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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Investigative  
Services

May 29, 2015

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in further reference to your October 15, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for information regarding Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. The FBI forwarded documents that originated with the Civil Service Commission for our review and release to you. We sent you an interim response on May 19, 2015.

The enclosed documents have been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA. We have deleted information that is exempt from disclosure pursuant to title 5, United States Code, sections 552(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(D). Sections (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) exempt information that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption (b)(7)(D) applies to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source.

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If you have any questions regarding this response, contact the Freedom of Information Privacy Act office at 724-794-5612, extension 7000. Please reference tracking number 2015-02590.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Watters", is written over a horizontal line.

Charles D. Watters  
Chief, Records Dissemination

Enclosures

**FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT USE ONLY**  
**UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

<b>NAME</b> <b>ALAN BARTLETT SHEPARD, JR.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b> <b>1600 Holcombe Boulevard</b> <b>Houston, Texas</b>
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> <b>November 18, 1923</b>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> <b>East Derry, New Hampshire</b>
<b>POSITION</b> <b>Astronaut</b>	<b>AGENCY</b> <b>NASA</b>
<b>TYPE OF CASE</b> <b>Full Field</b>	<b>CSC CASE SERIAL NO.</b> <b>6.22.67.6 174</b>
<b>PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b>  <b>Langley Air Force Base, Virginia</b>	<b>PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH</b>  <b>Hampton, Virginia</b>
<b>DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b> <b>January 3,4,5,6, 1967</b>	<b>NAME OF INVESTIGATOR</b> <b>Paul I. Miller</b>

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The testimony of all witnesses is given in substance unless indicated by quotation marks.

**SYNOPSIS**

Period covered: March, 1959 to June, 1962. No derogatory information developed. Local police reported one minor traffic violation. Credit Bureau reported no record. Date and place of birth, not corroborated.

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA**

**Employment**

**(b)(7)(D)**

Building 1219.

Langley Research Center, NASA,

I first met Alan Shepard back in February, 1959 when I was a member of

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a panel which interviewed Alan prior to his selection as an Astronaut in our space program. He was one of the final selectees and was actually hired in the latter part of March, 1959. Although he worked with our agency, he was actually in the United States Navy where he serves as a Career Officer. I do not know his rank. He was on detached duty from the Navy to serve with NASA in the space program. (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D) Project Mercury and the Space Task Group and Alan and the other astronauts were assigned directly to the Director's office. In this regard, (b)(7)(D) In his work here at Langley Field, his job was to take various education background and training courses for a future space flight. Also, he was assigned to a specific research and technical area as were the other astronauts. I believe that he was working primarily in flight operations. I did not know him well socially, however I did attend several official functions and office parties which he was in attendance. Alan made the first flight in the Mercury Program when he went on his sub-orbital flight in 1961. He has not gone on any other flights since that time. He was well regarded when he was here at NASA for he is a very dedicated person to the space program and he also is very conscientious in his work. He is a highly competent person on technical areas as well as on a professional standpoint in dealing with others. He has an excellent personality and has no difficulty meeting and dealing with others. He is a very popular person.

He was transferred, along with the other astronauts to the Manned Spacecraft Center at Houston, Texas in June, 1962 when the Space Task Group was transferred there. I know that the astronauts were the last group that actually went to Houston. I have not seen Alan since his transfer, however I have kept up with his activities in my contacts with the people in Houston. I do not know of anyone currently here at Langley Field who would know him very well since his closest associates are in Houston.

I do not know too much about Alan's background except that he is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and that he has an impressive Navy flight record. He was very active in the testing of high speed aircraft back in the middle and late 1950's prior to his selection to the astronaut program. He is married and has two children. I met his wife, but I do not know her name. They resided in Virginia Beach, Virginia when they were here. Alan is a person who enjoyed a very good reputation when he was here. His integrity is certainly above and beyond all reproach and I feel that he is an honest person who is completely trustworthy. He is neat and clean in his personal appearance and has no objectionable personal habits. (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Since he is one of the original astronauts and has made a space flight, he is naturally a popular person

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**(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)**

I personally feel that he is a good family man and know nothing adverse concerning him.

He associated primarily with the other astronauts who were definitely of high reputation. I do not know of any organizations to which he belongs. He was interested in all types of activities. He was interested in scuba diving, driving sport cars and other strenuous and active sports. His health was extremely good and he is emotionally stable and well adjusted. I understand that he did injure his ear while training in a jungle in Central America two or three years ago. I understand that his ear problem has resulted in his being grounded for future space flights.

I would have no question concerning his loyalty to the United States. I would very definitely recommend Alan for a position involving the security of our nation.

**(b)(7)(D)** Lunar Orbiter Project Office, NASA, Langley Research Center, Building 1192.

I first met Alan Shepard back in March, 1959 when he first came to work here with the NASA in the Space Task Group as one of our original seven astronauts. He was assigned directly to the Director's office. **(b)(7)(D)** the Flight Control Branch of Flight Operations Division and had the responsibility of the astronauts **(b)(7)(D)** I had nearly day to day contact with him when he was here. He spent a great deal of his time on travel visiting Cape Kennedy and many of the contractor's plants across the country. I knew him only slightly on a social basis and that would have been at office parties and other gatherings. Alan was the first person to actually go into space under our space program when back in 1961 he went on a sub-orbital flight. He has not gone on any other flights since that time. He remained here with the other original astronauts until June, 1962 when the Space Task Group was transferred to Houston, Texas to the Manned Spacecraft Center. I elected to remain here. I have had only brief contact with Alan since that time. I have seen him on my visits to Houston and I last saw him about one or two months ago at Cape Kennedy.

He is married and has at least one child and he lived in this general area when he worked here at Langley.

He is originally from somewhere in New England and he is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He has been in the Navy for most

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of his adult life. He is only on detached service from the Navy at this time. I do not know his rank. He has a distinguished career in the Navy in the field of flight testing of high speed aircraft. He also has a very commendable combat record. He is a highly proficient individual and good on a technical basis. He is one who gets along with other people and is on the outgoing side. He has a very even temper and good disposition.

I do not know of anything that would be considered derogatory or detrimental regarding his character, personal habits, morals or sobriety. In my opinion he is a high type person in every respect. He seemed to be able to live through the period when he was a nationwide celebrity and took all of his plaudits in a modest manner. I do not know much about his current activities in Houston, but however I last heard that he was engaged in the management of the astronaut training program in Houston. I do not know any of his personal friends except some of the other astronauts who were here then. I do not know of his organization affiliations nor spare time activities. I never heard of him being arrested or involved in any sort of trouble. His health was always excellent and he is emotionally stable, well balanced and mature.

I consider Alan to be a loyal citizen of the United States and I would recommend him for a position involving the security of our nation.

(b)(7)(D) Flight Reentry Programs  
Office, NASA, Langley Research Center, Building 584.

I know Alan Shepard for a period of approximately three years during the time that he was assigned here at Langley Field as an astronaut with the Space Task Group of this agency. As I recall, he came here in the early spring of 1959 and remained until the Space Task Group transferred to Houston, Texas in the late spring of 1962. Alan was in the United States Navy where he had been a career man and he was on a leave of absence from that service to be an astronaut in the space program. He was assigned directly to the Director's office of the Space Task Group. (b)(7)(D) in the Flight Operations Branch and was responsible for the training of he and the other six astronauts. We arranged for all of their training in the various technical fields. I did not know Alan off the job.

