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WASHINGTON--THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES W. COLSON, A WASHINGTON LAWYER AND FORMERLY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL OF MASSACHUSETTS AS A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

COLSON, 38, WHO WILL ADVISE THE PRESIDENT ON LEGAL MATTERS, WILL REPORT TO H.R. HALEYMAN, PRESIDENT NIXON'S CHIEF OF STAFF AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

COLSON SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT TO SALTONSTALL FROM 1956 TO 1961 AND MANAGED THE SENATOR'S 1960 CAMPAIGN. HE IS A SENIOR PARTNER OF THE FIRM OF GADSBY AND HANNAH.


11/6--GE&EG208PES
The records of the American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, were checked and disclosed 11/14/69

☐ No record
☒ Current member
☐ Former member

Records contain no unfavorable information.

To: SACs, Washington Field - Enc. (5)
   Alexandria - Enc.
   Charlotte - Enc.
   Boston - Enc.
   St. Louis - Enc.
   Baltimore - Enc.
   Chicago - Enc.
   Richmond - Enc.

From: Director, FBI

CHARLES WENDELL COLSON
aka "Chuck" Colson
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 11/28/69

White House has requested investigation of Colson who is being considered for White House staff position. Born 10/16/31, Boston, Massachusetts, and resides 4840 Loughboro Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Background data attached.

SPIN.

NOTE: Request received 11/14/69 from White House.
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
Nov. 12, 1969

TO: Robert H. Haynes, FBI
FROM: Egil Krogh
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name: COLSON, Charles Wendell
Date of Birth: 10/16/31
Place of Birth: Boston, Mass.
Present Address: 4840 Loughboro Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C.

We request:
___ Copy of Previous Report
___ Name Check
X ___ Full Field Investigation 2 copies please

The person named above is being considered for:
X ___ White House Staff Position
___ Presidential Appointment
___ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:
X ___ SF 86 (in duplicate) 11/17/69
___ SF 87, Fingerprint Card
___ Biography

REMARKS:

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: GERTRUDE BROWN
**SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA FOR SENSITIVE POSITION**

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

### 1. FULL NAME
(Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(MNR); if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)."

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LAST NAME</th>
<th>FIRST NAME</th>
<th>MIDDLE NAME</th>
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<tr>
<td>COLSON</td>
<td>CHARLES</td>
<td>WENDELL</td>
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</table>

**808 approval No. 50-R208**

**CASE SERIAL NO.** (CSC use only)

### 2. DATE OF BIRTH
10/16/31

### 3. PLACE OF BIRTH
Boston, Mass.

### 4. MALE □ FEMALE □

### 5. HEIGHT WEIGHT COLOR EYES
6'1" 200 Bl. Br.

### 6. □ SINGLE □ MARRIED □ WIDOWED □ DIVORCED
Married: Divorced: Juarez, Mexico

### 7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE.

**Married:**
- Chuck (see No. 28)

### 8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE.
(If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

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<th>FROM</th>
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<th>NUMBER AND STREET</th>
<th>CITY</th>
<th>STATE</th>
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<td>9/68</td>
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<td>4840 Loughboro Rd., N.W.</td>
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<td>W 70</td>
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<td>4/64</td>
<td>9/68</td>
<td>11 - 4th St., S.E.</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<td>4/64</td>
<td>301 G St., S.W.</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<td>8/62</td>
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<td>35 E St., N.W.</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<tr>
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<td>331 I St., S.W.</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<tr>
<td>9/57</td>
<td>8/61</td>
<td>1420 Evening Lane</td>
<td>Alexandria, Va.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<td>9/55</td>
<td>9/57</td>
<td>4507 N. 17th St.</td>
<td>Arlington, VA.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<tr>
<td>1/54</td>
<td>9/55</td>
<td>229 Eastwood Dr.</td>
<td>Jacksonville, N.C.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
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<tr>
<td>6/53</td>
<td>1/54</td>
<td>Marine Corps School</td>
<td>Quantico, Va.</td>
<td>W 70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/49</td>
<td>6/53</td>
<td>Brown University</td>
<td>Providence, R.I.</td>
<td>BS 85</td>
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<tr>
<td>1946</td>
<td>9/49</td>
<td>11 Berkeley Place</td>
<td>Cambridge, Mass. attach.</td>
<td>BS 85</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### 9. □ U.S. CITIZEN □ NATURALIZED □ ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.
- Cert. No.

### 10. EDUCATION.
(All schools above elementary.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME OF SCHOOL</th>
<th>ADDRESS</th>
<th>FROM (Year)</th>
<th>TO (Year)</th>
<th>DEGREES</th>
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<td>Browne &amp; Nichols</td>
<td>Cambridge, Mass.</td>
<td>1942</td>
<td>1944</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Riverdale School</td>
<td>Riverdale, N.Y.</td>
<td>1944</td>
<td>1946</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Brown University</td>
<td>Providence, R.I</td>
<td>1949</td>
<td>1953</td>
<td>B.A.</td>
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### 11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

### 12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
023-24-7480

### 13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)
- Serial No. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)
- Branch of Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)
- From (Yr.) To (Yr.)

