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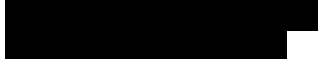


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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

October 1, 2014

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD, JR.



FOIPA No.: 1260137-000  
Release No.: 290088  
Subject: Lloyd Berkner

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

**Section 552**

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141 pages were reviewed and 131 pages are being released.

☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☒ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

☒ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) [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.

your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the 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 that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when identifying references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents contained in section 1 of Headquarters file 161-HQ-525 represents the first interim release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

As previously indicated, document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. We are consulting with those OGAs and are awaiting their response. Due to the fact that our office has processed all other information currently in our possession, your request is being administratively closed at this time, pending the completion of the outstanding consultation by our office. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is finished.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

The enclosed material is being released to you on CD-ROM at no charge.

A search of the FBI Headquarters electronic surveillance indices has been conducted, and no responsive record which indicates that Lloyd Berkner has ever been the target of electronic surveillance was located.

Inquiries regarding your OGA referral(s) may be directed to the following agency(ies) at:

Office of Personnel Management  
Federal Investigative Services  
FOIA  
Post Office Box 618  
Boyers, PA 16018

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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WASHINGTON

April 7, 1961

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Courtney Evans

FROM: [redacted] *WGH* *MH*

SUBJECT: Science & Technology Staff

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Berkner, Lloyd V.

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LLOYD VIEL BERKNER  
Born: February 1, 1906  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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NAME CHECK

An applicant-type investigation concerning Lloyd Viel Berkner is presently being conducted by this Bureau, the results of which will be furnished to the White House upon completion. It is the desire of the White House that you be referred to the Office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of this investigation. (161-525)

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NOTE: [ ] Extension 2037, Justice, advised 5-15-61 that previous investigation had been done on the subject of an applicant type in the 116 category, the results of which will be incorporated in the current summary prepared of the Special Inquiry Investigation. The results in summary form, he ~~was~~ thought, should be furnished to the White House by the end of this week or the first of next week, 5-22-61.

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To: SAC, Washington Field (116-62481)

ABR From: Director, FBI

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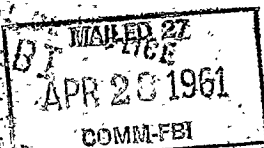
Re your airtel 4-27-61. Permission granted  
for Agents, WFO, to interview Senators from New York.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (116-62481)

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FROM SAC NEW YORK 161-321  
LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, SPI. RE BUTEL TO WFO, MARCH TWENTY FIVE LAST.

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WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF BERKNER WHO IS BEING  
CONSIDERED AS CONSULTANT TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STAFF. BORN FEBRUARY  
ONE, NINETEEN SIX, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED  
UNIVERSITIES, INC., NYC, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE TO DECEMBER ONE, NINETEEN  
SIXTY. PRESIDENT, GRADUATE RESEARCH CENTER, DALLAS, TEXAS, WITH TEMP-  
ORARY OFFICE SPACE AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DECEMBER, NINE-  
TEEN SIXTY TO PRESENT. PERMANENT RESIDENCE, AUGUST, NINETEEN FIFTY  
NINE TO DATE AT THREE SIX THREE TWO NORTH EAST TWENTY FOUR AVENUE,  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. BUSINESS RESIDENCE IS APARTMENT D, SIX  
THREE ONE NINE BANDERA STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS. WIFE LILLIAN F.  
ABOUT FIFTY THREE, BORN USA, RESIDES ABOVE FORT LAUDERDALE ADDRESS.

[REDACTED] ABOUT TWENTY EIGHT, [REDACTED]  
RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABOUT  
NINETEEN, [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] FATHER HENRY F BERKNER, ABOUT EIGHTY THREE, AND MOTHER ALMA  
JULIA BERKNER, ABOUT EIGHT TWO, RESIDE ONE ONE SIX WEST LINDEN STREET,  
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SLEEPY EYE, MINNESOTA. BROTHER CECIL W BERKNER, ABOUT FIFTY ONE, RESIDES SLEEPY EYE, MINNESOTA, WHERE HE OPERATES BERKNER INSURANCE AGENCY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] APPOINTEE IS A DIRECTOR, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, INC., DALLAS, TEXAS, CHAIRMAN OF ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS, PRINCETON, NJ, WHERE KNOWN BY [REDACTED]

ALSO TREASURE OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WASHINGTON, D C, AND CHAIRMAN OF SPACE SCIENCE BOARD, AT NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WDC, WHERE KNOWN TO [REDACTED] ASSOCIATE OF DOCTOR GLENN SEABORG, CHAIRMAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WDC, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF AEC, WDC. ALSO ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY LABORATORY, GREENBANK, WEST VIRGINIA, WHICH LABORATORY IS OPERATED BY THE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES, INC. ALL OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION, COVERING CHARACTER, LOYALTY, GENERAL STANDING, AND ABILITY. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT LEADS BY TELETYPE. ASSIGN TO SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO INSURE THAT BUDED OF MAY FIVE, NEXT, IS MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS 161-343 2P

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, SPI. REBUTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST

AND NEW YORK TEL APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT. BUDED MAY

FIVE NEXT WITHOUT FAIL. PERSONNEL OF THE FEDERAL

RECORDS CENTER ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE-S OFFICIAL PERSONNEL

FOLDER COVERING EMPLOYMENT DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NOVEMBER, TWENTY-

SEVEN TO JUNE THIRTYFOUR, STATE DEPT., MARCH FORTYNINE TO

APRIL FIFTYTWO, OFFICE OF DEFENSE, JUNE FIFTYTHREE TO

DECEMBER FIFTYFIVE AND DEPT. OF ARMY, MAY TO JUNE FIFTYEIGHT,

WAS FORWARDED ON MAY TWELVE, SIXTY, TO COMMANDING GENERAL

MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, DEPT. OF ARMY, WASHINGTON,

D.C. THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, SERVICE RECORD DIVISION

FILE REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT FOR WHICH NO

OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER COULD BE LOCATED COLON JANUARY NOT RECORDED

ELEVEN, FORTYEIGHT, EXPERT, NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT,

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WASH.,

D.C., NO TERMINATION SHOWN. WASHINGTON FIELD LOCATE AND

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BOSTON 161-257 1 PG.

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, SPI. REBUTEL BS DATED APRIL TWO FIVE LAST

AND NY TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL TWO EIGHT LAST. APPOINTEE

WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE BOSTON OFFICE IN ONE NINE FIVE

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ONE, AND, ONE NINE FIVE SIX, UNDER THE CAPTION, LLOYD VIEL

BERKNER, [REDACTED] AEA AND AEA REPECTIVELY.

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APPOINTEE WAS ALSO INVESTIATED BY THE BOSTON OFFICE IN ONE  
NINE FIVE THREE, UNDER THE CAPTION, LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, APPLICANT,  
OFFICE FO DEFENSE MOBILIZATION, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE  
PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SGE THE ABOVE FILES HAVE BEEN  
REVIEWED, AND NO FUTHER INVESTIGAION NEED BE CONDUCTED BY  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, DETROIT

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-62481)

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, SPI. WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF BERKNER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED AS CONSULTANT TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STAFF. BORN FEBRUARY ONE, NINETEEN SIX, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, AND EMPLOYED AS PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES, INC., NEW YORK CITY. THIS IS A BRINGUP TO DATE COMMENSURATE WITH PRESENT DAY SPI STANDARDS SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION, SET OUT LEADS BY TELETYPE, ASSIGN TO SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO INSURE THAT BUDED OF MAY FIVE, NEXT, IS MET WITHOUT FAIL. APPOINTEE EMPLOYED FROM OCTOBER, FIFTY TWO TO MARCH, FIFTY THREE BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD, AND ALSO FROM NINETEEN FIFTY THREE-FIFTY FIVE AS CONSULTANT WITH ODM. HE WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AS MEMBER OF THE SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ODM, WITHOUT COMPENSATION, FROM MARCH, FIFTY SEVEN TO NOVEMBER, FIFTY SEVEN. APPOINTEE'S SECURITY FILE IS MAINTAINED IN THE BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN OFFICE OF OC DM DETROIT HANDLE.

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (161-139)

RE: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER  
SPIRe: Bureau tel 4/25/61;  
New York tel 4/28/61.

Review of re tels together with review of New Haven file concerning 1953 Security of Government Employees investigation of appointee reflects no basis for investigation in this Division in the current matter.

The Bureau's attention is directed to report of SA SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA, dated 2/10/60, at New Haven entitled [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-62481)

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, SPI. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS FOLLOWING PERSONS  
WELL KNOWN TO APPOINTEE AND SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED: 

NOW AT HARVARD U., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., WHO WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DURING NINETEEN FIFTY NINE - SIXTY ONE.  WHO IS NOW SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SINCE JAN., SIXTY ONE, ALSO REPORTEDLY KNOWS APPOINTEE WELL, IT BEING NOTED APPOINTEE SERVED AS ADVISOR OF SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ODM, STARTING NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, WHICH WAS TRANSFERRED AND NOW KNOWN AS PRESIDENTS SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND IS STILL SO EMPLOYED. IF DESIRED, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW YORK  
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 EXCEPTED APPOINTMENT DURING JULY, FIFTYEIGHT, AS A MEMBER OF  
 VISITING COMMITTEE, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, WITHOUT  
 COMPENSATION, TO RUN UNTIL JUNE, SIXTYTHREE. INVESTIGATION  
 REFLECTS FOLLOWING PERSONS ALSO ON ABOVE COMMITTEE AND SHOULD  
 KNOW APPOINTEE. DR. FREDERICK SEITZ, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS,  
 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, AND [REDACTED] PRESIDENT OF

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BELL TELEPHONE LABS, INC., OFFICE AT FIVE NINE ZERO MADISON  
AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, WHO IN FIFTYEIGHT WAS CHAIRMAN ABOVE  
COMMITTEE. INTERVIEW.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES T. FLETCHER</b>	Typed By: <b>cf</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPI</b>	

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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype dated 4/25/61  
New York teletype dated 4/28/61

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

During a previous investigation of Appointee in 1956, the only investigation indicated for the SF Division was to check credit and police records regarding a [redacted] in Alameda, California and a [redacted] in Sacramento, California. Retel from NY revealed that this [redacted] now reside in Denver, Colorado.

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SF indices revealed no additional file references identifiable with Appointee or the appropriate relatives to those previously disclosed and reported in 1956.

