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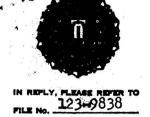


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You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by 5/9/51

Address: 5016 Sidney Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio

Birth date:

December 25, 1924 Syracuse, New York

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Representatives of all Radio Broadcasting Companies referred to by the applicant should be interviewed by experienced, mature Special Agents.

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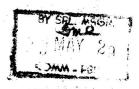
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Former supervisor at Station WNBF recommends without reservation as to character, reputation and loyalty.

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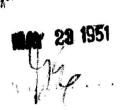
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Mr. WALTER ROBERTS, Dean of the National Academy of Theatre Arts, Pleasantville, New York, was interviewed while in New York City on business. He advised that he recalled the applicant as an outstanding announcer who had worked under his supervision for four years at Station WNBF, Binghamton, New York.

Mr. ROBERTS said that he could recommend the applicant without reservation as to character, reputation, and loyalty, and that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. SERLING.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file #123-9838.

Bureau letter dated April 25, 1951.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AGENCY CHECKS

A review was made of the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission; the House Committee on Un-American Activities; and G-2, Department of Army; which failed to reflect any record of the applicant.

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Special Agent ANGELO M. ROBBE reviewed the files of the Security Division, Department of State, which files contained an application for government employment on which the applicant indicated that he was married to who was born at Columbus, Ohio. No additional pertinent information was noted.

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A check was made of the files of the Washington, D. C., Credit Bureau and Police Department, with reference to the applicant's brother, ROBERT J. SERLING, and no record was located.

The Bureau has advised that a search of the central files of the FBI has been made, and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with the applicant was found.

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The agency checks were conducted by the following Special ${\ \, \ \, }$ Employees:

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RODMAN EDWARD SERLING
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant employed by Marion Broadcasting Company Station WMRV, Marion, Ohio from March 29, 1948 to July 24, 1948. Former employer, co-worker and landlady highly recommend him. No arrest or credit record at Marion.

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Reference:

Bulet to Washington Field 4-25-51.

Details:

AT MARION, O'HO:

ROBERT A. MASON, President of Marion Broadcasting Company, Station WMRV, East Center Street, stated that applicant was employed by him as music director during the period March 29, 1948 to July 24, 1948. The applicant resigned his position in order to return to Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio to resume his studies. Mr. MASON declared the applicant to be of high character and stated that in his mind there was no question of the applicant's loyalty to the United States Government.

Miss MADGE E. COOPER, 4782 East Center Street, Woman's Editor of Radio Station WMRV, stated that she had worked with the applicant during his tenure of duty at the station. She considers him to be a fine person of high character and could furnish no derogatory information concerning him.

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Mrs. JOHN B. KEAR, 192 Bain Street, states that the applicant roomed at her home during the time he worked at the Radio Station. She stated that he was of fine character and loyal to his country. She could furnish no derogatory information concerning him.

The files of the Marion Police Department contained no information concerning the applicant nor did those of the Marion Credit Rating Company.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Applicant attended Binghamton Central High School from January, 1940 to January, 1943. Nothing unfavorable in records. Counselor considered applicant very talented young man of excellent character, loyalty and reputation. Highly recommended. Employment, WNBF, Binghamton not verified. Former supervisor no longer employed WNBF. Employed WINR, Binghamton, N.Y., 1/5/47 to 7/26/47 as announcer-writer in cooperation with Antioch College work program. Supervisor highly recommends applicant as extremely talented young man of very good character, loyalty and reputation. References ALBERT BENGSTEN and SAMUEL A. GOODMAN recommend applicant as being thoroughly qualified for position. No unfavorable information regarding character, loyalty or reputation. Neighborhood investigation conducted, nothing unfavorable. No credit or criminal record located on applicant. Father's credit record satisfactory. Neighborhood investigation, Schenectady, N.Y. conducted. Neighbors stated they do not know applicant well enough to make any recommendations; however, comment favorably on family. No record of applicant, Schenectady Police Department or Credit Bureau. Applicant's birth verified at New York State Bureau of Vital Statistics.

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Reference:

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AT BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Miss MARJORIE HEBBAFI, Binghamton Central High School, advised that the applicant entered this school from the West Junior High School in January of 1940. According to the records, he was graduated in June of 1943, ranking 35th out of 180 students. The records contain no information reflecting upon the applicant's character, loyalty or reputation.

Miss HEBBARD said that she was personally acquainted with the applicant to some extent during his attendance at Binghamton Central High School. She said that he was well regarded by both instructors and by his classmates. She said that she knew of nothing unfavorable regarding his character, loyalty or reputation.