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<thead>
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<th>BRANCH OF SERVICE</th>
<th>FROM (Yr.)</th>
<th>TO (Yr.)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Capt. 061287</td>
<td>Marine Corps.</td>
<td>1953</td>
<td>1955</td>
</tr>
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</table>
26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

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

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

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

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

Married: [ ] born


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

DATE:

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

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 87 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT

[ ] EXCEPTED

[ ] COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY

DUTY STATION

SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:

THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL
20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>COUNTRY</th>
<th>DATE LEFT U.S.A.</th>
<th>DATE RETURNED U.S.A.</th>
<th>PURPOSE</th>
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<td>Central America</td>
<td>1954</td>
<td>1954</td>
<td>Military</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>11/62</td>
<td>11/62</td>
<td>Business</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bermuda</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>Pleasure (attach)</td>
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21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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

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

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<td>Fraternal</td>
<td>1950</td>
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<td>Military</td>
<td>1961</td>
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24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

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

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<th>RELATION</th>
<th>NAME IN FULL</th>
<th>YEAR OF BIRTH</th>
<th>ADDRESS</th>
<th>COUNTRY OF BIRTH</th>
<th>PRESENT CITIZENSHIP</th>
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<tr>
<td>Father</td>
<td>Wendell B. Colson</td>
<td>1899</td>
<td>35 Indian Ridge Rd.</td>
<td>U.S.</td>
<td>U.S.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mother</td>
<td>Inez Ducrow Colson</td>
<td>1902</td>
<td></td>
<td>S. Natick, Mass.</td>
<td>U.S.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wife</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Former</td>
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<td>Son</td>
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14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? □ YES □ NO. 
(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 18.)

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM</th>
<th>TO</th>
<th>NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency)</th>
<th>ADDRESS</th>
<th>TYPE OF WORK</th>
<th>REASON FOR LEAVING</th>
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<tr>
<td>1961</td>
<td>11/69</td>
<td>Gadsby &amp; Hannah</td>
<td>1700 Penna., Ave, N.W.</td>
<td>Lawyer</td>
<td>Appointed by President to present job</td>
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<tr>
<td>1955</td>
<td>1956</td>
<td>Asst. to Asst. Sec. of Navy</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td></td>
<td>To become A.A. to Saltonstall</td>
</tr>
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</table>

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

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

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY? (You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of $20 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) □ YES □ NO. 
(IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>CHARGE</th>
<th>PLACE</th>
<th>LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY</th>
<th>ACTION TAKEN</th>
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Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
Service Unit - Room 6524

F:ederal -Bureau of
Investigation
Records Branch

Nov. 17, 1969

Type of References Requested:
- Regular Request (Analytical Search)
- All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
- Subversive References Only
- Nonsubversive References Only
- Main References Only

Type of Search Requested:
- Restricted to Locality of
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
- Buildup
- Variations

Subject: Colson, Charles Wendell

Birthdate & Place
Address

Localities

R # 600 Date 11-17 Searcher Initials 205
Prod.

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Nov. 17, 1969
8. ** The dates and addresses prior to 1946 are to the best of my memory.

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<td>1944 to 1946</td>
<td>Long Lots Rd.</td>
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<td>Drake Road</td>
<td>Scarsdale, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1939 to 1942</td>
<td>Chamberlain Road</td>
<td>Newton, Mass.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1937 to 1939</td>
<td>Main Street</td>
<td>Melrose, Mass.</td>
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Venezuela 1964 1964 Business
Venezuela 1967 1967 Pleasure
Europe 12/67 1/68 Pleasure
Europe 8/69 9/69 Pleasure
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

November 24, 1969

By Liaison

Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

For your information, I am enclosing a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if classified, this transmittal form becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

You have requested an investigation of Charles Wendell Colson. You requested two copies of the final report. An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Colson in 1959 and enclosed herewith are two copies of the results thereof. That investigation is being brought up to date.
AX TO HANDLE

WFO TO HANDLE

To: DAH, Washington Field - Ex. (3)
   Alexandria - Ex.
   Charlotte - Inc.
   Boston - Inc.
   N. - Ex. - Inc.
   Salt Lake - Inc.
   Carver - Inc.
   Richmond - Inc.

From: Director, FBI

CHARLES WADELL GORCH
   in "Chuck"
   SPECIAL REQUEST
   DATED: 11/26/69

White House has requested investigation of Colonel who is being considered for White House staff position. Born 10/10/31, Boston, Massachusetts, and resides 4040 Loughboro Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Background data attached.

BA FILE TO BE DESTROYED IN 60 DAYS
A search of the fingerprints on the above individual has failed to disclose prior arrest data.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Charles W. Colson, a D.C. attorney, was appointed yesterday as a special counsel to President Nixon. Colson, 38, has been a senior partner in the firm of Gadsby and Hannah since 1961 and previously was administrative assistant to former Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass. He will work under H. R. Haldeman, assistant to the President in charge of administration.
UPI-114

(WHITE HOUSE)

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THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DR. DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN WILL REPRESENT THE U.S. AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATO COMMITTEE ON CHALLENGES OF THE MODERN SOCIETY. THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS DEC...
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (116-441102)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (116-27334) (RUC)
CHARLES WENDELL COLSON
aka., "Chuck"
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 11/28/69

Re Director airtel 11/14/69.


UACB no investigation being conducted.
11/20/69

TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-NPIC-M) P
SUBJECT: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON
Aka "Chuck"
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 11/29/69

ReBuartel 11/14/69, no copy to New York.