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Report of: SA CHARLES T. FLETCHER  
Date: May 2, 1961

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File No.: 161-129

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Title: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[redacted] Their credit rating is generally satisfactory although frequently slow on some payments, and they have no police record.

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DETAILS:

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] On April 28, 1961 [redacted] Storz Realty Company, 5611 Freeport Boulevard, advised that [redacted] and their family, moved into the residence at [redacted] on February 18, 1961 and are currently residing there. He said that they moved to their present place from [redacted]. He also stated that they are two months in arrears on their rent payments and presently owe the company \$200.00.

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted]

[redacted] On April 28, 1961 [redacted] Retailers Credit Association, 1801 J Street, advised that [redacted] have been known to the files of that agency since January, 1948.

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The latest information contained in their credit file was as of January, 1961 at which time they were residing at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] employment at that time was not known, but as of June, 1960 he was employed as a [REDACTED] for Cameron Pontiac Company, North Sacramento. His wife was employed as a [REDACTED] for Foster and Kleiser Advertising Company, Sacramento, as of January, 1961.

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The credit file showed [REDACTED] as having been [REDACTED] for Saint Joseph County Chapter Red Cross, no state shown, for eighteen months prior to 1947; and from 1947 to August, 1953 he was reportedly an [REDACTED] for the Boy Scouts of America, Sacramento.

The credit information in the file showed that of six bank loans during the period from February, 1951 to December, 1953, three accounts were rated slow, one unsatisfactory, one satisfactory, and one as agreed. A medical account in August, 1953 was rated unsatisfactory, as was a furniture account in July, 1955.

[REDACTED] stated that an analysis of all of the credit information available for the [REDACTED] from 1948 to the present would indicate that their credit rating is generally satisfactory, but frequently slow with some usually small amounts referred to the Adjustment Department for reminders for payment. There were no suits on file and nothing further of an unfavorable nature regarding the [REDACTED]

On April 28, 1961, [REDACTED] Identification Bureau, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Sacramento Police Department, advised that there is no record for either [REDACTED] in the files of their respective agencies.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Page <b>5/2/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/28/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Typed By: <b>ah</b> b6 b7C
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## Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Milwaukee

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May 2, 1961

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Field Office File No.: MI 161-53

Bureau File No.:

Title:

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

"Who's Who In America" reflects BERKNER's birth as February 1, 1906 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Birth records on file with the Recorder of Deeds Office, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reflect BERKNER's birth as February 1, 1905.

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## DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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BIRTH DATA

On April 28, 1961, the records of the Recorder of Deeds, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, Wisconsin were checked, at which time document number 3462 reflected that LLOYD VIEL BERKNER was born February 1, 1905 of parents HENRY BERKNER and ALMA VIEL. This document was recorded on March 3, 1905.

"Who's Who In America" reflects BERKNER's birth as February 1, 1906 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Reporting Office <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5/3/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/28/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>Vmm</b> b6 b7C
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## REFERENCES

New York teletype to Bureau, 4/28/61.  
Report of SA CHESTER E. AIRHART, Pittsburgh, 10/18/56.

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Title:

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

 Green Bank, W. Va., an associate, considers appointee to be a loyal American of high integrity, excellent character, and very capable and recommends him for a position of trust.

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DETAILS:

ASSOCIATE

On April 28, 1961, [REDACTED] Director, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Green Bank, W. Va., advised that he has known appointee for about ten years and worked under appointee's supervision in 1959 and 1960, while appointee was President of Associated Universities, Inc., under which the Observatory is operated. He said that he considers appointee to be a loyal American of high integrity, excellent character and very capable, and that he would recommend him for a position of trust.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>BALTIMORE</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5/3/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/27 - 5/2/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>JAMES E. BARRETT</b>	Typed By: <b>dfl</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPI</b>	

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype dated 4/25/61.  
New York teletype dated 4/28/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Appointee's G-2 file X8-051084 was made available by Col. [redacted] CO, USACRF, Fort Holabird. This file contains copies of 1951 and 1956 Bureau reports under Atomic Energy Program as well as copies of 1953-54 Bureau reports under SGE Program concerning appointee.

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Date: 5/3/61

Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Field Office File No.: 140-50

Bureau File No.:

Title: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

G-2 files reviewed and pertinent information contained therein concerning appointee has been utilized.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on May 2, 1961. The pertinent information contained in these files concerning appointee has been utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conducting this investigation.

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Reporting Office <b>DENVER</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5/3/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>5/1 - 5/2/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS</b>	Typed By: <b>dcs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau, 4/28/61.

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## Copy to:

Report of: DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS  
Date: May 3, 1961

Office: DENVER

Field Office File No.: 161-76

Bureau File No.:

Title: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

BERKNER's [redacted] University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 9/58 to 2/61. Nothing adverse [redacted] college records and no credit or arrest record, Boulder. BERKNER's [redacted] Denver, Colorado, presently reside Denver. Well regarded by a neighbor and have satisfactory credit rating. No arrest record located for [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Boulder, Colorado, was conducted by SA KENNETH BRIDENSTINE; at Denver, Colorado, by SA DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS.

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RELATIVES

On May 1, 1961, [ ] Records Office, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, advised the permanent record card in that office for [ ] reflects her attendance in the Arts and Sciences College during regular academic years from September, 1958, until February, 1961. She withdrew on February 8, 1961, passing all hours of academic work. Her scholastic average was good and nothing adverse appeared on the record card, according to [ ]

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On May 1, 1961, [ ] Dean of Women's Office, University of Colorado, Boulder, advised the student personnel folder of [ ] contains no adverse data and no record of disciplinary action against her appears in the files of the Dean of Women.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

On May 2, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had lived next to her for about three  
years. She stated she considers them an exceptionally  
fine young couple who are loyal to the United States, honest,  
and extremely discriminating in the type of persons with  
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CREDIT AND ARREST

On May 1, 1961, [REDACTED] Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, Colorado, advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have a satisfactory credit rating. No derogatory information was set out in the Retail Credit Men's Association files. The [REDACTED] have been on record since November, 1957, when [REDACTED] was a student at the University of Denver. [REDACTED] was listed as a contract co-ordinator for the Colorado Research Corporation.

On May 1, 1961, [REDACTED] Denver Police Department for the City and County of Denver, advised there was no record in his files for either [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On May 1, 1961, [REDACTED] Master Files Section, Motor Vehicle Division, Colorado Department of Revenue, advised there was no record in their files of any traffic violations on the part of [REDACTED]. He stated, however, that [REDACTED]  
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Reporting Office <b>MIAMI</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	<del>SECRET</del> 5/3/61	Investigative Period 5/2/61
TITLE OF CASE <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>JOSEPH I. GREALY</b>	Typed By: <b>JMS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis: **REFERENCE:** Bureau teletype to Washington Field, March 25, 1961.  
New York teletype to Bureau, April 28, 1961.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On May 1, 1961, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau  
of Boulder, Inc.; [REDACTED] Boulder Police  
Department; and [REDACTED] Boulder County Sheriff's  
Office, advised their respective records contained no data  
identifiable with [REDACTED]

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Report of: JOSEPH I. GREALY

Office: Miami, Florida

Date: May 3, 1961

Field Office File No.: 161-92

Bureau File No.:

Title: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis: BERKNER maintains permanent residence in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, since 1959. Neighbors recommend him and family highly as to character and reputation, and know of no reason to believe BERKNER other than loyal to U.S. Credit record favorable. Arrest records negative. Residence of [redacted] in Fort Lauderdale, verified. Credit record favorable, arrest records negative re [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.

The following investigation was conducted on May 2, 1961:

[redacted]  
Lighthouse Realty Company, 5447 N. Federal Highway, advised he has known LLOYD BERKNER and his wife since they moved into their home during 1958. He explained that Mr. BERKNER only makes infrequent visits to Fort Lauderdale, since he spends most of his time in Dallas, Texas. As a result he is not close to any of the people in the neighborhood.

[redacted] stated that the BERKNERS are quiet



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people and get along very well in the neighborhood. He has never known either of them to be in any trouble whatsoever. He pointed out that he has never had any reason to doubt their loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] advised they have known Mr. and Mrs. BERKNER as neighbors since the fall of 1959.

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[redacted] stated he was retired as a Chief Engineer from General Motors in Flint, Michigan, and from his contact with top personnel of that company, he would say that none he ever met or came in contact with was finer than Mr. BERKNER.

He explained they are the only people in Fort Lauderdale that the BERKNERS are close to, since he is away most of the time and Mrs. BERKNER spends most of her time with her [redacted] who also lives in Fort Lauderdale.

[redacted] described Mrs. BERKNER as a wonderful woman. They pointed out that the BERKNERS have never been a source of trouble in the neighborhood, and are well regarded. They have a young daughter, who spends most of her time away at school.

[redacted] stated Mr. BERKNER makes infrequent trips home from Dallas, Texas, where he is working. He has visited with him on occasion and found him to be loyal to the United States. He and his wife are people of good moral habits.

[redacted] pointed out that the only other resident in their immediate neighborhood is a [redacted] but he is visiting up north as a result of the recent death of his wife.

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[redacted] advised they would trust Mr. BERKNER with any government position, because they feel he is trustworthy and dedicated to his work.

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[redacted] Broward County Credit Bureau, 440 S. Andrews Avenue, advised his files reflect LLOYD V. BERKNER and LILLIAN BERKNER came to Fort Lauderdale in 1958 from New York City. They own their own home at 3632 N.E. 24th Avenue, and Mr. BERKNER rents an apartment at 6319 Bondera Street, Dallas, Texas, where he is employed as President of the Graduate Research Center. His credit record is very satisfactory and his approximate yearly income is listed as \$50,000.

[redacted] Identification Records, Fort Lauderdale Police Department, and [redacted] Deputy, Broward County Sheriff's Office, advised their files contained no pertinent information concerning the BERKNERS.

A check of local directories reflects [redacted].

[redacted]

[redacted] Broward County Credit Bureau, advised his files reflect [redacted] [redacted] is a widow, and has been in Fort Lauderdale since 1951. Her credit record is very good.

