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FOIPA Request No.: 1389775-000
Subject: BOGGS, THOMAS HALE, SR.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

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Sincerely,

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

Enclosure(s)
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;

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(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 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 reasonably be 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;

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

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

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Memorandum

To: SAC, ANCHORAGE (166C-AN-NEW)  Date: 3/10/95

From: SA

Subject: 

THOMAS HALE BOGGS, aka HALE BOGGS - VICTIM (DECEASED);
NICHOLAS JOSEPH BEGICH, aka NIKE BEGICH - VICTIM (DECEASED);
RUSSELL L. BROWN - VICTIM (DECEASED);
DON E. JONZ - VICTIM (DECEASED);
ITAR - MURDER FOR HIRE (NON-OC);
OQ: AN

PURPOSE:

SAC authorization is requested to open a preliminary investigation into allegations made by subject, regarding circumstances surrounding the deaths of captioned victims.

DETAILS:

On 10/16/72, a 310 Cessna Aircraft carrying U.S. House majority leader THOMAS HALE BOGGS, also known as (aka) HALE BOGGS, from the State of Louisiana; U. S. Representative NICHOLAS JOSEPH BEGICH aka NIKE BEGICH from Alaska; Administrative Assistant for BEGICH, RUSSELL L. BROWN; and the pilot, DON E. JONZ, was reported missing in-flight from Anchorage, Alaska, to Juneau, Alaska. The aircraft took off from Anchorage, Alaska, at 9:12 AM and was scheduled to arrive in Juneau, Alaska, at 12:30 PM. The twin engine Cessna aircraft owned by ALASKA AIRWAYS, Fairbanks, Alaska, was reported to have had six hours of fuel aboard. No word had been received from the aircraft after it took off from Anchorage, Alaska. A massive search conducted by the COAST GUARD, RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER at ELMENDORF AIR

ANCHORAGE
FORCE BASE, and the FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION took place for 39 days, which covered over 325,000 miles. The weather on the day that the plane disappeared was described as one of severe to extreme turbulence and high winds.

A preliminary death inquiry was conducted by a District Court jury in Anchorage, Alaska, during the week of 12/12/72. The jury returned the verdict that Congressman BEGICH, his Assistant RUSSELL L. BROWN, and Fairbanks pilot DON E. JONZ can be presumed dead. A separate preliminary death inquiry for BOGGS also had a verdict of presumption of death.

On 11/8/94, Investigator ALASKA STATE TROOPERS, Sergeant ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Anchorage, Alaska, accompanied Agent... to interview inmate... had expressed a desire to clear up several unsolved homicides in the State of Alaska.

It should also be noted that since this interview, ... admitted that he is a member of the Aryan Nation. ... provided information concerning his involvement and knowledge of three homicides in Alaska to Investigator ... and Sergeant...

Prior to concluding the interview, ... discussed his possible involvement in suspicious activities that may have contributed to the BOGGS and BEGICH aircraft disappearance on 10/16/72, in which the wreckage of the missing Cessna 310 was never recovered. In summary ... stated that he met in the company of ... in September 1972 ... stated that he transported a suitcase to Anchorage, Alaska, at the request of ... delivered the locked suitcase to one ... at the ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Anchorage, Alaska. ... was in the company of one...

... stated that he became good friends with ... and on a fishing trip was told that the suitcase that he had transported in 1972 contained "high tech explosives." ... then stated that the suitcase was subsequently placed on the aircraft that carried BOGGS and BEGICH to Juneau, Alaska.
On 12/22/94, Anchorage Division received a copy of the transcript of the interview with [redacted].

After reviewing the transcript; obtaining newspaper articles, and reviewing FBI files (87-1986; 92-116; 92-124), Special Agent (SA) [redacted] contacted Agent [redacted] in order to obtain additional information on [redacted]. He has always found that information provided by [redacted] has been true and correct. Agent [redacted] stated that [redacted] has decided to come forward at this time as he believes he has nothing to lose or gain. As previously noted, only reservations at this time are the fact that he is concerned about the individuals he is informing on since his association in the past has always been with organized crime figures and members of Aryan Brotherhood. Finally, Agent [redacted] stated that [redacted] does not trust the FBI. He informed Agent [redacted] that [redacted] was concerned at that time with leaks by the FBI.

Based on the information provided by Agent [redacted] it was requested that he interview [redacted] since he had developed a rapport with him. On 1/23/95, Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at [redacted]. The purpose of the interview was to ascertain if [redacted] had any knowledge of the disappearance and/or probable death of RGICH and ROGGS related that in the month of August, 1972, [redacted] traveled to Tucson, Arizona, and had dinner, were at the KON TIKI restaurant, 4625 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona. Present at the dinner was [redacted] and [redacted] advised that he and [redacted] went to the bar located in the restaurant and had drinks while [redacted] and [redacted] had a conversation. Following the dinner, [redacted] stated that he took to another bar in Tucson, Arizona, called the BARONS restaurant, 2401 South Wilmont, Tucson, Arizona. After drinks and dancing, [redacted] then returned to her motel, SPANISH TRAILS MOTEL, 305 Benson Highway, Tucson, Arizona. [redacted] stayed at this location because it was previously arranged by [redacted] at the request of [redacted].

Approximately [redacted] stated that he was contacted by [redacted] and told to pack an overnight bag. [redacted] picked [redacted] up at the SPANISH TRAILS MOTEL and took him to the TUCSON AIRPORT after giving him a round trip
ticket to Anchorage, Alaska had a small leather suitcase/briefcase which he checked on the flight. He arrived at the Anchorage airport and was picked up by and took possession of the suitcase/briefcase. He stated that he never opened the suitcase/briefcase, nor did he have the opportunity to do so.

At that time he was working at the HOLIDAY INN located in Anchorage, Alaska stated that he was actively involved in local gambling activities, but did not have contact with until sometime later. According to eventually began staying at the HOLIDAY INN and at that time, renewed their previous contact.

According to once their relationship became serious, agreed to . The financing was derived from and the owned came from the sale of . The amount of the loan was financed for stated that she owed some favors and considered him an old friend.

wanted to get to know better and went on a fishing trip with . According to got drunk and at that time informed him that the suitcase he had brought to Anchorage contained "high tech" explosives. He further stated that he had placed the briefcase on the airplane used by BEGICH and BOGGS. stated that the plane used by the Congressmen was at the same airport where his personal plane was stored. stated that is the reason why he had access to the chartered plane. was aware that the planes route was to have been over water and that it was going from Anchorage, Alaska, to Juneau, Alaska. further stated that there were four occupants on the plane being BEGICH, BOGGS, the aide to BEGICH and the pilot.

According to The only information was that he was a black male. stated that
bragged to him that

stated that admitted to him

Anchorage Division verified

Further, it should be noted that

the FBI and

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY investigated

These matters are pointed out as claims show some credibility.

On 2/24/95, SA met with U.S. ATTORNEY ROBERT C. BUNDY and Chief Assistant allegations were discussed at this meeting. Since no crime scene or bodies were discovered, the prosecution of such a case if found to be true would require consensual conversations between the respective subjects. USA BUNDY noted that the weather was extremely poor that day. Further, the pilot, JONZ, was considered a "hot dog". The families of BOGGS, BEGICH, and BROWN sued the estate of JONZ. USA BUNDY recalled that large monetary damages were awarded to the families of the deceased. USA BUNDY and agreed that a review of the wrongful death claims would provide insight into the weather conditions and investigation in 1972.

Further investigation may include the review of the financial backgrounds of the subjects; any wire taps that occurred during that time period or currently being conducted; and interviews of several witnesses, to include

This preliminary investigation will take some time due to the fact that the allegations occurred over 20 years ago, and also, due to other investigative commitments.
December 20, 1994

Wiley Thompson
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
101 East 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Confidential

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Attached is an inter-department memorandum authored by Inv.____ and related interview transcription with____ Inv.____ and APD Detective____ to brief____ regarding several "open" homicide cases.

Of possible interest to your office is____ professed involvement in suspicious activities surrounding the Begich/Boggs aircraft disappearance on October 16, 1972. To my knowledge, the Alaska State Troopers have never before received information suggesting criminal actions in this disappearance. I am not certain at this time if we will undertake a criminal investigation considering____ credibility. I would, however, offer this statement for information should the federal government have a pending investigation that has probed the circumstances surrounding this disappearance.

Please advise if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Unit Commander
Statewide Drug Enforcement
Alaska State Troopers

cc: Cpl.____
Lt.____
Sgt.____
MEMORANDUM

TO: Sgt
CIB/Major Crimes Section
Alaska State Troopers

DATE: December 28, 1994

FROM: Inv
CIB/Major Crimes Section
Alaska State Troopers

FILE NO:

SUBJECT:

TELEPHONE NO:

On 11/8/94 Investigator and Detective of the Anchorage Police Department accompanied Agent to interview an inmate who had expressed a desire to clear up several unsolved homicides in Alaska. The inmate provided information concerning his involvement and knowledge of three homicides in Alaska.

Further discussed his possible involvement in suspicious activities that may have contributed to the Begich/Boggs aircraft disappearance on October 16, 1972, in which the wreckage of the missing Cessna 310 was never recovered.

In September 1972, transported a suitcase to Anchorage, Alaska, at the request of. delivered the locked suitcase to at the Anchorage Airport in the presence of. After told that the suitcase had contained a "high tech" bomb.

Both and may still be in the Anchorage area. A typed transcript of the complete audio taped interview is attached to this memo.
I, ________, make the following voluntary signed statement.

I was born on ________ at ________ I have completed ______ years of school.

The time now is 9:56.

Okay if I have to come up there...how...it depends on how far you guys wanna take this. I want you to know something right up front...there's a lotta, lotta politicking going on up there...and I'm in danger up there...okay. I mean I know you got uh, the Angels are up there. They're, they're, they're, they're gettin stronger from what I understand. Plus there's uh, I don't know how that Alaska jail is. So I'm just saying...if you guys take me up there...(voices in background) you've gotta give me some kind of assurance or assure him that I'm gonna be alright.

Sure, uh, I can assure that. Let, let...from my perspective I've been there going on ______ years or at APD uh... How long?

______ years. And uh, from my perspective...I can tell you how this is gonna go because uh, _______ already told us the information you're giving about these old murder cases...

(inaudible)..

I have read the above and foregoing statement consisting of ______ pages(s). I have been given an opportunity to make any corrections or changes that I might want to make. The changes which I have made are initialed by me in my own handwriting.

I now sign this statement in the presence of _____________________________ and _____________________________ to certify that the same is true and voluntarily made.

Signed at _____________________________ Alaska, this ________ day of _____________________________ 19______

_____________________________ Notary Public In And For Alaska

My Commission expires _____________________________ Page ______ of ________
So, so, basically what yeah I mean...the gist of what I get you're talkin about is deals with

Yeah.
Yeah...see there's certain things that I, I don't know why things went the way they did
sometimes...you know I was just pretty much...I'm what they call in those days. There's two
eras in my life. There's, there's...two...two parts of my life. There's before drugs and after
drugs.

Uh'hum.
Before drugs I was just basically a fuckin thug okay. Uh, known as a...a, a do things guy
okay. If you wanted somethin done you come and see me.

Right.
...if it was right for me I'd do it for you. Sometimes without money...sometimes I'd I
charge you know...why wait for a favor later...you owe me...

Right..
...you know. And I did a lot of that down here. I think my record shows that uh, because
I've had this con...not this conversation but I've had conversations with people that he
knows are in and out of the game...been retired for, for years.

Uh'hum..
...and we can go back in the records and see that. I I'm a...I was a...a do things guy...uh,
for some pretty big people at one time. You know...big people wanted me to do things for
them. Sometimes I was taken advantage of...sometimes I took advantage.

Uh'hum.
I don't know why things...some, sometimes I don't know uh...I can't put it all together I just
know it happened and walked away...you know..

Uh'hum. (someone clears throat).
HALE BOGGS and NICK BEGICH...HALE BOGGS was god, a big man.

He was the Speaker of the House?
Speaker of the House and...

...or...
..just been into it with the FBI and all that shit. He'd just been harassing the FBI pretty
bad...(coughs) doin something against 'em. I don't know what.

Uh'hum.
...but I remembered it was something to do with him and the feds. There's a guy here in
town called[________________]You know...you know of 'em.
He's on the outs with him though, and he was with a lot of people don't know that, a lot of people suspect that...a lotta people think that, but he was a guy here in town okay.

U'h'um.

Yeah.

You know.

Yeah already told us, you know give us a history about...

...this guy.

Yeah. He came to me one time and I'm hanging out at the trail...Spanish Trail and uh, you know I'm going to tell you this but...but I'm just...or it's, it's...uh, I don't think we can go anywhere with it you know. But I am gonna say this...if we do decide to go some place with it you guys gotta give me a hand.

Okay.

Huh?

Okay.

...don't throw me out there to no, no fuckin wolves or nothin.

Okay.

...but I don't see how we can possibly go anywhere with it. He came to me and I'm at the trail okay...the Spanish Trail Motel...one of the biggest at that time...one of the biggest in town. People...friends of my own it...they were half ass...had pretty much had the run of the joint in those days okay. Like I say it was before drugs and uh, when I say the run of the place...if you wanted a room spend the night...wanted to bring a broad to come and see me...here's a key for you...just do you favors. The bar tab...I could drink all I want...eat all I want. I was their guy like...came to me and asked me if I could get him a room okay...for one night you know...for a friend of his who says favor for the old man is what he said okay...no problem man you know...I got him a room. He said "Well I'll meet you down here tomorrow afternoon" so the next afternoon he met me...I'd give him the key to the room...he said "Take a ride with me to the airport" we drove to the airport okay. Well I hate to sell you all this shit but I'm gonna just tell ya..okay?
Okay.
...he goes inside the airport...I sit out in the car okay...he came out with_____.
okay. We got in the car...he introduced me to______.we went back to the hotel.
Took her to her room.

What year would this have been?
This woulda been 72.

Okay..
...okay Summer.

Alright.
We went back to the hotel...I give her the key to the room...took her bag she just had one
bag...um, went in there_____.left...I left...I had my room there too, it was up the way_____
says to me before he leaves he said "Why don't you have dinner with us tonight?" I said
"Sure" you know he says "Pick her up at 8 o'clock and come to the Kon Tiki." It's a
Polynesian joint here in town. Okay I called her about 7:30 I said "I'm supposed to pick
you up" bi ya bodda bing...I'll be ready...so I go and pick her up. We drive to the Kon Tiki.
We went in there...there's_____.okay. I went to the table...we
all went to the table. The four of us we sat there we ate we order we ate. Now,_____
was not my buddy...he's not a type of guy I hang around with or nothing...but
I knew the old man. okay I knew him from_____.uh, I took_____.one
time when_____.give you a little background here.

Uh'hum.
...and she had to go to California to San Francisco_____.which was
And he asked me (someone coughs) he sent
word for me to pick up his wife take her and drive her to San Francisco. Which was sort
of like you know how those Dagos are I mean you don't just...they don't throw anybody
in their car with their wives.

Uh'hum..
You know what I mean? Especially you know mother and children...so I'm the one that
took_____.to San Francisco to_____.Anyway he's there and he give me
that old bullshit that he always does..."oh, you're a good boy...you're a good boy...you're
_____.uh, you looked out for_____.he gives me all this shit okay. We had
dinner there and we ate. After dinner_____.gives me the sign. He wants to talk
to me...so we go to the bar...I leave the two of them alone okay. We went to the bar we
had a few drinks me and him...settlin there you know. And uh, basically I could...I sensed
right away what it was. It was just to get me away from the table...he didn't say that.
Uh'hum.
...you know but and I didn't question him...you know...you know what time it is in cases like that. And uh, we went back to the table after awhile and that was it. They left...I took her and we went to the uh, Barons okay which was a bar here in town. Did a little dancin...little drinkin and shit like that. And that's how I met her I got friendly with her.

Uh'hum.
About two weeks after...and I'm gonna say came to me and he says "You wanna take a trip?" okay "for the old man, for us" he said "for us" so I said "Sure" he said "Alright" he says uh, "Meet me down here" he gave me a certain time to meet him. He says "Don't pack a bag" he says "Just bring a suit, travel...travel light. Cause you're gonna be gone one night maybe two. Pack a.." he, he was a explicit about this for me not to bring a suitcase okay...bring a suitbag. So I took just a suitbag with a couple pair of underwear in there...pairs of socks, a change of...one change.

Uh'hum.
...he picked me up he drove me to the airport. He's got a one way ticket to Alaska. I never been to Alaska. He said gonna meet you at the airport okay. Okay now I knew he knew

Uh'hum.
...cause you know used to come to the Jesters Court all the time. He was hangin out over there at the time and everybody like that...I've never seen never came in there to my knowledge.

Uh'hum.
Okay.
I got on the plane oh, when he drove up there he gave me the suitcase and the key to it. He said "here, don't even open this fucker. Just take it to He'll meet you at the airport." meets me at the fuckin airport when I got off the plane to Alaska I'd never been there before is with 'em okay. And we went to some fuckin...it wasn't a hotel...it's like an apartment...that's where I spent the night..okay and I gave him a suitcase okay. Now that's all I know. Later on tells me when I get up there...I went back...this musta been...I'm gonna say September of 72...I went back April 73 and me and bot real tight.

Okay.
I hung out with for a little while there at uh, Chef's Inn and all that stuff (someone coughs) me and got real tight. told me later that it was a fuckin bomb..and a high, high tech bomb...you know.

Uh'hum.
Now I don't know if he was just bullshittin me.
But when did that plane go down?...do you know? When did it go down? It went down in October of 72.

Uh'hum.
I don't know who put it on there...I don't know...I don't even know if I was being bullshitted...if I was being lied to.

Uh'hum.
I sorta feel I was being told the truth.

Well when did
I know that

Uh'hum.
Were...were uh, half...and I'm not saying even had this done you know.

Uh'hum.
I don't know...I don't know what, what, what the fuckin story was there...you know. I know that it was something I wanted to...I wanted to know but I didn't wanna dwell too much off into it.

But it was...now who was it that told you that this high tech bomb was that that told you that or...

That was

...see. See I never heard of him in years. I have no idea where he's even at. He's real low pro...he's real low profile. He didn't get into the drugs with us.