St. Louis verifying employment for CHARLES WENDELL
COLSON with Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., 7/5/55
to 8/21/56.

Records on file at the National Personnel Records
Center (Civilian), St. Louis, Mo., listed additional employment
as Whiting, Weeks, and Stubbs, Boston, Mass., 6/48 to 8/48;
WILLIAM FELENES, Belmont, Mass., 6/51 to 7/51; and ZAREHS,
Belmont, Mass., 12/51 and 12/52.

Additional addresses were listed as 251 Commonwealth
Ave., Boston, Mass., 9/37 to 9/38; 47 Carlton Road, Belmont,
Mass., 9/38 to 10/39; 952 Franklin St., Melrose, Mass., 10/39
to 9/41; 5 Fernway, Winchester, Mass., 10/43 to 10/44; 15
Governors Road, Bronxville, New York, 9/45 to 4/46; Concord
Road, Lincoln, Mass., 9/47 to 6/48; and 29 Gothwaite Apt.,
Triangle, Virginia, 8/53 to 1/54.

For information of New York, White House has requested
investigation of COLSON, who is being considered for White House
Staff position. Born 10/16/31, Boston, Mass., and resided 4940
Loughboro Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Boston, Alexandria, and New York, conduct appropriate
investigation regarding additional employments and addresses.

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TO:   SAC, BOSTON
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       CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, AKA CHUCK. SPI. BUDED
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LAW OFFICE OF GADSBY AND HANNAH, SEVENTY-FIVE FEDERAL
       STREET, BOSTON, PART OF APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM.

CLOSER ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE.

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REPORTING OFFICE: ST. LOUIS
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: BUREAU
DATE: 11-25-69
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 11/19 - 24/69

TITLE OF CASE: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, aka "Chuck"

REPORT MADE BY: IC
CHARACTER OF CASE: SPI

REFERENCE: Buairtel 11-14-69. SL airtel to Boston 11-20-69.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: 

CONVICTIONS: 
AUTO: 
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CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR: 
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COLSON served in Marine Corps and was honorably separated. CHARLES WENDELL COLSON was employed with the Navy Dept., Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation. Additional employ­ments and addresses set forth.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on November 24, 1969, of the Marine Corps records on file at the National Personnel Records Center, Military Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, service number 061 287, was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps on June 1, 1953, and entered on active duty on the same date at Providence, Rhode Island. He was honorably discharged on June 19, 1955, as a First Lieutenant at Jacksonville, North Carolina, at his own request to accept appointment in the Marine Corps Reserve and inactive duty. On June 20, 1955, he was appointed a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve and he remained on active duty at the Marine Corps Air Facility, New River, Jackson­ville, North Carolina, and transferred to the inactive Marine Corps Reserve. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve in an in­active status from June 24, 1955, to April 9, 1965, at which time he was honorably discharged as a Captain by reason of voluntary resignation.

He had foreign and/or sea service for approximately two months, exact dates and places were not shown and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. His military occupation was shown as Supply Officer. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from average to excellent and there was no record of courts­martial or absence without official leave.

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He was granted a Secret security clearance on May 20, 1954, on the basis of a National Agency check. His records indicated under unfinished business that he was indebted to the U.S. Government in the amount of $88.47, and that this amount was certified as being uncollectable in 1962. No other information was shown in the records concerning this matter.

His date and place of birth were shown as October 16, 1931, Boston, Massachusetts.

A review on November 19, 1969, by IC of the personnel records, National Personnel Records Center (Civilian), St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that CHARLES WENDELL COLSON was employed on July 5, 1955, as a Management Intern, with the Navy Department, Executive Office of the Secretary, Administrative Office, Administrative Operations Division, Personnel Branch, Office of the Head at Washington, D.C. On January 8, 1956, he was promoted to Administrative Intern. This employment was terminated on August 21, 1956, by reason of resignation to accept another position.

He was granted Interim Top Secret clearance on August 30, 1955, based on National Agency check completed April 20, 1954.

The record listed additional employment as Whiting, Weeks and Stubbs, June, 1948, to August, 1948, at Boston, Massachusetts; William Filene's, Belmont, Massachusetts, June, 1951, to July, 1951, and Zareh's, Belmont, Massachusetts, December, 1951, and December, 1952.

Additional addresses were listed as 251 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, September, 1937, to September, 1938; 47 Carlton Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, September, 1938, to October, 1939; 952 Franklin Street, Melrose, Massachusetts, October, 1943, to October, 1944; 15 Governors Road, Bronxville, New York, September, 1945, to April, 1946; Concord Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts, September, 1947, to June, 1948; and 29 Gothwaite Apartments, Triangle, Virginia, August, 1953 to January, 1954.

The date and place of birth were shown as September 15, 1931, at Boston, Massachusetts.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: NEW YORK
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: BUREAU
DATE: 11/26/69
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 11/24/69

TITLE OF CASE: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON aka "Chuck"

REPORT MADE BY: ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR.
CHARACTER OF CASE: SPI

REFERENCE:
St. Louis airtel to Boston, 11/22/69.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED:

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Specifying.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Date:              11/26/69
Field Office File #: 161-3288
Title:             CHARLES WENDELL COLSON

Character:         SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:          No credit or arrest record found for appointee at Bronxville, New York.