[redacted] Fort Lauderdale Police Department, and [redacted] Broward County Sheriff's Office, advised their files contained no pertinent information concerning [redacted]. However, [redacted] stated the files reflected 2 speeding arrests for GEORGE LANE PETER, born September 29, 1941, who resided at 2006 N.E. 17th Terrace. He pled guilty in both instances, being fined \$10. and \$20.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5-3-61</b>	Investigative Period <b>5/3/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LLOYD VEIL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>SA [redacted]</b>	Typed By: <b>vm1 b6 b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

REFERENCE: WFO teletype to Springfield 5/2/61

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Date: May 3, 1961

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Field Office File No.: SI 161-46

Bureau File No.:

Title: LLOYD VEIL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Professor of Physics and Head of the Physics Department, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, considers BERKNER as outstanding in the scientific field, an excellent administrator, and conscientiously dedicated to the service of his country. [REDACTED] recommends BERKNER without reservation as to moral character, personal and professional integrity, and loyalty to the United States Government.

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DETAILS:

On May 3, 1961, [redacted] Professor of Physics and Head of the Physics Department, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, advised he has known LLOYD BERKNER for approximately 20 years, during which time he has had frequent professional contact with BERKNER including their mutual service as members of the Visiting Committee of the National Bureau of Standards. [redacted] advised he considers BERKNER outstanding in the scientific field, particularly as an applied physicist. He said BERKNER enjoys the highest respect and esteem of personal and professional associates as to personal and professional integrity, as well as technical ability. [redacted] said that BERKNER is an excellent administrator who gets along well with others and gets things done. He considers him to be conscientiously dedicated to his profession and service of his country. He said he knows of no association on the part of BERKNER with any individual or group known or suspected of being disloyal or subversive, and on the basis of his long acquaintance and association with BERKNER, he would recommend him without reservation for a position of trust involving the security of the United States.

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5/3/61</b> (U)	Investigative Period <b>5/3/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>SA</b> [redacted]	Typed By: <b>spi</b> b6 b7c
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Title:

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Harvard University recommends  
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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Professor at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts advised that he has known the appointee for approximately four years and he stated that the appointee's character, reputation, associates and loyalty were above reproach and that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence. He stated that the appointee was known as a brilliant scientist who was energetic, honest and sincere.

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Reporting Office: <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin: <b>BUREAU</b>	Date: <b>5/1/61</b>	Investigative Period: <b>4/26 - 5/3/61</b>
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It is noted that the appointee was the subject of a Security of Government Employees case in 1953 entitled "LLOYD VIEL BERKNER, Applicant, Office of Defense Mobilization, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C.," NY file 140-57, and of an AEAA case in 1951, and an AEAE case in 1956, NY file 116-54620, Bufile 116G221366.

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Title:

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment with Associated Universities, Incorporated, NYC, verified. Co-workers associates, acquaintances and neighbors highly recommend. Satisfactory credit. No arrest or BSS record. Confidential informants do not know.

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DETAILS:

Employment

Associated Universities,  
Incorporated  
10 Columbus Circle  
New York, New York

On April 27, 1961, [REDACTED] to the President, Associated Universities, Incorporated, advised that the appointee, who was born on February 1, 1905, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was President of the captioned organization from February, 1951 to December, 1960, when he resigned to become President of the Graduate Research Center in Dallas, Texas, where his business residence is Apartment D, 6319 Bandera Street, Dallas, Texas.

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From 1951 until about August, 1959, he and his wife, LILLIAN, resided at 105 Mountain Avenue, New Rochelle, New York. On the latter date, he moved his residence to 3632 North East 24th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but the appointee continued to use the above described New Rochelle address when in New York City on business until he sold it in July, 1960. From July, 1960 until December, 1960, he resided in various New York City hotels when in New York City on business. The appointee's immediate family members and relatives are:

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Father, HENRY F. BERKNER, 116 West  
Linden Street, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

Mother, ALMA JULIA BERKNER, 116 West  
Linden Street, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

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[REDACTED] advised she had been the appointee's secretary in the captioned organization for six and one-half years. She described him as a brilliant, honest and trustworthy person, who is conscientious, capable and reliable. He is also of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. She recommended the appointee without question for a position of trust and confidence.

✓ On May 1, 1961, [REDACTED] Assistant to the President, Associated Universities, Incorporated, advised that he continues to hold the appointee in as high esteem as to the appointee's ability, integrity, character, reputation, associates and loyalty, as related by him to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning the appointee in 1956. He advised that nothing happened in the ensuing years to change his opinion of the appointee, and he would recommend him without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence.

Associates and Acquaintances

✓ On April 28, 1961, [REDACTED] and Legal Counsel at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has known the appointee for 10 years, having met him when the appointee was Selected President of the Associated Universities,

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Incorporated, which administers Brookhaven National Laboratories. He has maintained a close professional association and a casual social association with the appointee since then. He described the appointee as a person who was close to a genius in intellect and one who is an excellent organizer and administrator. The appointee's reputation in the scientific field is of the highest. He is a person of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. He highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Acting Director, Brookhaven National Laboratories, advised SA [redacted] that he met the appointee in 1943 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he and the appointee were engaged in radiation laboratory work. They met again at various scientific meetings, and became close associates professionally when the appointee became President of the Associated Universities, Incorporated. He has visited the appointee socially and regards the appointee's family as very fine people. He described the appointee as extremely intelligent and a capable administrator who is of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. He highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On May 1, 1961, Dr. ISIDORE I. RABI, Professor of Physics, Columbia University, New York City, and a trustee of the Associated Universities, Incorporated, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the appointee professionally and socially since about 1942, when they worked on a project for the United States Navy. He advised he has always considered the appointee to be an individual of very good character, reputation and choice of associates. He stated he has never had reason to question the appointee's loyalty as an American citizen. He further advised that he knows the appointee's wife and daughters and considers them to be individuals of the same caliber as the appointee. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 66th Street and York Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has been a close and intimate associate of the appointee for a number of years. He mentioned that the appointee recently resigned his position with the Associated Universities, Incorporated, and assumed a position in Texas. He mentioned that the appointee's wife was recently involved in an automobile accident causing injury to the side of her face and he understood her doctor had suggested a warmer climate for her, which may have prompted the appointee's move to Texas. He said the appointee is Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences and he, [redacted] serves as its President. He is acquainted with the appointee's wife and has met the appointee's two daughters but does not know any of the other members of the appointee's family. He characterized the appointee as an outstanding scientist who enjoys the complete confidence and respect of the members of his profession. He regards the appointee and his family members as individuals whose character, reputation, associates and loyalty to this country, are above reproach. He highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

5 On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Executive Secretary, Institute of Radio Engineers, 1 East 79th Street, New York City, advised he has known the appointee for 20 years, having met him when the appointee was a pilot in the United States Navy and he, [redacted] was with Scientific Research in the War Department. They have been close social and professional associates since that time. The appointee is one of the most capable scientists in this country and holds numerous honorary degrees and awards from many American and foreign universities. He is currently Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences, which honor is regarded as a pinnacle of success in the scientific field and attests to his top reputation



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as such. He advised he believes that the appointee is one of the very few Naval Reserve Admirals and may be the only one. The character, reputation, associates and loyalty of the appointee are regarded as being 100% above reproach, and he would recommend the appointee without hesitation, or qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. The appointee is currently President of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Vice President, General Electric Company, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he met the appointee about November, 1955 in regard to their work in connection with the International Geophysical Year (IGY). The appointee was then on the United States National Committee of the IGY. Subsequently, he, [redacted] served on the Space Science Board, the appointee being the Chairman of this Board. Their association has been primarily professional. He met the appointee's wife only once or twice. The appointee enjoys the highest reputation throughout the scientific field and he is regarded as one of the two top scientific organizers in the nation. The appointee had been a member of the President's Science Advisory Council in the past administration. He stated that he regards the appointee as a man of unquestioned character, reputation, associates and loyalty. [redacted] stated that there is no indication on his part that the appointee would not be a good security risk. He would definitely recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On May 1, 1961, [redacted] retired President and Chairman of the Board, Research Corporation, New York City, residence [redacted]

[redacted] advised he has known the appointee for over 30 years professionally and socially. They resided nearby in New Rochelle for many years. He stated that the appointee is one of the nation's top scientists and is highly respected by all of the scientists in this country.

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The appointee has worked on many of this country's scientific projects and he has received many honors for his work. The appointee was a captain in the Navy during World War II and is now an Admiral in the Naval Reserve. He stated that the appointee's family life is unquestioned and that he regards the appointee as a man of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. He advised that he would recommend the appointee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

On April 28, 1961, [redacted] Vice President, New York Life Insurance Company, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL that his association with the appointee goes back quite a number of years. He advised that he has not had much contact with the appointee in recent years. He first met him during World War II, and stated that he worked with the appointee on "Project East River" in 1951 - 1952. He described this project as a contract between the United States Government and the Associated Universities, Incorporated. At that time the appointee was President of the Associated Universities, Incorporated, and he, [redacted] was Director of the above described project. He stated that he developed a very cordial relationship with the appointee during that period, and commended the appointee for his patriotism, integrity and ability. He advised he has not the slightest doubt concerning the appointee's loyalty and has no reason to question the loyalty of his associates. He highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

On April 28, 1961, [redacted] Vice President for Research and Engineering, International Business Machines, 590 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised SAA ASCHERL that his association with the appointee goes back to 1941, and he has known him ever since on a professional and social basis. The



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appointee has an excellent reputation and is one of the few Admirals in the Naval Reserve. The appointee is intensely loyal to the United States and he, [redacted] has no reason to question the loyalty of the appointee's associates. He would unquestionably recommend the appointee for any position with the United States Government.

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10 On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Atomic Industrial Forum, Incorporated, 3 East 54th Street, New York, New York, advised SA ASCHERL that he was associated with the appointee on a professional level in connection with work on "Project East River" during the period 1951 to 1953. The appointee was then President of the Associated Universities, Incorporated, which organization participated in this project. He has continued to maintain a professional contact with the appointee in connection with work for the Atomic Industrial Forum, Incorporated.

[redacted] described the appointee as a renowned scientist, very dedicated and loyal to the United States, whose character, and reputation are above reproach. He has never heard anything which would cause the slightest doubt as to the appointee's integrity and character. He advised that the appointee's associates are some of the most distinguished scientists in America and he would not question their loyalty in the slightest. He stated that he would unhesitatingly recommend the appointee for any position with the United States Government.

