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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed and processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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123 pages were reviewed and **74** pages are being released.

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- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☒ We are consulting with other agencies. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.
- ☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

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Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Enclosures

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For your additional information, a record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You may desire to direct a request to NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference FBI file number 105-WF-22828.

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- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
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- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
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Although President Eisenhower has been under severe and ever-increasing attack in Washington on the issues of foreign policy and Presidential leadership, his image as a leader and peacemaker remains unshaken in the Middle West.

Most lay voters continue to trust his judgement implicitly in matters military and international. The big question in the coming election is, can he use this image to turn the tide of the congressional battles?

The odds are against it for several reasons.

1. History--Despite landslide victories in 1952 and 1956, he was unable to make the voters believe the Republican party and Ike are one and the same.
2. The Democratic Party Image--Although the voters "like Ike", the Democrats still retain the image of the wisest handlers of domestic policy. In a congressional race this factor counts heavily against the Republicans.
3. Unemployment--In areas of high unemployment there exists, as usual, the angry "belly" vote which inevitably strikes out at the Administration.

The people seem to want a "National Government" rather than singular devotion to one political party. They trust the President to keep the peace, the Democrats to keep them from going hungry.

But the fact remains that no matter how angry the people are with what they consider an indifferent administration, the prestige of its leader remains intact.

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An Untarnished Image

President Widely Popular in Midwest,
But Can He Swing Votes to G. O. P.?

By JAMES RESTON
Special to The New York Times.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 13—

The contrast between the need of Washington and the need of the people outside the capital is startling. At no time since President Eisenhower entered the White House has he been under more severe attack in Washington on the issues of foreign policy and Presidential

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leadership, but one hears very little criticism or even discussions of these issues in the area between the Appalachians and the Rockies. All the recent Washington dispatches about the President's willingness to let Secretary of State Dulles risk war in the Formosa Strait have clearly had little or no effect out here on the President's stature. He is still immensely popular and when you ask the voters how he stands today compared with any of the Democratic leaders, most people seem to regard it as a silly question.

Strange Coalition Seen

Quemoy and Matsu have created a strange political coalition. It is the internationalist intellectuals and the die-hard isolationists, long at odds over foreign policy questions, who are now complaining about the Administration's policy in the Far East. The rest, comprising a great majority, seem to be going along.

As a matter of fact, such criticism as there is, outside the ranks of the intellectuals and isolationists, seems to suggest that the President has been a little wobbly on the Chinese Communists.

"He was tough on them at the beginning and then seemed to pull back," a retired workman in Parkersburg, W. Va., complained last week.

A railroad switchman here in Salt Lake made the same point along with many others here this morning. "The President said these islands were important and he should stick to it," the railroader remarked.

Image Is Still Strong

The image of Eisenhower the great soldier, the good and genial man of peace, the "man who knows what's going on," is still extremely strong. He is telling the people what they want to hear. They want peace. They want to talk tough to the Communists, and they want to play this role with a little interruption to their daily lives and pocketbooks as possible, and this is exactly what most people seem to think the President is providing.

This is the one big question mark in the Congressional election still in progress. There is little doubt that, at the moment, the Democrats

on the farms they have managed to identify themselves more closely with the personal economic interests of the voters. But can the President dramatize his popularity in the last three weeks of the campaign and convince the voters that his peace role requires a Republican Congress?

Success Is Doubtful

Most of the experts in the Plains States do not think he can, any more than he could in 1954 or even in 1956, when he won by 10,000,000 votes and lost both the House and Senate. All the polls certainly suggest a nation-wide Democratic trend.

These polls and soundings, however, have been taken before the voters have paid much attention to the election. A great many people questioned by reporters now on political scouting trips confess that they do not even know who is running.

When they are asked about politics, many of them say they have been so preoccupied with family and community problems that they haven't had time to think about the election. This, of course, is not true in the areas of high unemployment. Where there is economic trouble, as in West Virginia in the mines, or in some areas of Wisconsin on the farms, the Democrats have powerful support, and this is the President's primary problem as he goes to the country this week.

Cooperative Government

The voters look to him for a solution of the foreign policy problems, but look to the Democrats for the solution of economic problems. In this sense, there seems to be a desire in the country for a kind of National Government, not for a divided Government of squabbling politicians but for a cooperative Government led by a

popular President and a Democratic Congress.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson was here in his home state this week-end preaching the Republican doctrine of local and state responsibility and exhorting the populace to stop looking to Washington for a solution of all their economic ills.

These exhortations seem, however, to be picking up very few Republican votes. It is only when the Republican orators talk about Eisenhower the peacemaker—a theme that produces cynical laughter in Washington—that the voters out here seem impressed.

Wherever they turn, they have a catalogue of local problems, reflecting the startling rise in the population of the nation and the movement of the people from one area to another. This week, the population of the nation will pass the 175,000,000 mark—about 17,000,000 more than when General Eisenhower entered the White House.

To deal with the local and state problems created by this spurt takes money, and the Democrats have managed to win wide acceptance for the idea that they are the party to produce it.

President Eisenhower's task in the next three weeks, therefore, is to convince them that peace is more important than a higher level of prosperity, and that he needs a Republican Congress to carry on. It will be a difficult exercise, but he begins, despite all the anti-Eisenhower talk in Washington, with a remarkably wide and sympathetic audience.

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I am enclosing herewith summaries on
Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Jr., and James Barrett
Reston, which I thought might be of interest to
you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edger

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Honorable James C. Hagerty
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JAMES BARRETT RESTON

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not conducted any investigation concerning James Barrett Reston, who is head of the Washington Bureau of the "New York Times." [Information appearing in the files of this Bureau indicates that [REDACTED]

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There is no information in the files of this Bureau that shows any association on the part of Reston with the Communist Party or Communist Party front groups.