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NY 161-3288

DETAILS:

Credit

Westchester Credit Bureau, 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York, advised on November 24, 1969, that there was no record for appointee, CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, 15 Governors Road, Bronxville, New York.

Arrest

Bronxville, New York Police Department, advised on November 24, 1969, that there was no record for appointee.
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CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, aka "Chuck"

**REPORT MADE BY**
SA

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**CHARACTER OF CASE**
SPECIAL INQUIRY

**REFERENCE:** Bureau airtel to Alexandria, 11/14/69.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**
Richmond files reflect COLSON was subject of Richmond file 116-15637 captioned "CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, AKA "CHUCK", WA 110356". The results of Richmond investigation was furnished to Bureau in report of SA JAMES H. HUMPHRIES dated 3/3/59. All investigation was conducted in area now assigned to the Alexandria Office.

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PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [ ] NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Report of: SA
Date: 11/26/69
Office: RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
Field Office File #: 161-1002
Bureau File #: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: COLSON has been member in good standing, Virginia State Bar, Richmond, Va., since 6/3/59. No grievances. Is not a member of Virginia State Bar Association, Charlottesville, Va.

DETAILS:

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

On November 21, 1969, Virginia State Bar, 9th Street Office Building, advised CHARLES W. COLSON has been a member in good standing of the Virginia State Bar since June 3, 1959. No grievances have been filed. His address is listed as 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

On November 25, 1969, University of Virginia Law School, maintaining Virginia Bar Association records, advised SA JOHN G. MCCARTHY that a search of the records of the Bar Association failed to locate any record to indicate COLSON is a present or past member of the Association.
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**TITLE OF CASE**
CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, aka "Chuck"

**REPORT MADE BY**
RICHARD M. KIRBY

**CHARACTER OF CASE**
SPI

**REFERENCE:**
Bureau airtel to WFO dated 11/14/69.
St. Louis airtel to Boston dated 11/20/69 (IO).
Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/1/56 at Boston captioned "WENDELL BALL COLSON, DAPLI, TRIAL ATTORNEY, OFFICE OF ALIEN PROPERTY."

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**Notations**

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that investigation concerning the appointee's education at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; employment at Whiting, Weeks, and Stubbs, Boston; at William Filene and Sons, Belmont, Massachusetts; and Zareh's, Belmont, as well as the Police Department check at Lincoln, Massachusetts, is contained in referenced report of SA GEORGE S. WALLACE dated March 5, 1959.

It is further noted that referenced report of SA [redacted] dated March 1, 1956, contains investigation concerning the appointee's father, who left Lexington, Massachusetts, owing a local grocer and fuel company, owing other bills amounting to approximately $880 and $590, and had an unsatisfactory credit rating.
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Report of: RICHARD M. KIRBY Office: Boston, Massachusetts 
Date: 11/26/69 
Field Office File #: 161-2434 
Title: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON 

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY 

Synopsis: Birth verified. Reference recommends. Results of credit and arrest checks set forth. Former wife recommends. 

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DETAILS 

Credit and arrest checks at Boston, Massachusetts, were conducted at the request of IC Investigation at Providence, Rhode Island, was conducted by 

BIRTH 

On November 20, 1969, personnel of the Division of Vital Statistics, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, made available Birth Register Volume 34 of the 1931 births, wherein was contained on page 446 a record of the birth at Boston, Massachusetts, on October 16, 1931, of CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, the child of WENDELL B. COLSON, age thirty-one, born in Everett, Massachusetts, and INEZ DUCROW, age twenty-nine, born in East Boston, Massachusetts, both residing at 19 Palmyra Street, Winthrop, Massachusetts.
REFERENCE

On November 24, 1969, advised that he has known the appointee intimately for about ten years. He stated that in 1958 the appointee was administrative assistant to Senator LEVERETT SALTONSTALL and that he worked closely with the appointee at that time. He stated that in 1960 he and the appointee considered starting a law firm together but that these plans did not work out.

described the appointee as an eminently qualified lawyer and a person of excellent moral character and associates. He stated that the appointee and his family enjoy an excellent reputation in the community. He further described the appointee as a very superior and capable lawyer who possesses a very high degree of integrity. advised that he knows nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and stated he does not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

CREDIT

On November 24, 1969, personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 6 St. James Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, advised their records contain a notation that CHARLES W. COISON.

no-date given.

No dates were given for these addresses. The file contains a notation that no credit rating was established.

On November 21, 1969, Providence Credit Bureau, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island, advised she could find no record concerning the appointee.
ARREST

On November 20, 1969, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal and traffic conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised that their records contained no information concerning CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, also known as "CHUCK"; INEZ COLSON nee DUCROW, also known as Mrs. WENDELL B. COLSON; or

Records of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, supra, contain the following record concerning WENDELL B. COLSON, born December 19, 1899, at Everett, Massachusetts, and residing at 6 Chamberlain Road, Newton, Massachusetts:

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On November 21, 1969, Records Section, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Police Department, advised that records of that department contain no information identifiable with CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, also known as "CHUCK."

On November 21, 1969, Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department, advised that records of that department contain no information identifiable with CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, also known as "CHUCK."

On November 21, 1969, Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal Identification, a central repository for all arrest and conviction records in the State of Rhode Island, advised she could find no information identifiable with the appointee, CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, also known as "CHUCK."
On November 24, 1969, the Massachusetts Police Department, advised that records of that department contain no information identifiable with

On November 24, 1969, the Massachusetts Police Department, advised that records of that department contain no information identifiable with WENDELL B. COlson or INEZ COlson nee DUCROW, also known as Mrs. WENDELL B. COlson.