So far as I could determine, he did a very outstanding job when he was here and he was well respected by his supervisors and fellow workers. During the time that he was here he made this country's first sub-orbital flight in the Mercury spacecraft. He has not made any flights since then. I last saw him at Cape Kennedy about one or two years ago but have had no further work contact with him.

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I consider Alan to be a person of extremely good character, personal habits and moral conduct. There is no indication that he makes use of intoxicants. I consider him to be honest and of high integrity and never heard of anything that would be considered adverse regarding his character. He is a very affable person and has the knack of getting along with other people. He was well liked by everyone. I never heard of him being arrested. He associated primarily with his fellow astronauts and some of the medical staff who worked very closely with him and the others. I do not know of any organizations to which he belonged. I do not know where he lives although he is married and has children. He had no health difficulties during the time that I knew him and he is emotionally stable and well adjusted. In my opinion he is an overall outstanding individual. I believe that he is the type of person that does live within his means and pays his bills.

I believe that Alan Shepard is a loyal citizen of the United States and I would recommend him for a position involving the security of our nation.

**INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE:** NASA, Langley Research Center Personnel and Security Offices maintain no record of subject's period of employment at Langley Field since he was in the military service. Three additional Research Center employees were contacted, however, they only had a passive knowledge of the subject and could not furnish any information regarding him. Efforts to locate others having knowledge of the subject were unsuccessful.

#### Criminal and Credit Record

4500TH AIR POLICE SQUADRON, Air Police Operations, United States Air Force, Building 112. Criminal files furnished by (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D)

No record.

HAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, Public Safety Building, Hampton, Virginia. (covers area immediately around Langley Air Force Base, Virginia). Criminal files furnished by (b)(7)(D)

Our files reflect that Alan Bartlett Shepard, born in November, 1923, address-380 Brandon Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, employed-United States Navy, was arrested on October 19, 1960 and charged with speeding 74 miles per hour in a 60 mile per hour zone. The charge was dismissed on December 16, 1960. The file reflects no further arrests.

CREDIT BUREAU OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, 5 East Queen Street, Hampton, Virginia. (Covers area immediately around Langley Air Force Base, Virginia).

Credit files searched by (b)(7)(D)

No record.

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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

<b>NAME</b> ALAN BARTLETT SHEPARD, JR.	<b>ADDRESS</b> 1600 Holcombe Boulevard Houston, Texas
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> November 18, 1923	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> East Derry, New Hampshire
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>AGENCY</b> NASA - Houston, Texas
<b>TYPE OF CASE</b> Full Field	<b>CSC CASE SERIAL NO.</b> 6.22.67.6174
<b>PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b> Houston, Friendswood, Baytown, Clear Lake, Nassau Bay, Texas	<b>PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH</b> Ellington Air Force Base, Texas
<b>DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b> January 3, 4, 5, 1967	<b>NAME OF INVESTIGATOR</b> Charles H. Boggs, Jr.

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**SYNOPSIS**

Period covered: February, 1959 to the present. Hearsay testimony of two witnesses reflect (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Criminal records were negative. Credit records were favorable. Date and place of birth was corroborated.

**CLEAR LAKE, TEXAS**

Employment

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, Manned Spacecraft Center,  
Personnel Security Section, Building 345, ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE.  
Record furnished by (b)(7)(D)

— The security card on Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. reflects that he was born

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November 18, 1923 in East Derry, New Hampshire, and his Social Security Number is listed as (b)(6) (b)(7)(C). It shows he is a commander in the United States Navy, and assigned as an Astronaut to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The card reflects that he received a top secret security clearance on July 24, 1958 based on an NAC plus ten years active duty completed October 31, 1952. The agency further states its security file contains no other pertinent information.

(b)(7)(D)

Building 2, Manned Spacecraft Center, Resident in [redacted] Texas.

I first met Al Shepard in 1959 when we, (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D)

Since that time, we have had a very close and warm relationship in not only the forming of our program, but also socially. Since about 1962, I have been (b)(7)(D) as far as administrative procedures go, but we still work on pretty much of an even plane as far as policies and procedures for the actual flight are concerned. During our early days in the program, there was a great deal of discussion, and give and take on ideas as to how to promulgate our program, and in that period of time, I developed the opinion of Al Shepard that he is an extremely able man, technically, and creatively. Al was chosen to make the first actual sub-orbital flight in the Mercury Program, and he did an excellent job. He has been grounded from space flights for the last few years due to an inner ear problem which cannot be controlled and occurs periodically. Except for this physical problem, he would have flown in our Gemini Program as well. For the last couple of years, he has been chief of the Astronaut Office, and as such, has had administrative responsibilities for the other astronauts. He is extremely confident in management procedures, and is a very intelligent, likable individual.

Al has always shown a great deal of patience and dedication to his program. He has always used good judgment, and has been accurate in his estimates of problems, and has the respect and enjoys the liking of the other astronauts and the people with whom he deals.

Al is an honest individual of average moral character and conduct. He has never been in any trouble, has always been discreet, and he and his wife, Louise, enjoy a warm and satisfactory relationship. They have two children, and they, the daughters, are away in school in St. Louis, and for this reason, Al and his wife have been residing, ever since we came to Houston in 1962, in the Mayfair Apartments over on Holcombe Boulevard in Houston. We go to their apartment quite often when Al and I both are in town, and see a great deal of Alan and his wife. Louise's niece is living with them, and they seem to have the respect of the people in the apartment house that I have met. Alan uses intoxicants very little, becomes even more close-mouthed when he has had a couple of drinks, and to

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my knowledge, has never had an alcohol problem. He does not gamble, use narcotics or drugs, nor is he sexually perverted or promiscuous. He is fairly active in a couple of local banks, but this work is done on his own time, evenings and week-ends, when he is not working on our program. There has never been any conflict of time or interest on his part; his first interest is his work here at NASA. A lot of our association together has been on trips to various parts of the country, and the world, and he has always handled himself as a gentleman and a good representative of the United States and of the space program. He has a great deal of integrity, has a great deal of drive and initiative, and is one of our better astronauts. He used to play golf a great deal, but has not had a lot of time for it in the last couple of years. He has no organizational affiliation outside of professional or business organizations, and he associates only with people of good character and reputations.

Alan Shepard has never been in any trouble with law enforcement agencies, nor in any financial difficulties. I consider him to be a dedicated, loyal, American citizen, and I will recommend him for a position of security responsibility.

(b)(7)(D)

Building 2, Manned Spacecraft Center, Resident at

(b)(7)(D)

Texas.

I first met Alan Shepard in approximately April of 1959, when the space task group was forming at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. From 1960 until 1962, we had a very close and continued working relationship on the Mercury Program. Since that time, we have not had a great deal of contact, but we do work closely together when we have a mutual concern for a flight. I have found him to be a very dedicated, very intense individual. He has been grounded from flying for the last few years because of an inner ear disease or condition which is unpredictable in its occurrences. It causes dizziness and nausea, and he is not able to fly by himself. If it had not been for this problem, he would have flown on the Gemini Project, just as he flew the first sub-orbital mission of the project. He is extremely competent, well-liked, and highly efficient.