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The records of Tass News Agency, official Soviet news bureau, showed numerous articles written by James Reston were forwarded to Moscow during the period 1948 to 1951. [A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised [REDACTED]

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James Barrett Reston

On June 15, 1950, Mr. James B. Reston was a witness before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, appointed to investigate whether there were employees in the State Department disloyal to the United States. The questioning of Reston centered around methods and contacts he used in obtaining news from the officials of the State Department.

At that time, Reston stated that his position was Diplomatic Correspondent of the "New York Times" Washington Bureau. He said his job was not to report primarily the spot and news announcements out of the State Department, but it was a job of primarily explanatory reporting. He attempted to explain the background of some particular announcements that might have been made by the Department of State. He also stated his job was to contact persons who knew most about the area or the problem that happened to be news at the time. That person would explain, to the extent of his ability and with the limitations placed upon him by his own job, what the facts in the situation were but not for attribution to the Department of State. He also advised it was his opinion that responsible journalists deserved more cooperation on the part of the Department whose policy depends upon the consent of people if there is to be an effective foreign policy in a democracy.

In answer to questions concerning use of classified material and misuse of information given in confidence to newspapermen, Reston stated that in his opinion only a small percentage was misused. He did state that there were many so-called "scoop artists" who were making a living by trying to convey ideas that "you cannot get truth by reading the press but if you listen to me on Sunday night everything will be all right." Because of this, Reston said, there is a tendency for those people to trade upon the good relations built up over the years by the responsible officials and responsible journalists. He finally stated that he felt public interest requires an interchange of background information by the officials and the public despite the risk of occasional misuse of information, which he believed to be very small. (121-23278-26X12, ep 2443)

James Barrett Reston

In Whittaker Chambers' book, "Witness" (pages 647-648), Chambers states that when Reston was asked by John Foster Dulles for his opinion of Alger Hiss as a possible candidate for President of Carnegie Endowment, Reston stated Hiss would be a very good choice.

The November 13, 1953, edition of the "New York Times" carried an article by James Reston entitled, "All Lose in White (Harry Dexter) Case." This article carries a subtitle of "Brownell and Truman and Eisenhower and Congress and U.S. Discredited." This article is quoted in part as follows: "Herbert Brownell, the Attorney General, is on the spot not because he made the facts public, but because of the imputations he put on the facts. As a result, confidence in the objectivity of the highest law enforcement officer in the nation has been impaired -- Former President Truman lost because he was still praising Mr. White's services to the nation long after serious charges had been made against him by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and sent to the White House -- President Eisenhower's position was impaired because by his own testimony he authorized Mr. Brownell to proceed with the case before he knew anything about it -- Similarly Congress lost prestige because one of its members, Harold Velde, subpoenaed former President Truman and Associate Justice Tom Clark without even checking with other members of his own committee." The article continues in a critical nature concerning both the Democratic and Republican administrations. (101-4053-129)

The January 16, 1953, issue of "Counterattack," accuses the "New York Times" of giving aid to Stalin. It states that a British professor, Dr. George E. G. Catlin, described a list of questions given to Stalin for answers just before Christmas by "New York Times" diplomatic correspondent, James Reston, as "journalistic bumblng." Professor Catlin suggested that the State Department give guidance to the press in order to prevent more "boners" on such matters. With reference to this matter, the "Daily

James Barrett Reston

Worker," an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, for April 2, 1953, contains a notice revealing that the New York State Communist Party put out a folder featuring a picture of the late Joseph Stalin and the late President Roosevelt, together with Stalin's Christmas Eve reply to James Reston. (100-3-4-7222 p 126)

According to an article appearing in the "Editor and Publisher" of March 15, 1958, the "New York Times" column "Random Notes" March 10, 1958, is quoted in part as follows: "The administration practice of having gumshoes shadow reporters to detect their sources for delicate news stories continues unabated here (Washington)." --- "It has become standard practice when the administration is particularly annoyed at seeing one of its secrets in print to force underlings to sign affidavits swearing they did not leak the story. In some cases telephones are tapped both within and without the Government --" The article contained a reply from James C. Hagerty as, "It's certainly news to me; I just don't believe it -- there is nothing like that down here." James R. Reston, Times Bureau Chief is quoted as saying, "It's obvious to us that Jim Hagerty knows very little about what has been going on around here for the last fifteen years. If he did he wouldn't be 'surprised.' The Democrats did it and these fellows (the Republicans) are doing it."

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As Pegler Sees It:

Reporting the News Vs. Slanted Views

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

JIMMY RESTON, the statesman-reporter of the New York Times Washington office, writes that reporters ought to be "discreet" when President Kennedy is engaged in an underground war all over the world.

What is the guy talking about, anyway?



PEGLER

This is a whiff of the same gas that his boss, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, used to bloviate in orations at Columbia University advocating "objective" journalism out of one ear and "interpretive" stuff from the other. When you tell the truth you are objective. When you slant it according to your bigotries or politics, you are interpreting.

But a reporter always should just get the facts, write them and let the publishers decide how much the public intelligence can cope

with. We should not, concern ourselves, we ink-stained wretches, whether something we write will be news to Moscow, or something the Kremlin got from the State Department weeks ago. I feel justified in assuming that with all the spies there have been in our government since Roosevelt moved in in 1933, the odds are that Moscow had it long before I got it.

This is intended to seem a little flippant and worldly, but I hope you will detect a faint note of sorrow. Because it is no laughing matter that Kennedy is doing buck-jumps over leakage of information to Cuba and that the chief Times fellow in the Washington Bureau is perhaps giving us the nix out of the same office which drenches us with all that Matthews copy about the noble, democratic nature of Fidel Castro.