On April 29, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] American Airlines, and his [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY that they have known the appointee for about 30 years. [redacted] stated that he and the appointee served in the Navy together during World War II and subsequently in the Naval Reserve in Washington, D. C. They had originally met the appointee when the appointee was with the National Bureau of Standards in Washington. They advised that they have maintained a close social friendship with the appointee and his wife and children, and regard the appointee as a brilliant and eminent scientist who is of unquestioned character, reputation, associates and loyalty. They highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Picker X-Ray Corporation, 25 South Broadway, White Plains, New York, advised SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, Jr., that he met the appointee 20 years ago in connection with business and has known him socially since then. He described the appointee as a person of great intellect and imagination. He knows the appointee's wife fairly well and his daughters only slightly. He described the appointee as a person of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty, and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

On May 3, 1961, [redacted] consultant, International Business Machines, 590 Madison Avenue, New York City, retired President of the Bell Telephone Laboratory, advised that he met the appointee in the mid 1930's, when the appointee was with the Carnegie Institution. They came in close contact professionally during World War II on scientific work for the Navy, and he has known the appointee intimately ever since. He stated that the appointee is a dedicated public servant and citizen, who has been very generous with his time and talents in public service. The appointee is internationally recognized as a top scientist and has received many honors for his work at home and abroad. The appointee has been a member for the past three years of the Visiting Committee of the National Bureau of Standards of which he, [redacted] was the Chairman. The appointee also served in a top position on the Research and Development Board in Washington, D. C. following World War II, and was considered its operating head. [redacted] advised there is absolutely no reason to question the appointee's character, reputation or associates or his loyalty as an American citizen. He stated that he would recommend the appointee without qualification or hesitation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On May 3, 1961, [redacted] Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, 730 Third Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he did not know the appointee personally but had met him on several occasions in connection with the business of his, [redacted] firm. He advised that he does know some of the appointee's colleagues very well, and their comments about the appointee have always been excellent. He went on to say that by reputation, the appointee appears to be very well qualified for any scientific appointment. He further advised that nothing whatsoever has ever come to his attention to question an appointment of the appointee in a position of trust and confidence.

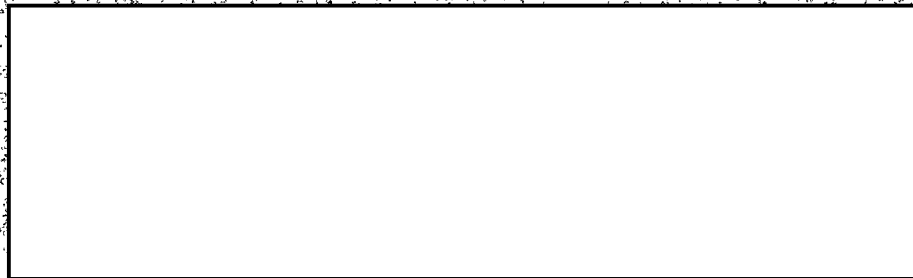
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Residence

105 Mountain Avenue  
New Rochelle, New York

On May 1, 1961, the below mentioned persons, with the indicated number of years they have known the appointee, advised SA STEVENSON that the appointee was held in high esteem in the neighborhood. They found him to be an excellent family man. The appointee and his wife and daughters always enjoyed the highest respect of their neighbors and were regarded as persons of the highest character, reputation, associates and loyalty. All highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government:



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Credit

On April 28, 1961, IC [redacted] caused the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York to be checked through [redacted], Clerk, who advised that no record was located for the appointee or for his wife or daughters.

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On May 1, 1961, SA STEVENSON caused the records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York, to be searched by [redacted] Manager. A satisfactory record was located for the appointee and his wife, LILLIAN. No record was located for the appointee's daughters.

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#### Arrest

On April 28, 1961; and May 1, 1961, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked through [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; [redacted] Information Unit; [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department); and [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located for the appointee or for his wife or daughters.

On May 1, 1961, SA STEVENSON was advised by [redacted] of the New Rochelle, New York, Police Department, that no record was located for the appointee or any member of his family.

#### Miscellaneous

On April 28, 1961, SA JENKINS caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, to be checked through [redacted]. No pertinent information was located concerning the appointee. No record was located for the appointee's wife or daughters.

Several confidential informants who are familiar with the general Communist Party activities in the New York City area, were contacted in April and May, 1961, at which time they advised they do not know the appointee or any member of his family.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On May 1, 1961, SA JAMES O. INGRAM reviewed the files of the Information Bureau, "New York Times," as furnished by [REDACTED] Supervisor, concerning the appointee. No pertinent information relative to this inquiry was noted.

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On May 2, 1961, [REDACTED] Assistant Chief, Personnel Security Branch, United States Atomic Energy Commission, 376 Hudson Street, New York, New York, furnished his agency's security file concerning the appointee to SA JOHN A. BEHRINGER. A review of this file reflected the appointee was last granted a "Q" security clearance on December 13, 1951. The file reflected no additional pertinent background data concerning the appointee since 1956.



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Title:

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

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Synopsis:

OCDM security files Battle Creek, Mich., contain no derogatory information concerning BERKNER. An Atomic Energy clearance granted in 1951 was extended as of 8/56.

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On May 3, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, made available the security file concerning LLOYD V. BERKNER, which noted BERKNER's date of birth as February 1, 1906, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. No derogatory information was noted.

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According to a letter dated August 16, 1956, in this file from the Washington Area Security Operations of the United States Atomic Energy Commission to the Office of Defense Mobilization, Washington, D. C., the original Atomic Energy clearance for BERKNER granted on March 20, 1951, was extended as of August 16, 1956.

Also in the file was a secrecy agreement signed April 27, 1957, by BERKNER. There was no correspondence in the file which noted the appointment of BERKNER without compensation as a member of the Science Advisory Committee, Office of Defense Mobilization, during the period March, 1957, through November, 1957.



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It is to be noted that the Office of Defense Mobilization and the former Federal Civil Defense Administration merged in August, 1958, into the present day Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

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## REFERENCE

New York airtel to the Director dated April 28, 1961.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

(U) Investigation at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, conducted by SA DAVID F. FRISTOE.

Investigation at University of Minnesota conducted by SA SAMUEL W. HARDY.

Credit and identification checks at Minneapolis conducted by IC ROBERT J. WIRTH.

The Minneapolis Office on February 26, 1961, by report of SA  submitted the results of an investigation on LLOYD VIEL BERKNER in connection with an AEAA investigation. The reference therein, a  of the "Minneapolis Star

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"Tribune" was not recontacted during the course of this investigation as the report of SA [redacted] is suitable for dissemination and BERKNER was not in the Minneapolis area since the date of the above report.

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LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character:

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DATE 12-12-77 BY SP3 BTJ/R

## Synopsis:

BERKNER attended University of Minnesota in electrical engineering from 1923-1927, receiving a degree in Bachelor of Science. BERKNER attended Graduate School, University of Minnesota, in 1927, but canceled registration same year. BERKNER's educational file is entirely favorable. No credit record, Minneapolis, but favorable credit rating, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, for HENRY F. BERKNER and ALMA JULIA BERKNER, parents, and CECIL W. BERKNER, brother. No identification record.

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DETAILS

[REDACTED] Admissions and Records, University of Minnesota, on April 28, 1961, made available the educational file of LLOYD VIEL BERKNER. This file indicated that BERKNER was born February 1, 1905, place of birth not indicated. The file further indicated that BERKNER's residence was 117 East Summit Street, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, and that his father was HENRY F. BERKNER of the same address, Sleepy, Eye, Minnesota, and that he had attended the Sleepy Eye High School. The file further reflected that BERKNER entered the University of Minnesota on September 26, 1923, and graduated on June 13, 1927, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. BERKNER, according to the file, entered

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Graduate School at the University of Minnesota in April, 1927, but that he canceled out his registration in November, 1927, after registering for the fall quarter and consequently did not receive a Graduate Degree from the University of Minnesota. The file indicated that BERKNER's major was in electrical engineering with a minor in mathematics. His marks in both the School of Engineering and the Graduate School were above average.

[redacted] advised that BERKNER, during his entire period at the University of Minnesota, took courses in military drill. He also advised that BERKNER's educational file and references therein were entirely favorable.

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He advised that there was no one presently at the University of Minnesota who, in his opinion, would be acquainted with BERKNER.

[redacted] Secretary to the Disciplinary Counselor, University of Minnesota, advised on April 28, 1961, that the files of her office contain no reference to LLOYD VIEL BERKNER.

On the same date, [redacted], Director of Minnesota News Service, exhibited a 1927 "Gopher" the University of Minnesota yearbook. This publication indicated that LLOYD VIEL BERKNER graduated in electrical engineering and while at the University belonged to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and was a member of the Officers ROTC Cadet Club. The publication further recorded that BERKNER participated in a Stadium Fund Drive, was on the radio staff of the University during his first and second years and was the Chief of Staff of the University Radio Station during his third year.

On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau, advised that the files of her office contain no record for LLOYD VIEL BERKNER or any member of his family.

On the same date, [redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau of Brown County, New Ulm, Minnesota, which covers Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, advised that the records of his office show that HENRY F. BERKNER and his wife, ALMA JULIA BERKNER, as well as their son, CECIL W. BERKNER, all of Sleepy Eye,

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Minnesota, have excellent credit ratings, and that these records contain no derogatory information. [redacted] advised that he was well acquainted with the BERKNER family and that they all have excellent reputations and are well regarded in this community.

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On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Clerk, Identification Bureau, Minneapolis Police Department and [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that their files contained no records for LLOYD VIEL BERKNER or any member of his family.

On the same date, LOUIE ADAM, Sheriff, Brown County Sheriff's Office, New Ulm, Minnesota, which covers Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, advised that the files of his office contain no record for HENRY F. BERKNER, ALMA JULIA BERKNER, or CECIL W. BERKNER.

On May 1, 1961, ABE SCHMIDT, Chief of Police, Police Department, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, advised that the files of his office contain no reference to HENRY F. BERKNER, ALMA JULIA BERKNER, or CECIL W. BERKNER.

Both LOUIE ADAM and ABE SCHMIDT advised that they were acquainted with the BERKNER family, that they all reside in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, and have excellent reputations in the community.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>LLOYD VIEL BERKNER</b>		Report made by <b>SA VINCENT E. DRAIN</b>	Typed By: <b>WVM</b>
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Synopsis:

## REFERENCES

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Report of: VINCENT E. DRAIN  
Date: May 4, 1961

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Title: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Investigation Dallas, Texas, reflects BERKNER to have been a member of the Board of Directors of Texas Instruments, Inc., since 4/1/58. Acquaintances and associates recommend BERKNER as a good loyal, patriotic American citizen with good character. No record located Retail Merchants Credit Association, Dallas PD or Dallas County SO.