I have always found Alan Shepard to be an honest individual of good moral character and conduct. He does not use intoxicants excessively, gamble or use narcotics. He is emotionally stable and in good physical and mental health, except for that ear problem I previously mentioned. He is quite active in business circles, I believe he is a board director of a local bank, but outside of this most of his time is spent in the space program, extremely long hours, very extensive travel, and I sometimes think he is too wrapped up in it, but he is very intense, as I have said, and his wife Louise understands this, and there is a good relationship with the family. He has two daughters who are away at school most of the time, and

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Alan and his wife, Louise, reside in an apartment in Houston rather than living in a home down here in the NASA area. He belongs to several professional and business organizations, but I know of no other affiliations. He associates with people of good character and reputation, has never been in trouble with any law enforcement agencies, nor in any financial difficulties.

I consider Alan Shepard to be a loyal American citizen, completely trustworthy, and dedicated to the American way of life. I do recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

(b)(7)(D)

I first became associated with Alan Shepard in April of 1959 when the space task group was forming at Langley Field, Virginia. I was (b)(7)(D) for the task group, and as such, had a great deal of contact during the early formation of the program, and as it was a rather informal beginning, everyone pitched in and did what they could to help form the group. I worked extremely close with Alan Shepard during the entire Mercury program, and up until October of 1963, when I transferred back to Washington. I was with him a great deal of time. (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D)  
(b)(7)(D) I have had quite a bit of contact with him since, but all of it has been unofficial. Al was accepted almost immediately as the leader of the group, and during the formation of the program, his abilities and qualities proved invaluable.

I've always considered Al Shepard to be an honest individual of extremely high moral character and conduct. He does not use intoxicants excessively, gamble or use narcotics. He and his wife, Louise, and two daughters enjoy a very close and warm family relationship. Louise's niece is also living with the Shepards. Al is an emotionally stable person in good physical and mental health. He has had an inner ear problem which caused his grounding from space flights, but outside of this is in excellent condition. His organizational affiliations are limited to professional and business organizations, and his associates are people of good character and reputation. As far as I know, he has never been in any trouble with law enforcement agencies, and certainly in no financial difficulties. He is a loyal American citizen, and I will recommend him for a position requiring security responsibilities.

(b)(7)(D)

Building 4, Manned Spacecraft Center.

I first met Alan Shepard early in 1959 when we were forming the space task

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group at Langley Field, Virginia. We worked there at Langley until we moved here to Houston in 1962, and all during this period of time, Al and I have worked very closely together, and we have had a great deal of social contact as well. Al flew the first space shot, and did an extremely good job, and had he not developed an inner ear problem which caused his grounding, he would have flown on the Gemini Program as well. He has been my immediate supervisor for approximately three years; this is more administrative than actual, and I've had an extremely close and warm working relationship with him, as well as an admiration for him as a person. I have always felt confident when he has been in control of any project, and he has inspired myself and the other astronauts to put out to the best of our abilities.

Al Shepard has always been an honest individual. His moral character and conduct is good, and he is emotionally stable, and except for an inner ear problem, he is in good physical and mental condition. He and his wife, Louise, and their daughters enjoy a very close and warm family relationship, and except for the great amount of time that Al devotes to the space program, his other interests lie in a bank of which he is a director, and several financial projects the original seven astronauts have in common. I have been with Al on a great many trips to various parts of the country and the world, and he has always conducted himself as a perfect gentleman and has been a good representative for the United States. He is very personable, makes friends easily, and has no difficulty in expressing himself. He has belonged and does belong to several business and professional organizations, but has no other organizational affiliations to my knowledge. He has never been in trouble with any law enforcement agencies nor had any financial difficulties.

I consider Al Shepard to be a loyal American citizen, and I will recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

(b)(7)(D)

Building 4, Manned Spacecraft Center.

My first association with Al Shepard was in 1957 when he was my test pilot instructor at the test pilot school in Maryland. He was an instructor there for the six months that I was in training, and I had known of him and his accomplishments prior to that time, and from the end of my training there until (b)(7)(D) 1963,

I knew of him only by reputation. When I got into the program, he, of course, was an "old hand" at this sort of business, and he trained me and

(b)(7)(D)

I have always considered Al to be an outstanding individual, both as a pilot, and as a person. We have had quite a bit of social contact as well as business contact in the last three years, and I have formed a warm regard for him. He is chief of the astronaut office, and as such is my superior, and I have a complete confidence in his abilities and his character.

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He is honest, of good moral character and conduct, and with a great deal of personal and professional integrity. He does not drink excessively, gamble or use narcotics. He is emotionally stable, and except for an inner ear problem which has grounded him, he is in good physical health as well as good mental condition. He is a man of extremely good judgment, very intelligent, and certainly would not be a security risk as far as I am concerned. When I first came here, to Houston, he and I discussed the advantages of apartment living, and he said that he and his wife, Louise, and their two daughters who are away in (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) at school nine months of the year, felt that it was more intelligent for them to live in the Mayfair Apartments in Houston rather than to purchase a home here in the NASA area. Al and his wife Louise enjoy a very warm and close family relationship; Al knows and associates with people of good character and reputation, and as far as I know, he has never been in any trouble with law enforcement agencies or any financial difficulties. He belongs to professional and business organizations, but has no other affiliation. He puts a great deal of time into this program, more than some of the rest of us, and he is devoted to it.

I consider him to be a loyal American citizen, and I will recommend Alan Shepard for a position of responsibility with the Federal Government.

(b)(7)(D)

Building 4, Manned Spacecraft Center.

I first met Al Shepard in February of 1959, when the selection was going on for the original seven astronauts. I had quite a bit of contact with him during the original selection, and except for a period of about eight months from that time until October, 1962 (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D) I had contact with him off and on on a professional basis. Since October of 1962, I've had a very close and continuing relationship with him, and he has been my superior for approximately the last three years in his position as chief of the astronaut office. I have (b)(7)(D) I have gone on trips with him, have lived four weeks on end with him, and I have complete confidence in his abilities, and in his desires to do a great job for the United States. Al is highly respected and well-liked by everyone in his field of endeavor, and he has gained a wider range of acquaintances in that he is in the banking business here in the local Houston area, and has met a great many people who are very influential in the community, and are of good reputation and character. I feel that Al is a very highly desirable person, and in all my contacts with him, I have nothing but the highest regard for him.

Al is an honest individual of good moral character and conduct. I would

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(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

He and his wife, Louise, enjoy a very close and warm family relationship, and there has never been any problem here. If, for any reason, a situation arose where Al found himself being blackmailed or coerced into giving out any classified or vital information, he would be the first to let the security people know about this. We are all human, and subject to human frailties occasionally, but I do believe he is the best of the lot.