Our Ambassador's Briefing

On Aug. 30, 1960, Earl E. T. Smith, who had lately been our Ambassador in Havana, testified before a subcommittee of the Judiciary that when he was appointed in 1957 he went to the State Department and got his "briefing" from Herbert Matthews of the New York Times, who eulogized Castro as a Robin Hood. Smith agreed that Batista ran a crooked government but remarked that 1957, under Batista, was the best economic year in Cuba's history. Yet "various agencies" of the United States directly and indirectly helped overthrow Batista and raise Castro to power. Smith said the State Department "obviously would like to have the support of the New York Times."

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Here is a paraphrase of a portion of Smith's testimony:

"Three front page articles in the New York Times in early 1957 by Herbert Matthews served to inflate Castro to world stature and recognition. Until then, Castro had been just another bandit in the mountains with a handful of followers who terrorized the peasants. After the Matthews' articles, which likened Castro to Lincoln, he was able to get followers and funds in Cuba and the United States and much of the American press pictured him as a Robin Hood."

After all that, last November, Lester Markel, the Sunday editor of the Times, wrote a circular letter to a lot of newspaper publishers on behalf of a committee of editors trying to raise a kitty to bring about "better relations in the world" by improving the flow of news between nations. Currently, Markel wrote, there were distortions and the United States was badly represented in the Communist areas, in the uncommitted areas and "even among our allies."

Insisted Castro Wasn't Red

As lately as last December, Matthews, in a lecture at Yale, abused the United States for an unfriendly attitude toward Castro and insisted still that Castro was not a Communist.

Well, the place to look for danger is not in the hearts of great heroic patriots like Major General Edwin A. Walker, who was relieved of his command of the 24th Infantry Division in Germany for approving some principles of the John Birch Society. The place to look is in the Pentagon where Major Peress was promoted notwithstanding Senator Joe McCarthy's expose and the general who promoted him was himself promoted by Ike's connivance after Ike had joined a whole pack of broadcasters, journalists and miscellany in abusing Joe.

President Kennedy was no novice when, to propitiate Eleanor Roosevelt in his 1960 campaign, he repudiated McCarthy, long in his grave, who had been good enough to help elect him to the Senate in 1952.

Would Kennedy be better off, or worse, if he had disowned Mrs. Roosevelt instead?

To me, the Birch Society is a pro-American league of angry individuals who well may be compared to the early Fascisti. One of these days a club of patriots may at last lay it down and make it stick that a patriot is not a scoundrel for parading his hatred of those who exert themselves as much to abuse Robert Stripling as to excuse Alger Hiss.

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JAMES B. RESTON *Somerset*
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JAMES BARRETT RESTON *Somerset*

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not conducted any investigation concerning James Barrett Reston, who is head of the Washington Bureau of the "New York Times." Information appearing in the files of this Bureau indicates

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There is no information in the Files of this Bureau that shows any association on the part of Reston with the Communist Party or Communist Party front groups.

On June 15, 1950, Mr. James B. Reston was a witness before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, appointed to investigate whether there were employees in the State Department disloyal to the United States. The questioning of Reston centered around methods and contacts he used in obtaining news from the officials of the State Department.

At that time, Reston stated that his position was Diplomatic Correspondent of the "New York Times" Washington Bureau. He said his job was not to report primarily the spot and news announcements out of the State Department, but it was a job of primarily explanatory reporting. He attempted to explain the background of some particular announcements that might have been made by the Department of State. He also stated his job was to contact persons who knew most about the area or the problem that happened to be news at the time. That person would explain, to the extent of his ability and with the limitations placed upon him by his own job, what the facts in the

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James B. Reston

situation were but not for attribution to the Department of State. He also advised it was his opinion that responsible journalists deserved more cooperation on the part of the Department whose policy depends upon the consent of people if there is to be an effective foreign policy in a democracy.

In answer to questions concerning use of classified material and misuse of information given in confidence to newspapermen, Reston stated that in his opinion only a small percentage was misused. He did state that there were many so-called "scoop artists" who were making a living by trying to convey ideas that "you cannot get truth by reading the press but if you listen to me on Sunday night everything will be all right." Because of this, Reston said, there is a tendency for those people to trade upon the good relations built up over the years by the responsible officials and responsible journalists. He finally stated that he felt public interest requires an interchange of background information by the officials and the public despite the risk of occasional misuse of information, which he believed to be very small.

In Whittaker Chambers' book, "Witness" (pages 647-648), Chambers states that when Reston was asked by John Foster Dulles for his opinion of Alger Hiss as a possible candidate for President of Carnegie Endowment, Reston stated Hiss would be a very good choice.

For your additional information, there is enclosed a copy of a memorandum dated April-22, 1960, entitled "Summit Conference, Paris, France, 1960 - Miscellaneous-Information Concerning," which contains information concerning James B. Reston.

Upon removal of classified enclosure, this memorandum becomes unclassified.

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TO :

Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 17, 1963

FROM :

A. Rosen

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SUBJECT:

JAMES B. RESTON
NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT
BOMBING MATTER

62-99212

SA Joseph A. Connors of the Washington Field Office telephonically submitted the following information to the Bureau at 3:20 P. M. 8-17-63. The Metropolitan Police Department received a call from James B. Reston, New York Times Correspondent, 3124 Woodley Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. Reston advised that at 2:55 P.M. on 8-17-63, he received a phone call from an unknown female with a Latin American accent. She stated "We are going to blow you up. This is not a practical joke". Metropolitan Police Department, Civil Disturbance Unit, searched Reston's home with negative results and has closed the case.

ACTION

Washington Field Office is advising G2 and Mr. Hanning of Mr. DeLoach's Office was advised.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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James B. Reston, Chief Correspondent
N. Y. Times, 3124 Woodley Road, N. W.-
August 17, 1963.
BOMBING MATTER - FALSE THREAT

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Re telephone call to Bureau, 8/17/63.

Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of an LHM which are self-explanatory.