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DETAILS:

ACQUAINTANCES AND ASSOCIATES

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] First National Bank, Dallas, Texas, was contacted. [redacted] stated that he had known Dr. LLOYD VIEL BERKNER ever since Dr. BERKNER had been residing in Dallas, Texas. He knew him to be president of the Graduate Research Center, Dallas, Texas, with temporary office space at Southern Methodist University. [redacted] stated that he would estimate this has been approximately 18 months or slightly longer. [redacted] described Dr. BERKNER as being brilliant, an outstanding citizen of unquestioned loyalty, character and integrity.

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[redacted] and trust officer of the First National Bank and former executive secretary, Southwest Legal Institution, Southern Methodist University, was contacted on May 2, 1961. [redacted] stated he had known Dr. BERKNER approximately two years and knew him to be highly regarded and believed him to be a loyal, patriotic American citizen with good character and morals.

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[redacted] Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, was contacted on May 2, 1961. He stated for approximately the past two years he has been closely associated with Dr. BERKNER and personally knew him to be an outstanding, brilliant scientist. He stated he knew Dr. BERKNER to be a good loyal, patriotic American citizen with excellent character and morals.

On May 4, 1961, [redacted] of the Texas Instruments Corporation, Dallas, Texas, was contacted. [redacted] stated that she was an officer of Texas Instruments and had been authorized by [redacted] Chairman of the Board, at Texas Instruments and [redacted] President of Texas Instruments to comment for them concerning Dr. BERKNER.

[redacted] stated Dr. BERKNER was regarded by [redacted] and [redacted] as having excellent morals and a good loyal, patriot American citizen. She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] had further authorized her to state that Dr. BERKNER was first elected as Director on April 1, 1958 and was re-elected on April 19, 1961. She stated that [redacted] regard Dr. BERKNER as one of the outstanding scientists in America today.

#### CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

[redacted] Retail Merchants Credit Association, Dallas, Texas, May 4, 1961, stated she could find no record in the files of that agency of LLOYD VIEL BERKNER.

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Sheriff J. E. DECKER, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, May 4, 1961, advised there were no records of LLOYD VIEL BERKNER in the files of that agency.

[REDACTED] Identification Officer, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, on May 4, 1961, stated there was no record in their files of LLOYD VIEL BERKNER.

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Bureau File No.:

Title: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Associates of appointee at Princeton, N.J., advise he is a highly regarded and competent scientist of excellent character and reputation. He is considered loyal to U.S. and recommend for position of trust.

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DETAILS:ASSOCIATES

[REDACTED] Lecturer, Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, advised on May 2, 1961, he has known LLOYD BERKNER for approximately four years on a limited basis. He said the appointee is chairman of the Rockefeller Public Service Awards of which he, [REDACTED] is Secretary. He said the appointee is highly regarded in scientific circles, however, he cannot personally comment on his abilities as he does not know him well enough. [REDACTED] advised he considers the appointee to be of excellent character, reputation and morals. He stated that as far as he knows the appointee has only associated with persons of good reputation. He considers the appointee to be loyal to the United States and recommends him for a position of trust and confidence.

[REDACTED] Dean of the School of Engineering, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, advised on May 2, 1961, he has known BERKNER since approximately 1951. At that time the appointee was the President of Associated Universities, Inc., and he, [REDACTED] was a member of the Board of

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Trustees, representing Princeton University. He has met with the appointee on a number of occasions since they first met, their association being on a professional basis. [REDACTED] stated he has the highest regard for the appointee's abilities and he knows of few people having a finer scientific background. He stated appointee is considered to be highly competent by all of his colleagues. He advised the appointee's integrity, character and reputation are above reproach. He has no question concerning the appointee's loyalty to the United States and he recommends him without reservation for a position of trust.

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LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis:

Employment as <sup>tant</sup>Consulate and Advisor on various Government committees verified, satisfactory. Professional associates recommend favorably. No credit rating or arrest located for appointee or wife. CSC reflects favorable determination regarding appointee. HCUA and Secret Service negative. ONI and OSI reflect nothing additional. Navy Service ~~recommend favorably~~. Passport record set forth.  
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENTThe White House Office

The following investigation was conducted on May 1, 1961, by SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER.

The appointee's official personnel file was reviewed and reflected the following information:

He entered on duty on March 21, 1957, as Advisor (member Science Advisory Committee), Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), Science Advisory Committee, without compensation. On November 22, 1957, the Science Advisory Committee was transferred from the ODM to the White House. On November 30, 1957, his appointment was terminated. On December 1, 1957, he received a Presidential Appointment as member, President's Science Advisory Committee, Executive Office of the President, not to exceed December 31, 1958.

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On December 31, 1958, the appointment was terminated. On January 1, 1959, he entered on duty as ~~Consultant~~<sup>Executive</sup> Executive Office of the President, President's Science Advisory Committee. He is still employed in this capacity and the file contained no additional pertinent information.

[redacted] Executive Officer, President's Science Advisory Committee and Assistant to Special Assistant to President for Science and Technology, advised that he has known the appointee since 1950, and has been professionally associated with him as a co-worker all the time he has served as a ~~Consultant~~<sup>Science</sup> on the President's Science Advisory Committee. He said the appointee is very competent and capable in his field and his character, associates, reputation and loyalty are above question. He recommended the appointee favorably.

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[redacted], Staff Assistant to Special Assistant to President for Science and Technology, and also for President's Science Advisory Committee, advised he has known and worked with the appointee on that Committee since 1957. He stated the appointee is highly regarded by his associates and he never heard anything unfavorable about him. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

National Academy of Science (NAS)

The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH E. WILLIS, Jr:

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Personnel Office, advised the appointee's official personnel file reflects he has been a member of NAS since 1948. She stated he is still a member and the file contained no derogatory information.

On April 28, 1961, [redacted] Security Office, advised the appointee's security file reflects he was granted a "Top Secret" Clearance by the Office of Naval Research on November 28, 1960, which he also had with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). She advised the file also reflects the appointee has a current "Q" Clearance granted by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). She advised this file contained no additional pertinent information.

3 On April 28, 1961, [redacted] Program Director, Astronomy Program Office, National Science Foundation (NSF), advised that he has known the appointee both professionally and socially since 1957. He stated the appointee is Chairman of the Space Science Board, appointed by the NSF, and responsible to the NAS. He advised the appointee is highly regarded in the scientific field and he added that the appointee adapted radar for use aboard ships during World War II. He stated the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

✓ On April 28, 1961, [redacted] Executive Officer, NAS - National Research Council (NRC), advised he has known the appointee since 1946 on a professional basis when BERKNER was the first Executive Secretary of the Joint Research and Development Board. He stated this Board was set up by agreement between the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments. He stated the appointee is a Geophysicist who is highly regarded in his field. He stated the appointee was the first Chairman of the Committee on Meteorology, NAS, and was the first Chairman (as well as the present Chairman), of the Space Science Board of the NAS. He added the appointee is a <sup>Scient</sup>Consultant on the President's Science Advisory Committee and was very closely associated with the International Geophysical Year (IGY).

[redacted] stated that the appointee was elected Treasurer of NAS and took office in July, 1960. He stated the appointee has outstanding capabilities and his character, associates, reputation and loyalty are all excellent. He highly recommended the appointee.

f On April 28, 1961, [redacted] Executive Director of the Space Science Board, NAS, and Executive Director of the Geophysics Board, NAS, advised he has known the appointee since 1954 on a close professional and social basis. He stated the appointee is Chairman of the Space Science Board and is also a member of the Geophysics Research Board, NAS. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Business Manager, NAS, advised he has known the appointee on a professional basis for



about three years. He stated Doctor BERKNER was elected Treasurer of NAS last year. He stated the appointee is highly regarded by his associates and he has no reason to question his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He recommended the appointee favorably.

On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Assistant to the Home Secretary, NAS, advised she has been acquainted with the appointee since 1951, on a professional basis through the various panels and committees on which he has served since that date at NAS. She said he is a person of excellent character, associates, reputation and loyalty and she recommended him favorably.

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On May 3, 1961, [redacted], Director of the Office of International Relations, NAS, advised he has known the appointee on a close professional and social basis since 1946. He stated he was closely associated with the appointee when the appointee was Executive Secretary of the Joint Research and Development Board, a board set up to facilitate the working duties of the armed services. He said the appointee is past President of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), and Vice President of the IGY.

[redacted] stated the appointee is presently Treasurer of the NAS, Chairman of the Space Science Board, NAS, a member of the Geophysics Research Board, and an active member of the Geophysics Year Committee. He stated the appointee is a good organizer of large groups and has been employed as a <sup>142</sup>Consultant for various Governmental agencies. He described the appointee as one of the finest, "highest caliber" men he has ever known. He stated he has complete confidence in the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Department of the Army

The appointee's official personnel file, as maintained by the Office of the Secretary, Department of Army, and reviewed on May 1, 1961, by SA [redacted] reflected the following information:

On July 1, 1958, he was appointed as a member of the Visiting Committee, without compensation, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., not to exceed June 30, 1963. On

May 26, 1958, he was appointed a <sup>tant</sup>Consulate, when actually employed, not to exceed June 30, 1958, to the Board of Advisers, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C. Two days of actual service were authorized. On May 10, 1960, he was appointed as an <sup>tant</sup>Consulate, when actually employed, to the Bureau of Advisers, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, <sup>not to exceed 5/14/61</sup>Washington, D. C. Thirty days of actual service were authorized. This file contained no derogatory and no additional pertinent information.

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Civil ~~MP~~ Personnel Office, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, made available the file regarding the appointee which reflected substantially the same information as did the file at the Department of Army. This file also reflected he was actually employed on February 8 and 9, 1961, and is a member of the Board of Advisers. This file reflected no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] advised that she did not know the appointee personally and added the only persons there who might know him are currently on a field trip and not available for interview.

Office Secretary of Defense (OSD)

The following investigation was conducted on April 28, 1961, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Supervisor, Personnel Records Section, Pentagon, made available the appointee's service record card which reflected no additional pertinent information than that previously reported regarding his employment at the Department of Defense. This card contained no derogatory information.

[redacted] Supervisor, Security Services Division, made available the appointee's security file which reflected he was granted a "~~Top Secret~~" Clearance on May 20, 1958, in connection with the appointee's work with "Reliability and Control Study - House Committee on Appropriations." This clearance is still in effect and the file contained no additional and no derogatory information.