Al does not drink excessively, gamble, use narcotics, or show any perverted tendencies. He is emotionally stable, and in good physical and mental health except for an inner ear problem which has grounded him for the last few years. He was the pilot for the first sub-orbital shot in the Mercury Program, and I believe this speaks for his abilities and his own accomplishments. He belongs to professional and to business organizations, but has no other affiliations to my knowledge. He enjoys golf occasionally, does not have a great deal of time for it any longer, but in addition goes to the sporting events in town when he is here. He associates with reputable people, has never been in any trouble with law enforcement agencies, and has never been in any financial difficulties.

I consider Al Shepard to be a completely loyal American citizen, and I would recommend him for a position requiring security responsibilities.

(b)(7)(D)

Building 4, Manned Spacecraft Center.

My first association, other than newspapers, with Al Shepard was in June of 1962, (b)(7)(D)

In October of 1962, (b)(7)(D) and since that time, I have been very closely associated with him. He has been chief of the astronaut office since 1963, and as such, has been my boss. He directed

(b)(7)(D) and I had complete confidence in this man as he is a very competent, forthright, intelligent, honest individual. In our work, there are weeks on end when we live, work, play, sleep and eat together. We get to know each other quite well, and I can safely say in all sincerity that Al Shepard would never be a security risk. He has too much dedication to the United States, to our space program, and to himself, to ever get into a position where he would compromise any information. He is completely honest, of good moral character and conduct. He does not drink excessively, gamble or use narcotics. He is emotionally stable, in good physical and mental health, except for an ear problem which has grounded him recently. He belongs to several professional and business organizations locally, but outside of this has no other affiliations.

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He associates with reputable people, and has never been in any trouble with law enforcement agencies, nor in any financial difficulty.

I consider Alan Shepard to be a loyal American citizen, and I will recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

#### Criminal Record

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, (has jurisdiction over Clear Lake, Texas), Identification Bureau, Criminal Courts Building, HOUSTON, TEXAS. Records searched by (b)(7)(D)

No record.

#### HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### Residence

MAYFAIR APARTMENTS, Rental Office, 1600 Holcombe Boulevard. Record furnished by (b)(7)(D)

Our lease records reflect that Alan B. Shepard rented an apartment in this building May 3, 1962, and has resided here continuously to the present. The lease reflects a wife's name as Louise. There is no additional information on our rental record.

(b)(7)(D) Mayfair Apartments, 1600 Holcombe Boulevard.

I have known the Shepards ever since they moved into the building in 1962, I have the highest regard and respect for this family. He is a very fine gentleman, very gracious, friendly, never causing any problem or disturbances here in the apartments. He is an extremely steady individual; when he is in town he leaves for work early and comes home late, and he and his wife, Louise, seem to enjoy a very warm and close family relationship. They have not had a great deal of time to associate with people in the apartments because Mr. Shepard, of course, is gone a great deal of time, and when he is in town, he is busy, doing work for NASA. Louise is very active in several civic organizations in town, and she is a most charming and lovely person. There are three children living with them, two daughters of their own, and Mrs. Shepard's niece who resides with them. The girls attend school at (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and are here only during the summer vacations, and during the holidays. I have had no social contact with Alan Shepard, but from what I have observed in the four years that he has resided here, I have found him to be an exceptionally fine man, and I certainly have no reason to question any of his personal habits, characteristics or activities. I consider him to be a loyal American citizen, and I do recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

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Mayfair Apartment, 1600 Holcombe Boulevard.

I have known Mr. Alan Shepard, his wife, Louise, their two daughters, and the niece that is residing with them ever since Mr. Shepard rented an apartment in this building. I, of course, have had no social contact with him but I have observed his activities, his coming and going, who his friends are, and how he handles himself in public. I have found him to be a most gracious individual, and to be very warm and friendly. In his position as an astronaut, he is, of course, quite a celebrity, but he certainly does not act the part. He is genuinely sincere in his dealings with the staff here in the building, and is our most respected and well-liked tenant. He appears to be a very intelligent, extremely dedicated man, very mature for his age. He has not had any time for any close social acquaintances here in the building; most of his visitors are other astronauts and their families, business acquaintances in his banking business here locally, but very few times does he associate with people in the building. This is not because he is not friendly and gracious towards them, it is just that there is very little in common between these people, most of whom are independently wealthy, and retired, or do not hold a normal eight to five type job. He and his wife enjoy a very warm and close family relationship, and there has certainly been no trouble from them here in the apartment. The girls are away at school most of the years.

I certainly have no reason to question any of Alan Shepard's personal habits, characteristics or activities; I know nothing of a derogatory or adverse nature. I consider him to be a fine example of American man, and I certainly will recommend him as a loyal American citizen, for a position of security responsibility.

(b)(7)(D)

Holcombe Boulevard.

Mayfair Apartments, 1600

I have known the Alan Shepards since they moved into this apartment house in 1962. They are a very fine family, highly respected here in the apartment, and have certainly caused no trouble or disturbances. They entertain very little; when they do entertain, I cater for them, and most of their entertaining is family or other astronauts who visit them. They occasionally entertain a business associate of Mr. Shepard's and Louise Shepard sometimes entertains during civic club functions in her apartment. They have two daughters plus Mrs. Shepard's niece who reside with them, but who spend most of the year away at school in (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Mr. Shepard is away a great deal of the time due to his work at NASA, but when he is here, he has always proven to be a very fine gentleman, very gracious, and most considerate. I, of course, have had no social contact with them, but from what I have observed and heard, I have no reason to question any

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of Mr. Shepard's personal habits, characteristics or activities. They do not associate very much with the other tenants here, because they are busy doing important things, while most of the other tenants have their own activities, and they do not coincide.

From what I know of, and observed of Mr. Shepard, I would consider him to be a loyal American citizen, and I will recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: One other staff member of the Mayfair Apartments was contacted as well as two older tenants who reside on the same floor as the subject. All stated that he was of good character and reputation, had caused no trouble or disturbances, but no one had had any social contact with them, and had no reason to question any of their personal habits, characteristics or activities. Nothing of a derogatory or adverse nature was learned from any of these witnesses, but they had very little information of a personal nature to offer.

Miscellaneous

(b)(7)(D)

I have known Alan Shepard since 1962, when the astronauts came to the Houston area. (b)(7)(D) the day they came to Houston, and I have had quite a bit of contact with him since that time. Our families are friends, we have been in business together in a couple of the local banks for the last couple of years. I have found Alan Shepard to be an astute businessman, completely honest, with a great deal of personal and professional integrity. He is well-liked and highly respected by the people with whom he has come in contact here in Houston, is a very personable man, and a most enjoyable companion. He and his wife, Louise, and their two daughters enjoy a very close and warm family relationship. Louise's niece is residing with them. The children are away at (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) most of the year, so Alan and Louise reside in the Mayfair Apartments at 1600 Holcombe Boulevard, and have done so since they came to Houston.