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THREAT TO BOMB RESIDENCE OF
JAMES B. RESTON, CHIEF CORRESPONDENT,
NEW YORK TIMES: 3124 WOODLEY ROAD, N. W.-
AUGUST 17, 1963
BOMBING MATTER - FALSE THREAT

At 3:20 p.m. on August 17, 1963, Sergeant [redacted]
[redacted], Communications Section, Metropolitan Police Department,
advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
that Mr. James B. Reston, Chief Correspondent, New York Times,
received a telephone call at his home at 2:55 p.m., August 17,
1963, from an unidentified female. She spoke in a Latin American
accent, and stated "We're going to blow you up. This is not a
practical joke."

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At 3:24 p.m. August 17, 1963, the above information
was furnished to Sp.-5 Jerry Crockenberg, Army Explosive Disposal
Unit, Fort McNair.

At 3:26 p.m. August 17, 1963, the above information
was furnished to Captain [redacted], Headquarters, MDW.

At 3:30 p.m. August 17, 1963, Sergeant [redacted],
Metropolitan Police Department, advised that a Civil Disturbance
Unit, Metropolitan Police Department, had responded to the call
from Mr. Reston; had searched the residence, found nothing
unusual, and closed the case.

The military authorities set forth above were advised
of final disposition at 3:35 p.m.

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TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 10-8-63

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT:

SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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PURPOSE:

To record receipt of nonsensitive security form from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for processing under Executive Order 10450 (Federal Employee Security Program) on who James B. Reston, a correspondent of "The New York Times," assigned to the Washington, D. C., office. To recommend (1) Form be returned to CSC marked "No derogatory data - FBI files" and (2) Recommend attached letter to the Attorney General (AG) be approved advising him of the employment of captioned employee.

BACKGROUND:

Our files do not contain any information concerning the employee or his family which would be the basis of a loyalty investigation of the employee under Executive Order 10450 and we have not conducted an investigation of James B. Reston per se.

As you will recall, James B. Reston was vociferous in his criticism of the administration for ordering an investigation relating to "The New York Times" article which appeared 7-26-62 and was authored by Hanson W. Baldwin. Article contained information regarding missile sites of the Soviet Government. Certain information contained in the article was referred to in a classified report known as National Intelligence Estimate dated 7-6-62 and distributed on a limited basis on 7-10-62.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum to Mr. Evans

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During our investigation directed at determining the leak to the press of classified information Baldwin was uncooperative. Both Baldwin and Reston resented the investigation. Complete results of our investigation were furnished to P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President and to the AG under a ~~top secret~~ classification.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the security form be returned to CSC marked "No derogatory data - FBI files."

(2) That attached letter to the AG referring him to the investigation directed at determining the leak of classified information in 1962 and advising him that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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9:22 a.m.

March 30, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. DE LOACH

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The Attorney General called and said he wanted to check two things with me. One, we have never put a tap in recent times on Joe Alsop's phone. I said no. 3124 Woodley Rd., N.W.

DOB: 11/3/09 Clydebank
Scotland

Washington, DC

Two, there was another story that [redacted] was being shadowed in connection with a story he had gotten about a comptroller's report on something in the Far East, some scandal in the Far East. He asked if the Bureau had been surveilling [redacted]. I answered that I would check that; that I thought not because they would certainly clear a matter like that with me.

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I have instructed Mr. Belmont to check on both these matters and advise me.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

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TO The Director

DATE 11/1/65

FROM N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT The Congressional Record

Pages 2825; 28252. Congressman Cohn, (D) California, commented on the recent demonstrations against the war in Vietnam and stated "The right of protest, dissent, and free speech is, of course, a tradition of our society and a guarantee of our Constitution. Of no less importance is our traditional respect for and our reliance on a system of law and order. He included an article from the New York Times of October 17, 1965, written by James Hession entitled "Washington: The Stupidity of Intelligence" and an editorial from the Washington Post of October 18, 1965, entitled "The Demonstrators."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 11/18/65 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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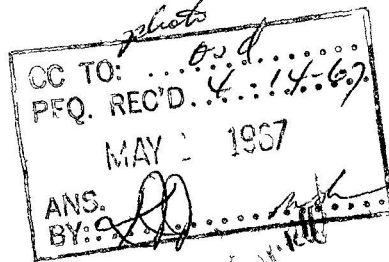
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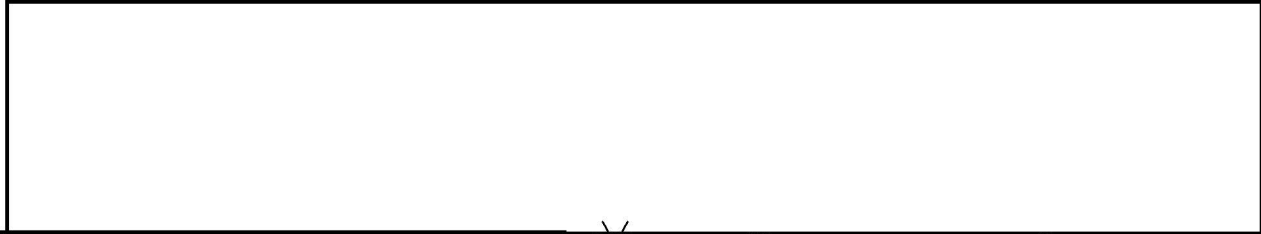


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JAMES BARRETT RESTON
INTERNAL SECURITY - CU

On January 16, 1967, WF T-1, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised [redacted]

[redacted] James Barrett Reston and his wife, Sarah
Fulton Reston. According to the informant, James Reston was
born November 3, 1909, at Clydebank, Scotland, and Sarah
Reston was born September 5, 1912, in Illinois. Both are
United States citizens and reside at 3124 Woodley Road, N. W., WASH, D.C.
WDC. In addition, both are correspondents for "The New York
Times" [redacted]

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On January 24, 1967, WF T-2, who has furnished
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(U) The November, 1966, issue of the "Diplomatic List," published by the United States Department of State, sets forth Hugo B. Margain as Mexican Ambassador to the United States. ~~(S)~~

(U) The 1966, Volume 3, issue of "Chiefs of State and Cabinet Ministers of the American Republics," published by the Pan American Union, WDC, sets forth Antonio Carrillo Flores as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico. ~~(S)~~

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FROM : SAC, WFO [redacted] (X)

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Records of the Passport Office, USDS, were reviewed
on 2/20/67, by IC [redacted], and on 3/2/67, by
SA CHARLES E. LENNON.