Department of State

On May 1, 1961, SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER reviewed the appointee's service record card at the Personnel Office, Department of State, which reflected no employment subsequent to his termination on April 30, 1952, from the position of Foreign Affairs Officer (Consultant), when actually employed. This card contained no additional pertinent information.

On May 2, 1961, [REDACTED] Conference Personnel Officer, Personnel Operations Division, Department of State, advised SA SPEICHER that the records of her office reflected that the appointee attended the following international conferences since 1955:

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Seventh General Assembly of the International Council of Scientific Unions, held at Oslo, Norway, from August 9 - 12, 1955. Appointee served as Chairman of the United States Delegation, and was elected President of the ICSU Bureau for 1955 - 1958.

Eleventh General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, held at Toronto, Canada, from September 3 - 14, 1957. Appointee served as Vice Chairman of the United States Delegation.

Was elected President of the International Scientific Radio Union at the Twelfth General Assembly of the International Scientific Radio Union, held at Boulder, Colorado, from August 22, 1957 - September 4, 1957.

Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, held at Geneva, Switzerland, from September 1 - 13, 1958. Appointee served as one of the Technical Advisers to the United States Delegation.

Twelfth General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, held at Helsinki, Finland, from July 25, 1960 - August 6, 1960. Appointee served as Chairman of the United States Delegation.

Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization (OCDM)

The appointee's service record card as maintained by the Personnel Office, OCDM, was reviewed on May 1, 1961, by SA SPEICHER and reflected that his official personnel file for previous employment at ODM had been sent to the White House Office. This card contained no additional pertinent information.

On May 1, 1961, [redacted] Security Officer, Security Office, OCDM, advised SA SPEICHER that the appointee's security file was maintained in the Battle Creek, Michigan, Office of OCDM.

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National Bureau of Standards (NBS)

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Clerk, Personnel Division, Operations and Procedures Section, made available to SA [redacted] the appointee's official personnel file which reflected he was granted an excepted appointment on July 1, 1958, as a member of the Visiting Committee, without compensation, NBS, Washington, D. C. The appointment was not to exceed June 30, 1963.

This file also reflected a security clearance up to and including "Secret" granted the appointee on August 28, 1959, based on background investigations completed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), during 1956. This file contained no additional pertinent information.

[redacted] advised that she could suggest no one at NBS who would know the appointee.

United States House of Representatives

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Clerk, Disbursing Office, advised SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY that the files failed to reflect a payroll record for the appointee.

On May 2, 1961, [redacted] Clerk, Disbursing Office, advised his records reflect a voucher for services and expenses performed dated January 20, 1958, for the appointee. He advised this was at the direction of the House Committee on Government Operations. He advised that it apparently was for service for one day only, and his records contained no additional pertinent information.

On May 2, 1961, [REDACTED] Research Analyst, House Committee on Government Operations, advised SA DOUGHERTY that his records reflect the appointee testified on January 20, 1958, on the availability of scientific information before a hearing of that Committee's special Sub-Committee on Government Information. He advised his records contained no additional pertinent information and he could suggest no one there who would know the appointee.

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

On May 2, 1961, United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, New York, advised SA DOUGHERTY that although he is sure he has met the appointee he does not know him personally and therefore is unable to comment regarding him.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES

On May 2, 1961, [REDACTED] Commissioner of AEC, 1717 H Street, N. W., advised through his secretary [REDACTED] that he has known the appointee about 20 years as a personal friend as well as professionally. He advised he knew of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee and stated his character, associates, reputation and loyalty are excellent. He stated he would recommend the appointee without reservation.

On May 2, 1961, Doctor GLENN SEABORG, Chairman of AEC, advised through his secretary [REDACTED] that he has known the appointee about ten years. He advised he knows of nothing unfavorable about him in any respect and would highly recommend him for any position.

REFERENCES

On May 2, 1961, [REDACTED] Correspondent, "Buffalo Evening News", National Press Building, advised SA [REDACTED] that the comments still apply for the appointee which he furnished during 1956. He advised he even thinks more highly of the appointee now and would highly recommend him in every respect for a position of trust and confidence.

Numberous attempts were made on April 28, 1961, May 1 and 3, 1961, by SA RALPH E. WILLIS, Jr., to contact the appointee's reference [REDACTED] at the NAS. It was determined that he was not available for interview at this time.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCY CHECKS

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were caused to be searched on April 27, 1961, by IC [ ] and no record was located for the appointee or his wife LILLIAN F. BERKNER.

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The files of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C., were searched on April 27, 1961, by SE [ ] and no record was located for the appointee or his wife; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

The files of the United States Park Police were caused to be searched on April 27, 1961, by IC [ ] and no record was located for the appointee or his wife.

The files of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, were caused to be searched on April 27, 1961, by SE [ ] and no record was located for the appointee or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission (CSC), were reviewed on May 2, 1961, by IC [ ] and reflected a "favorable determination" was made regarding the appointee's case on May 4, 1954, based on an FBI investigation. There were no hearings or interrogatories in this case. This file reflected no additional pertinent information.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Affairs (HCUA), were searched on April 27, 1961, by IC [ ] and no record was located for the appointee.

On May 3, 1961, [ ] Clerk, United States Secret Service, advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, Jr., their files failed to reflect a record for the appointee.

On May 2, 1961, the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), Department of the Navy, were reviewed by IC [ ] and reflected no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

The files of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Department of the Air Force, were reviewed on April 27, 1961, by IC [ ] and reflected no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

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On April 27, 1961, SE [ ] reviewed the appointee's Navy Officer Service record which reflected his serial number as 60932NR. As of 1956 he was on inactive duty as a Rear Admiral, United States Navy Reserve. He was called to active duty for training during the following periods:

July 10, 1957, until August 12, 1957;

~~July~~ <sup>October</sup> 30, 1958, to December 15, 1958;

October 17, 1959, to November 2, 1959; and

December 12, 1959, to December 15, 1959.

As of April 6, 1961, he was on inactive duty as a Rear Admiral, United States Navy Reserve. His efficiency ratings were favorable and the record contained no additional pertinent information.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, as reviewed on May 2, 1961, by SE [ ] reflected the appointee was issued Passport Number 471422 on April 24, 1957, for a three week tourist trip to England, Belgium, France, Denmark, and Sweden. On April 15, 1959, the above passport was renewed for a three week trip to Belgium, England and Scotland to attend scientific meetings. This file contained no additional pertinent information.

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SUMMARY

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An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Dr. Berkner in 1951 and 1956.\* An investigation of Dr. Berkner under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 was conducted in 1953\* the results of which were furnished to the Civil Service Commission. By letter dated May 4, 1954, the Civil Service Commission advised that Dr. Berkner was "retained" as a consultant with the Office of Defense Mobilization. The results of those investigations, as well as the results of the current inquiries, have been incorporated in this summary memorandum.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Dr. Berkner was born February 1, 1905, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Education

Dr. Berkner attended the Radio Institute of America, New York, New York, in 1923.

He attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1923 to 1927 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

From 1933 to 1934, he took courses in physics and mathematics at The George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

On October 8, 1955, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York.

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Employment

From March, 1923, to August, 1923, Dr. Berkner was employed as a radio operator by the Radio Marine Corporation of America, New York, New York.

On November 27, 1927, he entered on duty as an assistant radio engineer with the Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. On May 10, 1928, he transferred to the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. His duties were concerned mainly with preparation for and participation in the first Byrd Expedition to Little America, Antarctica. On July 1, 1933, he was placed on indefinite furlough until June 30, 1934, when his services were terminated due to a reduction in force.

From June, 1933, to February, 1951, he was a staff member, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D. C.

From February, 1951, to December, 1960, he was President, Associated Universities, Incorporated, New York, New York.

Since December, 1960, he has been President of the Graduate Research Center, Incorporated, Dallas, Texas.

He is Chairman, Rockefeller Public Service Awards, Princeton, New Jersey.

Since 1958, he has been a member, Board of Directors, Texas Instruments Corporation, Dallas, Texas.

Since January, 1959, Dr. Berkner has been a consultant, Executive Office of the President, President's Science Advisory Committee.

Since 1948, he has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, Washington, D. C., and has served as Chairman, Committee on Meteorology;

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President, International Council of Scientific Unions; Vice President, International Geophysical Year; and member of the Geophysics Research Board. He is presently Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council.

Dr. Berkner has attended numerous scientific conferences throughout the world, many of which he attended as a representative of the Department of State or other governmental agencies. He has also received numerous excepted appointments as consultant to many governmental agencies, among which are the Department of State; Office of the Secretary of War; Department of Defense; Office of Defense Mobilization; Federal Civil Defense Administration; National Security Resources Board; Department of the Navy; and the Department of the Army.

He has served as a consultant to the Committee on Government Operations, United States House of Representatives, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Alaska.

#### Marital Status

Dr. Berkner is married to Lillian F. Berkner and they reside at 3632 Northeast 24th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

#### Military Service

Dr. Berkner was appointed an Ensign, United States Naval Reserve, on March 24, 1927. He entered on active duty September 5, 1941, and was released from active duty on February 11, 1946, with the rank of Captain, United States Naval Reserve. He is presently on inactive duty as a Rear Admiral, United States Naval Reserve.

## II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

### Interviews

The following interviews were conducted during the course of the current inquiry:

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Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, advised he has known Dr. Berkner since 1943, and that Dr. Berkner is a recognized scientist whom Dr. Wiesner would recommend for a position of trust and confidence without qualification.

Dr. S. Douglas Cornell, Executive Officer, National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Dr. Berkner since 1946 on a professional basis. Dr. Cornell stated Dr. Berkner is a geophysicist and is highly regarded in his field. He said Dr. Berkner has outstanding capabilities and his character, associates and reputation are excellent. He stated he considers Dr. Berkner a loyal American, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., Director of the Office of International Relations, National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Dr. Berkner on a close professional and social basis since 1946. Dr. Atwood said Dr. Berkner is a good organizer of large groups and is one of the finest, "highest caliber" men he has ever known. He said he has complete confidence in Dr. Berkner's character, associates and reputation. Dr. Atwood said Dr. Berkner is loyal, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Charles F. Dunbar, Secretary and Legal Counsel, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, advised he has known Dr. Berkner for approximately ten years and has maintained a close professional association with him during this time. He described Dr. Berkner as a person who is "close to a genius," and who is an excellent organizer and administrator. He said Dr. Berkner's reputation in the scientific field is of the highest, and he is a person of excellent character, reputation and associates. He stated Dr. Berkner is loyal to the United States, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Dr. Richard Emberson, Assistant to the President, Associated Universities, Incorporated, New York, New York, advised he holds Dr. Berkner in high esteem as to his ability, integrity, character, reputation and associates. He stated Dr. Berkner is loyal and he would recommend him without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence.