Alan's moral character and conduct is of an acceptable nature. In his position as an astronaut, he was, of course, subjected to a great deal of notoriety (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

highly respected here in the community. I will say this, if there were ever any occasions where he was subjected to blackmail or coercion, he would notify the proper authorities before he would compromise any classified information he would have access to. Al belongs to a religious group which does not believe in medical doctors, and I know that he is a devout follower of his religion. It was necessary for his job that he have a minor operation, and this was a definite emotional problem with him, but he resolved it in favor of his job; he got the operation so that he could carry through with his responsibility to the space project. He is completely dedicated to the space exploration program, and is not able to engage in our banking activity as much as I would like, but this is something that I have accepted, and something I admire him for. Outside of professional and business organizations, I do not believe he has any other affiliations. He is gone a great deal of time on NASA business, and has always been a good representative for NASA, and for the United States. He does not use intoxicants excessively, gamble or use narcotics. He is emotionally stable, and in good physical and mental health to my knowledge. He has never been in any trouble with law enforcement agencies, nor in any financial difficulty. I consider him to be a loyal American citizen; I do not feel he would be a security risk, and I do recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

Criminal and Credit Records

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, Records and Identification Bureaus. Records searched by (b)(7)(D)

No record.

CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER HOUSTON, 2309 Fannin Street. Records furnished by (b)(7)(D)

The credit report on Alan B. Shepard, Jr., was first opened in September 1962, and last revised October of 1965. It reflects he is a commander in the United States Navy, is married, his wife's name is Louise. He has two children, resides at 1600 Holcombe Boulevard, and is an astronaut for NASA. His date of birth is shown as November 18, 1923.

He has six local trade accounts, all paid as agreed.

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BAYTOWN, TEXAS

Miscellaneous

(b)(7)(D)

I first met Alan Shepard sometime in 1963 at a social function. I liked him immediately and apparently he liked me, and we've had a great deal of social contact up until January of 1964, when he and I and one other man entered into a banking relationship together. Alan and I (b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(D) a bank in Houston, and he is on the board of directors of this bank here in Baytown. In addition to our close business relationship, my wife and I visit in his apartment approximately once each week. Alan and his wife, Louise, enjoy a very close and warm relationship. They have two daughters, (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and a niece who is about (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) all residing with them, except that the girls are away at school in (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) most of the year. I have found Alan to be a very intelligent business man; he devotes as much time as he can to our financial interests, but most of his time is, of course, taken up with NASA work. He is very dedicated to the space program, and I think has been a credit to the United States, and to NASA.

I have found Alan to be a completely honest individual, very forthright, and very discreet.

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

he has never done anything to cause discredit on himself, his family, or his association with NASA or with our banks. He enjoys water-skiing occasionally, does some sailing, but outside of business and professional organizations, he has no other affiliation to my knowledge. He does not use intoxicants excessively. I have never seen him intoxicated, and when he does have one or two drinks, he becomes very close-mouthed, and certainly would not compromise any information through this means. He is not a gambler, and does not use drugs, narcotics or show any perverted tendencies. Alan is emotionally stable, in good physical and mental health, and to my knowledge, is one of the finest men I have ever met. He certainly would not be a security risk if any situation were to develop which would possibly compromise any information he may have; he would of course go to the proper authorities before he would compromise any information. I consider him to be a loyal American citizen, and I will recommend him for a position requiring security responsibility.

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**UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS**

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20415

**REPORT OF NATIONAL AGENCY CHECK**

<b>NAME</b>  SHEPARD, JR., Alan Bartlett	<b>DATE OF REPORT</b> January 12, 1967
	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> November 18, 1923
<b>POSITION</b> Not Shown	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> East Derry, N.H.
<b>AGENCY</b> NASA, Houston, Texas	<b>CSC SERIAL NO.</b> 6.22.67.6174

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**REMARKS:**

DCII-Nothing Derogatory

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**UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

<b>NAME</b> ALAN BARTLETT SHEPARD, JR.	<b>ADDRESS</b> 1600 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, Texas
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> November 18, 1923	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> East Derry, N. H.
<b>POSITION</b> Not Shown	<b>AGENCY</b> National Aviation and Space Administration
<b>TYPE OF CASE</b> Full Field	<b>CSC CASE SERIAL NO.</b> 6.22.67.6174
<b>PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b> East Derry, Derry, N. H.	<b>PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH</b> Concord, N. H.
<b>DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b> January 4, 5, 1967	<b>NAME OF INVESTIGATOR</b> R. F. Connolly

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The testimony of all witnesses is given in substance unless indicated by quotation marks.

**SYNOPSIS**

**Period Covered:** January, 1937 to September, 1940; and various brief intermittent periods from September, 1940 to June, 1966. No derogatory information was disclosed. Local and State Police files disclosed no criminal record.

**EAST DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Miscellaneous

**INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE:** Subject listed (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) New Hampshire, known 40 years, as a Reference. Inquiry disclosed that Reference had moved to (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) New Hampshire, in June of

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**ENCLOSURE**

1966.

Neighborhood

(b)(7)(D)  
Road.

Hampstead

I have known Alan Shepard, Jr. for twenty-one years, or since I came to this Town of East Derry. The family still lives (b)(7)(D) up on Hampstead Road. Both of his parents are now visiting Alan, his wife, and children at their home in Houston, Texas. They went the day after Christmas, and will return January 5th, 1967. Alan's father is in the insurance business in Derry, and is just about to retire.

The last time Alan was here in Derry was during the summer of 1966. He came with his wife and children for a few days. I have forgotten how many, but he did not spend a full vacation of several weeks or a month. He never does spend that much time here. He gets home occasionally alone, for a day or two, because his work with the Space Administration requires that he travel a great deal and, when he comes to New England, he usually makes it a point to drop in on his parents. Sometimes I do not see him when he makes these visits, but I hear about it from his parents and, at other times, he comes into the store for something, and is very pleasant, but there is no fanfare about him. I don't believe he goes to see anyone his own age with whom he has had a continuing friendship over the years. I think the only ones who visit with him are relatives, and a few friends among the older people, who are associates of his parents.

When I first knew Alan, twenty-one years ago, although this might have been his permanent address, he had really already left East Derry, because he was in the Navy, and never came back permanently, because he married and made his own home elsewhere. I have really known him on visits of his to his family. I have met his wife, Louise, a very attractive girl, and a very well-educated and pleasant person to meet. They have two very nice children, who have come into the store with them. Evidently they are a happily married couple. Alan is a fine-looking man himself. He just seems like an average family man. I don't believe he smokes or drinks, because he has always had to be sure he is in good physical condition.

He is absolutely honest, and a person of integrity and, of course, is of good moral character. He has not been in any trouble of any kind when he came back here on visits. When he was growing up here, he was reputed to be a lively young fellow who indulged in pranks,

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but there was never anything vicious of any kind, or anything that would stamp him as a juvenile delinquent.

Although the excitement about him has died down around here, people still regard him as the Town Hero. There is no question of his loyalty to the United States. I would recommend him for a position involving the national security.

[REDACTED] Hampstead Road..

I have known Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. since November 18th, 1923, when he was born in the house (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) in East Derry. His parents still live there, except they are now down visiting with Alan and his wife and children.

Alan grew up here, and went to school in East Derry. He attended Pinkerton Academy and, after graduation in 1940, prepared for the Naval Academy, a school in New Jersey. He then went on to Annapolis, was Commissioned in the Navy, and served in the Pacific during the war. He has remained in the Navy ever since.