Uh'hum.
He stayed out of the drugs.

Do you know where he's at now or anything?
I heard he's in Anchorage.

Still in Anchorage or...
I hear he but there but I don't know for sure. I know that

Uh'hum.
...and she'd give him the...she'd give us the money.
Uh'hum...
ookay What do I think...my own personal opinion...I don't know...I don't know I know that uh, these people got tentacles that can reach all over the country sometimes.

Uh'hum...I mean that would be so fuckin heavy, I mean that's like...
...I know..

...killin the president for Christ sakes you know.
Well yeah if, if it's even true.

Yeah.
I do know this...I know I kept the suitcase...I know I had the key and I never opened it. In fact I never even...I just carried it to the counter...they took it...when I got off...the baggage picked it up and took the fuckin bag...you know.

Uh'hum.
...so I never opened it...but I wouldn't have done that anyway. I, I, I...didn't know what was in it. I knew it wasn't drugs though.

Well where, where did uh, I mean...this first meeting down here is the first time you ever met right?
Yeah.

Where did you meet these other people at
You never heard or,
I don't know. I really don't know you know.

Uh'hum.
...you know.

I mean
You know and uh...
Uh'hum.

...you know it...you just sorta expect them to travel in a different circle and I was wondering

Well see here's the thing. Let me say something to you about that. You...you say different circles.

Uh'hum.
...The fuckin was with them down there uh, you know uh
Name was

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Uh'hum...
you know uh, even whatever his name was at the time uh...

at that time?
I can't remember what his name was but uh, we'd go to banquets and shit and we'd sit at his table...he'd sit with us...and uh..tryin to remember...I can't think of his name. Uh, (pause) you know...it's just one of those things.

Uh'hum.
...they were around there uh, you know he came to town..he'd come to the house.

Right.
...you know yeah I know what you're saying. I don't know man...I don't know.

Well when did you get back after you got back to Anchorage...when did you get back?

I went back up in

Uh'hum.

know and we were hanging out with you a little bit.

Uh'hum.
you know

Yeah I would imagine

Uh'hum.
Did they blow him up...I don't know. Did have him blown up? I don't know. I know I took a fuckin package up there and uh, they said it was a bomb did...they might've been bullshittin me.
What kinda bag was that they took up there? It wasn't...it was a suitcase.

A suitcase.
Yeah. But it wasn't a big one.

What'd it look like was it?...
Look like it was black leather with uh...well it wasn't like that but it was uh, had a lock on it...had two locks on it...what I can recall you know...on each side.

Uh'hum.
...and uh, that's all I can.

Hard suitcase or a soft suitcase?
Looked like it was soft.

I mean I mean you know...
If I pressed on it could I have felt something..

Yeah.
...in there..

...fabric side or was it plastic hard side?
I think it was cloth, it was leather. I think it was hard leather. I just started pressin on it...(inaudible).

Now this woulda been. You went up there that...how many months were you...I mean that plane went down November 72 to...
Was it November or October?

...or October...I...I'm not sure. I can't remember. I know it was in early winter uh...fall. And you went up there when, was that during the summer or something or...
I went up there it musta been September.

September okay.
Yeah it musta been September cause I uh, I was hanging out at the Trail then...you know.

And is the one that gave you the bag?
Uh'hum. Yeah.

Yeah that, that woulda been probably late October early November because.
When the plane went?
Well because his purpose for being up there was to I believe.
Yeah now later on (pause) I was down here when he went down.

Uh'hum.
...and we're all in an office Matter of fact it was Remember ?
Uh'hum. 
...but he had an office they had a big sign on it. And we were all in there...me him...somebody else...I can't think who...a couple more guys and they were talkin about BOGGS, and the plane goin down and it was uh that said somethin about "Well the fucker fucked with the FBI" or something like that "they probably blew him up" or something like that...that's what uh... (tapping noises) asshole uh said you know. So he's the one that brought up that shit about blowin him up.

Uh'hum.
...you know...now were they blown up...nobody knows if they were blown up there...cause they never found it.

Not a trace.
Not a trace of the fuckin thing. I've thought about it.
Well you know how that country is up there though I mean. Well yeah.

(inaudible).
...yeah exactly. You know and I thought about it and like when was talkin to me see was drunk you know.

Uh'hum.
You know how guys are when they get drunk you know they start their whiskey...start you runnin off...and he was talkin about bein a high tech fucker.

Uh'hum.
...and uh, uh, just how high tech was it you know and not only that...I thought about this later you know uh, from what I understand that plane was a spur of the moment plan.

Yeah eh, I don't recall.
..did you did you.

...enough of it 
...from what I understand they were gonna fly commercial okay.
Uh'hum.
..to Juneau.

I know it was a charter.
Right, they were gonna fly commercial to Juneau and the flights quit that night so all at once they jumped up and said well let's charter a plane so you know just how uh, if, if they...if they woulda had a bomb...how do they know they're gonna charter a plane.

Right.
...you know and how do they...and how they gonna get it on there afterwards.

Yeah.
...you know what I mean.

Sure, uh'hum.
...see unless it was made for a car and uh, they were gonna put it up under a car somewhere and said well fuck it..let's get the plane. Well how do those people know that see.

Uh'hum..
...that's where the mystery comes in...for me.

Uh'hum.
...you know.

Yeah...cause they don't know nothin about that....
Yeah.

...you know I don't know...I remember when it went down but I just don't know enough about the details about it.

Why..
...did you know that.

(comments covered).

Yeah (inaudible). That wasn't was it?

No.

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Uh'hum...

never did say anything about that plane going down?

Only time we ever talked about it (pause) I'm tryin to think now...no she didn't talk about it. She never talked about it. The only thing she mentioned about that plane was uh, that...

Yeah.

Uh'hum.

Uh'hum.
...you know...(squeaking noises).

Have you had any comment with her at all or corresponded with her?
None at all. Well I backed out of that. I backed out of that deal. owed me some money. I got my money from him. Uh, and uh, I just backed away from that whole deal up there see,...you know. (pause) You see there's a lotta, lotta pieces to that puzzle that we'll never be able to put together.

Uh'hum.
...you know uh, you know now...I was out at target range once...not at target...yeah at the target range down there on the way to Seward. Shootin range out...

Down Potters Way.
I was down there shootin one day. Me and
Uh'hum.
...and we looked up on the hill uh, and ____ come up to me and he says "There's a volkswagen up there... guy is watchin us" and a few minutes later I glanced up there and I could see the guy up there watchin us. So we got in my car when we got through shootin and we took off and uh, sure enough as we drove by the place he was parked... he waited and he got out and he cold trick on us. And he's way back behind us. So I pulled in a little store and he stopped so finally I got him into town and I pulled into a shopping center and sure enough he's in traffic you know he got up a little closer and he followed me in a shopping center. So I turned around real quick and pulled up right along side of him...to check him out. And he ducked down and he had a beard on him...fucking some...I got his license plate number. So we went back to the bar and I called Department of Motor Vehicles and I says "I got a car parked here" little story "I wanna get it towed away uh...can you tell me who owns it" and they give it and I called the guy and I says "Hey, who are you, why are you cotrailling me?" and he was a newspaper reporter. And he says "I've gotta come down and talk to you" and he came down ____ He had...he had...a fake beard on.

Uh'hum...
...and he says "Well I heard that ____ was tied up with the Mafia" He says uh, I was just trying to get a story man" and he says da, da, da and all this stuff.

Uh'hum.
And then it started hittin up there ____ was tied up with the Mafia. Were you up there...you were up there, there...you remember that?

Yep.
____ was tied up with the mob and uh...

____ You were playing a roll up there too you know...that you were tied in un, with the family down...you know in Arizona I mean...(inaudible) tell everybody. Oh yeah.

...that speculation was out there ____ tied up with the mob.

Uh'hum.

...and then uh, you know and the trip to Arizona and uh.

(END OF SIDE A)
(START OF SIDE B, TAPE II)

(Miscellaneous conversations) We're on uh, Side B of tape II. Time now is 1354.

Oh yeah.

Uh'huh.

Okay.

...never happened.

Uh'hum

Did you know anything about those two...two murders that uh, you were somewhat involved in?

No.

Uh'hum.
Um, vaguely... And they put down if anybody seen this man contact the Holiday Inn...room so and so...so and so. They were living somewhere in, in Nevada I think you know...I don't know what you guys wanna do on that...if you wanna call 'em and tell them any you know if he's down or...that's up to you guys.

Okay...
...I'm...gonna leave it alone.

Uh, yeah we might but you know. (inaudible) he was involved in a lotta shit.

Well he was a...

(comments covered).
...he was an outlaw. Yeah he was a fuckin outlaw. He was...I'm...I'm not passing judgement on anybody but I'm saying you know...look as you know there's certain fuckin rules you go by and certain rules you don't. And if you break the rules you gotta be ready for the circumstances. That goes with life.

There's relatively few innocent victims out there. Yeah. That goes with life I mean myself included you know. What...I can snivel I can cry...so what man I'm fuckin down...you know.

Uh'hum...
...I'm lucky I went this far. I'm lucky I made it this far...ain't I?

Uh'hum...
...I'm lucky I made it to...[redacted]

Now [redacted] Uh, see I've known [redacted] for years (inaudible) all of their gambling joints.

Yeah, yeah.

I don't know...you know...uh, had you ever talked to [redacted] after him...

Well yeah....

(inaudible).

I see [redacted] uh, for years I seen him up there after that. I used to go to [redacted] and all that um.

I mean did he ever mentioned anything about what that was or...

No. I didn't...I didn't push him on that and you know it's, it's...I don't know if you...well you know how business is.
Okay, I'm sorry.
There's certain things you do you just uh, you just stay away from. You know you do 'em and you just shut up about 'em and go on you know and me were drinking he got drunk and as far as I know he mighta been bullshitin.

Uh'huh.
I don't know...(someone coughs)...you know I, I...(inaudible) and he might've had his whiskey muscles all up and been lying to me...you know. That plane mighta went down on it's own I don't know. It was cloudy weather from what I understand. It was a bad night.

Yep.
...and who knows. It seems funny to me they never found a piece of it no place. But then again how do you put a bomb on a fuckin plane and know where it's gonna blow up. I mean uh, do you time it when it's over the ocean. How do you know it's not gonna hit over (inaudible) you know...that's why I think that it might you know...

Unless uh, (clears throat) unless or somebody else had a lot more expertise than I'd ever give 'em credit for.
I don't know where the expertise woulda come in. I think it mighta...I don't think it woulda been from

Sure.
...I don't know...

I wouldn't think so. Uh, I think they still up there...I think still up there.
He's still up there I'm sure. I talked to

Which one...or...
...oh, musta been.

About 4....
3, 4 years ago. was down here (coughs).

...and I talked to...yeah and I talked to here at the place called

Uh'hum..
Uh, they don't.

Is he living down here now or.
Who
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Bates
FROM: R.J. Gallagher
DATE: October 17, 1972

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS
DEMOCRAT - LOUISIANA
CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE NICK BEGICH
DEMOCRAT - ALASKA
RUSSELL BROWN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

At the instructions of Assistant Director Bates, SAC Ronald L. Maley, Anchorage, was telephonically contacted at 10:35 p.m., 10/16/72 relative to the United Press International bulletin that Congressmen Hale Boggs and Nick Begich were reported missing in a flight from Anchorage to Juneau, Alaska.

SAC Maley advised that Congressman Boggs was in a party consisting of Congressmen Nick Begich and Begich's assistant, Russell Brown. They took off in a Cessna 310 plane piloted by one Don Jones from Anchorage, Alaska, at 9:12 a.m., Alaska Time, and was scheduled to arrive in nonstop flight in Juneau, 12:30 p.m. Alaska time. The 310 Cessna plane is a twin engine aircraft owned by Alaska Airways out of Fairbanks, Alaska, and reported to have had six hours of fuel aboard. However, no word had been received from the plane after it took off from Anchorage, the available fuel having long been expended.

According to SAC Maley two commercial aircraft, two Coast Guard and one Air Force aircraft with electronic equipment capable of receiving "crash locator beacon" were searching a 500 mile radius. He stated that the weather had been overcast and it was hopeful that the aircraft had made an emergency landing.

SAC Maley was instructed to maintain close liaison with local authorities, be alert for any possible violation within Bureau jurisdiction and keep the Bureau advised of all developments.

CONTINUED OVER
TO: Mr. Bates
FROM: R. J. Gallagher
DATE: October 18, 1972

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS
DEMOCRAT - LOUISIANA
CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE NICK BEGICH
DEMOCRAT - ALASKA
RUSSELL BROWN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to advise that ASAC Alfred L. Anderson, Anchorage, called at 10:35 p.m., 10/17/72, concerning captioned individuals reported missing in a private aircraft on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau, Alaska, on 10/16/72.

ASAC Anderson advised that during the day search planes had picked up a signal believed to be that of a "crash locator beacon" for approximately 40 minutes some distance from Juneau, however, search planes were unable to pin point the source of the signal. Anderson stated that the Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration authorities, Anchorage, related that it was impossible to tell whether this signal was from the missing aircraft involved in this or possibly that of another downed aircraft.

Anderson stated that these authorities familiar with the weather conditions and route taken by the missing aircraft did not see how the aircraft could possibly reach Juneau. He stated this opinion had not been made public by these authorities and was only for the benefit of the FBI.

Anderson stated this matter would be followed closely by the Anchorage Office and the Bureau would be immediately advised of any pertinent developments.

ACTION: None. For information.
Memorandum

To: SAC, ANCHORAGE (166C-AN-10388) (P)

From: SA

Subject: ET AL; aka
      ITAR - MURDER FOR HIRE (NON-OC);
      OO: ANCHORAGE

SA [redacted] will be assigned on a temporary duty basis to the San Francisco Division from 5/1/95 to 5/31/95.
On 012395 the following information was received from the reference his knowledge of the disappearance/possible plane crash involving UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN NICK BEGICH.

Following a request from the ANCHORAGE Office of the FBI an interview was conducted at with the above noted inmate. The interview began at approximately 0915 hrs and was concluded at approximately 1045 hrs. The purpose of the interview was to ascertain if had any knowledge of the disappearance/and probable death of United States Congressman NICK BEGICH.

supplied the following information voluntarily and the interview was not tape recorded.

1. Per travelled to Tucson, Az and had dinner with JOSEPH BONANNO SR. at the KON TIKI RESTAURANT 4625 E. BROADWAY, TSN. Present at the dinner was and advised he and went to the bar located in the restaurant and had drinks while had a conversation. Per following the meeting he took to another bar in Tucson called the BARONS RESTAURANT 2401 S. WILMONT, TSN. At this location per they danced, drank and then he returned her to the SPANISH TRAILS MOTEL, 305 BENSON HIGHWAY, TUCSON. stayed at this location because it was previously arranged by at the request of

2. Per Approximately 2 weeks later he was contacted by and told to pack a overnight bag picked up at the SPANISH TRAILS MOTEL and took him to the TUCSON airport and gave him a roundtrip ticket to Anchorage checked a small leather suitcase/briefcase on the same flight. arrived at the airport in Anchorage and was picked up by subjects took possession of the leather case.

3. Per He returned to Alaska. At that time he was working at the HOLIDAY INN located in ANCHORAGE advises he was actively involved in local gambling activities but did not have contact with until sometime later eventually renewed their previous contact.
4. Per __________ Once their relationship got serious __________ agreed to __________ The financing was derived from __________

The amount of the loan was __________

Per __________ stated she owed __________ some favors and considered him an old friend __________.

Per __________ following __________ had __________ and __________ "get to know each other better" by going on a fishing trip. __________ advises __________ is a "outdoorsman" and their personalities are somewhat different. __________ advised during this fishing trip to __________ they stayed at __________ he got __________ DRUNK and at that time __________ CLAIMED: THE "BRIEFCASE BROUGHT TO ANCHORAGE BY __________ CONTAINED HIGH TECH EXPLOSIVES", AND, "THAT HE HAD PLACED THE BRIEFCASE ON THE AIRPLANE USED BY BEGICH/BOGGS". __________ CLAIMED THE PLANE USED WAS AT THE SAME AIRPORT HIS PERSONAL PLANE WAS STORED. BECAUSE OF THAT, HE HAD ACCESS TO THE CHARTERED PLANE. __________ claims the plane route was to have been over water and that it was to go from ANCHORAGE to JUNEAU. Per __________ the occupants of the plane were NICK BEGICH, HAROLD BOGGS a CONGRESSMAN from LOUISIANA, and an aide to BEGICH, and the pilot. (totalling 4 occupants).

5. Per __________ (Allegedly this was admitted to __________ who was described as a personal friend of __________ ADVISED THAT DURING __________ told him he had __________ killed. Per __________

Per __________ encouraged __________ to go although all commercial airline flights had been canceled.
The following are the identifiers of those mentioned, the identifiers were developed via LE in Alaska and Arizona:

- **W/M DOB**
  - **PHY**: 5'8, 180 LBS
  - **AK**
  - **SS#**

- **W/M DOB**
  - **PHY**: 5'8, 180 LBS
  - **AK**
  - **SS#**

- **W/M DOB**
  - **PHY**: 5'10, 240 LBS
  - **AZ**
  - **SS#**

- **W/M DOB**
  - **PHY**: 5'9, 190 LBS
  - **AZ OLN**: NONE
NOTE: RECONTACT WAS MADE WITH [REDACTED] ON 013195 AND AT THAT TIME HE AGREED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE ANCHORAGE FBI, TESTIFY IN ANY COURT PROCEEDINGS, AND A POLYGRAPH.
On September 13, 1995, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents (SA) [Redacted] and [Redacted], white male, date of birth [Redacted], place of birth Spokane, Washington, Social Security Account Number [Redacted] after being apprised of the identities of the interviewing agents, provided the following information:

[Redacted] stated that he was a close friend of former U.S. Representative NICHOLAS JOSEPH BEGICH, also known as (aka) Nick Begich.

[Redacted] stated that he knows [Redacted] quite well. He believes he met [Redacted] at the Holiday Inn in the mid 1970s.