Richard Porter, Vice President, General Electric Company, New York, New York, advised he has known Dr. Berkner since 1955, and Dr. Berkner enjoys the highest reputation throughout the scientific field. He said Dr. Berkner is regarded as one of the two top scientific organizers in the United States. He said Dr. Berkner is a man of unquestioned character, reputation and associates, and he is a loyal American. He recommended Dr. Berkner for a position of trust and confidence.

Dr. George E. Kistiakowsky, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he has known Dr. Berkner for approximately four years and he considers Dr. Berkner a brilliant scientist and one who is energetic, honest and sincere. He stated Dr. Berkner's character, reputation and associates are above reproach, and he is loyal to the United States. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Dr. Frederick Seitz, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, advised during the current inquiries he considers Dr. Berkner outstanding in the scientific field and an excellent administrator. Dr. Seitz said Dr. Berkner is conscientiously dedicated to the service of his country, and he would recommend Dr. Berkner without reservation as to his moral character, personal and professional integrity, and loyalty to the United States.

Eighty-three other persons, including professional associates, acquaintances, references and neighbors, were interviewed during the current inquiries or in 1951, 1953, or 1956. These individuals described Dr. Berkner as a person whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach.

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They said he is a loyal American, and they recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Professional associates of Dr. Berkner described him as an outstanding scientist and an excellent administrator.

Close Relatives

Dr. Berkner's parents, Henry F. and Alma J. Berkner, and his brother, Cecil W. Berkner, reside in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Dr. Berkner has

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Dr. Berkner or any of his close relatives.

Clearances

Dr. Berkner was granted a "Q" clearance by the United States Atomic Energy Commission on March 20, 1951, and the clearance is active. He was granted a "secret" clearance by the National Bureau of Standards on August 28, 1959, and a "top-secret" clearance by the Office of the Secretary of Defense on May 20, 1958. He received a "top-secret" clearance from the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, on November 28, 1960, which is active.

Agency Checks

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, indicate Dr. Berkner has received numerous special passports for travel abroad in connection with official business for the United States Government.

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The files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy, indicate a letter of caution, signed by the Assistant Secretary of Navy for Air, was directed to Dr. Berkner under date of November 27, 1953. This letter indicates that while representing the Office of Naval Research Dr. Berkner discussed in the presence of six British Nationals three matters which were beyond the scope of the subject he was authorized to discuss. It was pointed out that, although much of the information had since appeared in the public press, its disclosure at that time was "a breach of security and violation of the Canadian - United States Agreements."

[Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Berkner:] ~~(S)~~ (U)

United States Secret Service, [redacted]  
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Investigations, Department of the Air Force;  
Investigations Division, Civil Service  
Commission; House Committee on Un-American  
Activities; G-2, United States Army  
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Fort Holabird, Maryland; and Office of  
Security, Department of State. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Miscellaneous

In 1953, an investigation concerning Dr. Berkner was conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 at the request of the Office of Defense Mobilization, by which agency he was then employed as a Consultant. The Office of Defense Mobilization requested information concerning the nature and extent of Dr. Berkner's association with three individuals\* whose loyalty had been questioned. During this investigation individuals closely associated with Dr. Berkner advised they knew of no association between Dr. Berkner and the three individuals; however, if there was any association it would have been for scientific purposes only.

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headed committee which recommended Dr. Berkner for position  
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The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information regarding Dr. Berkner.

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May 13, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In accordance with the request of [redacted] of April 24, 1961, an investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Lloyd Viel Berkner. Dr. Berkner was previously investigated in 1951, 1953, and 1956, and the results of those investigations as well as the results of the current inquiries have been incorporated into the enclosed summary memorandum.

The investigation of Dr. Berkner covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

Enclosure

Note: Request received 4-24-61 and investigation ordered to field 4-25-61. Dr. Berkner being considered as a Consultant with "Science & Technology Staff." Investigation favorable.

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May 18, 1961

LLOYD VIEL BERKNER

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Dr. Berkner in 1951 and 1956. An investigation of Dr. Berkner under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 was conducted in 1953, the results of which were furnished to the Civil Service Commission. By letter dated May 4, 1954, the Civil Service Commission advised that Dr. Berkner was "retained" as a consultant with the Office of Defense Mobilization. The results of those investigations, as well as the results of the current inquiries, have been incorporated in this summary memorandum.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Dr. Berkner was born February 1, 1905, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Education

Dr. Berkner attended the Radio Institute of America, New York, New York, in 1923.

He attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1923 to 1927 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

From 1933 to 1934, he took courses in physics and mathematics at The George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

On October 8, 1955, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York.

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### Employment

From March, 1923, to August, 1923, Dr. Berkner was employed as a radio operator by the Radio Marine Corporation of America, New York, New York.

On November 27, 1927, he entered on duty as an assistant radio engineer with the Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. On May 10, 1928, he transferred to the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. His duties were concerned mainly with preparation for and participation in the first Byrd Expedition to Little America, Antarctica. On July 1, 1933, he was placed on indefinite furlough until June 30, 1934, when his services were terminated due to a reduction in force.

From June, 1933, to February, 1951, he was a staff member, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D. C.

From February, 1951, to December, 1960, he was President, Associated Universities, Incorporated, New York, New York.

Since December, 1960, he has been President of the Graduate Research Center, Incorporated, Dallas, Texas.

He is Chairman, Rockefeller Public Service Awards, Princeton, New Jersey.

Since 1958, he has been a member, Board of Directors, Texas Instruments Corporation, Dallas, Texas.

Since January, 1959, Dr. Berkner has been a consultant, Executive Office of the President, President's Science Advisory Committee.

Since 1948, he has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, Washington, D. C., and has served as Chairman, Committee on Meteorology;

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President, International Council of Scientific Unions; Vice President, International Geophysical Year; and member of the Geophysics Research Board. He is presently Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council.

Dr. Berkner has attended numerous scientific conferences throughout the world, many of which he attended as a representative of the Department of State or other governmental agencies. He has also received numerous excepted appointments as consultant to many governmental agencies, among which are the Department of State; Office of the Secretary of War; Department of Defense; Office of Defense Mobilization; Federal Civil Defense Administration; National Security Resources Board; Department of the Navy; and the Department of the Army.

He has served as a consultant to the Committee on Government Operations, United States House of Representatives, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Alaska.

#### Marital Status

Dr. Berkner is married to Lillian F. Berkner and they reside at 3632 Northeast 24th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

#### Military Service

Dr. Berkner was appointed an Ensign, United States Naval Reserve, on March 24, 1927. He entered on active duty September 5, 1941, and was released from active duty on February 11, 1946, with the rank of Captain, United States Naval Reserve. He is presently on inactive duty as a Rear Admiral, United States Naval Reserve.

## II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

### Interviews

The following interviews were conducted during the course of the current inquiry:

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Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, advised he has known Dr. Berkner since 1943, and that Dr. Berkner is a recognized scientist whom Dr. Wiesner would recommend for a position of trust and confidence without qualification.

Dr. S. Douglas Cornell, Executive Officer, National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Dr. Berkner since 1946 on a professional basis. Dr. Cornell stated Dr. Berkner is a geophysicist and is highly regarded in his field. He said Dr. Berkner has outstanding capabilities and his character, associates and reputation are excellent. He stated he considers Dr. Berkner a loyal American, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., Director of the Office of International Relations, National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Dr. Berkner on a close professional and social basis since 1946. Dr. Atwood said Dr. Berkner is a good organizer of large groups and is one of the finest, "highest caliber" men he has ever known. He said he has complete confidence in Dr. Berkner's character, associates and reputation. Dr. Atwood said Dr. Berkner is loyal, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Charles F. Dunbar, Secretary and Legal Counsel, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, advised he has known Dr. Berkner for approximately ten years and has maintained a close professional association with him during this time. He described Dr. Berkner as a person who is "close to a genius," and who is an excellent organizer and administrator. He said Dr. Berkner's reputation in the scientific field is of the highest, and he is a person of excellent character, reputation and associates. He stated Dr. Berkner is loyal to the United States, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Dr. Richard Emberson, Assistant to the President, Associated Universities, Incorporated, New York, New York, advised he holds Dr. Berkner in high esteem as to his ability, integrity, character, reputation and associates. He stated Dr. Berkner is loyal and he would recommend him without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence.

Richard Porter, Vice President, General Electric Company, New York, New York, advised he has known Dr. Berkner since 1955, and Dr. Berkner enjoys the highest reputation throughout the scientific field. He said Dr. Berkner is regarded as one of the two top scientific organizers in the United States. He said Dr. Berkner is a man of unquestioned character, reputation and associates, and he is a loyal American. He recommended Dr. Berkner for a position of trust and confidence.

Dr. George B. Kistiakowsky, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he has known Dr. Berkner for approximately four years and he considers Dr. Berkner a brilliant scientist and one who is energetic, honest and sincere. He stated Dr. Berkner's character, reputation and associates are above reproach, and he is loyal to the United States. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Dr. Frederick Seitz, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, advised during the current inquiries he considers Dr. Berkner outstanding in the scientific field and an excellent administrator. Dr. Seitz said Dr. Berkner is conscientiously dedicated to the service of his country, and he would recommend Dr. Berkner without reservation as to his moral character, personal and professional integrity, and loyalty to the United States.

Eighty-three other persons, including professional associates, acquaintances, references and neighbors, were interviewed during the current inquiries or in 1951, 1953, or 1956. These individuals described Dr. Berkner as a person whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach.

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They said he is a loyal American, and they recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Professional associates of Dr. Berkner described him as an outstanding scientist and an excellent administrator.

#### Close Relatives

Dr. Berkner's parents, Henry F. and Alma J. Berkner, and his brother, Cecil W. Berkner, reside in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. [redacted]

Dr. Berkner has [redacted]  
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#### Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Dr. Berkner or any of his close relatives.

#### Clearances

Dr. Berkner was granted a "Q" clearance by the United States Atomic Energy Commission on March 20, 1951, and the clearance is active. He was granted a "~~secret~~" clearance by the National Bureau of Standards on August 28, 1959, and a "~~top secret~~" clearance by the Office of the Secretary of Defense on May 20, 1958. He received a "~~top secret~~" clearance from the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, on November 28, 1960, which is active.