In 1945, he married Louise Brewer. She was a girl from Philadelphia who attended Principia College in Pennsylvania, and was a classmate there of Alan's sister, (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) through whom Alan met her.

She is a very beautiful girl, Alan and she have had a very happy married life, and they have two delightful children of their own. Several years ago, Louise's sister died and left three children, two boys and a girl. The two boys went to live with Louise's mother; and Alan and Louise took the girl into their home. Alan's father-in-law died recently.

In the years since his marriage, Alan has only come on on brief visits with his family. When he had leave from the service, at least one half of his time would be spent in Philadelphia, at his mother-in-law's home; and that has been the practice down to the present. I believe when Alan and Louise leave Texas, they go more often to Philadelphia than they do to Derry, New Hampshire.

It was a very exciting time here in 1961, when Alan made the first Space Flight. The television men and camera men were all around his house with all of their equipment but, of course, Alan was not here. He came the next year for the big parade and reception in Derry, and I saw and talked with him at that time. His wife and children were here with him. The last time he was here was last June. His mother ran an open house for him one afternoon, so that invited friends and relatives could drop in and meet Alan and his wife. Most of the people who came were relatives, and a few neighbors. There were no

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contemporaries of his with whom he grew up in the town, nor were there any fellows in this area who had been with him in the Navy.

Alan has a brilliant mind; and I understand, from his mother, that they can use his valuable experience in the Space Agency but, of course, he will not continue as an Astronaut, or make any flights. He gets dizzy or lightheaded spells. He has some sort of ear trouble that has developed. He was approached to run for political office here in New Hampshire, but I understand he would not even consider the possibility.

Alan was a shy boy growing up, and a certain amount of that shyness has stayed with him, and he does not care for publicity. He is capable, and handles himself well, and can be relied upon to make a good showing at any public appearance. He does not have the ease and sense of humor, for example, of John H. Glenn, Jr., who is my favorite among the astronauts. Alan is a much more serious and businesslike type at all times. When he was growing up, he did have interests in skiing, skating, football, and baseball, but he was not a big fellow physically. He associated with two boys, one the son of a minister who left town years ago, and the other boy remained in town until this year, when he moved to Wolfeboro. They were good companions, but Alan never kept contact with them after he left town. He never bothered with girls at all while he was in this community, but he was quite young, as he left here right after high school. His home life was always a happy one. His parents are nice people, and the community, as a whole, thinks very highly of them. Alan was a real boy, and did misbehave at times, but was never in any serious trouble of any kind. He is absolutely honest, of good moral character, and good habits. He is of unquestioned loyalty to the United States. I would recommend him for a position involving the national security.

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Hampstead

We have known Alan Shepard, Jr. since he was born in this town over forty years ago. We continue to know his parents as neighbors very well, but Alan, Jr. has really been gone from the town for more than twenty years. He was a fine boy growing up, there were only he and his sister living with the parents, and the sister has since married, and is living in New Jersey. His maternal grandfather had the bank for years in Derry; and his father now owns an insurance agency there. He comes from a wonderful family. He now has a nice family of his own. He married Louise Brewer; my husband knew her mother's brothers, (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) We do not know how Alan met her, she is originally from Kennett Square in Pennsylvania. Louise is a very lovely girl, and they have two fine daughters. They have had a very compatible marriage.

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Louise was very helpful and understanding of Alan becoming an Astronaut. She does not have to worry about him any more, because he developed some kind of a physical condition, which will prevent any future Space travel for him. This was disappointing to him, because he has always been flying. He liked the adventure of it, he was a flyer, and flew jets in the Korean way, and was a Test Flyer.

Alan Junior is a very capable man. He is honest, of good moral character, of good habits, and has never been in any trouble. He at no time used liquor, he was always devoted to his country, and is a loyal American. We would recommend him for a position involving the national security.

(b)(7)(D)

Hampstead Road.

I have known Alan Shepard all my life, he graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1940 with my older brother, who is no longer living in town. I never chummed with Alan, his two closest friends were a minister's son, gone from the town for many years; and another fellow, a plumber, who recently moved to Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, with whom Alan used to ski.

Alan was always a very good student, and got high marks. He was never in any trouble, but was not the sissy type. He got into scrapes as a boy, now and then, but nothing serious, and he was no different than the average fellow growing up. He was not an outstanding athlete, and his chief interests were skiing and skating sports. The only thing unusual that he did as a young fellow was that he and the minister's son, somehow got a glider, and they flew it for a time, and then cracked it up. The worst criticism that I ever heard of Alan was that, after he went to Annapolis and got his "Wings" in the Navy, he celebrated by "buzzing" the town in his plane. There was a lot of comment at that time that it was a dangerous thing to do but, so far as I know, there was never any formal complaint about it. I don't know where he was stationed at that time. I don't recall him being stationed locally while he was in the service. He served in the Pacific, and in Korea; and he was a Test Pilot.

He was married, and never made his home in this town after his marriage, but only came on visits to see his parents, and possibly other relatives and old neighbors. He did not continue any friendships with the fellows and girls with whom he grew up. He would be home occasionally, and see people and say hello to them. He would bring his family on to visit with his parents. Since he made the First Manned Mercury Flight, and after he was given a celebration by the town, he just continued on as usual, to drop in on his parents from time to time, and come up with his family on a visit. He does not make it a point to go about the town and act the hero. He is a pretty average

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guy. He has not made any new, close friends in this area, but his visits here are just to see his parents. No one outside of his immediate family is in touch with him after he leaves here and goes back to Texas.

I have seen him occasionally when he has come on on these visits, and he came into the garage once last summer. He was, at that time, going fishing up to the pond where his family has a summer camp, along with his father.

I don't think all the honors he has received have changed him. He just seems like a hard worker, and a good family man. I have met his wife, and Louise is a very pretty girl, and they appear to have a very happy life.

I don't believe that anyone in the town now knows him intimately. I know him personally to speak to, but I did not even know him intimately when he was here.

I think very highly of him. He is certainly a man of integrity, and he has the respect of the people in his public and private life. He is not a fellow who drinks. He has no bad habits, to my knowledge. He has good moral character, and he conducted himself well in public. He is a member of the military, as he is a Navy Commander; and he is a loyal American. He is absolutely trustworthy. I would recommend him for a position involving the national security.

[REDACTED] Finkerton Academy, (DERRY VILLAGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE).

I knew Alan Shepard, Jr. from the time he entered Finkerton Academy in 1936, until he graduated in 1940; and I also knew his parents and his neighbors. He left the town really right after he graduated from this school, because he was off to another Preparatory School; then to Annapolis, and making the Navy his career. He was only back home on visits. When he began to achieve fame, just prior to the First Manned Space Flight, because he was to be the Astronaut, we became deluged with reporters seeking information about him, and they were referred to me and, after all the newspaper articles, magazine series, TV commentators, and his own book have said about him, I don't think that there is anything left unsaid, or further to say.

Essentially, at the school here, he was a good student, with high marks and a high IQ. He was a good athlete, participated in all sports; was a leader in the class; and not involved in any trouble at the school. He left this community before he was employed anywhere here. He had no special hobbies, and his interests were normal, except for

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the fact that he did show an early interest in flying; and did hang around Grenier Field, a military base not far from here. There was nothing in his background, however, through which one could predict, even in hindsight, that he might be the first Astronaut.