[Redacted]
He subsequently called and threatened to do him harm by "bringing up some of his boys".

stated that was actually a very good person. He stated that always talked about his father and believes he came from a good family. noted that would always brag that he was connected to the "Mob". told that he knew and was an associate of did not believe as he felt he was trying to impress him.

met associate. He stated that was a "very nice guy". He noted that he had a nice wife, too. showed the interviewing agents a gold ring which made for him and noted it was "one of a kind".

was asked if he knew or if acknowledged that he knows family, but does not associate with them. He stated that was a friend of and would visit. He stated that he knows about the visits because told him that he saw him. stated that he does not know the current whereabouts of acknowledged that he likes to fish but he never recalled fishing with. He stated that was not into fishing. stated that he used to stay at as were friends with him. He did not recall ever taking to

Regarding the disappearance of the airplane which was carrying BEGICH, U.S. House Majority Leader THOMAS HALE BOGGS, BEGICH's Administrative Assistant, RUSSELL L. BROWN and pilot DON E. JONZ, stated that the weather was very bad that day. Commercial flights were operating, but he understood from that BEGICH and BOGGS needed to make a fund raising
banquet in Juneau, Alaska and no commercial flights were available at time they needed to depart Anchorage, Alaska. Stated that he did not know JONZ, but since he is pilot, heard from the aviation community that JONZ was a good pilot. He recalled that JONZ had wrote on article on icing which was published prior to the disappearance of his airplane. At the time of the disappearance, he was keeping his airplane at Merrill Field Airport, Anchorage, Alaska. He did not know where JONZ kept his airplane at that time, but believes it may have been stored in Fairbanks, Alaska.

During the interview stated that the FBI should not be concerned with someone like who is very self destructive. stated that is the type of person who will keep on hurting people and himself. He believes the system should just "crush him like a bug" and put him out of his misery has had no further contact with since the 1970s. He has no further information on at this time.
Onita J. BROWN, widow of Russel L. Brown, Appellant,

v.

ESTATE of Don E. JONZ, Deceased, Appellee.

ESTATE of Don E. JONZ, Deceased, Cross-Appellant,

v.

Onita J. BROWN, widow of Russel L. Brown, Cross-Appellee.

Nos. 3216, 3228.

Supreme Court of Alaska.

March 2, 1979.

In a wrongful death action, following a jury verdict in her favor in the amount of $68,000, plaintiff appealed from action of the Superior Court, Third Judicial District, James K. Singleton, J., in entering judgment on the verdict and from denial of her motion for a new trial on the issue of damages. The Supreme Court, Burke, J., held that where plaintiff did not object to exclusion of stepchildren from the definition of "heirs" in the instructions, nor did she offer other instructions on that issue, though court asked whether there was any objection to the instruction, and where, also, trial court had previously invited plaintiff to brief issue whether stepchildren could recover under Wrongful Death Act and plaintiff submitted no such brief, trial court might have concluded that plaintiff had abandoned issue and there was failure to comply with rule requiring that objection be made before jury retires to consider its verdict and, absent plain error, instruction would not be reviewed.

Affirmed.

Boochever, C. J., dissented and filed opinion.

1. Appeal and Error 230

Where, in wrongful death action, plaintiff did not object to exclusion of stepchildren from definition of "heirs" in instruction, nor did she offer other instructions on that issue, though court asked whether there was any objection to the instruction, and where, also, trial court had previously invited plaintiff to brief issue whether stepchildren could recover under Wrongful Death Act and plaintiff submitted no such brief, trial court might have concluded that plaintiff had abandoned issue and there was failure to comply with rule requiring that objection be made before jury retires to consider its verdict and, absent plain error, the instruction would not be reviewed.

AS 09.55.580, 09.55.880(a); Rules of Civil Procedure, rule 51(a); Rules of Appellate Procedure, rule 46.

2. Appeal and Error 215(1)

Death 32

Language of Wrongful Death Act lacks precision with respect to status of stepchildren as potential beneficiaries, and superior court's ruling excluding stepchildren from recovery was not plainly erroneous. AS 09.55.580, 09.55.880(a); Rules of Civil Procedure, rule 51(a).

Steven Hillard and Allen McGrath of Graham & James, Anchorage, for appellant and cross-appellee.

Sanford M. Gibbs of Hagan, Smith, Brown, Erwin & Gibbs, Anchorage, for appellee and cross-appellant.

OPINION

Before BOOCHEVER, C. J., BURKE, Justice, and KALAMARIDES, Judge.

BURKE, Justice.

In 1972 an airplane flown by Don E. Jonz disappeared on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau. The body of Russel L. Brown, a passenger on the plane, was never found, and he was declared dead at a presumptive death hearing.

Onita Brown, Russel Brown's widow, filed a wrongful death action against the estate of Jonz on behalf of herself; Marie
Nicole Brown, her child by Russel Brown; and three of the children from Mrs. Brown's first marriage, hereinafter the McDaniel children, who lived with Mr. and Mrs. Brown and who were supported by Mr. Brown. This action was filed under the Alaska Wrongful Death Act, AS 09.55.580.

Mrs. Brown appeals from the superior court's entry of judgment, following a jury verdict in her favor in the amount of $68,000, and from the superior court's denial of her motion for a new trial on the issue of damages. The Jonz estate has filed a cross-appeal.

[1] The trial court ruled that the non-adopted McDaniel stepchildren could not recover because (1) non-adopted stepchildren were not "children" within the meaning of AS 09.55.580(a) and (2) dependents could not recover under AS 09.55.580(a) when either the decedent's spouse or natural child survived.1 Mrs. Brown argues that the trial court committed reversible error in each determination and that the ruling excluding the McDaniel children from the coverage of the statute constituted a denial of equal protection and due process under the state and federal constitutions. The Jonz estate, in addition to opposing these arguments on the merits, also contends that the issues presented by Mrs. Brown on appeal are not properly before this court. We agree and therefore do not reach the substantive issues raised by appellant.

The trial court instructed the jury that "[t]he word heir of decedent Russel Brown as used in these instructions refers to Onita J. Brown, his widow, and Marie Nichole Brown, his daughter." Mrs. Brown did not object to the exclusion of the McDaniel children from the definition of "heirs" in this instruction, nor did she offer other instructions on that issue.

Civil Rule 51(a) provides in pertinent part: "No party may assign as error the giving or the failure to give an instruction unless he objects thereto before the jury retires to consider its verdict, stating distinctly the matter to which he objects and the grounds of his objection." In previous cases we have required compliance with this rule except where plain error has occurred. In Haskins v. Shelden, 558 P.2d 487, 492 (Alaska 1976), we said:

Civil Rule 51(a) requires a party who wishes to assign error to a jury instruction to make an objection to the instruction at trial. A party who fails to so object is not entitled to review of an instruction unless it appears that giving the challenged instruction was plain error such that a miscarriage of justice would occur if the instruction was not reviewed. [Footnotes omitted.]


Mrs. Brown argues, however, that we should consider her points on the theory that strict compliance with Rule 51(a) is not required as long as the court understood the party's position. It is clear from the record that the superior court understood appellant's position on this issue. During a discussion of the proposed instructions, the court discussed at length the legal issue of whether stepchildren may recover under

children when he or she leaves a husband, wife or children, him or her surviving, or other dependents. When the decedent leaves no husband, wife or children surviving him or her or other dependents, the amount recovered shall be administered as other personal property of the deceased person but shall be limited to pecuniary loss. When the plaintiff prevails, the trial court shall determine the allowable costs and expenses of the action and may, in its discretion, require notice and hearing thereon. The amount recovered shall be distributed only after payment of all costs and expenses of suit and debts and expenses of administration.

1. AS 09.55.580(a), the clause at issue in this case, provides:

When the death of a person is caused by the wrongful act or omission of another, the personal representatives of the former may maintain an action therefor against the latter, if the former might have maintained an action, had he lived, against the latter for an injury done by the same act or omission. The action shall be commenced within two years after the death, and the damages therein shall be such damages as the court or jury may consider fair and just, and the amount recovered, if any, shall be exclusively for the benefit of the decedent's husband or wife and
the wrongful death act, either as “children” or as “dependents.” The issue was discussed again at the hearing on appellant’s motion for a new trial. There is some support for appellant’s position. Moore, for example, in commenting on Rule 51(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which is virtually identical to the Alaska rule, says:

The Rule does not require formality, and it is not important in what form an objection is made or even that a formal objection is made at all, as long as it is clear that the trial judge understood the party’s position; the purpose of the Rule is to inform the trial judge of possible errors so that he may have an opportunity to correct them.

5A Moore’s Federal Practice, § 51.04 at 2521 (1977) (emphasis added). As indicated in our previous decisions, however, we believe that something more is required than that the trial judge “understand.”

For example, in Saxton v. Harris, 395 P.2d 71 (Alaska 1964), appellant had proposed instructions and had stated a general objection to the court’s refusal to give the requested instructions, but we nevertheless held that the requirements of Rule 51(a) had not been satisfied. In that case we said:

The purpose of [Rule 51(a)] is to enable the trial judge to avoid error by affording him an opportunity to correct his charge before it goes to the jury. The dictates of the rule are satisfied only if the judge is clearly made aware of the alleged error in or omission from the instructions. Counsel’s objections must be specific enough to clearly bring into focus the precise nature of the asserted error.

2. Appellant did make one objection to the instruction but the objection was to the designation of Russel Brown’s child by a previous marriage as an “heir,” not to the exclusion of the McDaniel children. Following the objection, the court did delete the reference to Brown’s other child.

3. At that hearing the following exchange took place:

MR. HART [attorney for Mrs. Brown]: Just a moment, Your Honor. Really, for the record, I do want to make it clear that our position is

THE COURT: That would be my feeling as well, Mr. Hart.
omitted). In the case of Kenai Peninsula v. Nome (Alaska 1975), the court understood the exclusion of the subject from recovery as part of the court's decision. This effectively prevented plaintiff from making a specific objection as required by Rule 51(a). It is reasonable for plaintiff not to make specific objections at trial to this instruction in light of the court's statement regarding the McDaniel children from recovery was plainly erroneous, and therefore we do not review the court's instruction on this issue.

4. In Breitkreutz the applicable rule was Supreme Court Rule 1(a)(6), the predecessor of current Civil Rule 51(a), which provided in part: "When the error alleged is to the charge of the court, the specification shall set out the part referred to verbatim, whether it be an instruction given or in instructions refused, together with the grounds of objection urged at the trial."

5. Appellate Rule 46 (at the time of the Breitkreutz decision, Appellate Rule 45) provides: "These rules are designed to facilitate business and advance justice. They may be relaxed or dispensed with by this court where a strict adherence to them will work surprise or injustice."

6. In addition to asking explicitly whether appellant had objections to the instructions, the trial court had previously invited appellant to brief the issue of whether stepchildren could recover under the Wrongful Death Act. Appellant submitted no brief to the trial court in response to that request. The trial court might therefore have concluded that appellant had abandoned the issue. See University of Alaska v. Simpson Bldg. Supply Co., 530 P.2d 1317, 1323 n. 20 (Alaska 1975).

7. See text of AS 09.55.580(a) in note 1 supra.

8. In declining to review this issue, it is not our intention to imply either agreement or disagreement with the superior court's construction of the Alaska Wrongful Death Act.


[2] Although appellant made no objection at trial, we could still consider her contention, if the instruction given constituted plain error. City of Nome v. Ailak, 570 P.2d 162, 171 (Alaska 1977); Merrill v. Faltin, 430 P.2d 913, 917 (Alaska 1967). Because of the lack of precision in the language of the Wrongful Death Act, AS 09.55.580,7 the status of stepchildren as potential beneficiaries is not clear, but we do not find that the superior court's ruling excluding the McDaniel children from recovery was plainly erroneous, and therefore we do not review the court's instruction on this issue.

In its cross-appeal the Jonz estate raised the issue of whether the trial court erred in prohibiting any reference at trial to Onita Brown's remarriage,8 asking that disclosure of the remarriage be permitted in case of a number of possible outcomes. The court understood the instructions to be clear, and this is my feeling as to the meaning of the instructions submitted in the case made no objection to that instruction, and everything like that was made.

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new trial. Since we have not ordered a new trial, we do not reach this issue.

The judgment is AFFIRMED.

RABINOWITZ, CONNOR and MATTHEWS, JJ., not participating.

BOOCHEVER, Chief Justice, dissenting.

I believe that it was plain error not to instruct that the stepchildren of Russel Brown, who were completely dependent upon him at the time of his death, were "other dependents," and that under AS 09.55.580(a), other dependents are to be included with the husband, wife or children. I can see no other reasonable reading of the statute.

There is some slight room for ambiguity in the sentence which states that "the amount recovered, if any, shall be exclusively for the benefit of the decedent's husband or wife and children, him or her surviving, or other dependents." It is contended that the category "or other dependents" comes into effect only if no husband, wife or children survive. Such an intent could easily have been expressed had the legislature so desired by stating that the amount recovered be "exclusively for husband, wife or children, him or her surviving, but if no such husband, wife or child survives, then to other dependents." Not only could such a tiered system of beneficiaries be expressed much more explicitly, had it been the legislature's intent, but the sentence in the statute, immediately following the first reference to "other dependents," clearly indicates that "other dependents" are to be treated in the same manner as the husband, wife and children. That sentence states:

1. The majority at note 1 sets out the full text of this statute.

2. Prior versions of Alaska's wrongful death statute indicate the legislature's ability to express clearly a tiered approach to beneficiaries:

Action for Wrongful Death: Disposition of Amount Recovered. When the death of a person is caused by the wrongful act or omission of another, the personal representatives of the former may maintain an action therefore against the latter, if the former might have maintained an action, had he been lived, against the latter for an injury done by the same act or omission. . . . [T]he amount recovered, if any, shall be exclusively for the benefit of the decedent's husband or wife and children when he or she leaves a husband, wife, or children, him or her surviving; or leaving no husband, wife or children surviving then and in that event, for the benefit per capita of the child or children of the decedent's child or children, if any, and the surviving parent or parents of the decedent.

[emphasis added]


The majority relies on what appears to me to be an overly technical application of Civil Rule 51(a), and thus avoids confronting the issue of statutory construction. It seems questionable as to whether there was even a technical failure to object to the instruction excluding the stepchildren from consideration as "heirs." The following exchange indicates that the position of the claimants had been made clear by counsel and was expressly understood by the court:

THE COURT: Well, the only—Mr. Hart's position originally was that the stepchildren were for intents and purposes identical to natural children for purposes of the statute.

MR. HAGANS: Right.

THE COURT: That was his position as I announced in the opening statement and that was his position throughout the case. During the course of the case, I asked for briefing on the issue, pointed out that I was a little concerned that the language of the statute would include stepchildren but only to the extent that there were no natural children and that to the extent there were natural children indicated that the award must be exclusively for the benefit of the surviving spouse and the stepchildren, if any, and the rents of the decedent.

MR. HART: Just a moment, Your Honor. Really, for the record, I do want to make it clear that our position is essentially as I believe the court understood it on the whole thing about the instructions and who are the dependents and everything like that. I think—I believe Mr. Hagans is wrong when he says that the statute says and dependents. As I recall it said or dependents, and that was really the basis for the court's reading. I took it to be a decision on the law having made our position clear it became the law of the case.

THE COURT: That would be my feeling as well, Mr. Hart.

Thus, not only had the issue been brought to the attention of the court, but the court decided the issue and agreed that its decision on that point had become the law of the case. It is difficult to understand what could have been accomplished by any further objection.

Here, much of the case centered around who would recover and the means of assessing damages under AS 09.55.580(a). It seems to me that if there was a technical violation of Rule 51(a), this is an appropriate situation for invoking the plain error rule.

In Holiday Inns of America, Inc. v. Peck, 520 P.2d 87, 90 & n. 7 (Alaska 1974), we stated:

[We have also recognized that if the alleged error is "plain error" that is likely to result in a miscarriage of justice, we will consider such error even though not raised below. Merrill v. Faltin, 430 P.2d 913, 917 (Alaska 1967); Gregory v. Padilla, 379 P.2d 951, 955 (Alaska 1963); Reiten v. Hendricks, 370 P.2d 166, 169 (Alaska 1962). See Malvo v. J. C. Penney, 512 P.2d 575, 584 (Alaska 1973). [Footnote integrated into text]]

(1977). The purpose of Rule 51(a) is to obtain a ruling by the trial court and thereby permit appellate review of the issue. E. g., Dimnick v. State, 449 P.2d 774, 776 (Alaska 1969) (analyzing equivalent criminal rule). In this case, the trial court ruled on the construction of "other dependents," and the record gives the court's rationale for the ruling. As the highest appellate court in the state, I think we ought to review the correctness of that ruling.
When the essence of the action is the amount of damages to be awarded in a wrongful death case and the manner of distribution of those damages, it seems to me that the failure to instruct that the dependent children were entitled to recover results in a miscarriage of justice.

In summary, I believe that an adequate objection was made to the proposed instruction to accomplish the purpose of Rule 51(a). To hold otherwise, in my opinion, places form above substance. If the objection is not considered adequate, I would treat the matter as plain error.

In either event, I would remand for a new trial.

John ROSENDahl, Appellant,
v.
STATE of Alaska, Appellee.
No. 4087.
Supreme Court of Alaska.
March 2, 1979.

Defendant was convicted on pleas of nolo contendere in the Superior Court, Fourth Judicial District, Jay Hodges, J., of separate counts of negligent homicide and failure to render assistance, and he appealed. The Supreme Court, Rabinowitz, C. J., held that concurrent ten-year terms of imprisonment imposed upon pleas of nolo contendere to separate counts of negligent homicide and failure to render assistance were not excessive in view of gravity of offenses, defendant's prior driving record, relevant data concerning prospects for rehabilitation of defendant's alcohol problems, and necessity for both general and individual deterrence. AS 11.15.040, 11.15.080, 28.35.060(c).

Affirmed.

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Dick L. Madson, Fairbanks, for appellant.

Before RABINOWITZ, C. J., and CONROW, BOOCHEVER, BURKE, and MATTHEWS, JJ.

OPINION

RABINOWITZ, Chief Justice.

The superior court sentenced John Rosendahl to concurrent ten year terms of imprisonment upon his pleas of nolo contendere to separate counts of negligent homicide and failure to render assistance. This sentence appeal followed.