On November 24, 1969, Chief of Police JOSEPH SHEA, Natick, Massachusetts, Police Department, advised that WENDELL B. COlson and his wife INEZ continue to reside at 35 Indian Ridge Road, South Natick, Massachusetts.

MISCELLANEOUS

On November 24, 1969, she described the appointee, as an extremely fine man who was very intelligent and a very capable lawyer. She described the appointee as being very industrious in his work and stated that she knows nothing derogatory about him. She mentioned from the appointee as having been a personal matter between them and that it would have no bearing on his employment with the United States Government. She described the appointee as a person of excellent moral character, reputation, and associates and stated that she would definitely recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON FIELD

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
BUREAU

DATE
11/28/69

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
11/19-11/28/69

REPORT MADE BY
SA

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CHARACTER OF CASE
SPI

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel 11/14/69.

ADMINISTRATIVE: It is noted appointee was investigated in
February 1959 under the caption CHARLES
WENDELL COLSON, WA#110356, aka "CHUCK".
WFO file #116-131249.

LEAD:

WFO: IRS outstanding.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED
NO ONE

ACQUIT- TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR □ YES □ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION
OVER SIX MONTHS □ YES □ NO

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Date: 11/28/69
Office: Washington, D.C.

Field Office File #: 161-6310
Bureau File #: 

Title: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY


DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.
George Washington University

The following investigation was conducted by SA on November 25, 1969:

Registrar records reflected CHARLES HENDELL COLSON, date of birth October 16, 1931, Boston, Massachusetts, was admitted September, 1955, as a part-time, evening student in the law school. He attended September to June for four years. He graduated June 3, 1959, and received the Juris Doctor Degree with honors. It was noted the Juris Doctor Degree was conferred effective June 3, 1959, by action of the Board of Trustees January 19, 1960. He ranked 11 in a class of 101 students and had a 79.9 per cent average. He was elected to the Order of the Coif. There was no unfavorable or no additional pertinent information reflected.
the Associate Dean of the Law School, advised that the appointee was out of town and unavailable for interview. She was unable to identify any former professors who taught the appointee as far back as over ten years ago in the evening division as there were considerable part-time faculty teaching at that time.
EMPLOYMENT

Gadsby and Hannah
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [Redacted], the law firm of Gadsby and Hannah, advised on November 24, 1969, that he has been acquainted with the appointee since the early part of 1961 as a friend. He pointed out he joined the law firm as a [Redacted] in the early part of [Redacted]. The law firm was originally known as Gadsby, Hannah, Colson and Morin and later changed the name to Gadsby and Hannah. [Redacted] advised that the appointee was the founder of the law firm in January, 1961, and was a partner in it until he withdrew all interest in it about a month ago.

[Redacted] advised that he is acquainted with the appointee both professionally and socially and considers him to be a man of the highest character, integrity, reputation, associates and one whose loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. He remarked that the appointee was formerly employed as an Administrative Assistant to United States Senator SALTONSTALL. He described the appointee as trustworthy, dynamic, aggressive and a gentleman in every respect. He advised that he is acquainted with the [Redacted] and is also well acquainted with the [Redacted] both of whom he considers to be entirely reputable and loyal Americans. He remarked that it is his belief that the appointee divorced his first wife simply because they were incompatible, and he pointed out the appointee and his first wife remained friends. In this regard, he advised that the appointee visits his three children, a son and two daughters, in Massachusetts, on a regular basis, and the children frequently visit the appointee at his home at Washington.
related that nothing has ever come to his attention which would reflect in any manner on the appointee, and he recommends him, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

Gadsby and Hannah, advised on November 26, 1969, that she has been acquainted with the appointee during office hours for about the past three years. She stated she has absolutely no question concerning his loyalty to the United States, his good character, reputation or associates and recommends him highly for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Gadsby and Hannah, advised on November 25, 1969, that he has been acquainted with the appointee since about 1963. He knows the appointee both professionally and socially and considers him to be an individual highly qualified in his field as well as a person of unquestioned integrity, character, reputation or associates. He pointed out that the appointee has also impressed him as being absolutely trustworthy, honest, stable as well as a person of admirable habits.

stated the whom he knows socially, is a very fine person whom he considers a loyal American. He related the formerly worked for a United States Congressman in Washington, D.C.

He stated the appointee served in the Armed Forces of the United States and, as far as he knows, there is absolutely no question concerning the appointee's loyalty to the United States. He recommends the appointee, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Ferris and Company, 1720 I Street, N.W., advised on November 25, 1969, that he has been acquainted with the appointee in the course
of business and to a small extent socially for about three years. The appointee served as board members for the Spedcor Corporation until recently when the appointee resigned as a board member. He advised the appointee has impressed him as being of the finest type individual, and nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States, his good character or reputation. He also was impressed with the appointee's ability as an attorney.