RICHARD SCHUSTER, Guidance Counselor, Binghamton Central High School, advised that he was acquainted with the applicant and his brother, ROBERT, who is presently employed by the United Press in Washington, D.C. He said that the applicant was a member of the honor society, was active in dramatics, speaking, and writing during attendance at this school, and was a very talented young man. SCHUSTER said that he had a very nice personality and he had never observed anything unfavorable regarding the applicant's character, loyalty or reputation. He said that on the basis of his knowledge of the applicant, he would have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending him for employment with the Federal government.

E. RAY MC CLOSKEY, Promotion and Public Relations, WNBF, advised that there were no records in the WNBF files which would verify the applicant's employment as a part-time actor and writer during the period 1935 to 1941. He also said that there was presently no one associated with the station who would be familiar with the applicant. MC CLOSKEY said that it was probable that the applicant was associated with a talent show put on by the Binghamton School System. He said that WNBF provides time to the Binghamton School System each week, which is used up by the students at the schools. He also said that it was possible that the applicant was employed by an announcer rather than by the station itself.

ALVA NEUSCHWANDER, WINR, bookkeeper, advised that the applicant was employed on a cooperative plan with Antioch College from January 5, 1947 to July 26, 1947 as an announcer and a writer. She stated that the applicant was very well thought of by personnel at Station WINR and was considered an extremely talented young man. She said that she had not been

associated with the applicant prior to mis employment at WINR but that during this period she had observed nothing which would reflect upon the applicant's character, loyalty or reputation.

CHAILS BISHARA Frogram Director, WINR, advised that he had known the applicant for some time and that he regarded the applicant very highly, considering him a very talented young man, who would have been employed by WINR had they been able to afford to employ him. BISHARA said that the applicant was a clever writer, a good announcer, and that he knew of nothing unfavorable regarding the applicant's character, loyalty or reputation. He said he would have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending the applicant for employment by the Federal government.

association with the applicant had been during the period he was employed by WINR, but that during this period he had observed nothing reflecting upon the applicant's character, loyalty or reputation. He said that the applicant was very talented and was clever at both writing and announcing, having in the recent past written scripts for the "Dr. Christian Show" and for some television shows. He said that in his opinion the applicant was thoroughly qualified as a radio and television writer.

SAMUEL A. GOODMAN, Monager, Morton Coy, Court Street, advised that he has known the applicant for many years. He stated that the applicant came from a very fine family and that he has never observed anything unfavorable in the applicant's character, loyalty or reputation. He further stated that applicant was very highly regarded in school and was considered a very bright young man. He said that he considered him thoroughly qualified as a radio script writer.

Mrs. M.M. READ, 9 Watson Street; HYMAN BERNSTEIN, 390 Chenango Street; and Dr. GEORGE C. VOGT, 140 Chapin Street; all of whom were acquainted with applicant and family during their residence at 140 Chapin Street, advised that they considered the applicant to be a very fine young man, of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. All of the above advised that the applicant and family were very highly regarded and they would have no hesitation in recommending the applicant for employment with the Federal government.

Files of the Binchamton Police Department contained no record of the applicant or family.

Files of the Triple Cities Credit Bureau contain no record of the applicant. Files reflected that applicant's father's record was

satisfactory during his residence in Binghamton, New York.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HENRY J. OLIVER.

AT SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

The following neighbors were contacted and all advised they did not get to know the applicant well enough to make any recommendations as he only visited in the neighborhood; however, his family, as far as they knew, were of good character, associates, and loyal American citizens:

Mrs. MARY O'SULLIVAN, 827 DeCamp Avenue; Mrs. A.D. Van DeBogert, 837 DeCamp Avenue; and Mrs. WILLIAM CLAUS, 824 DeCamp Avenue.

The files of the Schenectady Police Department and the Schenectady Credit Bureau failed to reflect a record of the applicant.

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

Miss AGNES LYNCH, Clerk, New York State Bureau of Vital Statistics, advised her records reflected RODMAN EDWARD SERLING was born on December 25, 1924 at Syracuse, New York, the son of SAMUEL SERLING, born Detroit, Michigan, and ESTHER LILLIAN COOPER SERLING, born Russia.

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The investigation at the New York State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York was conducted by Radio Communications Officer RAYMOND J. RYAN.