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Since the subject and his wife have had their
passports validated for a round trip to Cuba by the USDS,
instant case is being closed.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 13, 1967

MR JAMES BARRETT RESTON
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Form 4-774

Records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), reviewed February 20, 1967, revealed the following concerning Sarah Fulton Reston, 3124 Woodley Road, Washington, D. C.

MR *Fulton*
On September 5, 1961, Mrs. Reston applied for a passport and was issued Passport number B-484619 at New York City on the same date. In the application she set forth she was born September 5, 1912 at Sycamore, Illinois, to William J. Fulton, born in Canada in 1875, father, and Laura Bussey, born at Urbana, Illinois, in 1878, mother.

Fulton
On December 24, 1935, she married James Barrett Reston, who was born on November 3, 1909 at Clydebank, Scotland.

Mrs. Reston indicated she planned to depart the United States from New York City on December 5, 1961, via air for England, Belgium, France and Germany on "husbands business."

On or about October 21, 1964, Mrs. Reston renewed the above-mentioned passport for a proposed six-week business and vacation trip to Greece, United Kingdom, France and Italy. In her renewal application dated October 9, 1964, she gave her permanent address as 3124 Woodley Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., and by renewing her passport she continued its validity to December 4, 1966.

Mrs. Reston had been issued Passports previously on May 21, 1953, June 17, 1947, August 13, 1943 and April 19, 1937.

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ENCLOSURE

JAMES BARRETT RESTON

Records of the Passport Office, USDS, were reviewed on March 2, 1967, concerning James Barrett Reston, 3124 Woodley Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., who was born on November 3, 1909, at Clydebank, Scotland.

On January 20, 1967, Mr. Reston applied for a passport and was issued Passport number H-139342 at Washington, D. C., on January 23, 1967. He listed his father as James Reston, born April 30, 1873, in Scotland, and his mother as Johanan Irving, born October 9, 1877 at Straurner, Scotland. He was last married to Sarah Jane Reston on December 31, 1935, who was born September 5, 1915 at Sycamore, Illinois. *Reston*

Mr. Reston, in his application, indicated he immigrated to the United States in 1920 and resided at Dayton, Ohio, New York City and Washington, D. C., since that time. He was naturalized in 1927 at Dayton, Ohio, on his "father's paper."

Mr. Reston set forth that he proposed to depart the United States from Los Angeles, California, on January 31, 1967, via air, for Mexico, Cuba and "later most of Latin America for purpose of reporting."

In a letter dated January 3, 1967, the Passport Office advised both Mr. and Mrs. Reston that the USDS had approved their requests for validation of their passports for travel to Cuba and their passports were endorsed to show that they are valid for one round trip to Cuba.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

FROM : SAC, WFO [redacted] (X)

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Re: James Reston

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JAMES BARRETT RESTON
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

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As previously reported, records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS) reviewed February 20, 1967, revealed that Sarah Fulton Reston of 3124 Woodley Road, Washington, D.C., on or about October 21, 1964, renewed her Passport number B 484619, originally issued on September 5, 1961.

As previously reported, records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS) were reviewed on March 2, 1967 concerning James Barrett Reston, 3124 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. He is the holder of United States Passport H 139342 issued him on January 23, 1967, by the United States Department of State, (USDS), at Washington, D.C.

In communication dated January 3, 1967, as previously reported, the Passport Office advised both Mr. and Mrs. Reston the United States Department of State (USDS) had approved their requests for validation of their passports for travel to Cuba and their passports were endorsed to show that they are valid for one round trip to Cuba.

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On July 12, 1967, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, determined that

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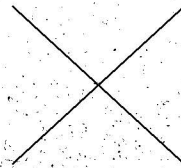
(U) The informant had no additional pertinent information.

The "Congressional Directory" dated March 1967, under Members of the Press Entitled to Accreditation James B. Reston is listed for the "New York Times."

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REPORTING OFFICE MEXICO CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 9/22/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/27-9/14/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES BARRETT RESTON		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY gmh
CHARACTER OF CASE IS - CUBA		b6 b7C	
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SYNOPSIS:

Subject, a United States citizen, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject,
NEW YORK TIMES correspondent, covering OLAS Conference.

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REFERENCE:

Washington Field airtel 1/27/67 setting forth
lead for Washington Field to check passport
records regarding subject

INFORMANTS:

T-1 is [REDACTED]

0-7 to Legat, Mexico 10/5/67
(X) No action being taken
by Bureau with respect to
re: since subject is legitimate
newspaperman who had State Dept
authority to travel to Cuba. P.M./pc

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Re: James Reston

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be prejudicial to the defense interests of the United States. (U)

LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Upon receipt of results of Washington Field's check
of passport files, will take appropriate action.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Subject is the bearer of United States passport
#H139342, which may be of assistance in locating his file.