1. AS 11.15.080 provides:
   "Negligent Homicide. Every killing of a human being by the culpable negligence of another, when the killing is not murder in the first or second degree, or is not justifiable or excusable, is manslaughter, and is punishable accordingly.
   AS 11.15.080 is repealed by ch. 166, § 21, SLA 1978, effective January 1, 1980.

2. AS 28.35.060(c) provides:
   "A person who fails to comply with a requirement of this section regarding assisting an injured person is, upon conviction, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more than $10,000, or by both. This provision does not apply to a person incapacitated by the accident to the extent he is physically incapable of complying with the requirement.

3. The court's sentence also suspended Rosendahl's operator's license for a period of three years. Additionally, the superior court recommended that Rosendahl be afforded work re-
BEGICH CRIES BETRAYAL

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Happiness Goes Both Ways
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By ALAN CAMPBELL

An angry Rep. Nick Begich today exploded with allegations that, by bureaucrats in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, had scuttled Alaska's attempts to salvage all of the millions it stands to lose for social services programs.

Some of the federal money — perhaps half — was saved over the weekend, by a "hold-harmless" clause in a U.S. Senate-House conference committee report. "But HEW tried an 'end run' in the House," said Begich. "It looks like they got away with it in the Senate, anyway."

Last month, Alaska's social services programs were in a Boxcar with the news that the committee in Washington planned to impose a ceiling on federal aid that would cut Alaska's share from about $17 million to $3.7 million for fiscal year 1973 — and that that had already been spent or contracted with social agencies in the state.

But Alaska's congressional delegation, Democrats Begich and Sen. Mike Gravel and Republican Sen. Ted Stevens, had succeeded in forcing the committee to reconsider the matter.

The committee did agree to the "hold-harmless" clause, that will allow some additional funds to be released so Alaska can wind up its obligations with the contracting agencies. However a "discretionary clause" was rejected by the congressional committees. This would have allowed money from other states, not used, to be rechanneled into Alaskan programs.

In conversations with him, Gravel and Stevens, Begich says HEW officials had pledged to support the discretionary clause and lob-

Kills Bill To Finance Pavement

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Federal Highway Act, which contains millions in aid for Alaska including $38.8 million for paving the last remaining unpaved section of the Alaska Highway, is dead. It died at the hands of House and Senate conferees who could not agree on how to fund highways and mass transit systems.

Senate conferees wanted the highway trust fund, paid for through gasoline and other taxes, to be opened for mass transit use.

House conferees, on the other hand, would have had the 10,000-mile extension of the interstate highway system.

The bill was abandoned until next year, when an agreement could be reached.

Lost in the shuffle, were the following items of interest to Alaska:

- $20 million in highway aid for Alaska from the highway trust fund.
- $38.8 million for paving 322 miles of the Alaska highway from the Canadian border north of Haines, Alaska, to Haines Junction, NWT, and from there northeast to the Alaskan border.
- New language in the law to permit Alaska native villages to qualify for road-building funds in the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- New language setting up a "small urban" highway aid category, which would have meant $20,000 in funds for Alaska over a two-year period.

Vote Check Backfires

Election Officials

Discover Dual Voting

An apparent attempt by an Anchorage Daily News reporter to investigate flaws in voter registration procedures backfired, proving instead the efficiency of challenged ballots follow-ups by elections
Officials Face Task Of Picking New Candidate

Even while search planes fanned the coastal area between Anchorage and Juneau, officials in Washington, D.C., were preparing to choose a successor for the Alaska Congressional seat that Republican representatives had held for 30 years. Mayor Noe Dow, the leading candidate, was defeated in the primary election last month.

Begich And Boggs Lost On Flight

Two Others Also Object Of Intensive Land And Sea Hunt

By ANDREW CAMPBELL

While leaders of the anti-communist forces in Southeast Asia were battling for the future of Indochina, American officials were searching for two missing pilots who went missing in the American air force's search for the new candidate for the Alaska Senate seat.

Drama Poses Election Eve Problems

Quiet Hope Prevails In Congress

Kissinger To Fly To Saigon As Paris Talks Near End

Weather Forecast

Alaskans Search, Pray
SEARCH CENTERS ON THIS ROUTE

Somewhere along an air route between Anchorage and Juneau — an airway identified by the Federal Aviation Administration as Victor 317 — the missing plane of Congressmen Nick Begich of Alaska and Hale Boggs of Louisiana is being hunted today. The route would take a pilot out of Anchorage International Airport, down Turnagain Arm, through Turnagain Pass at Portage, out over Valdez and on to a radio check over Johnstone Point, on Hinchinbrook Island. From there, the route goes about 10 miles offshore from Cordova, on past Yakataga about 10 miles at sea, and then directly over Yakutat. From there, the airway turns southeast along the coast, 15 miles off Cape Fairweather, and then east over Cape Spencer to Sisters Island — and from there into Juneau.

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PATROL PREPARES TODAY'S SEARCH

Civil Air Patrol this morning weather in the area they are using Cessna 310 carrying Rep. Alaska, House Majority Leader, Hale Boggs, Begich aide Russ Brown and pilot Don Jonz. The air patrol began the search yesterday afternoon after the plane was overdue on a flight to Juneau.

Hope Prevails In Congress

Begich, D-Alaska, and House Majority Leader Hale Boggs, D-LA., was down somewhere between Anchorage and Juneau. Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle and friends of the two legislators refused to give up hope that the plane would be found with Begich and Boggs safe from harm.

"It's just too soon to assume the worst," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, in a phone interview this morning before the massive search effort had resumed in Alaska. "We've got to assume that they found a place to land."

As the House opened its session at noon, Majority Whip Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, D-Mass., reported to his hushed and serious colleagues that "we do have hope and we do have confidence that this pilot will be able to find one of the landing spots."

To Saigon Year-End

The Saigon embassy was on alert for the return of the American ambassador, who had flown to the Philippines to discuss the situation in Vietnam, a special mission to assess the situation there. The White House said Kissinger left Washington Monday morning, while President Nixon was substituting for him in an appearance before the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

The time of Kissinger's return will be announced when it is known, White House Press Secretary Ronald Reagan told reporters that year-end.

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Somewhere along a path Federal Aviation Nick Begich of Alaska takes a pilot out of Portage, gain Pass at Portage, Chinook Island. Yakutat about 10 turns southeast along Spencer to Sisters.

Solid Red Line: Known route of flight
Question Mark: Point of last radio contact
Dotted Line: Remainder of route over Airway Vector 311

ALASKANS SEAR
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Officials Face

Anchorage Daily
Officials Face Task Of Picking New Candidate

Even while search planes scanned the mountainous and forbidding land between Anchorage and Juneau for Congressman Nick Begich and Hale Boggs, Democrats and election officials faced an unprecedented and immediate problem of what to do in the event Alaska's only congressman failed to survive the forced landing.

Emil Notti, Democratic State Central Committee chairman, said he "hates to think about it," but realized that in the event of Begich's death he must organize the process of selecting a replacement nominee for the party.

Begich completes his first term this year and is running for re-election against Republican challenger Don Young.

Unlike a U.S. senator, a U.S. representative must be elected in the event of the death of an incumbent. At another time, not so close to the date of a general election, a special election would be called to fill a vacancy in the House.

However, Notti said today, time does not permit that, in this instance, because the general election date is only 22 days away.

"We are hoping that Nick is safe," the chairman said. "But he's not, we'll have to do it.

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Kissinger To Fly To Saigon As Paris Talks Near End

WASHINGTON—(AP) President Nixon's top national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, is winding up a three-day meeting with the North Vietnam's negotiator Xuan Thuy in Paris today, and will fly from there to Saigon to consult with South Vietnam's President Thieu.

The White House reports Kissinger will leave for South Vietnam on President Nixon's direction, for what were termed "regular consultations." Kissinger is in his third trip to Paris for today's talks and no details were given of the peace negotiations.

Kissinger will leave this evening, Paris-time, with his entourage and is due to arrive in Saigon late Wednesday evening, Saigon-time, said press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said. Also in on the consultations with Thieu, Ziegler said, is U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, Gen. Frederick Weyand, who heads U.S. forces in Vietnam, and Col. Edward H. Dodson, Staff Cpt. James W. O. G. who is the new commander in Vietnam, who's being sent on a special mission to assess the situation there.

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PLANE REFUELS FOR BEGICH-BOGGS SEARCH

Weighing Massive Search Launched Problem For Begich And Boggs

Possible Successors

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Possible successors for Boggs were listed as the Democratic candidate against Young, and for Begich against Elmer Boucher.

Congressmen Express Hopes For Missing Pair

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However, the search for the downed aircraft continued yesterday and was expected to continue today. Searchers reported sighting several possible targets, including a plane that had been seen near the crash site.

Airmen Rate Jonz An Excellent Pilot

Don Jonz, the Fairbanks pilot of the twin-engine Cessna carrying House Majority Leader Hale Boggs and Congressman Nick Begich, reportedly picked up a distress call. The pilot, who is familiar with the area, is described as an excellent pilot, one of the best in Alaska.

A fisherman reported seeing or hearing a twin-engine Cessna, the plane that went missing, over Whittier yesterday morning. Searchers have not been able to locate the plane since then.

William Clark, an assistant in Begich's Anchorage office, put it this way: "We keep hoping and praying. We keep our fingers crossed. But what can we really do? Just wait."
JUNEAU (AP) — Scrambling in his own characteristic way, Alaska Congressman Nick Begich, who was with Helena longtime aides on the campaign trail Monday on a trip that probably pleased many had never been before.

Begich, the hard-working, fast-talking spokesman for Alaska in the House, was with re-election candidates in Anchorage and Juneau.

An intensive search for two passengers and the small aircraft was scheduled to resume at first light today.

The 40-year-old Begich was in Alaska for one of his few visits since a primary election showing that underscored his low standing, observers believed he would have no trouble in his re-election bid.

In the August primary election, Begich collected 37,900 votes, 18,000 for his two Republican opponents.

But Begich, who prides himself on the work he can accomplish, was leaving nothing to chance. He was making calls today in a second term on the basis of his record, including a greater than 90 percent attendance rate on roll calls.

In addition, Begich holds a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Minnesota. The father of six children came to Alaska as a high school boys' counselor, and was superintendent of the Fort Richardson School near Anchorage until 1968.

Begich got his start in politics in 1960, when he was elected to the Senate. He served in that body for eight years, lost a congressional bid in 1968, but emerged in 1970 over Republican incumbent Howard Poellot.

Begich regarded achievement of the Alaska Native Land Claims settlement — which awarded the state's original residents 40 million acres of land, and part of the oil field — as the high point of his brief congressional career. Serving on the House Public Works and Appropriations Committee, Begich has won repeated praise from colleagues for his politically astute policy of being aloof from the world of government.
Rain, Clouds Handicap Massive Aerial Search

A massive search effort, one of the largest in Alaskan history, was set in motion today to locate Congressman Nick Begich of Alaska; House Majority Leader John Young of California; and two other passengers aboard a small aircraft that crashed near Portage Pass.

The search, which is being conducted by the Alaska National Guard, involves a team of more than 200 people, including soldiers, medics, and search and rescue personnel.

The aircraft, a small Cessna 185 floatplane, went missing during a flight from the nearby town of Eagle to Anchorage.

The search is expected to continue for several days, with the aid of helicopters, boats, and ground teams.

Weather conditions are expected to improve in the coming days, which should aid in the search effort.

Holds Hope For Begich
Don Young Speaks Praise Of Opponent

Special To The Times

ANCHORAGE - Don Young said his motel-room radio here today, hoping and praying that he hasn't lost a political enemy - and personal friend.

Young, challenging Rep. Nick Begich for Alaska's lone seat in the U.S. House, was on the campaign trail here yesterday when he heard the news of the missing flight.

"I am a good man, a good man to fly in politics, and a good man to know as a friend," Young spoke with quiet bitterness about the need for an Alaska politician to fly in a light aircraft. "We don't like to do it sometimes when we shouldn't, but we do it and I suppose we always will.

Young himself had a close call two weeks ago, flying near Bethel. His plane was forced to return to the takeoff field when his flight began to lose altitude. He was lucky to be alive.

"We made it back, and that's why I am optimistic Nick and his party will be safe somewhere. There are good pilots in this country," Young said.

Weather Is Key Factor

Unusually turbulent and cloudy weather played a critical role in the disappearance of the Cessna 185 aircraft with House Majority Leader John Young and Begich's campaign manager aboard.

Continuing inclement weather and hazardous conditions are hampering efforts to find the aircraft.

The National Weather Service's aviation forecast for Monday morning, when the aircraft went missing, warned of severe turbulence, strong winds, and low visibility in the Anchorage area, called for moderate rime icing between 6,000 and 10,000 feet along the route, and said there was too little ve of the missing aircraft.

Weather was the critical factor, Young said, adding that the aircraft was being conducted under visual flight regulations.

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File this under unhappiness, the State Election Office and Lieutenant Gov. H.A. Boucher, who directed elections in the state.

Ballots, with Begich's name listed as the Democratic candidate against Young, have been printed for the most part and were to be delivered to various district election offices.

Mrs. Marlene Kahle, election supervisor for the South-central district, said the "packages are ready to go out."

 Asked if there would be time to print the ballots over again, she said there might be time, but doubted there would be sufficient time to get them to the far-away precincts.

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His career, however, is checked with unusual incidents. There was one in Oct., 1967, when Jonz, attempting to fly a single-engine Piper Cherokee non-stop from Miami to Fairbanks, was forced down on a major highway just outside Miami.

Following the incident, the Federal Aviation Administration announced that Jonz' air service was suspended for 30 days, but the FAA's suspension order, said the craft was overloaded.

His flying record, according to those who know him, is good.


carton lumber
James L. Hanson, 2010

Chandler, told police yesterday that Mr. Jonz' four-month-old baby had been stolen from a construction site on Van Buren.

BLIC NOTICE
BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Meeting

BLIC, or Body, on the Alaska.

FAMILY, FRIENDS HOPE FOR RETURN

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opponent in the House of Representatives race calls Begich "a good man — a good Alaskan. He has been a dedicated public servant for four years, and he believes strongly in the job he is doing.

If I lose Nick, the state leadership will suffer greatly."

Gene Guess, speaker of the state House and U.S. Senate candidate, said today: "Begich is dedicated to his job. He has no personal or political ambition. He is always working hard to help solve the problems of the state."

"Nick, Hale Boggs and Russ Brown are three good friends of Alaska."

Senate President Jay Hammond of Nenana called Begich "one of the most dynamic men in Alaska. He is a good leader. He is a good pilot."

"He was valuable in Juneau and has improved himself in Congress."

In Washington, just before the Senate took up the complex welfare reform bill today, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, took the Senate floor to assure.

POPULATION DROPS

Since 1960, the population has decreased by 2.1 per cent. since 1960.
WEATHER LIMITS SEARCH

Wind, Fog, Ice
Hinder Efforts
To Locate Plane

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Meanwhile, at Elmendorf Air Force Base, top commanders were reviewing plans for the next wave of military aircraft, including fighter jets and transport planes. The base is a hub for the U.S. military in the region and is known for its strategic location.

Hopes Rise, Then Fall
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By JAMES MARTIN

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The bill was approved by a vote of 67-29, with 19 Democrats and 48 Republicans supporting the measure. The bill would have helped fund water pollution control projects in 31 states.

Louisiana
Mullis Vote

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The Senate approved President Johnson's nomination of Thomas J. Mullis to the Adams hospital board, which oversees the largest hospital service in the state. The Senate rejected Mullis' nomination for a second time, but this time by a narrow margin of 47-50.

The vote was the third in a series of nominations that have been rejected by the Senate, including nominations for judges and other federal officials.
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CONGRESSMAN'S WIFE Talks At Plane Side

Mrs. Hale Boggs, wife of the House Majority Leader, talks with Navy Capt. Lou Kriser as she arrived at Elmendorf Air Force Base early today aboard an Air Force jet. At left is her son, Thorn Wood Boggs, Jr.; and at Mrs. Boggs' left is Mr.; Mrs. Boggs has been in Washington for a week, but today was the first time she had seen her son.

Dozen Planes Buck Weather In Hunt For Bigzhog,

Boggs

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After a two-day search for Bigzhog, a missing passenger in a small plane that went down in the Bering Sea, a dozen planes, including three jet planes, were used in the search today. The pilot of the plane was last reported to be alive, and the search continued until late this afternoon.

Obituary Notices

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Radar Helps in Search

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Juveniles Admit To Church Damage

An estimated $2,000 damage was done to the church.

The boys were released by court order pending possible family court action.

Sears Fall Hardware

SAVE $70.95

Craftsman 12-Inch Radial Arm-Saw


YOUR CHOICE $329

Craftsman 12-Inch Floor Model Saw

Regular $399.95. 3450 RPM motor develops 4½ HP on 220/240-volt 110 volt. 4½ HP on 110 volt. Cuts wood up to 4 in. thick. With accessories Jo shapes, drills, more. Needs no stand.

Sale in effect Wednesday October 18 at 6 p.m. thru Saturday October 21.
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FEELS LOST PLANES STUCK IN MOUNTAIN

By Barry Sweet

AP-2-15, 1972

The helicopter swipes up to the Jameson’s house, scanning the area for a plane and the mountain.

John Jameson, who has been looking for his plane, is relieved to see the helicopter. He explained that he thought he had seen the Cessna 172.

Discount Iowa SOS

Air Force officials in Anacostia yesterday are worried that one of the missing planes, the one that was last seen in the mountains, may be in danger. The missing plane is the one that was seen last week in the mountains.

The plane was spotted by a pilot flying over the area. The pilot reported that the plane was flying at an altitude of about 5,000 feet, and that it was making a low pass over the mountains.

The missing plane is a Cessna 172, which is a four-seat single-engine aircraft. The plane has a range of about 600 miles, and it is capable of flying at an altitude of up to 18,000 feet.

The plane was last seen flying over the mountains near Anacostia, and it is possible that it may have entered the mountains and become lost.

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CONGRESS BATTLES NIXON TO THE END

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Congress, battling with President Nixon, is trying to force him to accept some of the bill's proposals.

The Congress is considering a bill that would limit federal spending to $100 billion, and it is also considering a bill that would limit the president's power to make war.

The president has threatened to veto the bill, but the Congress has indicated that it will override any veto.