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RODMAN EDWARD SERLING			DEPARTMENT
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Employment at Cincinnati, Ohio, verified; favorable. Residence at Cincinnati, Ohio, verified; favorable. Reference at Cincinnati, Ohio, recommends applicant. Satisfactory credit record, Cincinnati, Ohio. No criminal record, Cincinnati, Ohio. Education, employment and residence at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, verified. Faculty members, fellow students and reference, Yellow Springs, recommend favorably. Received unsatisfactory rating from one co-op job at school. No criminal record, Yellow Springs. Employment with Radio Station WJEL, Springfield, Ohio, verified and investigated; favorable. Residence at YMCA, Springfield, Ohio, verified. Satisfactory credit record and no criminal record, Springfield, Ohio.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 123-9838.

Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 4/25/51.

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Mr. BERNARD MATTESON, Continuity Acceptance Editor, Crosley Broadcasting Corporation, Crosley Square, advised that the applicant has been employed by their organization as a staff writer since June 10, 1950, and he informed that the applicant's work has been highly satisfactory and he recommended the applicant's intelligence, character,

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reputation, associates and loyalty and he stated that he feels the applicant mentally and morally qualified for any position involving trust.

Mr. WILLIAM COLVIN, Continuity writer, Radio Station WLW, Crosley Broadcasting Corporation, advised that he has been associated with the applicant as a co-employee at WLW since approximately June, 1950, and he recommended the applicant's writing ability, character, reputation, associates and loyalty. Mr. COLVIN further informed that he feels the applicant qualified for any position involving trust.

Mr. UBERTO NEELY, Head, Radio Department, Cincinnati College of Music, 1220 Central Parkway, advised that the applicant has been employed as a part time continuity writer for their radio and television department since approximately June 1.5, 1950, and he informed that the applicant's work has been highly satisfactory and he recommended the applicant's character, reputation, associates, and Toyalty.

Residence:

2822 Victoria Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES DAUTEL, Apartment 3, 2822 Victoria Avenue, advised that the applicant resided in the apartment building for approximately four months in 1950 and both recommended the applicant's character, reputation, and associates, and stated they had absolutely no reason to question the applicant's loyalty. Mr. and Mrs. DAUTEL added that there was no one else presently living in the building who lived there during the time of the applicant's residence.

5016 Sidney Road

Miss MARGARET KESSLER, 2414 Erie Avenue, advised that she resided at 5016 Sidney Road in Apartment 2 for approximately five months during the period of the applicant's residence at this address in approximately October of 1950, and she recommended the applicant's character, reputation, and associates, and she stated that she absolutely had no reason to question the applicant's loyalty.

Miss ALICE STONER, Apartment 3, 5016 Sidney Road, informed that she has been acquainted with the applicant since approximately October of 1950, and she made substantially the same recommendations regarding the applicant as did Miss KESSLER.

Reference:

Mr. WILLIAM BARLOW, Publicity Director, Station WLW, advised that he has been acquainted with the applicant as a co-employee at WLW since approximately July, 1950, and he recommended the applicant's writing ability, his character and morals, his associates, and he informed that he has had absolutely no reason to question the applicant's loyalty. Mr. BARLOW recommended the applicant unqualifiedly for any position involving trust.

Credit:

The files of the Cincinnati Credit Bureau reflected a satisfactory credit record for the applicant.

Criminal:

The files of the Bureau of Identification, Cincinnati Police Department, did not reflect an arrest record for the applicant.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN V.

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AT YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

Education:

Miss MIRIAM DICKINSON, Registrar, Antioch College, gave the following information concerning applicant's school record at this co-operative training school where a student attends school part of each year and works the balance for which work the student receives credits towards his degree:

Applicant's date and place of birth are listed as December 25, 1924, Syracuse, New York. He entered this college under the G.I. Bill September 2, 1946, and was graduated June 24, 1950, with an A.B. degree. His school grades were "B plus" average. As co-op employments, applicant worked from October 28, 1946, until December 27, 1946, for Radio Station WNYC, New York City, New York, as a news room assistant. His rating for this job was "good." From April 1, 1947, until July 27, 1947, he worked for Radio Station WINR, Binghamton, New York, as an announcer

and writer. He received a rating of "excellent" on this job. From October 27, 1947, until December 26, 1947, applicant worked for Radio Station WJEL, Springfield, Ohio, as an announcer and engineer. His rating here was "excellent." From May 29, 1948, until July 24, 1948, applicant worked for Radio Station WMRN, Marion, Ohio, as a musical director and announcer. On this job applicant was rated as "excellent." From October 30, 1948, until December 17, 1948, and again from January 3, 1949, until June 16, 1949, he worked as Station and Program Director, and as a writer and producer for a former small station here at the college called the Antioch Broadcasting Station. No rating was available for this work, but Miss DICKINSON stated that he did an excellent job in all respects. From June 20, 1949, until August 29, 1949, applicant did free lance work in the writing field here at the college, and Miss DICKINSON stated that applicant did an excellent job in this field of work also.

