND FAMILY LIVED THERE UNTIL JANUARY OF NINETEEN SIXTY NINE. STATED FAMILY MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WHEN APPOINTEE BECAME ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT NIXON. ADVISED APPOINTEE WELL REGARDED BY TENANTS AND VOUCHERED FOR CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. RECOMMENDED.

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ON MARCH TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTY TWO, [REDACTED] RESIDENT AT CAPTIONED ADDRESS, AND [REDACTED] ALSO RESIDENT AT CAPTIONED ADDRESS, VOUCHERED FOR APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND RECOMMENDED HIGHLY.

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ON MARCH TWENTY, SEVENTY TWO, [REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,

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ADVISED SC [REDACTED] THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD A SATISFACTORY  
CREDIT RATING.

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ON MARCH TWENTY FIRST, SEVENTY TWO, SA AUGUST J. MICEK  
CAUSED THE RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TO BE CHECKED BY DEPUTY INSPECTOR [REDACTED] BUREAU OF  
CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION; [REDACTED] PATROLMAN [REDACTED] INFORMATION  
UNIT; AND LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] OLD RECORD ROOM. THEY  
ADVISED THAT THEY COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR THE APPOINTEE OR  
HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.

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ON MARCH TWENTY SECOND, SEVENTY TWO, DEPUTY INSPECTOR  
[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
COUNTY OF NASSAU, MINEROLA, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE COULD  
LOCATE NO RECORD [REDACTED]

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ON MARCH TWENTY FIRST, SEVENTY TWO, DEPUTY INSPECTOR  
[REDACTED] SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIONS SECTION,  
NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SA MICEK THAT HE COULD

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LOCATE NO RECORD FOR THE APPOINTEE OR HIS FAMILY.

ON MARCH TWENTY SECOND, SEVENTY TWO, LIEUTENANT

[REDACTED]  
NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] APPOINTEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS.

ON MARCH TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTY TWO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR APARTMENT COMPLEX LOCATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED

[REDACTED] AT THAT ADDRESS AND ENJOYS EXCELLENT

REPUTATION.

ON MARCH TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTY TWO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT APARTMENT HOUSE LOCATED ONE ONE SIX ZERO THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED APPOINTEE'S MOTHER, IDA, SAFIR,  
RESIDES AT THAT ADDRESS AND ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION.

ON MARCH TWENTY SECOND, SEVENTY TWO, A REVIEW OF  
FILES AT MORGUE, NEW YORK TIMES, NEW YORK, NEW YORK BY

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CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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1 - Mrs. [redacted]  
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1 - Mr. Martin  
1 - Mr. Mc Inerney

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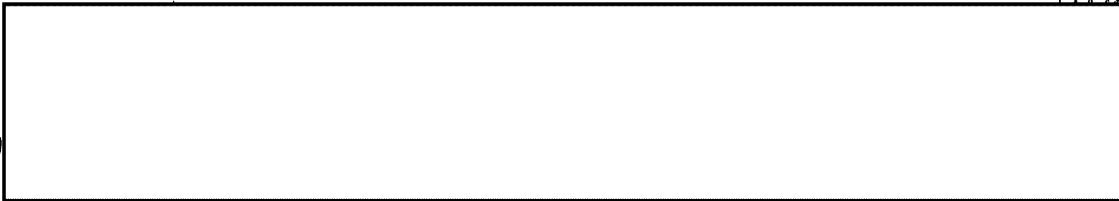
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Dear Mr. Butterfield:

In accordance with a request received from you on March 10, 1972, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. William Lewis Safire. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Safire in 1969, the results of which have been previously furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers Mr. Safire's activities since January, 1969.



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Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Request received from White House 3/10/72 to update 1969 investigation of Safire, aged 42, who is a Special Assistant to the President (speech writer). Minor traffic citation against Safire in 1969. Investigations otherwise favorable and complete.

ADD. ENCLOSURE

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WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE

*Summary*

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

Mr. Safire was born on December 17, 1929, in New York City as William Lewis Safir. He has used the name of William Lewis Safire since 1955. An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Safire in 1969. The information in this summary memorandum covers the period since January, 1969.

#### Employment

Mr. Safire continued to serve as President of Safire Public Relations, Incorporated, New York City, until January 21, 1969, when he received an appointment as Special Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C., the position he presently holds.

#### Marital Status

Mr. Safire resides with his wife, the former [redacted] and their two children, [redacted] at 6200 Elmwood Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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#### Interviews

Raymond K. Price, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Safire as a speech writer for the President since January, 1969. He said he has also known him on a social basis and described him as a highly intelligent, capable, and competent individual. He said Mr. Safire is one of the top speech writers for President Richard M. Nixon and is highly regarded by the President.

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William Lewis Safire

He advised that there is no question concerning Mr. Safire's character, loyalty, associates, or reputation, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

Patrick J. Buchanan, Special Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., advised that he has been closely associated with Mr. Safire for approximately four years. He described him as a very intelligent, capable, and competent individual. He said Mr. Safire is a reputable, honest, and trustworthy person whose character, associates, and loyalty are above reproach. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Dwight L. Chapin, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Safire on a social and professional basis for approximately four years. He described him as an industrious, knowledgeable, productive, and stable person. He commented favorably concerning Mr. Safire's character, reputation, loyalty, and associates, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

[REDACTED] Goldman, Sachs and Company, investment bankers, New York City, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Safire since their youth, as he mentioned when previously interviewed concerning Mr. Safire. He said he still maintains contact with Mr. Safire and considers him to be an honest individual. He commented favorably concerning Mr. Safire's character, reputation, loyalty, and associates, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Twenty-three additional individuals, consisting of acquaintances, associates, co-workers, and neighbors, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning Mr. Safire's ability, associates, character, loyalty, and reputation. He was described as an intelligent, considerate, dependable, cooperative, and highly motivated individual. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government. Persons acquainted with his close relatives stated they are reputable individuals.

### Close Relatives

**Mother**

**Brother**

Brother

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William Lewis Safire

Agency Checks

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

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; House Committee on Internal Security; Central Intelligence Agency; United States Secret Service; and The White House Office.

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

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