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On January 16, 1967, T-1 reported that JAMES BARRETT
RESTON, a correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES, [REDACTED]

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On July 27, 1967, T-2 reported that [REDACTED]

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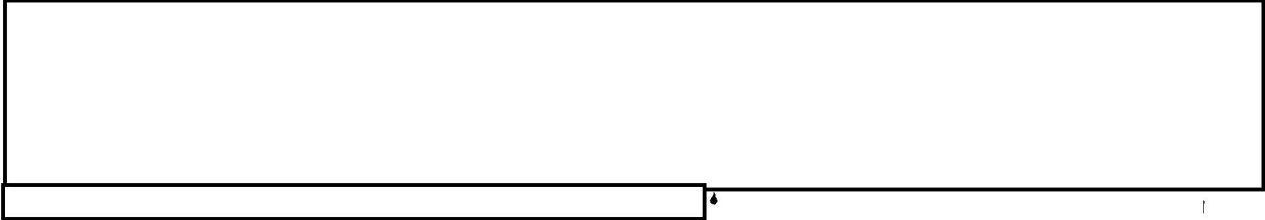
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JAMES BARRETT RESTON



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On September 6, 1967, T-3 reported that the name of JAMES BARRETT RESTON appeared on a list of American correspondents who were in attendance at the First Conference of the Organizacion Latinoamericana de Solidaridad (OLAS - Latin American Organization of Solidarity).

OLAS was formed in January 1966 by delegates from many Latin American countries meeting in Havana, Cuba. At its First Conference in Havana in August 1967, it announced its goals as the promotion of guerrilla warfare and revolution in Latin America; support of the Negro "revolution" in the United States; and creation of a continent-wide organization with its seat in Havana.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

The Attorney General

November 8, 1968 (U)

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
1 - Mr. C. G. Sullivan
1 - [redacted]

[redacted] (S) (U)
A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 5, 1968, that James B. Reston, Executive Editor, The New York Times, [redacted]

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The information contained herein is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED] (S) (U)

FROM: SAC, WFO [REDACTED] (S) (U)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a self-explanatory LHM, captioned as above, pertaining to JAMES RESTON [REDACTED] (S) (U)

The LHM is based upon information furnished by [REDACTED] on 11/5/68 and is classified "Secret - No Foreign Dissemination" to protect the identity of the source. (S) (U)

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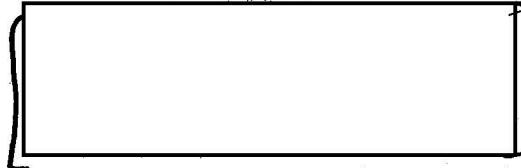
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 5, 1968, that he had just received information that a member of the press, James B. Reston of "The New York Times",



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November 8, 1968

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1 - Mr. C. G. Sullivan
1 - [redacted]

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

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 5, 1968, that James B. Reston, Executive Editor, The New York Times, [redacted]

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

Sincerely yours,

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Washington: Mr. Nixon's...
By JAMES RESTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — Things are going to be different around here. President-elect Nixon is going to wire democracy for sound. He is going to have official listening posts, which will record the grumbles of "the forgotten Americans." He is thinking of announcing and introducing his Cabinet on nationwide television, and he has already asked the 80,000 people in Who's Who to pass on the names of people who can help him run the country.

This obviously opens up some interesting possibilities. Mr. Nixon, who already looks a lot like Ed Sullivan on television, should make a good master of ceremonies at TV Cabinet meetings. Citizens with gripes should have some interesting comments for the Government, particularly around income tax time, but his letter to the 80,000 people in Who's Who may raise some problems.

The Top Letter

What if they all answer him? He'll never get rid of the postal deficit with an idea like that. And what if he doesn't take their advice? The people in Who's Who are an awkward mob. They think they run the country, and when they are asked by a new man on the job for an idea, they may get the silly notion that he will follow it.

There are other complications. Most of the people in Who's Who have got to the top of their organization, or institutions and have a common problem: They are either bored with success, in which case they may embarrass Mr. Nixon by offering themselves for the public service, or they have been trying for years to get rid of some incompetent associate, and may try to solve the problem by dumping it on the new Administration.

The Awkward Replies

It is not hard to imagine the kind of letter Mr. Nixon might get back from some of the illustrious gentlemen in the Who's Who set:

Dear Mr. President: I was very touched by your thoughtful and imaginative letter. I have been particularly impressed by your emphasis on the importance of establishing law and order in this country, and I know just the man with the judgment, experience and determination to do the job. Modesty forbids me to pass along at this time my suggestion, but I'll be glad to discuss him with you at your convenience. Sincerely, J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Mr. Nixon: I am very much in sympathy with your appeals for national unity, and wonder if you have thought of the advantages of making the honorable George Wallace Attorney General? Though Mr. Wallace got more than ten million votes for the Presidency, I understand that he is now unemployed and available. P.S. So am I. Yours sincerely and forward together, General Curtis LeMay.

Dear Dick: I received your talent-hunt letter and wonder if you have thought about a job for me? I have never worked in Washington, but am eager to help and don't just want to sit out the next four years presiding over the Senate. Any chance? Spiro T. Agnew.

Dear Dick: I think I might be able to help you with your Rockefeller problem. If you don't want me in the Cabinet, and David doesn't want to give up the bank for the Treasury, why not put Laurance in Interior? That would fix the people who say you are anti-Rockefeller. Good Luck. — Nelson.

Aside from letters of this sort, a Republican President has more manpower problems than a Democratic President. Republicans in general have more stock options than Democrats, and therefore more conflicts of interest and more to lose than Democrats.

Also, they have contributed more to the Republican campaign treasury in the last thirty years and got less out of it than the Democrats, who have had the jobs. So the pressure on the White House and the Republican National Committee for ambassadorships and other prominent and elegant posts may crowd the suggestions from Who's Who.

The Avengers

Every Republican President since Mr. Lincoln has complained about disappointed office seekers. For every job they fill, making one man happy, they turn down at least a dozen more. The only difference with Mr. Nixon is that he has invited applications and expects between 25,000 and 50,000 for the 1,700 jobs available.

Nobody will be able to say, however, that opposition was silenced. After the jobs are filled, the listening posts will be operating, and any angry also-ran will be able to dial a number and give Mr. Nixon a piece of his mind.