A further employment not in the writing field in which applicant had as a student was at Camp Treetops, Lake Placid, New York, from July 28, 1947, until August 28, 1947. He worked here as a counselor and received an unsatisfactory rating during this period.

Miss DICKINSON further advised that she knew applicant very well as a student and resident at this college during the above period. She said applicant was an active and well liked student by both faculty members and fellow students; that he was very talented in the writing field, and that she would recommend him without reservations as to character, the type friends and associates he maintained, and as to his loyalty to the United States.

Mr. J. DUDLEY DAWSON, Director of Personnel, Antioch College, advised that he knew applicant very well as a student and resident on this campus, and that he has met applicant's parents. He said that applicant received an unsatisfactory rating during his employment period at Camp Treetops, Lake Placid, New York, due to his poor judgment in associations with his present wife at this camp when they were both single students and co-op employees during the summer of 1947. He said that applicant and his wife were not married at the time, freshman students, and very much in love, and that they spent too much time together in front of the children at the camp, which the camp personnel did not approve of. He said that he does not feel that anything out of the way occurred at the camp, but does agree that applicant and his wife used poor judgment in their close association at the camp during that summer. Mr. DAWSON stated that he would recommend applicant in every respect. He further advised that applicant's wife is also well known to him as a former student, and that he has found her a very lovely girl and a very loyal American who has excellent character traits.

Mrs. ESTHER OLDT, Personnel Advisor, Antioch College, said that she knew applicant very well as she was his counselor during his entire schooling here at Antioch. She said that she recalls applicant's unsatisfactory rating at Camp Treetops, Lake Placid, New York, and does feel that applicant and his wife used poor judgment prior to their marriage when they were working at the camp as students, and that she feels their association together may have caused a disturbing influence on the children at the camp. However, she advised that there was some question in her mind as to whether the rating of unsatisfactory was entirely justified. Mrs. OLDT said that she feels applicant and his wife have very good morals and characters; that their reputations are excellent; that they have very good associates and judgment, and that they are very loyal Americans. She further advised that she would recommend applicant for any position of trust, and that he is very qualified in his field of radio work.

Mr. BASIL PILLARD, Professor, Antioch College, said that he knew applicant and his wife as students and residents on this campus during their school years, and that he also knew applicant's brother, ROBERT SERLING, very well as a student. He said that he found applicant, his wife, and brother well regarded and above average students, and that he would recommend them as persons having excellent character traits, morals and reputations; that he found them to keep good associates at school, and that he feels they are all very loyal Americans.

Mr. JOHN SPARKS, Professor, Antioch College, said that he knew applicant, his brother and wife as students at this school who were all members of his classes. He further gave substantially the same information as Mr. PILLARD.

Mr. FRED MILLER, Senior Student, Antioch College, stated that he and applicant worked together on the Antioch Broadcasting Company here at the college, and that they resided together in the same dormitory for about two years. He said that he found applicant one of the best persons he has ever known as to character, morals, living habits and conduct, and that he feels applicant is a very loyal American who keeps good associates and friends. He further stated that he also knew applicant's brother and wife, and that he feels they were loyal American students who had good character traits and living habits.

Mrs. WILLIAM NOTLEY, Senior Student, Antioch College, advised that she was in the same dormitory with applicant's wife for two years, and that she also knew applicant and his brother very well as students.

She further gave substantially the same information as Mr. MILLER.

Reference:

Mr. HERMAN SCHNURER, Professor, Antioch College, stated that he knew applicant, his brother and wife very well as students under him at this college. He further gave substantially the same information as Mr. PILLARD.

Criminal:

Mr. RUSSELL BRADLEY, Chief of Police, Yellow Springs Police Department, advised that he has no record of applicant, his wife or brother. There is no credit bureau at Yellow Springs.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H.

CLIFFORD:

AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Employment:

PAUL MILLER, Manager of Radio Station WJEL, advised that this station had changed hands in the fall of 1950 and that records prior to that time were incomplete. However, he did locate a record which showed that the applicant was employed there from October 27, 1947 for a ten week period. MILLER stated that, from the amount of pay received by the applicant, it was a part time employment. MILLER said that none of the present employees had been employed prior to the fall of 1950. He stated that Dr. D. J. PARSONS, Springfield, Ohio, and FRANK JONES, Salesman for Station WBNS-TV, Columbus, Ohio, former station owners, probably would recall the applicant.