Advised that he feels the appointee would do an excellent job in any field in which he is qualified and recommends him, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.
WFO 161-6310
RTT: pav

Administrative Assistant, Office of Senator
LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, U.S. Senate

The following investigation was conducted by SA
RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on November 24, 1969:

Disbursing Office, advised his records contain the following
investigation concerning the appointee, CHARLES WENDELL COLSON,
date of birth October 16, 1931, at Boston, Massachusetts:

He was employed from August 22, 1956, to December 31,
1960, as Administrative Assistant, Office of Senator LEVERETT
SALTONSTALL (Massachusetts). He is a married man. No addi-
tional pertinent information was contained in the file. [Redacted]
[Redacted] advised he is unable to suggest the present where-
abouts of the appointee's former co-workers in the Office of
Senator SALTONSTALL, saying his inability to do so results from
the passage of time since his employment there. He noted
Senator SALTONSTALL is no longer a member of the U.S. Senate.
The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on November 26, 1969.

He has known the appointee for approximately 15 years on a close personal, professional and political relationship. He also had known

He is not acquainted with the details of particulars of their divorce, but noted they separated amicably and no notoriety was attached to their relationship. They continue to exchange visits to their respective residences and the appointee continues to who reside with

has also been in the company of the appointee and on numerous occasions. He considers their home life and their reputation within the community to be wholesome and good. There are no children by this marriage.

considers the appointee to be among his closest personal friends. He describes him as a highly intelligent, discreet person, whose morals, reputation, associates and loyalty are of the highest order. He recommends him without hesitation or qualification to a position of trust and responsibility in the US Government.

Staff Member, Committee on Appropriations, US Senate, advised he has known the appointee since the late 1950's as a close personal friend and professional associate. He noted former Senator SALTONSTALL had been chairman of the committee and had utilized the appointee in the conduct of committee business.

knows of no notoriety attendant with the appointee's divorce from and the company of when attending social functions
sponsored by Senator SALTONSTALL and by the Committee. He has no question concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommended him to a position of trust and responsibility in the US Government.

advised he has known the appointee for more than 12 years as a close personal friend and former professional associate. He had not known the appointee's former wife, but had some social contact with his present wife. He considers him an outstanding choice for Federal service. He describes him as a highly intelligent, responsible person, who functioned, well as a member of the former staff of Senator SALTONSTALL. His personal contact with him, as well as information available to him, provides him with no information which would cause him to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommended him to a position of trust and responsibility in the US Government.

recalled he had had close professional contact with the appointee during the period of the appointee's service as a member of the staff of former Senator SALTONSTALL. His association with him has been primarily professional. He could recall no instance wherein he had reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommended him to a position of trust and responsibility in the US Government.

advised he has known the appointee for more than 5 years in a close professional and political relationship, having met him during visits made by the appointee to office. He had no outside contact with him. His contact with him convinces him that the appointee is a loyal American of good character, reputation and associates. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the US Government.
The White Office Office (WHO)

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on November 24, 1969.

The Official Personnel File for the appointee, CHARLES W. COLSON, which reflected that he received a Presidential Appointment (Commissioned) on November 3, 1969, as Special Counsel to the President. The files contained no additional pertinent information. H. R. HALEMAN pointed out that COLSON's immediate supervisor would be H. R. HALEMAN.

HALEMAN, Assistant to the President, was not interviewed because of his personal request not to be contacted on White House investigations.

KENNETH E. BE LIEU, Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, has known the appointee professionally and socially for over fifteen years. Their professional contact was based on the appointee's position with the former Senator SALTONSTALL. BE LIEU recommended the appointee for this position at the White House. He described COLSON as an extremely capable, intelligent and responsible person. He believes him to be a decent, respectable person and knows nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning his personal life or habits. His comments were favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He favorably recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.
NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) advised on November 25, 1969, that she has been of the appointee for about a year. She stated the COLSONS have been busy renovating their home and landscaping their yard. advised she and her husband have visited the COLSONS about twice socially and vice versa, and the COLSONS have impressed her as being a delightful, wonderful couple. She stated she has absolutely no reason to believe they are other than loyal Americans of the highest character, reputation, and associates, and she recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

advised on November 25, 1969, that the COLSONS have resided for about a year. She stated that she has visited their home about twice socially and has had casual conversation a few other times with . She stated the COLSONS are very gracious people and, as far as she knows, absolutely loyal Americans of good character, reputation, and associates. She advised she has no reason not to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence for the Federal Government.

advised on November 25, 1969, that the appointee is unknown to them.
The maid at [redacted], advised on November 25, 1969, that the residents at this address, [redacted] are out of the country for the next month.

[Redacted] advised on November 25, 1969, that he met the appointee in connection with [redacted] about a year ago. He stated that because the appointee pointed out the bad points about the house as well as the good points, he thought the appointee was an honest, trustworthy individual. He remarked he has no further information concerning the appointee.

[Redacted] advised on November 24, 1969, that she was acquainted with the appointee and his wife as a neighbor for about four years until they moved a little over a year ago. She attended a social gathering at the home of the appointee on several occasions, and the appointee [redacted] visited their home on a few occasions. [Redacted] advised that as far as she knows the COLSONS are very fine people, and nothing has ever come to her attention which caused her to question their loyalty to the United States, their good character, reputation or associates. She recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

[Redacted], advised on November 24, 1969, that she was acquainted with the COLSONS as neighbors across the street for a period of over three years until late in 1968 when they moved. She related she is older than the COLSONS and was impressed with the neighborliness of [redacted] who was very thoughtful concerning her needs. She stated she has been in the COLSONS home on a few occasions socially.