The day of his flight, May 5th, 1961, the news services all disappeared from the school, and really missed the big story from the school. We gathered in the Chapel with the students to watch the flight on television. There were delays in the count-down; and the pressure mounted for each individual watching, including the faculty and students. It certainly took a tremendously well-adjusted person, such as Alan, to withstand that pressure of waiting before the blast off. The flight then only took fifteen minutes, and was successful, and everyone was emotionally exhausted who watched it. Although I met Alan afterward, and talked with him, I never told the story to him, but to his father. He came on in June for the celebration given by the town, with a parade in Derry. Later, there were additional celebrations in Manchester. He visited the school on several occasions. He spoke to the Graduating Class. I felt he gave an excellent talk to the students, he told how he had gone to a 1-room school in East Derry prior to coming to Pinkerton Academy, and he stressed how the Space Program had opened new frontiers, broader than ever before, and the necessity for the students to become educated to realize their opportunities.

Alan essentially shuns publicity, but when he is forced into the limelight he handles himself very capably, and does an excellent job. His distaste for publicity stems from his father, who is in the insurance business here, and is the cold New Hampshire type; and not effusive. His mother is a very charming person, and has a nice personality; and Alan resembles her in looks, and has her pleasing charm in his contacts with people. He has a lot of good common sense, also. I group here in New Hampshire tried to persuade him to run for the Senate, but he declined to do so, because he felt he could do much more for his country on his own job, for which he was qualified. Over the years, he has been coming home on visits. Since his exploit, although I do not see him on all the visits he makes, I do think that he gets opportunities to come home because the Space Agency now has an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, in the course of his work, he may come up there, and then drop in to see his parents. I did not know he was around recently, nor did anyone else, but a girl told me that she had been to church in Salem, New Hampshire, on a Sunday; and Alan came in and attended the church service, just as he had done in churches of the same denomination which he attended here in town with his parents when he was growing up.

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I have met his wife and two children. She was not a local girl, but he met her outside of New Hampshire. They have been married a number of years, and his two children are young ladies now. His wife, Louise, is a very beautiful, charming girl. She is well educated, and does everything in good taste. They are both well-educated people, and show good breeding in everything that they do. Alan's parents are wonderful people. There never was any scandal attached to Alan. He is absolutely honest, of good moral character, and of excellent habits. I have no doubt of his loyalty to the United States, and I would recommend him for a position involving the national security.

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Hampstead Road.

I have been living (b)(7)(D) from the Shepards for twelve years. Alan Shepard Jr.'s grandmother, who died recently, (b)(7)(D) she would visit me, because she loved the house. It was through her that I learned that the Shepards had children. She often spoke of her grandson, Alan, and she was very proud of his bravery, for he was a jet pilot and a test pilot, and had many exciting experiences. I knew that he came home to visit with his parents occasionally, because she would tell me that he had visited, but I never actually saw him. The house was (b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(D) but most of the visits were in the summertime, and they did have a camp which the family owned for years, on Island Pond nearby, and they would spend most of their time there.

Of course, when it was announced that Alan B. Shepard, Jr., Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, was to be the first Astronaut in Space early in 1961, I became very anxious to see him, but he did not come home during that period, obviously he would not be allowed to. I watched him on TV, but it was long after the successful flight that they had the celebration for him here in Derry, and there I saw him in person for the first time. I continued to read everything about him, and spoke with his parents about him, but I did not meet him individually until last June, when he came to New Hampshire to have an Honor conferred upon him at the University of New Hampshire Commencement. His mother had invited me to her home to meet Alan and his wife. It was an open house for the afternoon. The people present were Alan and his wife, relatives, and a few neighbors. The younger of his two daughters was there, the other daughter was said to be attending a wedding in Texas.

Alan is a fine-looking man, rather on the modest side, but very pleasant. His wife, Louise, is a very beautiful girl, well educated, and cultured. I cannot speak too highly of his family and his parents.

I do think that he is an outstanding, capable person; I saw him in the

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presence of the President on television, and I thought that he was impressive every time that I saw him. I think I speak objectively of him, as I am not a native of East Derry. I cannot say that I know him intimately, but I have heard him discussed by a great number of people in the community, and my husband is a member of the Manchester, New Hampshire, Chamber of Commerce, and I know that he was asked to run for political office from the State, and I never heard a whisper of anything derogatory regarding his character, habits, honesty, or integrity. I am certain that he must be a loyal American. I would have no reason not to recommend him for a position involving the national security.

#### Criminal Records

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Criminal records are covered by the Derry, New Hampshire, Police Department.

#### DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### Miscellaneous

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I have known Alan Shepard, Jr. all of my life. He is older than I, and lived over in East Derry, and was ahead of me at Pinkerton Academy. I did not keep track of him over the years, I knew that he was in the Navy, and he came home on leave to visit his parents from time to time. His father is in the insurance business here in Derry. I did, of course, see him when the town honored him with a parade after his successful flight as an Astronaut. He handled himself very well on television and personally, during all of the events connected with his flight. When he was here in Derry for the celebration, I did get the impression that he was not too enthusiastic about the whole thing. I don't think that he welcomed all of the publicity that came to him. He continues to come home from time to time, sometimes with the family, and sometimes on visits of his own. I did not see him this summer, but he was around the summer before for a short period. When his children were little, he would bring them and his wife, Louise, up in the summer to a camp on Island Pond, about five miles from his home in East Derry, which his parents have owned for years.

The excitement around here has died down now about him, and you don't hear him mentioned often. People know now that he is too old to be considered for further flights in Space. He is in his forties. They will always continue to think of him as Derry's outstanding citizen, because he was born here.

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He is not really very well known personally, he was from East Derry, and sort of a "loner" type growing up. He did not have a great number of friends, he was never remembered as an outstanding athlete or anything at high school. He had normal hobbies, skiing and swimming, and it is true that he was always interested in flying. Of course, his own home is in Houston, Texas, and as far as I know there is no one in the town who has kept a continuing association with him over the years, other than his immediate family. He was never in any trouble here; he always lived cleanly and kept himself in good physical shape. I have met his wife, and she is a very fine person; and he has two nice children. He is a good family man, of good moral character. He is not a drinking fellow at all. I have no doubt of his loyalty to the United States. I would recommend him for a position involving the national security.

Criminal and Credit Records

DERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT, (Covers East Derry). Records searched by

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No record.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: There are no local facilities available for credit search.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Criminal Records

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, New State Office Building.  
Records searched by (b)(7)(D)

No record.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES. Record searched by (b)(7)(D)

There is no record of any convictions or violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws under the name of Alan B. Shepard, Jr. There is no record of any accidents in the past three years. He does not have a current Motor Vehicle License issued by this State.