It is noted here that the records at Station WJEL contained only the date of the first pay and the number of weeks thereafter for which the applicant worked. There was no other information in the records.

Dr. D. J. PARSONS, 1645 Woodrow Drive, former major stock-holder in Radio Station WJEL, advised that he recalled the applicant worked part time at the station as an announcer, and while he was still a student at Antioch College, he wrote and produced plays on Sunday afternoons on

Station WJEL. Dr. PARSONS stated that he believed the applicant to be of high moral character, good associates, excellent reputation, and a person whose loyalty to the United States he had never had reason to question. He felt that the applicant was capable of holding a position of trust and confidence. Dr. PARSONS said that he knew of no one else who might recall the applicant other than FRANK JONES, Columbus, Ohio.

Credit:

JAMES MERRILL, Springfield Credit Bureau, advised that his files contained a satisfactory credit record for the applicant.
MERRILL stated that the applicant did reside at the YMCA in 1947.

Residence:

J. W. RUCKMAN, Room Clerk at the YMCA, produced records which revealed that the applicant resided at the YMCA from October 30, 1947, to November 13, 1947. His home address was shown as Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and his occupation was shown as radio announcer for Station WJEL. RUCKMAN advised that he knew of no one presently residing at the YMCA that might recall the applicant.

Criminal:

Lieutenant ISAAC HOLLOWELL, Springfield Police Department, advised that his files contained no record of the applicant.

The following investigation was conducted by SA MARVIN M.

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AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Employment:

FRANK M. JONES, 33 North High Street, advised he first became acquainted with applicant in January, 1943, when JONES became part owner and general manager of Station WJEL, Springfield. He advised that at that time applicant was working at that station and so worked until approximately May, 1948; the work being part of applicant's cooperative training from Antioch College, and being for six week periods, between which periods applicant attended school. JONES also advised that he gave radio time to the Antioch Players Group, a student organization, on Sundays

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in 1949 and applicant took part in programs of this group, although he was not on the station's payroll.

Mr. JONES stated applicant was very talented, of good character, morals and reputation, and that he regarded him as a loyal citizen.

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students would attend school three months and work the next three months in their chosen fields. She added that her recollection of the applicant was favorably and recommended him as to character, reputation and loyalty.

At Mrs. BLAKE'S suggestion, Mr. ALLAN ZACHARY, Publicist, Russell Birdwell & Associates, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, was contacted and advised that in his former position as Supervisor of News and Special Events at Station WNYC, he had directly supervised the work of the applicant while SERLING was employed at the station. He recommended the applicant without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

Neither Mrs. BLAKE nor Mr. ZACHARY could furnish the applicant's address while he was in New York.

Credit

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SA GORDON C. LUND and no credit record was found for the applicant.

Criminal

Files of the New York City Police Department were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and no criminal record was found for the applicant.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No credit or criminal record in Miami area for applicant's mother.				
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DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL.

A check of the records of the Miami Police Department, Miami Beach Police Department, Dade County Sheriff's Office and the Miami Municipal Court failed to disclose an arrest record for the applicant's mother, ESTHER SERLING.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Miami were negative concerning the applicant.

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ADMINISTRATIVE.

The credit and criminal checks mentioned herein were conducted by Special Employee HARLEY E. KING.

March 18, 1968

HOD SELLING -

Captioned individual has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI.

The May 20, 1967, issue of "People's World," a west coast communist newspaper, contained an article which stated that Fod Serling was the master of ceremonies at a banquet sponsored by the Southern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. The article further reported that two of the featured speakers expressed views opposing the United States position in Vietnam.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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ROD SERLING Born: December 25, 1924 Syracuse, New York

Captioned individual was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in May, 1951, which revealed no pertinent derogatory information. (123-9838)

In addition, the May 20, 1967, issue of "Peoples World," a west coast communist newspaper, contained an article which stated that Rod Serling was the master of ceremonies at a banquet sponsored by the Southern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. The article further reported that two of the featured speakers expressed views opposing the United States position in Vietnam.

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March 18, 1958 BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall The White Rouse Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Fred Astairs and other individuals.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals:

Fred Astaire Pauline Betts

Althea Gibson Patricia Neal

Connie Stevens James Stewart

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Attached are separate memoranda regarding the following individuals:

Oscar Brown, Jr.

Mary McCarthy

Rod Serling

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kaye Vincent Minnelli Arthur Kennedy

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Leon Uris Shelley Winters

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