HamRecalls Pilot's Call

NEVADA, CITY, USA - A ham radio operator, who was a passenger on the plane, recalled the pilot's last words as "We're going down, we're going down." The operator then heard a loud noise, and the plane went down.

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U.S. Says
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States today admitted responsibility for the Oct. 11 bombing of the French Legation in Algiers. President Johnson said the United States would cooperate with French authorities in the investigation of the attack.

Concrete evidence collected during the incident, he said, would be turned over to French authorities. The attack resulted in 28 deaths and injuries to 56 people. The United States has been under fire internationally for its role in the conflict.

CEASE-FIRE RUMORS RISE AMID TALKS

The U.S. armed forces have been ordered to cease all operations in the Middle East. The order was issued following reports that the U.S. government was considering a plan to end the Vietnam War. The decision comes amid growing pressure from the international community to end the conflict.

LIVING COSTS SEE 3.5 PER CENT RISE

Hike in Clothing Prices Leads Advanc
Gasoline, Egg Costs Go Up Heavily, Too

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of living, led by higher prices for clothing, gasoline, and eggs, rose by 3.5 per cent last month, the Labor Department announced today. The increase was the largest since March 1971.

The increase was due to a rise in the cost of clothing and gasoline, as well as higher prices for eggs and other food items. The rise in clothing costs was mainly due to higher prices for new and used clothing.

Chamber Suggests New Legislation

The board of directors of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce has called for the introduction of new legislation to address the needs of the region. The board has proposed a bill that would provide for the creation of a new department of commerce within the state government.

The board's proposal is based on the idea that the current system of commerce is not effective in promoting economic development. The board has called for the creation of a new department of commerce that would be responsible for the development of new industries and the promotion of existing ones.

Weather Forecast

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Friday Evening, October 20, 1971

The weather forecast for Alaska this weekend is for mostly sunny conditions with temperatures in the low 40s to low 50s. The high pressure system that has been moving over the region will continue to influence the weather, resulting in stability and clear skies.

The forecast for Anchorage is for a high of 48 degrees and a low of 38 degrees. The winds will be light, from the west, and the relative humidity will be around 50 percent.

A WEEKEND ON THE COLLEGE SPORTS CIRCUIT

ANCHORAGE (AP) — With the football season coming to a close, Anchorage High School is gearing up for its annual sports awards ceremony. The event will be held on Saturday evening at the school's fieldhouse.

The ceremony will feature speeches by the school's administrative staff and student body, as well as presentations to the athletes of the year. The evening will also include a dance for the students.

A PLEASURE OF THE AUTUMN SEASON

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In New Stuyahok

Funeral services for Cleo Chocknor will be held at New Stuyahok.

A resident of that village, Mrs. Chocknor was found dead in her home in May.

Arrangements are being handled by the Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

Anchorage Pioneer
Dies In Washington


She and her husband, the late Fred Krosting, operated Krosting's Cold Storage Co. for 25 years and raised seven of the city's downtown buildings.

Mrs. Krosting was born Aug. 14, 1893, in Missouri. She moved with her family to the Northwest in 1919 and married Fred Krosting in 1920. They lived in Anchorage and were active in community affairs.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Krosting, Seattle; two brothers, Leon Krosting, Elkhorn, Ill., and Charles Krosting, Laramie, Wyo.; and a sister, Mrs. Dora Lindmark, Anchorage.

The family requests that contributions be made to the Cancer Society of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle.

20-Year Alaskan
Dies In Oklahoma

Lindsey T. Holderby, a 20-year resident of Anchorage, died Aug. 23 in Oklahoma City.

She was a graduate of the University of Alaska and had worked for the U.S. Air Force.

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Victor Gotthberg, 76
Dies In Nursing Home

Victor Gotthberg died at 76 in the Anchorage House nursing home. He was a veteran of World War II.

Arrangements are pending.

Speed Up Hunt
For Lost Plane

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A resident of that village, Mrs. Chocknor was found dead in her home in May.

The military is reluctant to discuss the plane's activities, 'except to say they expect to have it back as soon as they can,' said a spokesperson for the AFSC.

The search was launched after the pilot reported an emergency.

The plane, which was last seen over 60,000 square miles, was reported to be in 30,000 square miles of water.

The search was expanded to include the mountains and forests.

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Pipeline Breaks,
Oil Spills
Into Lake

Thousands of gallons of oil spilled into Lake Powell on the crest of a flood as a congressional candidate says there are many problems with pipeline and oil spills in Alaska.

Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Jim Lamb says the spill was caused by a pipeline break and a New Mexico oil spill.

The spill will be cleaned up, he says.

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Ask CAB
Reversal

Sixty-seven Anchorage
affiliates of the Civil Aeronautics Board, 177 others had signed a petition to reverse the CAB.

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Glenallen-Minister
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The central area of Alaska Airline Cargo operations on its Nome-Kotzebue line.

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PUE
ALCOHOLIC

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In Providence
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in Providence Nov. 9. He
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By The Associated Press

A claim that the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, Inc., will be paid for the ad in an Anchorage newspaper by a candidate for congressional office was denied.

Jim Dodson, AGC administrative assistant, said the claim had been made by a group that was not recognized by the AGC.

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Anchorage Laborers Local 341 was listed in the ad, it said, and was placed without the consent of the laborers' executive board or a supervisor of the union.

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Ben Marh, whose campaign ads endorsed him, said he had no idea who placed it.

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Pipeline Breaks,
Oil Spills
Into Lake

Thousands of gallons of oil spilled into Lake Powell on the crest of a flood as a congressional candidate says there are many problems with pipeline and oil spills in Alaska.

Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Jim Lamb says the spill was caused by a pipeline break and a New Mexico oil spill.

The spill will be cleaned up, he says.

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Sixty-seven Anchorage
affiliates of the Civil Aeronautics Board, 177 others had signed a petition to reverse the CAB.

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Mrs. BOGGS ENDS ALASKA VIGIL

Mr. and Mrs. Hale Boggs, who have been searching for their missing son, end their vigil in Alaska.

Mrs. Hale Boggs, wife of missing Rep. Hale Boggs, center, and other members of her family, said goodbye to Lt. Gen. James C. Sherrill, Commander-in-Chief, Alaskan Air Command, in Anchorage on Friday night.

Mrs. Boggs said that her son had been flying alone in a small plane when it disappeared.

McGOVERN IN PENNSYLVANIA

Sen. George McGovern campaigns in Pennsylvania, saying that despite public opinion polls, the Democratic presidential nominee has remained close to the people.

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Mrs. Boggs Goes Home; Is 'More Confident Now'.

Mrs. Hale Boggs, mother of the missing Rep. Hale Boggs, said she is 'more confident now' that her son and his crew will be found.

'Ve came because we had to be here,' Mrs. Boggs told reporters. 'We have been searching for him for days.'

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Nixon Won't Hesitate

'Decisions To Prune'

President Nixon said he would not hesitate to make 'decisions to prune' the New Deal. He added that he would not make decisions that the nation would not accept.

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Our Senators Are 'In Alaska Tradition'

Nader Profiles Stevens, Gravel

An Air Force jet carrying Dr. Henry A. Kissinger takes off from Elmendorf Air Force Base today after a brief refueling stop on route from Saigon to Washington. The Secretary of State flew in from talks with South Vietnam leaders, did not make an appearance here during the stop.

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Eight Persons Hurt in Crash

Eight persons were injured when a military transport plane crashed last night in the vicinity of the Alaska Aircraft Rescue and Base Station. The crash occurred about half an hour after the plane took off from the Anchorage Army Airfield, and the victims were taken to the hospital. The plane was carrying a crew of seven and four passengers.

U.N. Debates Arms Confab

The United Nations, New York, N.Y., 1972. The United Nations is dealing with peace and war, and the UN's General Assembly is debating the question of arms control. The debate is taking place on October 29th, 1972.

Irish Raid Arm Cache

Belgium: Workers Against Arms (AP) - A platoon of the Workers Against Arms (AP) in Belgium has raided a military arsenal in Lommel, Belgium, and seized arms and ammunition. The raid was carried out by federal, state and local authorities, and the news was announced on national television.

Set Public Hearing

On Taxi Application, Wednesday Night

A public hearing on the application for a taxi license in Anchorage, was held on Wednesday night. The hearing was held by the Anchorage Public Hearing Board, and the applicants were present. The hearing was attended by the applicants, taxi drivers, and other interested parties.

Campaign Reaches

$215,942

The United Way campaign in Anchorage has reached its goal of $215,942. The campaign was held from October 1st to November 15th, and the funds were raised through individual contributions and corporate donations.

Campaign Kickoff

The United Way of Anchorage kicked off its campaign with a rally on October 1st. The campaign's goal is to raise $215,942 for local charities and organizations. The campaign is led by Executive Director, and the funds will be distributed to local organizations.

Seminars Look At Rural Area

The Alaska Department of Community and Rural Affairs has announced a series of seminars to be held throughout the state. The seminars will focus on rural development and community building.

Coexistence

On Gaza Strip, Suffers Setback

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Air Force Cancels Alert

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Air Force has cancelled a plans alert that would have had the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on high alert, and would have activated 10 times as many military personnel as its previous alerts.

The alert was intended to be a show of force, according to the Department of Defense, which said it was being issued in response to a threat from North Vietnam.

The Department of Defense said the alert was activated because of "an intelligence report that indicates the possibility of a major military action by North Vietnam." The alert was to have remained in effect for 48 hours.

The alert was activated at 7 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, and was expected to last until 7 a.m. EDT on Wednesday.

North Vietnam has been under pressure from the United States to withdraw its troops from South Vietnam, where it has been fighting a guerrilla war against the South Vietnamese government.

The alert was the first since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

Nader Profiles Gravel As 'Gadfly Of Senate'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., has called Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff, D-Conn., the Senate's most prominent gadfly, in a speech on the Senate floor.

"Ribicoff's actions," Humphrey said, "are an example of the kind of vigorous, imaginative leadership that the American people need in the United States Senate today.

"Ribicoff's record of protection of the American people's rights and interests is long and unbroken. He has been a strong ally of progressive causes, and has fought for the rights of the poor, the elderly, and the underprivileged.

"Ribicoff's persistence in pursuing his objectives is an inspiration to all those who believe in the principles of democracy. His courage in the face of opposition is an example to us all.

"Ribicoff's record in the Senate is one of dedication and integrity. He has never sought personal power or prestige, but has always worked for the good of the people."

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She Can Have World Trip Or $5,000

A 28-year-old unemployed Anchorage girl student of broadcasting who "has never won anything—not even a pebble," has been awarded first place in the Kodak International Newspaper Advertisement Contest and has announced today from Rochester, Miss Candy Graf, who came to Alaska in 1961, now has the problem of trying to choose between a 30-day all-expense paid trip around the world for two plus $1,000 in cash or $5,000 in cash. Miss Graf's black and white photograph originally took one of the top prizes in the Anchorage Times Photo Contest this year but missed being sent to the international show. It joined winners from Central and South America, Africa, Australia, and the United States for the final judging.

Word that the former Spokane resident's entry had captured the top award in its division came from Harold Bibly, director of the Kodak contest. No previous Times entry had ever won first place in the Kodak contest. In 1966, Helen Baker, at the time a Miss Washington State College at Cheney, Wash. resident, took third place in the color division and received $1,000.

The winning photo was taken by Miss Graf while student at Eastern Washington State College at Cheney, Wash. It shows Miss Graf, her mother, brother, sister, brother-in-law, and Corinna, one of the children's arms is outstretched toward a beam of light. "It was one of a series of shots I took in a school studio," Miss Graf recalled. "It is my favorite. I liked it as soon as I saw it."

By coincidence, the man who encouraged her photography was on hand when Miss Graf was told of her triumph. He is Charles H. Osler, Miss Graf's roommate with Mr. and Mrs. Osler at 1501 Summit View Dr. Through him, in Spokane, she took up photo taking seriously and it was he who drove her to the Times office where the announcement was made. Miss Graf was asked to come to the office to discuss some good news in connection with the photo contest.

"I Can't Believe It" "I'm Going To Faint" "I Love It"

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**Says Key Problem Law Enforcement**

"Superior Court Judge C. J. O'Connell, in today's summary, covered the problems of the control of crime, and identified the problems as: law enforcement." he said. "He said the problems are being experienced in the state, and the problems of the control of crime, and identified the problems as: law enforcement." The judge also criticized the present policies and recommended a clarification of the states to give greater decisional discretion to the police agencies.

He further indicated that illegal activities were prevalent throughout the state, and there was a need for the police agencies to have greater discretion in their decisionmaking. He added that the police agencies need to be more proactive in their approach to problem solving.

**Plane Hunt Is Longest For Center**

"The search for Congresswoman Nick Begich and her Moutain Lion, which was reported overdue, has been called off. The search was suspended at 3:30 a.m. today. The search was conducted by the U.S. Forest Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

"The search was intensified by the weather, which continued to deteriorate. The search area was expanded to include the nearby mountains.

"The search was called off due to the conditions, which were considered too hazardous for the safety of the searchers. The searchers were unable to continue the search due to the weather conditions.

**VOTES TO DETERMINE**

Howard Hanson, principal of Willow Elementary School, cast his ballot yesterday as a member of the Anchorage Principals Association. The ballot was held to determine whether or not the association will retain the Anchorage Principals Association.

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**Principals In Teal**

Members of the Anchorage Council of Education voted yesterday to remove the Anchorage Borough Education Association and its affiliates from the Anchorage Principals Association.
NEW SEARCH ECHOES
Boggs, Begich Hunt
California Pilot, Wife Disappear On Flight South

As Efforts Are Suspended For Missing Congressmen

As the search for Congressmen Nick Begich and Mary逝世 was being suspended, a new search was mounted for another aircraft that disappeared Wednesday under almost identical circumstances.

One spokesman for the Rescue Coordination Center today described the new effort as a "repeat performance.

"The probability of detecting George Boggs, the World Champion Sled Dog, after his disappearance here today at the 1973 World Championship Sled Dog Races, had been made an event of the search. Boggs, pilot Don Johnson and Begich aide, Russel Brown, were the only people involved in the search efforts now being considered. The U.S. Coast Guard, the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, and civil authorities were consulted prior to making the decision.

The search began the afternoon of Oct. 16 when the Cessna 310 disappeared without a trace on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau, Mass. Mayor of Bozeman, D. La., had come to Alaska to assist Begich in his reelection campaign. They were on their way to Juneau for a fund raising dinner when they disappeared.

Since their disappearance, Air Force, Coast Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and other private aircraft have logged more than 3,000 flying hours in a search covering more than 3,000 square miles.

Search efforts included the use of the secret SR-71 aerial reconnaissance aircraft. Hundreds of private vessels and fishing craft took part in the early days of the search as well as several Coast Guard cutters.

In announcing the suspension, the RCC spokesman said the search will be reopened if any new leads or information are developed.

The probability of detecting a fire or an electronic signal or any visual signal in the area has been fully explored," Shelley said.

90 percent certainty that we will have seen any of those signals.

"Based on that, and with the deteriorating weather and snowfall that would possibly cover up any sightings that we may have, the director of the Rescue Coordination Center said the search should be suspended."

"We will close it (the search) down at about 3 p.m. today, Shelley said, adding that the "search will remain open until a positive lead is found or possible." If the RCC in Alaska, have officially closed out a search until the aircraft is located, he said.

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Begich
Hearings
In Juneau

Juneau will be the site of presumptive death hearings for the occupants of an aircraft carrying Congressmen Nick Begich and Hale Boggs who disappeared Oct. 16.

Neither a petition has yet been filed requesting such a hearing, but Juneau District Attorney Joseph Balle, apparently delegated by higher state authority, this week has been contacting potential witnesses to determine the most venient dates. The hearings themselves are expected to last two days.

Balle said today that tentative dates of Dec. 5 and 6 or Dec. 11 and 12 have been discussed. The hearings will be held before District Court Judge Bruce Monroe in Juneau.

Several of the possible witnesses, privately expressed surprise that the hearings will be held in Juneau. They expected hearings would be held in Anchorage because most of the search efforts were directed from Anchorage and Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Although no petition has been filed regarding any of the occupants of the missing twin-engine Cessna 310, Balle said it would not be necessary for any family member to do so. Under state law, he explained, any interested party could file such a petition.

Neither he nor Atty. Gen. John Havelock would comment on who might file such a petition.

A presumptive death hearing, is a legal means to determine whether a person is dead after the person has disappeared.

It authorizes a coroner, magistrate or judge to sign a death certificate. A coroner's jury will be named to hear evidence into circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the four men and the extent of search efforts. Any findings from the search would be presented.

It is the jury which would return a verdict of presumed death if satisfied that all evidence points to such a death. If not satisfied, they can withhold such a verdict. If the verdict is one of presumed death, the judge may either accept or reject the verdict.

A certificate of presumed death, as any death certificate, clears the way for settlement of all estate, insurance and business matters involving the survivors.

Six Alaskans were honored as Alaska 49ers at a banquet here last night and at left, new president of the Anchorage chapter of the Alaska Press Club Gladys Reckley, right, presents a certificate to Mrs. George F. Boney, widow of the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. At r

PRESS CLUB ALASKA 49ERS HONOREE

Justice of the Supreme Court. At r of Fairbanks, retired school teacher delighted at receiving the award for

Journalists Elect '49ers;
Begich, Boney Among Them

The coveted title of "Alaska 49er" was bestowed last night on six Alaskans, and four of them moved into the select circle of the 49er Hall of Fame created by the Anchorage chapter of the Alaska Press Club.

The annual awards to Alaskans who have been outstanding contributors to Alaska's economic and cultural development were announced at the annual banquet in the Anchorage-Westward Hotel.

At the same time, Gladys Reckley was installed as new president of the Anchorage chapter.

Mrs. L. Brown presented the press club with an Eskimo lamp which was presented to her in appreciation that "means the light of knowledge." The importance of knowledge through communications also was stressed by the evening's speaker, State Sen. Willie Henry.

Gladys Reckley succeeds Stan Abbott of the Anchorage Daily News as president. Other officers installed were Dean Berg, chairman of the board of governors; Bill Mack, vice president; Margaret Schmidt, treasurer; Bob Anderson, secretary, and board members Scott Foster, Jeanne Montagus and Judge Joseph Brewer.
Question ‘Mystery Girl’ In Begich Airplane Loss

BY DONALD L. LARABEE

Three Washington Senators have been named to an investigating committee of the Senate, with Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Alaska and Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington as the heads of the committee.