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February 17, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning
Mr. and Mrs. William Armistead Moale Burden and some other individuals.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent information
identifiable with Eric Hoffer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hume, and [REDACTED]

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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 concerning the following
individuals:

Mr. and Mrs. William Armistead
Moale Burden
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey
Richard E. Horner
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Parrish

Mrs. Merriweather Post
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reston
John E. Robson
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus L. Sulzberger
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. White

This letter of transmittal may be declassified when it is
removed from the enclosures bearing a classification.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures

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Re: James Barrett Reston

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Re: James B. Reston

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES B. RESTON *Summary*

James Barrett Reston, who was born on November 3, 1909, in Scotland and who is Associate Editor of "The New York Times," has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI.

Information appearing in the files of this Bureau indicates that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is no information in the files of this Bureau that shows any association on the part of Reston with the Communist Party or Communist Party front groups.

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The records of Tass News Agency, official Soviet news bureau, showed numerous articles written by James Reston were forwarded to Moscow during the period 1948 to 1951. [A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised

[REDACTED]

On June 15, 1950, Mr. James B. Reston was a witness before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, appointed to investigate whether there were employees in the State Department disloyal to the United States. The questioning of Reston centered around methods and contacts he used in obtaining news from the officials of the State Department.

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President. This memorandum being classified "~~Secret~~ - No Foreign Dissemination" as it contains information received from highly confidential sources of continuing value. Group 1 **ENCLOSURE**

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Re. James B. Reston

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Re. James Barrett Reston

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At that time, Reston advised it was his opinion that responsible journalists deserved more cooperation on the part of the Department whose policy depends upon the "consent of people" if there was to be an effective foreign policy in a democracy. He further stated that he felt public interest required an interchange of background information by the officials and the public despite the risk of occasional misuse of information, which he believed to be slight.

In Whittaker Chambers' book, "Witness" (pages 647-648), Chambers stated that when Reston was asked by John Foster Dulles for his opinion of Alger Hiss as a possible candidate for President of the Carnegie Endowment, Reston stated Hiss would be a very good choice.

The January 16, 1953, issue of "Counterattack," a publication self-described as opposing communism, accused "The New York Times" of giving aid to Joseph Stalin. It stated that a British professor, Dr. George Catlin, had commented that the giving of a list of questions to Stalin for answers just before Christmas, as James Reston had done, was "journalistic bumblng." Catlin suggested that the State Department give guidance to the press in order to prevent more boners on such matters. With reference to that matter, it is noted that "The Daily Worker," a former east coast communist newspaper which has suspended publication, published a notice in its April 2, 1953, issue announcing that the Communist Party had prepared a folder featuring a photograph of the late Joseph Stalin and the late President Franklin Roosevelt, together with Stalin's Christmas Eve reply to Reston.

The March 15, 1958, issue of "Editor and Publisher" contained an article setting out a statement by James Reston to the effect that the Democrats had followed the practice of having "gumshoes shadow reporters to detect their sources" for delicate news stories and that the Republicans were also doing it.

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At the request of the then Attorney General Robert Kennedy, the FBI launched an extensive investigation in July, 1962, concerning a leak of highly classified information, which classified information was published by "The New York Times" on July 26, 1962, in an article by Hanson Baldwin entitled "Soviet Missiles Protected In 'Hardened' Positions." During this investigation, Reston contacted the Deputy Attorney General in Washington to complain that an employee of the local office of "The New York Times" had been interviewed by FBI Agents at her home, rather than at the newspaper's office. In August, 1962, Reston contacted McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President, and was advised by Mr. Bundy that he was unable to comment concerning the investigation. Reston also advised Treasury Secretary C. Douglas Dillon that he felt there was excessive use of the FBI and intimated that some very high Government official should have personally taken the matter up with Hanson Baldwin.

The December 18, 1961, issue of "Newsweek" magazine contained an article entitled "The Columnists JFK Reads Every Morning." This contained background information concerning Reston and identified him as being one of three newspaper columnists upon whom President Kennedy "concentrated most intently." (62-5-19102)

During September, 1967, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the name of James Barrett Reston appeared on a list of American correspondents who were in attendance at the First Conference of the Organization of Latin American Solidarity (OLAS). At its First Conference in Havana, Cuba, in August, 1967, OLAS announced its goals as the promotion of guerrilla warfare and revolution in Latin America; support of the Negro "revolution" in the United States; and creation of a continent-wide organization with its seat in Havana. (62-99212-13)

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Another confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised during November, 1968, that James Reston, Executive Editor, "The New York Times," [redacted]

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The central files of the FBI contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with the above-captioned individuals.

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

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Subject Reston, James B.
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Subject Benton, James B. Mrs.
 Birthdate & Place August
 Address 3124 Woodley Rd Wash.

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5/24/72

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On 5/3/72, SA [redacted] contacted SA [redacted]
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MRS The current Hills City Directory lists JAMES B. and SALLY ~~B.~~ RESTON as the residents at 3124 Woodley Road, N.W., WDC. ~~JAMES B. RESTON~~'s occupation is shown as that of a columnist for the New York Times.

WASHINGTON, DC.

The current telephone directory lists JAMES B. RESTON with the same residence and a business address at 1920 L Street, N.W., WDC, where his business is shown as a correspondent.

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Although it is noted that the address for captioned individual may be a temporary address [REDACTED], WFO is showing itself as Office of Origin.

WFO indices negative re [REDACTED].

In view of captioned individual's [REDACTED], and in the absence of any information of a security nature concerning him, no further inquiry will be conducted by WFO, UACB.