[Redacted] stated she believes that the COLSONS are entirely loyal Americans of good character, reputation and
associates and feels she can recommend the appointee, without reservation, for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

___ Committee of Science and Astronautics, United States House of Representatives, advised on November 26, 1969, that he and his wife were next door neighbors of the COLSONS, residing at [____________________] during the period the COLSONS lived in this neighborhood. He pointed out that he was not closely acquainted with the COLSONS but that they did exchange social visits on a few occasions. He remarked that the appointee's ___ He feels there is no question concerning their loyalty to the United States, their good character, reputation or associates and has no reason not to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

___ advised on November 25, 1969, the appointee is unknown to them.
REFERENCES

Ferris and Company, 1720 1st Street, N.W., advised Special Agent (SA) on November 25, 1969, that he has been acquainted with the appointee for about twenty years. He attended Brown University taking some classes during this period with the appointee. He resumed his friendship with the appointee in about 1960, in Washington, D.C., pointing out that in the interim he had occasional contact with the appointee. He described the appointee as a person of unimpeachable character, stable, a person of moderate habits, as well as an absolutely loyal American of the finest reputation and associates.

remarked he is aware the appointee divorced and understands the divorce happened because of their incompatibility. He stated he is not acquainted with the but considers his to be a very fine person and a loyal American. He stated he recommends the appointee, with the greatest enthusiasm, for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

Gadsby and Hannah, advised SA on November 26, 1969, that he has been acquainted with the appointee since early 1962, professionally, and pointed out he is a current neighbor of the appointee in that he resides just behind the appointee's residence on Chain Bridge Road.

related the appointee founded this law firm in January, 1961, and that just recently the appointee withdrew from the firm having no present interest in the firm. He described the appointee as a stable person, sober; a man of excellent judgment as well as a loyal American of the highest character, reputation and associates. He stated he would include the in this category.
advised he considers it a pleasure to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government and feels the appointee, being well qualified in his field, will do an excellent job.
reference, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER on November 28, 1969 that he has known the appointee since high school
days. He did not attend college with appointee but
associated with him from time to time during that period.
He was employed with appointee in the office of U.S.
Senator LEVERETT SALTONSTALL of Massachusetts from 1959
to 1961. He has also been acquainted socially with the
appointee since 1961 in the Washington, D.C. area.

stated he recommends the appointee
to the highest degree from every possible consideration:
loyalty to the United States, integrity, associates,
and reputation. Nothing has ever come to his attention
which reflect in any manner upon the appointee.

appointed pointed out he knows of whom he believes to be fine ladies. He thinks the
cause of the appointee's divorce was because of a
growing incompatibility and not because of misconduct
on the part of either. He considers the appointee's
as well as his parents to be
fine, reputable Americans and he recommends the
appointee for a position of trust and confidence
with the Federal Government.
CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

Special Employee [Name] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on November 21, 1969, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee [Name].

Investigative Clerk [Name] on November 19, 1969, determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee [Name].

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

On November 19, 1969, Investigative Clerk [Name] searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee [Name].
MISCELLANEOUS

On November 21, 1969, Special Employee caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee: Supreme Court of the United States and District of Columbia Bar Association.

The files of the Lawyers Register, Committee on Admissions and Grievances, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (USDCDC), revealed he was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia on March 6, 1961.

The Federal Bar Association files indicated he became a member of this association on 1961 and is presently a member in good standing.

On November 21, 1969, Special Employee reviewed the file concerning appointee at the Committee on Admissions and Grievances, USDCDC, which revealed he applied for admission to practice law in the District of Columbia on November 18, 1960. The results of inquiries made by the committee in December, 1960, were favorable. The file contained no additional pertinent information.

Special Employee caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on November 20, 1969, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

The files of the House Committee on Internal Security were reviewed by Special Employee on November 19, 1969, and no identifiable record was located concerning the appointee.

The files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, were caused to be reviewed by
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Investigative Clerk [redacted] on November 21, 1969, and no derogatory information concerning the appointee was found.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed on November 21, 1969, by Special Employee [redacted] disclose that CHARLES WENDELL COLSON was issued passport number C-737113 on November 20, 1962, for a proposed one week business trip to India and Pakistan. He listed his birth date as October 16, 1931, at Boston, Massachusetts, and the file contained the notation that his birth certificate had been seen by passport authorities.

On December 13, 1967, he was issued passport number H-1349427 for a proposed two week business and pleasure trip to England, France and Spain.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on November 19, 1969, and disclosed that information possibly identical with the appointee is contained in the files of the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS) and the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

Special Employee [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, and was advised on November 26, 1967, that no additional information regarding the appointee was found.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
ALEXANDRIA

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
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DATE
11/28/69

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REPORT MADE BY
HARVEY E. WILKINSON

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CHARACTER OF CASE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE:
Bureau airtel 11/14/69.
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LEADS:

ALEXANDRIA:

AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVICTED
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CASE HAS BEEN:
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Report of: HARVEY E. WILKINSON
Date: November 28, 1969

Field Office File #: 161-277

Title: CHARLES WENDELL COLSON

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Reference recommends; states appointee's divorce was on a friendly basis and no scandal involved. No record appointee appropriate police agencies.