The joint Senate subcommittee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was named after President Nixon requested that the Senate conduct an investigation into the death of three American Government officials. The subcommittee will be headed by Sen. Jackson and Sen. Magnuson. The subcommittee will be charged with investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of three men in a plane crash in the Soviet Union.

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Times Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON - Federal investigators have interrogated a "mystery girl" in connection with the disappearance of the Cessna 310 aircraft carrying Reps. Nick Begich of Alaska and House Majority Leader Hale Boggs, it was learned today.

The young lady has given a "Jane Doe" deposition to the federal agents describing certain events just prior to the takeoff of the twin-engine plane from Anchorage on Oct. 16, according to informed sources.

Her statement was volunteered, it is understood, after she was assured that her identity would not be revealed.

The woman is reported to have been at the airport in the company of Pilot Don Jones on the morning of the plane's takeoff on the ill-fated flight to Juneau. Congressman Bogle's aide, Russell Brown, was also aboard the missing plane.

Informants declined to reveal the nature of her testimony pending release of a full report by the National Transportation Safety Board about the tragedy.

An official familiar with the testimony said, however, that it has added a "dimension" to the investigative findings.

In the absence of locating the wreckage of the plane, federal authorities have necessarily been forced to confine their inquiry to persons who might have some knowledge of the pilot and conditions just before the takeoff.

It is believed that the airport operator and others associated with the Pan-Alaska Airways operation have been interviewed.

The safety board is believed anxious to issue at least an interim report of the Alaska tragedy within the next Congress convenes. Since the accident involved two members of the House, including one of the Democratic leaders, there is expected to be heavy pressure from Congress in January for a full report on all the known facts.

RASMUSON TO TALK TO WORLD COUNCIL

A luncheon address by Elmer Rasmussen on "Alaska's Role in the World Economy" will highlight a conference Saturday sponsored by the Alaska World Affairs Council at the Holiday Inn.

The conference topic is The International Monetary Crisis. Outstanding speakers will be presented throughout the day and questions will be accepted from the floor. It is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reservations for the conference may be made by calling Gladys Swank at 272-0622 or Elaine Atwood, 279-5822. Reservations also will be accepted for the noon luncheon only.

Rasmussen, chairman of the board of the National Bank of Alaska, is intimately involved with world economic issues. He serves as a member of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, which recently met in Vancouver, B.C. Last spring he was a delegate to the Pacific Basin Economic Council's annual meeting in New Zealand.

"The conference will provide Alaskans with insights into what is happening around us," said Miss Atwood, council president. "International economic conditions directly affect Alaska which exports goods throughout the world."

Other speakers at the conference who are outstanding experts in the field of international economics include Dr. Jerry Ralston, international economist at the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle; H. Phillip Hubbard, acting director of field operations for the Domestic and International Business Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and Dr. Eugene Eaton and Dr. Dale Swanson, professors of economics at the University of Alaska.

Moderator of the conference will be Robert R. Richards, vice president and economist for the National Bank of Alaska and a director of the council.

War Kills No Yankees Last Week

SAIGON (AP) - No Americans were reported killed in Vietnam last week, but three were missing or captured, the U.S. Command reported today. It was the first casualty summary without fatalities since January 1965, when the United States was just beginning its massive troop buildup.

Another 11 Americans were wounded, the U.S. Command said.

The pattern of more Americans missing than killed is likely to continue because the chief U.S. participation in the war is now the air campaign against North Vietnam.

Three of the last 11 weekly casualty summaries have listed no U.S. combat deaths, but on those weeks there were reports of servicemen dead from "causes other than hostile action.

The South Vietnamese command reported the highest government and enemy casualties since the first week of
Although his plans are definite at the moment, added he is considering a "couple of things here in Anchorage," but would not elaborate.

Wiggins Quits Job At Borough

President Wigg's actions suggest a last-minute decision to leave the city and borough districts in the hands of his successor.

In announcing the resignation, Reddick said Wiggins had faced many challenges, including a shortage of funds, redistricting, and other issues. Although he had been in office since 1985, his resignation becomes effective Dec. 31.

Although he has no plans to replace himself, he will not be able to stay in Alaska, he said. He will look for a position in another state or a new role in his current career as a financial officer.


era of planning and research. Prior to coming to Alaska, Wiggins was director of planning in Waterford, Mich. He has also served as director of the University of Connecticut.

Mercury Dips Below Zero; Weekend Could See Record

No, that didn't equal the record of minus 36 degrees recorded on Dec. 9. Only after a light snowfall and temperatures in the high teens did the mercury dip to the negative 20s.

On the Inside

A New York man arrested for a million-dollar bank robbery.

Shifting Court On Begich Fate For Witnesses

ALASKAN FINALIST AS OUTSTANDING

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Weather Forecast

The weather forecast for the Anchorage area is calling for a high of 30 degrees and a low of 15 degrees. There is a chance of snow showers in the afternoon.

Senators Vary In Reporting On Passport Office Opening

In the Senate, there is debate over whether to open a new passport office in the city. Senator John Smith, a Democrat, supports the idea, stating it will help meet the growing demand for passports. Senator Jane Doe, a Republican, argues that it is unnecessary and will only increase costs.

WINS THE CASE

A judge ruled in favor of the plaintiff, stating that the defendant had acted in good faith.

WEATHER REPORT

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Kissinger, Viet Envoy Meet Again

Working to fix the political tension in the Far East, Kissinger and the Vietnamese Envoy met in Washington, D.C. Their discussions focused on the break in diplomatic relations and the need for a new approach.

Senator Smith's bill, which would increase funding for the passport office, is expected to pass in the Senate. However, a similar bill in the House has encountered opposition from some members.

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Shifting Court On Begich Fate For Witnesses

By Alan Campbell
Times Staff Writer

A presumptive death hearing for missing Rep. Nick Begich and others will be moved from Juneau to Anchorage.

Juneau District Attorney Joe Balfy, who originally asked for the hearing in the capital city because of its "central location," says he now file a change-of-venue petition as a convenience to witnesses.

And one of those witnesses will be Cheryl Mitchell, the so-called "mystery girl" who already testified before a federal investigative agency that she may have been the last person to see the missing man alive.

The special six-member jury will determine if there are grounds to legally presume the deaths of Begich, Pan-Alaska Airways pilot Don Jonz and Russell Brown, an aide to Begich.

The three, together with Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., were aboard Jonz' Cessna 310 when it left Anchorage International Airport Oct. 18, for a campaign flight to Juneau.

Boggs' status will not be considered by the jury, at the request of the Boggs family. Balfy said today.

The Juneau district attorney said to date he has lined up six witnesses to testify for the defense, as well as 12 others who may be called to testify when legal death is announced, but the jury can waive that if evidence clearly indicates there is no question of possible survival.

Contrary to some published reports, Balfy says, the jury will be "average" citizens, not experts in the fields of aviation or survival.

The Juneau district attorney says he will come to Washington, D.C., and work in cooperation with Anchorage-based state law department attorneys at the hearing, which he hopes to hold Dec. 11 and 12, as originally planned at the Juneau location.

The original Juneau site was chosen, Balfy says, because he intended to call on southeastern Alaska Coast Guardsmen who assisted in the 38-day search, and because Brown was "from Ketchikan," making Juneau "central."

Brown and his family moved to Anchorage when Brown began work as supervisor of Begich's Anchorage office, Feb. 1, 1971.

Balfy says he realizes most of the search effort was organized by the Anchorage Rescue Coordination Center and Begich's Anchorage-based Civil Air Patrol volunteers, so he would ask for a change of venue for their convenience.

They will be subpoenaed if not tested to testify, but Balfy says all those his office has contacted have expressed a willingness to take the witness stand.

No relatives of Begich, Boggs, Brown or Jonz will be subpoenaed, Balfy says.

Earlier this week the Times' Washington bureau learned that Miss Mitchell had testified to air safety investigators that she accompanied Jonz on the first leg of his flight Oct. 16 to Anchorage. Balfy said today she may have been "the last to see them leave" at the Juneau airport.

Balfy today outlined procedure involved in hearings of this nature:

The special jury actually determines the "verdict," whether the men can be ruled dead, but the judge must consider. There are provisions under which the jury may have been dead before the verdict is announced, but the judge can waive that if evidence clearly indicates there is no question of possible survival.

AM I BEING FOLLOWED?

When the groundhog sees his shadow in February, it means six more weeks of winter, what does it mean when Santa sees his shadow more Christmas? Times photographer Pat Gillette caught this decorative "Santa" with his shadow at Fourth Avenue and 11th Street.

They are annually raised by the city's Municipal Light and Power crews as a volunteer project.

REturns with Award

Delores Padilla, of Kodiak, shows her brother-law, Monte Lynes of Anchorage, an article in a book listing the Outstanding Young Women in America. Mrs. Padilla was one of 11 young women her civic and community accomplishments in state and the Kodiak area. She received award this week in Washington, D.C., and at an Anchorage International Airport this morning on her return to Kodiak when the award was taken.

ASKAN Finalist "Outstanding"

Delores G. Padilla of Alaska's Outstanding of the Year for 1972, from the nation's today when she was on a bus tour 10 Outstanding Young Women in Alaska by the board of that organization. Year more than 5,600 women are designated as young women of from these one was chosen to represent.

Further honor young for their civic and city achievements and contributions the board initiated "Outstanding" what it felt to 10 most gifted young in the program.

Padilla initiated the prevention program at areas of Kodiak, had the first senior fund there, and sought funds to bring a counselor to Kodiak, to look at program. Organization presented "Outstanding" with a large glass bowl. Padilla said she is weather at Kodiak and a baggage mix-up when she landed.

"When I walked into the room everyone started saying, 'Outstanding!'. That was when I first found out that I had been chosen as one of the 10 finalists," she said.

SHULTZ WILL STAY IN NIXON CABINET

By Steve Weimer
Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU (AP) - Promising to seek "new innovations not in the textbooks," Gov. William A. Egan has proposed an experimental plan to create a landed salmon resource in three lakes of the Bristol Bay drainage system.

Egan said Thursday he would submit the plan to the legislature, with Lake on the Alaska Pen and other lakes north Dillingham the main locations.

He said the area consideredsockeye runs good potential for good heating that would enhance the fish farming efforts.

Egan said his plan was designed by continuing to high seas fishing in the region.
State Requests Death Hearing

Formal petitions requesting a presumptive death hearing for Congressman Nick Begich, his congressional assistant Russell L. Brown and pilot Don E. Jones were filed in District Court here yesterday afternoon.

The petitions were signed by James "Pat" Wellington, deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. In the formal style of such petitions it says simply that the three men disappeared on Oct. 16 and that due to diligent search without success in finding the men leads to the presumption of death.

It is a simple form with little hint of the significance of the request. It is a request for the declaration of death. Normally a declaration entitles survivors of those presumed dead to benefits of survivorship and settlement of estates and business interests. But in this instance, also involved, is the representation of the state in the nation's capital. For without a declaration of death there can be no declaration of a vacancy and no efforts can proceed to elect a new representative to Congress.

One name is missing from the list of petitions—that of Louisiana Congressman and House Majority Leader Hale Boggs. Joseph Balle, Juneau district attorney, who carried through the preparations for the presumptive death hearings, said the Boggs family has requested no petition be filed on behalf of Hale Boggs at this time. No further explanation is given.

The hearings were originally scheduled in Juneau. But last week the venue was changed to Anchorage.

Even before the petition was filed here, a court room in the Court System Building, was reserved for the hearings Dec. 11 and 12. These are dates originally scheduled for the hearings in Juneau.

President District Court Judge Mrs. Dorothy Tyner, who will conduct the hearings, said today she soon would set a positive date for the hearings.

Balle is expected to send a list of witnesses to the district attorney's office here. Balle is also expected to come to Anchorage for the hearings since he has done most of the preliminary work. Either he or a district attorney from the Anchorage office will present the witnesses to the court during the hearings.

Province Appoints Arbitrator

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—The federal government has named Justice Nathan Nemetz of the British Columbia Supreme Court to mediate the prolonged British Columbia longshoremen's contract dispute.

The appointment was announced Tuesday in telegrams to the British Columbia Maritime Employers' Association and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union by newly-appointed Labor Minister John Munro.

Munro said the government is determined to "leave no stone unturned" in efforts to settle the dispute and he praised Nemetz's ability as mediator.

The appointment was made under emergency legislation which early in September sent the 1,200 union members in six British Columbia ports, including Vancouver. The legislation expires Dec. 31.

Canadian Heads View Oil Spills Around Alberta

MORINVILLE, Alta. (AP)—Two provincial cabinet ministers were to fly over the sites of two oil spills near this northeastern Alberta town Tuesday for a first-hand look at the damage.

Environment Minister Bill
Death Of Coed Fairbanks Jail

After stem from the death yesterday of R. Stambaugh, 18, found in her room on the 4th floor of the Moore Hall, a one-story high building on floors two and three, and women on the floors, said Miss Debra Stambaugh. (APR)

GOOD TALKS

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On The Inside

VESTIGATION of the kidnapping of a British rialist is being withheld in hopes of the man's release in Argentina. Page 53.

LICE IN TEL AVIV say the spy ring they have ered named Moshe Dayan as an assassination Page 27.

ULSTER UNIONISTS are meeting to discuss g extremists from the party to end bloodshed in id. Page 27.

PERTS ARE GATHERING records of Martin ann to evaluate a skull found near the Berlin Meanwhile an Argentine journalist says he never the trajectory reported to be Bornman living in utna. Page 18.

CARRIER used in Vietnam and considered a weapon may have been scrapped. Page 18.

IELDA MAROS SAYS A PARRY she made with a sword saved her life as an assailant killed her last.

Groups Vie For Natives

Special To The Times SEATTLE Rival groups of Alaska natives are battling for the allegiance of Alaska natives who reside Outside but who share in the proceeds of the Native Land Claims settlement.

Spokesmen for the factions collided here Saturday during a well-attended meeting of the non-native residents.

The settlement act gives the non-native natives the option of forming a regional business corporation of their own or "enrolling back" to Alaska as stockholders of one of 12 native regional corporations already formed.

A part of the money will receive from the settlement by Congress will go to the corporation the non-residents choose. Enrollment is under way now.

The meeting here was called by the Washington chapter of the Tlingit-Haida Indians of Alaska to explore the pros and cons of organizing the 13th regional corporation for the non-residents.

It turned into more of a
Witness Tells Of Phone Call

She said she did not see them get on board.

Under questioning by Juneau District Attorney Joseph Balle who is presenting evidence to the jury during the hearing, Mrs. Mitchell said she was present when Jonz phoned in for weather information along the proposed flight from Anchorage to Juneau.

She could not hear the conversation, but noted that Jonz told her later that the weather was "not good," but that it was "better to the south than to the north."

She testified that Jonz intended to fly a direct route to Juneau where he would have breakfast and then return to Fairbanks.

In opening the hearing this morning, Balle explained to the six-man jury that its purpose is not an inquiry into a crash or to fix cause of any crash. Rather the hearing is an inquiry into the disappearance of the aircraft on Oct. 16 and the presumption that the persons on board may have met their death.

Other witnesses to be called during the hearing include Melvin South, control tower operator at Anchorage International Airport who saw the Jonz aircraft take off from the airport; Robert Mahoney, FAA flight service specialist who had the last radio contact with the aircraft; Col. Jack O’Dell, Commander 191st Communications Group at Elmendorf Air Force Base; Maj. Henry Stocker, Commander of the Rescue Coordination Center at Elmendorf who was responsible for the search operations for the missing aircraft; and a weather specialist who is expected to testify to the weather-conditions on that day.

Six jurors and one alternate are hearing the matter. One, George Casper, said he had flown with Jonz before while he was a forest fire control officer for the Bureau of Land Management.

The other jurors are, Mrs. Rita Baxley, Mrs. Dolores Barret, Dale Heckon, Eldon Brodigan, Mrs. Frances Arsenault and Albert Scott.

It will be their responsibility to render a written decision concerning the presumed death of the three men. If they do, the verdict may be accepted by the judge. This could either mean a wait of six months before the verdict becomes official, or, if the weight of evidence is sufficient, Judge Tyner may enter an immediate filing of a Certificate of Presumed Death. This would then allow the immediate administration of the estates of the men involved.

LOST OF VITAMINS

One-half cup fresh strawberries has more vitamin C than is normally required daily for an adult.

4 Anchorage Daily Times, Monday, December 11, 1972

HOW THE FIREFLY LOST ITS HEAT—A Christmas Tale

Unable to believe their eyes, the Wise Men inspected each capful of fireflies to be sure they were thinking on-and-off as one firefly.

Sportsmen Ask I For Opening Dates

McDowell denied commercial fishermen's allegations that sports fishermen were blamed for the inlet's de-pressing salmon population.

Moving the season from July 25 to the proposed opening date July 1 for a period of at least seven years would allow Biak, said the judge.

The seven-day delay hurt commercial fish. McDowell said, as he closed runs of red salmon, the mainstay of the inlet's fishing industry.

Groups V For Nati

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OLD GLORY IS RAISED ON THE MOON

onuts Gene Cernan, right, and

American flag on the face of the

moon following their successful landing aboard
their lunar ship Challenger. They "danced" in
glee over their exploit. (AP Wirephoto).

men: Plan Night Hunt

ossibly Oldest Rocks

ment on the moon, the Smith

aer and rock debris across the valley in some

places. There, they hope to find

rock structures that might have formed

and shaped the moon's surface. Weather

Overhead, along with the moon and

leader, Cernan, and Schmitt, climbed down

adder to lift off the first of three

(See Page 8, Col. 6).

Kissinger

To Leave?

Reports Spreading

After Plane Lands

WASHINGtON (AP) - The White House says the Paris

peace talks between Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc

Tho will resume tomorrow.

News secretary Ronald

Fielding says Kissinger and

Tho will hold their session after technical experts

both sides hold their second

straight day of talks.

Reports spread that

Kissinger was about to leave

after plane landed at the Paris airport.

President Nixon's security

adviser earlier had a 4½-hour

meeting with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho.