#### Agency Checks

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, indicate Dr. Berkner has received numerous special passports for travel abroad in connection with official business for the United States Government.

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The files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy, indicate a letter of caution, signed by the Assistant Secretary of Navy for Air, was directed to Dr. Berkner under date of November 27, 1953. This letter indicates that while representing the Office of Naval Research Dr. Berkner discussed in the presence of six British Nationals three matters which were beyond the scope of the subject he was authorized to discuss. It was pointed out that, although much of the information had since appeared in the public press, its disclosure at that time was "a breach of security and violation of the Canadian - United States Agreements."

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Berkner: (S) (U)

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Investigations Division, Civil Service  
Commission; House Committee on Un-American  
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Fort Holabird, Maryland; and Office of  
Security, Department of State. (S) (U)

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#### Miscellaneous

In 1953, an investigation concerning Dr. Berkner was conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 at the request of the Office of Defense Mobilization, by which agency he was then employed as a Consultant. The Office of Defense Mobilization requested information concerning the nature and extent of Dr. Berkner's association with three individuals whose loyalty had been questioned. During this investigation individuals closely associated with Dr. Berkner advised they knew of no association between Dr. Berkner and the three individuals; however, if there was any association it would have been for scientific purposes only.

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The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information regarding Dr. Berkner.

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# Memorandum

TO : W. V. CLEVELAND

DATE: July 19, 1961

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT: LLOYD VIEL BERKNER  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has today requested that a copy of the Special Inquiry summary on Lloyd Viel Berkner, dated May 18, 1961, be forwarded to [REDACTED] Director of Security, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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June 21, 1962

LOYD VIEL BERIMER - Summary  
 Born: February 1, 1905  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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 NAME CHECK

In response to your name check request concerning the captioned individual, you are referred to the memorandum entitled "Dr. Lloyd V. Berimer" which was furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence on November 28, 1960. (116-221366)

In addition, an applicant-type investigation concerning the captioned individual was conducted by this Bureau in May, 1961, and the results furnished to the White House on May 13, 1962. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the office of the Honorable F. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of this investigation. (161-525)

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November 26, 1962

*Summary*  
**LLOYD VIEL BERKNER**  
**Born: February 1, 1905**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

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**NAME CHECK**

In response to your name check request, you are referred to information concerning the subject of your inquiry which was furnished to your agency in March, 1954.

*Lloyd Viel*  
In addition, the files of this Bureau reveal that additional applicant-type investigations concerning Mr. Berkner were conducted by the FBI in 1956 and 1961.

On May 18, 1961, a summary memorandum incorporating the results of the FBI investigations was furnished to the White House. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of these investigations.

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December 24, 1963

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DR. LLOYD V. BERKNER  
National Science Foundation

SUMMARY

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NAME CHECK

Applicant-type investigations were conducted by the FBI concerning Lloyd Viel Berkner in 1951 and 1956. An investigation of Dr. Berkner under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 was conducted by the FBI in 1953, results of which were furnished to the Civil Service Commission. By letter dated May 4, 1954, the Civil Service Commission advised that Dr. Berkner was "retained" as a consultant with the Office of the Defense Mobilization.

Additional inquiries to bring the previous investigations up to date were conducted in May, 1961, concerning Dr. Berkner. Results of all these investigations were furnished to the White House on May 18, 1961. For detailed results of the investigations you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President.

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**NOTE:** Investigations generally favorable concerning Berkner. The 1953 investigation under EO 10450 was based on information that Berkner had associated with three individuals (☐ and Harlow Shapley) whose loyalty had been questioned. The investigation revealed very little if any association between the men and any association would have been for scientific purposes only.

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TO : Mr. Evans *ehw*

DATE: February 3, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: White House Special Inquiries

Attached is a letter received from Kenneth O'Donnell of the White House today, asking that FBI reports on the people listed therein be made available to the agencies indicated.

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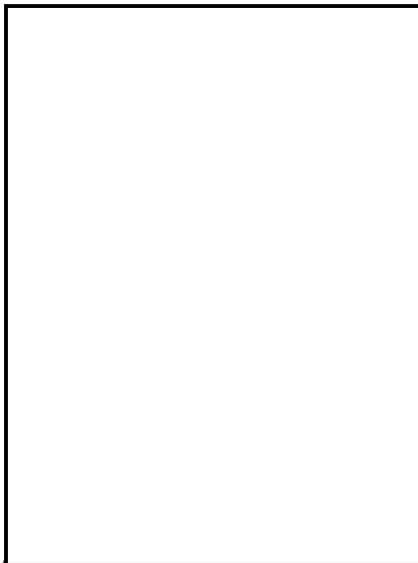
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Mr. C. D. de Loach

From:

Kenneth O'Donnell

Would you kindly release the following FBI reports  
to the agencies or departments indicated:



(Health Education & Welfare)

(Dept. of Defense)

(Dept. of Agriculture)

(Atomic Energy Commission)

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BERKNER, Lloyd V.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-9-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NAME CHECKS REQUEST FOR WHITE HOUSE

[redacted] has requested name checks on approximately 180 individuals. Some 90 of these names were submitted to the White House on the date of 2-9-65.

Attached is a letter to [redacted] setting forth the results of the remainder of the individuals involved in this project.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter over the Director's signature be sent to [redacted]

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Mohr - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

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February 10, 1965

**DR. LLOYD VIEL BERKNER**

An applicant-type investigation was conducted by the FBI on Dr. Lloyd Viel Berkner in 1951 and 1956 and brought up to date in 1961. A summary memorandum containing the results of the investigations was sent to the White House on May 18, 1961. A copy of the summary is attached.

FBI files contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Berkner.

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

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NOTE: Enclosure to letter to  White House.

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NAME CHECK

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October 26, 1965

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LLOYD VIEL BERKNER  
Born: February 1, 1905  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Summary

An applicant-type investigation was conducted by the FBI in May, 1961, concerning Lloyd Viel Berkner, results of which were furnished to the White House. For detailed results of the investigation, you are referred to the office of the [redacted] Special Assistant to the President, attention [redacted]

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Request received - October 21, 1965

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Lloyd Viel Berkner  
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Note: Investigation generally favorable. Berkner had associated with three individuals whose loyalty had been questioned. Investigation had revealed very little if any association between the men and any association would have been for scientific purposes only.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

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☐ Service Unit - Room 6524  
☐ Forward to File Review  
☐ Attention [REDACTED]  
☐ Return to [REDACTED]

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Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☒ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☐ Main ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
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Subject Bertone, Lloyd Vial

Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_

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Subj: Bert Lloyd V. Vial

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Monday, June 5, 1967

THE WASHINGTON POST

# Lloyd V. Berkner Dies at 61, Shaped U.S. Science Policy

Lloyd V. Berkner, 61, a leading figure in American science policy for two decades, died here yesterday after a heart attack.

He was stricken Saturday at a meeting of the Council of the American Academy of Sciences and was taken to the George Washington University Hospital where he died.

Mr. Berkner was widely recognized for his work in physics, but he was particularly influential as a scientific administrator and a man who could organize the massive support that modern science requires.

## Built Ham Radio

As a boy of 17 in Sleepy Eye, Minn., he built a ham radio with which he set transmitting distance records. He then went to sea as a radio operator.

Returning home, he attended the University of Minnesota where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Although he later studied physics at George Washington University, he never took the advanced degree that is usually the prerequisite to a career in science.

In 1928 he went to Antarctica as a radio technician with Admiral Richard E. Byrd's



DR. LLOYD V. BERKNER

expedition, and he was the radio man on the first air flight over the South Pole.

He came to Washington to serve as an engineer at the Bureau of Standards, and later at the Carnegie Institution's research program in terrestrial magnetism.

During World War II, as a Navy officer, he helped develop the proximity fuse and airborne radar.

In 1949, the State Department asked him to set up the first military assistance pro-

gram under NATO. From that time on, his role in national policy grew steadily broader. **Opposed Science Secrecy.**

In these years, with the onset of the cold war and the first revelations of atomic espionage, the Federal Government was vigorously attempting to protect its technological lead by applying military secrecy to very wide areas of scientific research. Mr. Berkner repeatedly argued that science could expand only by wide exchanges of information.

He wrote a memorandum in 1950 for the State Department that was largely responsible for the assignment of scientific attaches to American embassies abroad. In succeeding years the attaches dwindled almost out of existence as a result of economy drives, but after the Russian space triumph with the satellite Sputnik, the American attaches were hastily reinstalled.

Mr. Berkner was the key figure in the exchange of scientific information during the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58.

He repeatedly argued that excessive secrecy in science

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### Headed University Groups

From 1951 to 1960, Mr. Berkner was head of Associated Universities, Inc., formed by nine universities to run the Brookhaven National Laboratories for the Atomic Energy Commission.

After a heart attack several years ago he reduced his activities, but decided to continue as chairman of the board of the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest in Dallas. He was the leading figure in the founding of this new institution, designed to become a counterbalance to the growing scientific pre-eminence of California and the East Coast.

From 1958 to 1962 he was chairman of the Space Science Board of the Academy of Science, a post that made him a ranking official adviser to the space program. Last October he was awarded the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's distinguished public service medal for his "outstanding and pioneering leadership" in organizing the complex network of public and industrial service required to put men into space.

As a scientist, Mr. Berkner worked chiefly in the fields of radio wave propagation, the structure of the upper atmosphere, and solar disturbances. At the time of his death he was working on the history of the Earth's atmosphere.

Mr. Berkner was president of the International Council of Scientific Unions from 1955 to 1958, and headed many other scientific organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, of their home in Fort Lauderdale; two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Booth of Denver and Mrs. James C. Ashley of Dubuque, Iowa; his parents, Henry and Alma Berkner of Sleepy Eye, Minn.; two brothers, Cecil, of Sleepy Eye, and Keith, of Sacramento, Calif., and four grandchildren.

was a menace to national security. He said the country, in its preoccupation with military security, had missed a historic opportunity to capitalize upon its nuclear technology.

"The discovery of nuclear energy," he wrote in "Foreign Affairs" in 1958, "could have brought a flood of leaders and students from abroad to the feet of our teachers, and thus could have provided unbounded opportunities to demonstrate the advantages of Western methods. But we clothed our new developments in a shroud of secrecy, imposed by our preoccupation with military secrecy."