DETAILS:

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.
The following investigation was conducted by the Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations advised he could not locate any record identifiable with CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, born October 16, 1931, Boston, Massachusetts.
REFERENCE

The following investigation was conducted by SA on November 24, 1969:

advised he has known the appointee for approximately 20 years and that he and the appointee were further stated that the appointee's character and loyalty are beyond reproach, that he is a very trustworthy individual and he would highly recommend appointee to a position of trust and confidence with the U. S. Government.

He also advised that the appointee married his first wife two days after graduating from college, she having been a childhood sweetheart of his and as a matter of fact, the appointee and his first wife were married for approximately ten years and mutually agreed to a divorce. He stated it was his understanding that the divorce was simply a case in which the wife "did not keep up" with the appointee. He explained this by stating the appointee is a brilliant type individual, gregarious, and one who likes to entertain socially but that the wife was a quiet, reserved type individual more or less a "stay at home" and in effect they more or less became incompatible. The divorce was obtained in Mexico simply as a matter of expediency.

also stated he is acquainted with the and that the are both on reasonably good speaking terms and there is no animosity involved amongst any of the parties involved. He added that there was no scandal whatsoever involved in the divorce and it was simply a matter of incompatibility.
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS

Credit Bureau, Manassas, Va., advised SA on November 21, 1969, that she had no record on the appointee or the appointee's present wife or former wife.

On November 21, 1969, Prince William County Sheriff's Office, advised SA he had no record on the appointee, the appointee's present wife, or the appointee's former wife.
ARREST AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA:

On November 24, 1969, the Provost Marshal's Office, U.S.M.C. Schools, advised the S.A. that she had no arrest record for a Charles W. Colson.
IC caused a search to be made of the files of the Alexandria, Va., Police Department and the Arlington County, Va., Police Department, and was advised on November 21, 1969, that no record was located on the appointee, the appointee's wife or the appointee's former wife.
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TO DIRECTOR AND EL PASO

FROM BOSTON (161-2434) (RUC) 3P

CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, SPI. BUDED PAST.

REPORT OF SA RICHARD M. KIRBY AT BOSTON NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE; WFO TELTYPE TO BOSTON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE SIXTYNINE.

ON DECEMBER TWO SIXTYNINE, GADSBY AND HANNAH LAW FIRM, SEVENTYFIVE FEDERAL ST., BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT WHEN APPOINTEE WAS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR LEVERETT SALTONSTALL. HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A PERSON OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND INTEGRITY. HE DID NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON DECEMBER TWO SIXTYNINE, GADSBY AND HANNAH LAW FIRM, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. RECALLED THAT APPOINTEE RAN THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OF SENATOR LEVERETT SALTONSTALL IN NINETEEN SIXTY. HE FURTHER DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT YOUNG MEN HE HAS EVER MET AND STATED THAT APPOINTEE WAS MOST INDUSTRIOUS IN ANY WORK HE UNDER TAKES. HE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE WITHOUT RESERVATION.
ON DECEMBER THREE SIXTYNINE, RECOLLECTION THAT THE DIVORCE WAS OBTAINED IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE OR SIXTYFOUR AT JUAREZ, MEXICO. SHE SUGGESTED FURTHER DETAILS COULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH APPOINTEES FORMER LAW FIRM, GADSBY AND HANNAH, BOSTON.

ON DECEMBER THREE SIXTYNINE, GADSBY AND HANNAH LAW FIRM, BOSTON, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A LAW PARTNER. HE STATED HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND INTEGRITY OTHERWISE APPOINTEE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A PARTNER IN HIS LAW FIRM. RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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CONCERNING THE APPOINTEES DIVORCE, SUPPLIED INFORMATION THAT THE APPOINTEES DIVORCE WAS GRANTED IN THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA IN JUAREZ MEXICO DATED JANUARY TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR WITH A FILE COPY KEPT BY THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN JUAREZ; BOTH PARTIES SUBMITTED TO JURISDICTION AND BOTH REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL.

EL PASO VERIFY APPOINTEES DIVORCE AT JUAREZ, MEXICO AND SUTEL TO BUREAU.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-277) -RUC-

CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, aka
"Chuck"
SPI


No additional pertinent information and no derogatory information re appointee, NIS Headquarters.

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CHARLES WENDELL COLSON, SPI. BUDED PAST.

RE BOSTON TEL DECEMBER THREE, LAST.

RECORDS FIRST CIVIL COURT JUAREZ, MEXICO REFLECT APPLICANT

AWARDED DIVORCE JANUARY THIRTYONE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR FROM

ON GROUND OF INCOMPATIBILITY. DIVORCE NOT CONTESTED

BY WIFE WHO WITH CONSENT OF APPLICANT GIVEN CUSTODY OF THREE MINOR

CHILDREN. DIVORCE FILED UNDER DOCKET THREE FOUR SIX DASH SIX FOUR

REFLECTS SEPARATE PROPERTY SETTLEMENT ENTERED INTO BY APPLICANT

AND EX DASH WIFE. ONLY APPLICANT APPEARED IN JUAREZ FOR DIVORCE

AS HAD EXECUTED PRIOR POWER OF ATTORNEY CONSENTING TO DIVORCE.

NO SCANDAL OR NOTORIETY REFLECTED IN DIVORCE FILE. CRIMINAL RECORDS

JUAREZ REFLECT NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPLICANT. NO

CREDIT BUREAU AT JUAREZ.

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