The visit was announced

(See Page 8, Col. 6).

REFUTES CHARGES

ON HOUSING UNITS

Several allegations lodged

against Woodside Village, the

government-financed project

located in the Anchorage

urban renewal area, were

rebutted today by housing

charges chairman John Bell

immediately clear whether he

Jury Finds

For Listing

Men Dead

Judge Tyner Refuses

To Sign Certificate

Stating Begich Dead

A District Court jury

this morning returned its verdict

that Congressman Nick

Begich Sr. and Fairbanks pilot

Don E. Jones can be presumed

dead.

"But Presiding District

Court Judge Dorothy Tyner," while

approving the verdict, declined to issue an

immediate order for a certificate of

presumed death. She said that under the terms of

state statute she must be satisfied that

there is "clear and convincing proof of
death before she could sign an order.

If she does not sign such an

order, the jury verdict would

remain valid for six months. She said in chambers

that the jury made the order within a week or so,

but that it is not satisfied at this time that

there is enough proof of death.

"There is still a chance,"

she said, "that the search could be continued.

While the search has officially been suspended, it is still

going on." She was referring to the present

searching for Mr. and Mrs. John Brodt, who disappeared

Nov. 23 in the same area where Begich and his companion

disappeared on Oct. 16.

The jury returned its verdict

after about 20 minutes

debate following hearings which began yester-
day morning.

The testimony concluded

this morning with Maj. Henry

Stockman, chief of the Rescue

Coordination Center at the

Anchorage airport.

Under questioning by Joseph

Balle, Juneau District Atto-

ney who prosecuted,

(See Page 8, Col. 8).

Mayor

Strong

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Police Chief

May Retire;

Decker, Too

It appears two more key

positions will be opened at city

hall as of Dec. 31, with two

top men in the city government slated to leave

within the month.

"Dick Decker, the city's two-

year director of the personnel

department, is resigning to

join the faculty staff at the

University of Alaska at

Anchorage as a public

administration instructor.

Chief John Flanagan, accor-

ding to many city sources,

will be retiring before the end

of the year. Flanagan, who has

been with the city for the past 20 years, is said to be

resigning for a resignation due to

(See Page 8, Col. 3).

ALASKANS HELPING

HAWAIIAN NATIVES

Special To The Times

HONOLULU -- Two Alaskans, modeled

lawyers from Alaska and a mother of the Alaskan Federation

Natives, which plays the leadership of a native for compensation

Hawaiian group which plans annual claims to bring

amounts to the State Hill to meet the demand for

necessary help.

Truman's
e West Virginia barberry in what obably the first city prison. San once for armed

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson sits with Mrs. Johnson and former Chief Justice Earl Warren at a civil rights symposium at the LBJ Library yesterday. The retired chief justice was keynote speaker at the two-day symposium marking the opening of the library's civil rights papers.

DERAILMENT DUMPS CHRISTMAS MAIL

Sacks of Christmas mail and cars were dumped into the Columbia River yesterday when a Burlington Northern freight train was derailed west of Bingen, Wash. Accident involved 26 of the 53 loaded freight officials said. The Portland-Vancu

Alaska Reves

Alaska will benefit tune of about $900 during the next five under the new revenue sharing leg Sen at Ted Stevens a speech today before was Assembly of State senators and House members. Stevens said that according to the Alaskan Civic League, the next seven months will receive one million in revenue sharing funds, most of which will be used to balance the state budget.

Two More Quitting City Hall

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Jury Says Men Presumed Dead

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 Trio Plan Rock Hunt Tonight

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Lack Of One Resulted In Longest Search

Beacon Signal Would Have Pinpointed Begaich Plane

By PAUL LEIDEN

What is it that made the difference between a 3-day search for John Walker, 47, and a 9-day search for the Begaich plane? A beacon signal, of course.

Details of the Rescue Coordination Center report that the Walker signal was received from an aircraft in distress, while the Begaich signal was not.

Ffis flight, 30,000 to 35,000 feet, began with a beacon signal that was picked up by a ground station. The signal was transmitted by a military aircraft that was participating in a training exercise.

The beacon signal was detected by the John Walker's Family, who were able to locate the plane and coordinate a rescue operation.

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Thurs., Fri., Sat., Wnt Mon. Dec. 21, 22, 23
Boggs Assistant Announces Claims To House Leadership

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - One month after House Democratic Leader's aide
Boggs disappeared during an
Alaskan campaign flight, the
candidate, who succeeded him as
assistant leader claims he's
not the job nailing states.

Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.,
MASSACHUSETTS, who
became whip two years ago
when Boggs was elevated to
floor leader, says he has more
than enough pledges of sup-
port to oust him from Boggs' post.

However, Rep. Sam Gib-
bons of Florida disputes the
claim and says his effort to win
Boggs' post is doing all right
too. But O'Neill has an advan-
tage because he is already on
the House Democratic lead-
ership team.

On Oct. 16, Boggs was
boarded a light plane with Rep.
Nick Begich and two other per-
sons over the Alaskan coast on
a flight from Anchorage to

Boggs had taken advantage
of a two-day house recess to
make several campaign ap-
pearances for the freshman
Begich, Alaska’s only House
member.

Somewhere between
Anchorage and Nome, the
small plane disappeared, and
a monthlong search has found
no sign of the craft.

Search planes were set out
again Wednesday, and again
reported no luck as they probed through breaks in
the heavy cloud cover for signs
of the missing plane. Bad
weather has hampered much
of the search.

Last week, Begich was re-
elected in absentia as
members of the new Congress
coming in Jan. 3. If they aren’t
found alive by then, their
seats could be declared
vacant.

The two men’s wives are
being urged by friends to seek
the seats in special elections.

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Weather
Search Centers In Sound Area

Military and civilian search planes today are combing the Prince William Sound area where three reports of unusual sightings may yet provide clues to the death of a small plane carrying Alaska Congressman Nick Begich, House Majority Leader Hale Boggs and two others.

An Air Force spokesman said 35 planes were in the air this morning.

Most of them would fly enlarged search patterns between Anchorage and Yakutat to study a rock slide near Prince William Sound which discolors a glacier and a report of a glowing light seen yesterday between Anchorage and Valdez.

All three of the planes are within a 75-mile radius of the city.

Air Force rescue officials who are coordinating Alaska's most massive air and sea search say 1,000 search planes have been in the air over aircraft ranging from Civil Air Patrol light planes to four-engine military search planes. The search was intensified after ocean currents pulled three of the five men aboard the<Scalar> plane. The men had been on a reconnaissance mission.

Today, searchers widened their patterns to cover a band 120 miles wide on either side of the flight path that ended at Coosa 310 that carried Begich to Russell Brown, Fairbanks pilot, and Col. John Joness of the two Congrissan men.

The search area also has been extended south from Juneau for 250 miles to include all the heavily forested islands in Southeast Alaska. The plane went down near Yakutat, according to an Air Force official.

The search faces the same problems as in other areas: bad weather in the Panhandle, extending south, and the lack of communication.

Four Coast Guard search planes, with a total of 124 men and equipment are on the way from Stack Island. An HC-130 specially equipped for search and rescue missions is also flying in.

More than 40 sightings have been logged, but none of them have been confirmed. More than 300 people have been assigned to help.

Roderick Planning News Media Talk At Press Meeting

Borough mayor-elect Jack Rodier will hold his first news conference at the Royal Room at 5 p.m. today. Rodier will field questions and answer them in a press conference.

Carnival Kissin A One-Way Ex

DEAR ABBY: I hope you can advise me about a problem that I have been having for a long time. I live in Anchorage, Alaska, and I have been trying to get in touch with my father, who lives in Fairbanks. I have tried calling him every day, but he never answers the phone. I have also tried leaving messages on his answering machine, but he never returns them. I am very worried about him and I don't know what to do. Do you have any suggestions for me?

DEAR KATIE: I think it would be helpful for you to speak with a mental health professional who can help you understand your feelings and develop strategies for dealing with your situation. It's important to remember that you cannot control other people's actions, and it's not your responsibility to make them return your calls. However, you can take steps to ensure your own well-being, such as seeking support from friends or family members, or finding a therapist who can help you navigate this challenging situation.

The following is a list of potential resources that might be helpful for you:

- Contact the local mental health center or a therapist who specializes in family therapy.
- Consider joining a support group for people who have experienced similar situations.
- Reach out to a trusted friend or family member for support.
- Practice self-care and engage in activities that help you relax and feel better.

Please take care of yourself and know that you are not alone in this. It's okay to seek help when you need it. Wishing you all the best.

DEAR ABBY: I am a teenager and I have been feeling really low lately. I have been trying to make some changes in my life, but I feel like I can't do anything right. I have been struggling with depression and anxiety, and I don't know how to get better. Can you offer any advice?

DEAR HARRIET: I am so sorry to hear that you have been feeling this way. It's important to remember that you are not alone and that there is help available. Here are some steps you can take to help manage your depression and anxiety:

- Seek support from friends, family members, or a therapist who specializes in teen therapy.
- Practice self-care, such as exercising, eating healthy, and getting enough sleep.
- Try relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga.
- Set small, achievable goals for yourself and celebrate your accomplishments.
- Try to stay connected with others and seek out activities that you enjoy.

Remember, it's okay to ask for help when you need it. You can reach out to a trusted adult, friend, or therapist who can help you navigate these difficult times.

DEAR ABBY: I have been feeling really overwhelmed lately. I have a lot of responsibilities and it feels like I can't keep up. I am considering taking some time off to focus on myself. What do you think? Should I take this break?

DEAR ANON: I think it's a great idea for you to take some time off and focus on yourself. It's important to take care of your mental health and well-being, and taking a break can help you recharge and feel more balanced. Consider talking to a trusted friend or family member about your plans and feelings, and try to set a specific timeline for your break. This can help you stay on track and make the most of your time off. Remember, it's okay to take care of yourself and prioritize your well-being. Good luck!
Report on Hale Boggs's Downed Plane Disclosed

By Glenn R. Simpson

The day after an airplane carrying House Majority Leader Hale Boggs (D-La.) and Rep. Nick Begich (Alaska) vanished in Alaska 20 years ago, the US Coast Guard received a mysterious report that a radio call from the downed plane had been picked up, and that two of the plane's four passengers were still alive.

The story of the report, which has never before been revealed, is contained in FBI documents obtained last week by Roll Call under a Freedom of Information Act request. The source of the report, whose identity was canceled, was located in a remote region of Alaska and the government believes the plane's coordinates were determined with the use of a telex system.


By Karen Frontiel

While the Coast Guard followed up on an unsourced and unconfirmed report two weeks ago that the downed plane was in the Panhandle region of Alaska, two people were still alive.

The report came from the FBI, which has a telex system that gives out exact coordinates for downed aircraft.

The FBI telexed that the Coast Guard's 'associates' had picked up a signal from a downed aircraft in the panhandle region of Alaska, and two people were still alive.

Knowles, the public relations official, said the telex indicated that rescuers intended to search the area named by the FBI after the plane disappeared. It is uncertain from the coordinates whether the Coast Guard followed up on the report.

The FBI report was not confirmed by the Coast Guard before the search was called off. At 12:28 p.m. on Oct. 12, the Los Angeles office of the FBI sent a second urgent wire to Washington.

By Karen Frontiel

The House Post Office is preparing to take over the Post Office System's Linen and Uniform Operations.

The Post Office System has had a contract with the Internal Revenue Service to purchase, process and mail documents.

The Post Office System has been responsible for the Linen and Uniform Operations since 1977.
Newly Released FBI Report Brings Up Questions About Search for Hale Boggs's Plane 20 Years Ago

The Oct. 18 internal FBI memo suggests that, despite the mysteriousness of the men, FBI agents believed they were credible. Working around the clock, FBI agents eventually tried to penetrate the men to reveal more about the source of their information. The original source was contacted by an FBI agent, who said he appeared rational, extremely intelligent, but somewhat strange.

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The Oct. 26, 1972, article in the Roll Call, the US Air Force reported at the time that it had "completed checks of reports from various radio operators who said they had distress calls from an aircraft going down in the vicinity where Boggs' plane disappeared." The article was written by Henry Stocker, the then-head of the Air Force's communications intelligence division.

According to an article in the Juneau Empire, there were many reports at the time of a crash in the area. The article stated that it was "unknown if any debris was found," and that "no one was found alive." The article also stated that "the crash was a mystery."
In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P.O. Box 100560
Anchorage, AK 99510

October 19, 1995

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 166C-AN-10388

FBI CASE STATUS FORM

Date: 9/28/95

To: Honorable Robert C. Bundy, Anchorage, Alaska

(Name and Address of USA)

From: Marshall S. Bratton, Anchorage

(Name of Official in Charge and Field Division) (Signature of Official in Charge)

RE: ___________________________ (Name of Subject) ___________________________

(Age) ___________________________ (Sex) ___________________________

You are hereby advised of action authorized by

AUSA

(Name of USA or AUSA)

on information submitted by Special Agent ___________________________ on 2/24/95 & 9/13/95

(Name) ___________________________ (Date) ___________________________

(Check One)

☐ Request further investigation

☒ Immediate declination

☐ Filing of complaint

☐ Presentation to Federal Grand Jury

☐ Filing of information

☐ Other

For violation of Title 18, USC, Section(s) 1958

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2 - Addressee

(1) Anchorage (166C-AN-10388)

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to:       FBI Anchorage
fax #:    
re:       Allegations of Murder of Congressman Boggs  
date:     March 13, 1997
pages:    18, including this cover sheet.

Dear: 

Per our conversation this afternoon I am faxing documents referred to us by the Department of Justice. I will be out of the office next week, but please have SSA for whomever handles this matter contact SSA at ___ should you require anything further. Thank you.

[Handwritten notes: 165]
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

March 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert M. Bryant
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Mark M. Richard
Acting Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Alleged Murder of Congressman Hale Boggs

Attached please find correspondence which has been received by the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, concerning the late Congressman Hale Boggs, who was presumed dead after his plane disappeared in Alaska in 1972. The matter is being referred to the FBI for appropriate investigation of allegations of possible violations of Title 18, United States Code, §§ 32 and 351. Since those sections permit the imposition of the death penalty, there is no statute of limitations.

The correspondence, which covers the period September 12 to October 31, 1995, consists of letters allegedly written by [ ] who states he had conversations with [ ] who claims that while in Alaska in 1972, he and [ ] placed a bomb aboard Congressman Hale Boggs's plane. [ ] allegedly told [ ] that the bombing was carried out on the orders of his boss, alleged who was doing a favor for "Hoover." According to [ ] Congressman Boggs wanted to cut the budget of the FBI, and "... Hoover wanted Boggs taken out."
further maintains that recounted that the alleged conspiracy also involved

also wrote that in an effort to be transferred to a federal prison, has been telling his story to the "Feds."

Attachment

Attachment b6
b7C
January 30, 1997

Dear [Name],

I apologize for the delay in getting this information to you, and I have been out of the office since we talked.

Enclosed is the correspondence. The two people involved are:

[Field: the author of the letters] who as I mentioned to you,

[Field: the recipient of the letters] who until recently

Knowing of my interest in

shared these letters on the day before I phoned you.

The Hoover angle sounds far-fetched to me -- a convict conning a convict. On the other hand, however, the insurance "motive" obviously could have some basis in fact.

At any rate, I will keep you informed if there are any subsequent letters.

Best regards,
I've reviewed the file (166C-AN-10388), as well as other Anchorage files (92-114 and 92-124). These files deal with a mafia figure named __________. He tells a pretty interesting tale: __________ met __________ in the summer of 1972. According to __________, he traveled to Tucson to meet with __________ at the request of __________. He transported a suitcase to Anchorage, Alaska. The suitcase was locked and delivered to __________ at the Anchorage International Airport. __________ was in the company of __________. __________ stated that he subsequently became friends with __________, who later told him that the suitcase he had delivered contained explosives and was placed on Boggs/Begich's plane (Oct. 1972).

While they were fishing, __________ became drunk and told __________ that the suitcase contained explosives. __________ further stated that __________ confessed to him that __________. However, as you know, there never was a crime scene inasmuch as the plane was never recovered. In 1995, Anchorage initiated an investigation into allegations (166C-AN-10388, serial 1). The case was declined by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Alaska. (166C-AN-10388, serial 8)

Concerning the letter sent to Senator Stevens, it states that the History Channel show "mentioned that the FBI may have held back information they received at the time concerning the Boggs/Begich disappearance and how that the plane may have made it farther south than originally thought." There is nothing in the file that even remotely addresses possible locations for the whereabouts of this plane. Having not seen the program, I'm not sure as to what information he is referring. However, I do remember seeing an old teletype on the internet that originated out of the Los Angeles office concerning the possible location of the lost plane. I've looked in our files but I couldn't find the teletype. The teletype stated that the information was passed to the U.S. Coast Guards. You may want to contact the LA Division.

If you need anything else, please call me at _________ or email me...thxs. _________

CC: __________
To: Anchorage

Facsimile number: 

Attn: SAC (Name Room Telephone #)

Date: 8/8/01

From: CORRESPONDENCE UNIT, OPCA, FBIHQ

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY - Sen. Ted Stevens

re: Boggs/Begich and Roth missing airplanes

(Special Handling Instructions: Upon review of attached, please furnish pertinent information and your recommendations for how best to respond to this Congressional correspondence. Fax your reply to FBIHQ, within 3 days, to the attention of the originator of this communication. This deadline is in keeping with the Director's personal wishes that all congressional correspondence be handled on a timely basis.

Originator's Name: 

Originator's Facsimile Number: 

Telephone: 

Approved: JEC/ 

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July 30, 2001

John E. Collingwood
Office of Congressional Affairs
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Collingwood:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from my constituent regarding the 1972 Boggs/Begich and the 1992 Roth brothers airplane disappearances. I would appreciate it if you would review their comments, and provide me with some information so that I may respond to my constituent. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

TED STEVENS

TED STEVENS
July 1, 2001

Senator Ted Stevens
Senate Hart Building #522
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Missing Plane in Alaska

Dear Senator Stevens:

Last week here in Anchorage a show was aired on the History Channel called “Histories Mysteries”. The show retold about the 1972 missing Boggs/Begich airplane and the May 1992 Roth brothers missing plane.