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**UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

<b>NAME</b>  ALAN BARTLETT SHEPARD, JR.	<b>ADDRESS</b>  1600 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, Texas
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>  November 18, 1923	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>  East Derry, N.H.
<b>POSITION</b>  Not Shown	<b>AGENCY</b>  NASA
<b>TYPE OF CASE</b>  Full Field	<b>CSC CASE SERIAL NO.</b>  6,22,67,6174
<b>PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b>  Newport, Portsmouth, R.I.	<b>PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH</b>  Providence, R.I.
<b>DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION</b>  January 3, 1967	<b>NAME OF INVESTIGATOR</b>  Hyman R. Sokoloff

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The testimony of all witnesses is given in substance unless indicated by quotation marks.

**SYNOPSIS**

Period covered: August, 1957 to June, 1958. No derogatory information was disclosed. Local police files, no criminal record. Credit Bureau records indicate no credit experience.

NEWPORT, R.I.

Employment-Education

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, U.S. Naval War College, U.S. Naval Station.

Record information furnished by (b)(7)(D)

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Formal student records prior to 1963 have been retired. However, we do

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have a card file which indicates that Lt. Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr. was a student in the Command and Staff course given at the Naval War College for the period from 14 August, 1957 to 20 June, 1958. He completed the course and was then assigned to the staff, CINCLANT Fleet, Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. We have no further record information concerning him.

MAIL ROOM, U.S. Naval War College. Record information furnished by (b)(7)(D)

This office serves as depository of housing records. According to the housing records for the class of August, 1957 to June, 1958, we have a listing for an Alan B. Shepard, Jr., Lt. Commander, U.S.M. as residing at 4B Van Buren Road, Brenton Village, Fort Adams, R.I. This is a Naval housing center for Naval War College students and faculty.

Lt. Commander Shepard listed his dependents as Mrs. Louise Brewer (b)(7)(D)

SECURITY OFFICE, U.S. Naval War College. Information furnished by (b)(7)(D)

We do not maintain security records concerning students at this school beyond a two year period. We have no record information concerning one Alan B. Shepard, Jr. All such records are forwarded upon the student completing his course at this school.

(b)(7)(D) U.S. Naval War College.

Our student appraisal records prior to 1965 have been retired.

I was a student at the Naval War College during the period of 1957 to 1958. I recall the then Lt. Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr. as a fellow student at this school. I did not get to know him very well inasmuch as we were in different divisions. He as I recall was a student in the Command and Staff course. I knew him only casually, did not have any social contact with him and feel that I did not know him well enough so as to be in a position to make any positive statements concerning him. All I can say from my recollection was that he was considered to be a very good student and a fine person in every respect. All I can state is that I certainly know of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. I do not recall where he lived at the time that he was a student here. I lived off the station and our paths did not cross very often.

None of the present staff at the War College were here during the period of 1957 to 1958.

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I was the (b)(7)(D) at the Naval War College

at Newport, R.I. during the period of 1957 to 1959. I recall Alan B. Shepard, Jr. very well. He was a Lt. Commander at the time and was a student in the Command and Staff Program. As I recall he was one of the outstanding men in his class. He impressed me as being a very fine upright dependable young man in every respect. His character habits and morals all appear to be of the highest type. I know that he was one who was highly respected by both his contemporaries and by the members of the faculty. He was a very conscientious student did a very fine thorough job and in every way proved himself to be an outstanding individual.

He was a very neat appearing young man had a very fine appearance and fine bearing and as I recall was highly articulate. He appeared to be one who was very moderate in what he said and what he did. I never saw any signs of any excessive use of liquor by him and have no knowledge as to his organizational interests.

As I recall he was married and I believe had a couple of children and I believe that he resided in the housing facilities offered by the Navy at Fort Adams. I recall meeting his wife once or twice at some of our social functions but never really got to know her.

I believe that I met him on one occasion a few years after he left Newport but I do not now recall just where or under what circumstances.

I consider him to be a very fine upright honest sincere and thoroughly dependable individual. His general state of health appeared excellent.

I have never heard of anything of a derogatory nature concerning his morals or habits or character and I certainly consider him to be one of the finest young men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing and of having served as a student under my command.

Based on my observations I certainly have no question whatsoever as to his loyalty to the government and I would not hesitate to recommend him for a position involving our national security.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Further investigation was conducted and no subsequent information concerning subject could be obtained.

#### Neighborhood

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Records at Naval War College disclosed residence at Naval housing at 4B Van Buren Road, Brenton Village, Fort Adams, R.I. This residence was not disclosed by subject. Investigation at Van Buren Road, Brenton Village, Fort Adams failed to disclose anyone who could furnish subsequent information concerning subject. The area is primarily housing for Naval War College students.

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Criminal and Credit Records

POLICE DEPARTMENT, Marlborough State. Record searched by (b)(7)(D)  
(b)(7)(D) No record.

NEWPORT CREDIT BUREAU, INC., 1 Washington Square. Records searched  
by (b)(7)(D) No record.

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Criminal Records

RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PROBATION & PAROLE, County Courthouse.  
(Covering state of Rhode Island). Record searched by (b)(7)(D)  
(b)(7)(D) No record.

RHODE ISLAND BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, County Courthouse.  
(Covering state of Rhode Island). Record searched by (b)(7)(D)  
(b)(7)(D) No record.

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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

NAME <b>ALAN BARTLETT SHEPARD</b>	ADDRESS <b>1600 Holcombe Boulevard Houston, Texas</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>November 18, 1923</b>	PLACE OF BIRTH <b>East Derry, New Hampshire</b>
POSITION <b>Not Shown</b>	AGENCY <b>NASA</b>
TYPE OF CASE <b>Full Field</b>	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. <b>6.22.67.6 174</b>
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH <b>Arlington, Virginia</b>
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION <b>January 5, 1967</b>	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR <b>Frank Storn</b>

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**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

**Employment**

**BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, Naval Annex. Officer record by (b)(7)(D) Room 3405.**

**Midshipman record by (b)(7)(D) U.S. Navy, Room 2810.**

**Date and place of birth corroborated by Naval Records.**

**June 19, 1941: Appointed Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy. Not Active Duty status.**

**June 7, 1944: Graduated. Stood 463 in a class of 914. Appointed**

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Ensign, U.S. Navy and entered on active duty.

Officer Serial: 389-998.

March 3, 1945: Claims marriage to Louise Brewer of Kenneth Square, Pennsylvania at Wilmington, Delaware.

January 5, 1967: As Captain, currently on active duty at the Aerospace Administration.

Record clear.

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BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS**

**REPORT OF INFORMATION FROM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

<b>NAME</b>  SHEPARD, JR., Alan Bartlett	<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>  January 5, 1967
	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>  11-18-23
<b>POSITION</b>  Not Shown	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>  East Derry, N.H.
<b>AGENCY</b>  NASA, Houston, Texas	<b>CSC SERIAL NO.</b>  6.22.67.6174

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<b>NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL FURNISHING INFORMATION</b>  (b)(7)(D)	
<b>NAME OF INSTITUTION</b>  U.S. Naval Academy	<b>LOCATION</b>  Annapolis, Md.
<b>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</b>  June 19, 1941 to June 7, 1944	<b>DEGREES GRANTED</b>  Graduated

No derogatory information was furnished concerning subject's character, conduct, reputation, associates, or loyalty to the United States except as may be indicated under REMARKS below:

<b>REMARKS</b>

R. O. Ross/lgs

*(Case control and review officer)*

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