[REDACTED]
would appear to be identical with JAMES BARRETT RESTON, aka "Scotty" Reston, well-known correspondent for the New York Times and the subject of Bureau file [REDACTED], probably now consolidated into Bureau file 62-99212.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-99212)

DATE: 6/28/72

FROM : SAC, WFO [redacted] (S)

SUBJECT: JAMES BARRETT RESTON

(OO:WFO)

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ReNYairtel dated 6/20/72, [bearing the title,
"UNSUB: 3124 Woodley Road, Washington, D. C. 20008, [redacted]

ADDRESS

The current Washington Address Telephone Directory lists JAMES B. RESTON at 3124 Woodley Rd., N.W., WDC. The current Washington Area Telephone Directory lists JAMES B. RESTON, correspondent, at this address with office at 1920 L Street, N.W., WDC. This same source lists the "New York Times" Bureau at the latter address. The Congressional Directory, 92nd Congress, First Session, under "Press Galleries - Members of Press Entitled to Admission", lists JAMES B. RESTON, 3124 Woodley Road; "New York Times".

In view of the fact that it has been established that the address 3124 Woodley Road, is that of the well-known correspondent, JAMES B. "SCOTTY" RESTON, no further action is being taken in this matter.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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If initial investigation develops insufficient information to resolve the matter, a letter should be submitted to the Bureau setting forth scope of investigation conducted to date with results and recommending further specific action deemed necessary on UACB basis.

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This matter is being considered RUC.

[REDACTED] NYO indices contained no record identifiable with the subject based upon available information, or [REDACTED] files of the NYO contain the following information:

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JAMES B. AND SALLY RESTON *Summary*

James B. RESTON - Summary

Captioned individuals, who you advised reside at 3124 Woodley Road, Northwest, Washington, D.C., were the subjects of a White House name check request in 1970. Attached is a copy of a communication dated February 17, 1970, furnished to the White House containing information concerning the above-captioned individuals.

(62-99212)

The central files of the FBI, including the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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~~SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED.~~

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NOTE: Per request of Miss Jane Dannanhauer, Staff Assistant (Security), The White House. The above telephonically furnished to [redacted], White House Security, on 4-13-76, by SA [redacted].

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 ND [redacted] Sarah Fuller (aka)
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225 The N.Y. Times

Subject Renton, James B.
 Birthdate & Place 11/3/05, Clydebrook, Scotland
 Address 3184 Woodway Rd. N.W.

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 I 62-99212-5 Sum. 6/23/61
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 NO [Redacted]
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 I 62-99212
 I 100-420468-14 CR 152 Sum. 3/8/57
 I 62-99212-55 Sum. 6/23/61
 I 62-99212-4 Sum. 3/10/59 b3
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James Barnett (Bn)

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9:53 a.m.

March 30, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. DE LOACH

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I called the Attorney General and advised him I had checked both matters he had inquired about earlier today and we, of course, have never tapped Alsop's phone and have had no surveillance on [redacted].

I further advised him that Mr. DeLoach told me that Moyers told him Alsop came in to see Moyers yesterday. The Attorney General said this was the reason for his phone call. I advised him that Alsop said he was going to write a column if we didn't take it off right away. I said as far as I am concerned Alsop can write anything he pleases. The Attorney General said before we get to that, what he is trying to do now is make sure nobody did. I said it is entirely possible the Defense Department or the Comptroller General's office did. I further stated we could very readily check his (Alsop's) phone and find out but I wouldn't do that for him.

As to [redacted], I said there was no investigation by us but it is entirely possible another agency did.

The Attorney General said the thing that occurred to him is that Alsop believes this because he said something over the phone which he said to nobody else and, therefore, his phone must have been tapped, but it is possible Alsop talked on a phone that was tapped and it was not his phone. I said that is possible; that it is entirely possible these other Government agencies are tapping phones.

The Attorney General said the President talked to him about that and he told the President he was contemplating that no taps be authorized by anyone except himself - but he has not discussed this with all the other department heads - so he would have a central control. I told him I recommended that back under Tom Clark. He said the President thought that was a good idea. He further said, if that is set up the way he would like done, the requests would come through me to him. I said I would be

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glad to do that. He said McNamara is perfectly agreeable to this and McNamara thinks it is not possible in Defense without his or Vance's approval but that is not his (the Attorney General's) impression. I said it is not mine. He said he told the President he had absolutely no question about the Bureau in this regard but could not speak for the other agencies.

I stated that, if an agent should get out of line, he would be fired right away; that they understand that very clearly; that when we have requests from the field that we turn down, we don't even send them around to him; that we try to keep them down to 50 or 60 for the entire country in espionage and kidnapping cases. He remarked that kidnappings are very rare. I explained that, where the life of an individual or the life of the Nation is threatened, I think it warranted. I said that three years ago, we had about 100 and now have gotten it down to about 50 or so and the field is very sensitive to the fact that they will not be approved here unless it is something very vital; and I think this would be the only way to do it.

The Attorney General said also he would like to set up some similar procedure on microphone installations; that he really ought to be informed in this regard, not be told after but be told prior. I stated I am perfectly willing to have that done; that I see no objection. The Attorney General said he does not think it is right to put a responsibility like that on the Bureau; if anything comes out, he has to take responsibility and so he might just as well take the responsibility.

I related that there are four categories: the so-called mail covers and they have been discontinued; the so-called trash covers and we have one in Miami on a Cuban who is working for the Castro element; the other two categories are in so-called phone covers and in the microphone covers. I said we still have some microphone covers though not in large numbers; that they are largely limited to espionage and Cosa Nostra activities; but I would start right away on the microphones the way we follow on the telephones.

The Attorney General indicated he wanted to discuss this with me in detail but not on the phone; that he thought on the taps we might have a system where the authorization would run for a specific time, six months or something; that as it is now he has no idea when they are taken off or

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when they continue to go on. I advised him that we re-evaluate each phone tap every thirty days; that I have no objection on re-evaluation to again notifying him we would like to continue the tap. He said he was thinking of a longer period. I said we could take three months or six months and he said whatever fits in with our practice. I stated I would be glad to do whatever he suggests.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