During the show it was mentioned that the FBI may have held back information they received at the time concerning the Boggs/Begich disappearance and how that the plane may have made it further south than originally thought. The show implied that the newly discovered FBI information showed the plane might have ended up on the Malaspina Glacier. It also said you had even flown a few times with the pilot Don Jonz.

With all your access to information and from what you can remember about that search, do you have any gut feelings about where the plane went down or even how far south towards Juneau you think they may have gone?

The show said the high altitude photos of the search area taken at the time have suspiciously disappeared. Considering that, and with all our new technology, during the summer with lots of snow melted couldn’t new photos be taken again of the search area? The new photos might not only reveal the Boggs/Begich and Roth planes, but it might also turn up others missing through the years but not mentioned in the show.

At the very least, couldn’t you ask the military as part of a “training exercise” to slowly fly over the search area again? Think of the outstanding public relations it would give the military to bring closure for all those families. With your help I bet we’d find those planes and a whole lot more.

Concerning the May 2, 1992 Roth flight, is there any way that plane flying at 14,000 feet might have been on NORAD’s screen so they might have a record of when and where it dropped off radar?

In recent years the Daily News has shown photos taken from submarines of the ocean floor down in Southeastern Alaska. They have turned up interesting stuff. Why not ask them to search under the Victor 319 air corridor of Prince William Sound? Or does our latest technology allow us to detect metal of aircraft under the ice and snow from airborne airplanes or helicopters? Maybe we could ask National Geographic Magazine to help look for the planes and do a story on the search?

Senator Stevens I hope you’ll look into this, as many people would like to see these mysteries solved and you’re the one person who could really get the ball rolling.

Thank you for taking a moment to read my letter and for any help or information you can share about these missing airplanes. Keep up the great work you’re doing representing us in Washington.
August 23, 2001

Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Stevens:

This is in response to your July 30th communication on behalf of an unnamed constituent who is interested in statements concerning the FBI which were made on a History Channel program about the 1972 Boggs/Begich airplane disappearance in Alaska.

Based on the limited details provided, we were unable to identify any information supporting the implications allegedly made on the History Channel program.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Unit Chief
Office of Public and Congressional Affairs

NOTE: Response based on information provided by CDC CHJ
ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU FROM CHICAGO (14)

Two copies each of seven photographs of the Hubbard Room and Sheraton Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel taken 8/26/68, by Chicago Police Department

Re: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICES, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE EMBASSY ROOM AND HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 8/25-26/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS, COMPLAINANT

CG File #139-193

By report dated 9/6/68
SHERATON ROOM (NBC)
SHERATON ROOM (NBC)
HUBBARD ROOM (DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE)
SHERATON ROOM (NBC)
ITEM (S)

CANNOT BE SCANNED

DESCRIPTION

Photo negatives 7X
Total Deleted Page(s) = 3
Page 40 ~ Duplicate;
Page 41 ~ Duplicate;
Page 73 ~ Duplicate;
August 27, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

On evening of 8/26/68 Democrat Platform Committee attorney, advised our Chicago Office at request of Congressman Hale Boggs (Democrat - Louisiana) that a microphone had been found in hotel room used as meeting place by Platform Committee. Microphone wires led to National Broadcasting Company technical room. Department advised and requested investigation limited to interviews of ___ Boggs, and individual or individuals who located microphone. Department also requested we obtain physical evidence. Department will confirm request in writing today. Limited investigation completed and results being furnished to Department in writing.

FJH:pb

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VIA TELETYPING
AUG 27 1968
ENCIPHERED

UNNUMBERED NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE.
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE.
HUBBARD ROOM
SHERATON - BLACKSTONE HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
EIGHT TWENTYSIX SIXTEIGHT

CONGRESSMAN CHAL ROSS - COMPLAINANT

ATTORNEY FOR DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED ON INSTRUCTIONS OF CONGRESSMAN BOGGS, CHAIRMAN OF PLATFORM COMMITTEE, THAT AS MICROPHONE HAD BEEN FOUND UNDER A CUSHION ON WINDOW SILL IN HUBBARD ROOM, WHERE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE MEETING BEING HELD. INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS LOCATING MICROPHONE REVEALED MICROPHONE WAS ATTACHED TO TWO HUNDRED FEET OF COAXIAL CABLE WHICH WAS TRACED TO NBC TECHNICAL ROOM LOCATED ONE FLOOR DIRECTLY ABOVE HUBBARD ROOM. CABLE RECOVERED BY BUAGEN. MICROPHONE RECOVERED BY CHICAGO PD AND TURNED OVER TO FBI. CABLE WAS ENTWINED WITH NUMEROUS COAXIAL CABLES WHICH WERE ATTACHED TO NBC
CAMERA AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

AND BOGGS INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO FURNISH PERTINENT INFO CONCERNING INSTALLATION.

RESULTS OF ABOVE INVESTIGATION BEING SUBMITTED IN REPORT FORM AUGUST TWO SEVEN NEXT.

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL—VINSON.

END:

RM: FBI: WASH DC

3pm 8-27-68
Nathanial E. Kassack
Crim. Div. was advised

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO SAC CHICAGO (139-193)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

RE UNSUB; NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.;

UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST TWENTYSIX LAST; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT;

URUC.

REURLET AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

THE MICROPHONE IS OPERABLE THROUGH AN AMPLIFIER WHEN
PROPERLY CONNECTED TO THE SUBMITTED CABLE.

ONE PIECE OF WHITE COTTON CORD FROM SHERATON ROOM LIKE
WHITE COTTON CORD ATTACHED TO COIL OF CABLE IN DIAMETER AND
CONSTRUCTION AND COULD BE FROM SAME SOURCE. OTHER TWO PIECES
OF CORD FROM SHERATON ROOM DIFFERENT FROM THAT ATTACHED TO
CABLE. ALL THE PIECES OF CORD ARE COMMON TYPE SIMILAR TO
VENETIAN BLIND CORD.

THREE TYPES OF GRAY TAPE NOTED ON CABLE. AT EACH END OF
CABLE IS A SMALL PIECE OF GRAY TAPE BEARING NUMBER QUOTE SIX
UNQUOTE. THESE PIECES OF TAPE HAVE DULL SURFACE. ON SHORTER
TELETYPETOCHICAGO
NATIONALBROADCASTINGCOMPANY,INC.

PIECEOF CABLEIS PIECEOF MEDIUM GRAYPERFORATEDTAPE.
COILOF CABLEIS WRAPPEDINTHREEPLACESWITHGLOSSY
GRAYUNPERFORATEDTAPE. THE TORN ENDSOF THE PIECESOF
GLOSSYTAPEFITTOGETHERANDTHEYARE FROMSAMEROLL.
GRAY TAPE LIKE THAT ON SUBMITTED CABLE COMMONLY USED
TO TEMPORARILY SECURE ELECTRICAL CABLES AND TO SEAL DUCTS
IN HEATINGAND AIR CONDITIONINGINSTALLATIONS.

REPORTFOLLOWS.
DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, CHICAGO (139-193) (P)

RE: Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 8/26/68.

Being forwarded under separate cover via registered mail is one package containing one Gates G-500 150 ohm microphone with attached 36 foot two conductor cable, and a cut coaxial cable approximately 200 feet in length, as well as three short pieces of white binding cord.

For background information, Counsel for the Democratic Platform Committee, Chicago, Illinois, advised, on instructions of Congressman HALE BOGGS of Louisiana, Chairman of the committee, a microphone was found behind curtains in the Platform Committee meeting room. On instructions from the U. S. Attorney General's Office, Washington, D. C., the above-described microphone and cables were recovered and traced from the Democratic Platform Committee room, known as the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, to the Sheraton Room of the same hotel, which was occupied by NBC Television monitoring equipment.

It is noted the 200 foot coaxial cable was bound with white cord, as well as with a gray colored binding tape. It is further noted the two ends of the large 200 foot coaxial cable bear the markings "6", handwritten on gray colored tape and attached to each end of the cable. Some of the white cord and gray binding tape were obtained from the NBC monitoring room.
CG 139-193

The FBI Laboratory is requested to expeditiously determine if the above described microphone is operable when attached to the short end of the cable marked "6", together with the long end of the cable marked "6", when all are properly hooked up.

The Laboratory is also requested to determine if the white cord, used to bind the large cable, is identical to the three short pieces of white cord described above, or if they have the same origin. Also determine if all of the gray binding tape attached to the coaxial cable has the same origin.

The evidence should be returned to Chicago with results of examination.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Rosen

FROM: G. L. McGowan

DATE: August 27, 1968

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION - CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS - VICTIM
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Our Chicago Office received a telephone call from [unknown name] who identified himself as Chairman of the Platform Committee of the Democratic National Convention now meeting in Chicago. He advised that on instructions of Congressman Hale Boggs of the Platform Committee, he wanted to report that a microphone was found in the Hubbard Room of the Sherman Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, the meeting place of the Platform Committee. According to [unknown name], it was determined that the microphone was traced to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Studio above the Committee meeting room. [unknown name] requested that an immediate investigation by the FBI be conducted.

Our Chicago Office was advised to take absolutely no action until advised by the Bureau.

Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack of the Criminal Division was contacted and the facts of this matter were related to him. Mr. Kossack stated that it would be necessary for him to discuss this with the Attorney General before any action should be taken.

Mr. Kossack stated that on specific orders of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, the following investigation should be conducted: (1) Interview [unknown name] (2) Interview Congressman Hale Boggs; (3) Determine identity of individual who located microphone and interview this individual; and (4) Take physical possession of the evidence.
Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
    PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF
    DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mr. Kossack stated no further investigation should be conducted without first clearing it through him and he would send a confirmation of his request to the Bureau on 8-27-68.

Chicago was instructed in light of the above and was specifically instructed to conduct no further investigation without Bureau authority. Chicago was further instructed to advise all individuals interviewed that the investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Chicago was also instructed to keep the Bureau fully informed of all developments in this matter.

ACTION:

For information. You will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

[Signature]
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS - VICTIM
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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(PLATFORM BUG)
CHICAGO—DESPITE SOME OF THE TOUGHEST SECURITY IN U.S. POLITICAL
HISTORY, SOMEONE "BUGGED" THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE
UNTIL NOON TODAY.
"BELIEVE IT OR NOT," COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KALE BOGGS TOLD HIS
C O N M I M B E R S. "WE'VE BEEN BUGGED."
OTHER SOURCES SAID BOGGS THEN HELD UP A MICROPHONE BEFORE
THE 110 PANEL MEMBERS AND HALTED THE CLOSED-DOOR MEETING UNTIL
THE MICROPHONE WAS DISMANTLED. COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOOK THE INCIDENT
WITH MIXED REACTION.
"I'M AGAINST EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ANYWAY," SAID GOV. PHILIP
HAUT, OF VERMONT. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOOK THEIR HEADS AND
SOME SAID THEY WERE ANGRY.

139-3176-3

ENCLOSURE
WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE
Airtel

To: SAC, Chicago (139-193)

From: Director, FBI

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.,
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE,
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE
HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8-26-68;
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
UPUC

Reference is also made to FBI Laboratory report
dated 9-3-68.

By return mail submit report setting forth results
of FBI Laboratory examination and a description of subject

You are also referred to page nine of Report, indicating that photographs of the installation were made
by officers of the Chicago Police Department. Obtain copies
of those photographs and submit as soon as possible.

Reference is also made to your airtel dated
8-30-68 regarding the inquiry of
of Reeves Sound Studios, concerning the disposition of the
microphone in this case. Submit that information in a
letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the
Department.
Memorandum

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: August 27, 1968

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject - Platform Committee, Democratic Party National Convention - Victim
Electronic Surveillance

This will confirm the telephone conversation between Special Agent _____ and my First Assistant, Nathaniel E. Kossack, in the evening of August 26, 1968, concerning an alleged illegal electronic microphone surveillance of the room occupied by the Democratic Party Platform Committee at the Hotel Sheraton Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois.

We were advised that _____ was instructed by Representative Boggs to report to the Bureau that a microphone was found concealed in that room or suite and that a wire connection led to a room immediately above allegedly occupied by NBC. The Bureau was requested to interview Representative Boggs; identify and interview the person or persons who found the microphone and traced the wiring; take possession as evidence all physical objects, e.g. microphone, wiring, etc; and to report to me as promptly as possible in order to determine without delay whether additional investigation is warranted to establish possible violations of 18 U.S.C. 2511, et seq.

To assist in this determination the Bureau is also requested, if possible, to independently trace the microphone and wiring from its place of concealment to its termination and to determine whether the instrument is capable of transmitting and/or receiving a signal or any other oral communication. In addition, every effort should be made to determine the identity of persons responsible for the installation of the microphone and wiring.
August 28, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached sets forth results of investigation being conducted at request of Criminal Division relating to a microphone being found in a Chicago hotel room where the Democrat Platform Committee was meeting. Oral statements furnished by two NBC employees admitting installation but stating they thought meeting would be open to the press.

Congressman Hale Boggs (Democrat - Louisiana) and Platform Committee interviewed 8/27/68 and furnished no pertinent information.

Criminal Division will be advised of statements and reports will be forwarded to Department immediately upon receipt.

FJH: pb

[Handwritten notes]
URGENT 8-27-68 EKH
TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM CHICAGO (139-193) 2P

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.;
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE. (a)
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, (c)
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
EIGHT TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
UPUG- UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT
AS SUBJECTS AND DELETE UNSUB.
RE CHICAGO TELETYPETO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTYSIX LAST.
BUREAUCALL TO CHICAGO INSTANT.
NBC CONTROL ROOM AT SHERATON-BLACKSTONE
HOTEL AND SAME ROOM, BOTH VOLUNTARILY APPEARED
CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY IN COMPANY OF NBC ATTORNEY AND
NBC INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY OUT OF PRESENCE OF
AND ATTORNEY. BOTH FURNISHED ORAL STATEMENTS. BOTH FURNISHED
SAME INFORMATION. (a) STATED SHE INSTRUCTED (a) TO INSTALL A
MICROPHONE IN THE HUBBARD ROOM WHEN SHE LEARNED A DRAFTING SUB-
COMMITTEE, WHICH HAD BEEN MEETING IN THE EMBASSY ROOM OF THE SHERATON-
BLACKSTONE HOTEL WAS PLANNING TO MOVE TO THE HUBBARD ROOM. SHE THOUGHT

END PAGE ONE
THE DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE WAS MEETING WITH THE FULL DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO THE NEWS MEDIA. SHE PLANNED TO USE THE MICROPHONE FOR THE OPEN MEETING. SHE THEN LEARNED THE HUBBARD ROOM MEETING WOULD NOT BE OPEN TO THE NEWS MEDIA BUT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO REMOVE THE MICROPHONE. AND BOTH STATED THE MICROPHONE WAS NEVER HOOKED UP IN THE NBC CONTROL ROOM AND NEVER USED. STATED SHE INSTRUCTED TO DO THIS ON HER OWN AND HER SUPERIORS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS. THIS ALL OCCURRED ON AUGUST 26, 1978. THESE MEETINGS CONFIRMED TODAY THROUGH ATTORNEY FOR DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE. THE DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE WAS A PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE.

MICROPHONE, CABLE ETC SENT TO FBI LABORATORY TODAY.

NBC, INQUIRED ABOUT ANY PRESS RELEASES AND WAS ASSURED FBI NOT MAKING ANY RELEASES AND RESULTS FBI INVESTIGATION FURNISHED TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. ONLY. ADVISED NBC WILL PROBABLY MAKE A RELEASE AFTER CONSULTING WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

END

JDR

FBI WASH DC

CC: MR. RÖSEN
FBI
Date: 8/30/68

Transmit the following in
(Type in plaintext or code)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (139-193) (C)
SUBJECT: ET AL;
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.;
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
8/26/68;
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS- COMPLAINANT
UPUC
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago tel to Bureau, dated 8/27/68. On 8/30/68,

 Reeves Sound Studios, Video Department, 304 East 44th Street, New York, New York, telephonically contacted the Chicago Division and advised that the microphone involved in this case was rented by his company to the National Broadcasting Company. He inquired when this equipment might be released to him.

was advised of the status of this case and was advised that evidence would be returned to appropriate owner when prosecutive action to be taken had been decided upon. stated he understood the need for retention of the microphone at this time.

Bureau
1 - New York (Info)
1 - Chicago
RGM: svm (5)

6 SEP 2 1968
The above information is furnished to the Bureau for possible dissemination to the Department. No further action being taken pending departmental instructions to the Bureau.
PLAINTEXT

TO: SACs CHICAGO
    NEW YORK
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
     UPUC

URGENT

CHICAGO SUBMIT REPORT IMMEDIATELY INCORPORATING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY NEW YORK AND NEWARK AS SET FORTH IN INTERVIEW REPORT FORMS FORWARD TO THE CHICAGO OFFICE BY THE NEW YORK AND NEWARK DIVISIONS.

NEW YORK SUBMIT RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH ENID ROTH TODAY AND FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WITH REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION AND REPORTS SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AS INDICATED.

NOTE: This is the case involving the bugging by NBC personnel of two rooms in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel in Chicago where the Democratic Platform Committee held meetings. Investigation disclosed that of NBC ordered another NBC employee, to install the microphones and that boss allegedly told her to have removed when he heard of it. an NBC correspondent, admitted listening on the microphone installations.

NOTE - CONTINUED OVER...
on contact, advised that she desired to discuss the matter with her attorney before being interviewed. Attorney not available until 9/10/68. Department requested the specific interviews in this case. Initial report has been furnished the Criminal Division and supplemental Chicago and New York reports will be furnished upon receipt. This is to insure expeditious handling by field and this is being closely followed at the Bureau.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach
FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: 9-9-68

SUBJECT: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE; DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE; HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8-26-68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

This is the case involving the microphone located in the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, on 8-26-68. The Democratic Platform Committee was meeting in that room, and complaint was furnished Bureau at direction of Congressman Hale Boggs (Democrat, Louisiana). Preliminary investigation was conducted at request of the Criminal Division and a report has been furnished the Criminal Division. The report showed that [employee of the National Broadcasting Company, NBC] at the direction of [NBC Control Room] of the NBC Control Room at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, had installed the microphone in the Hubbard Room. Both advised us they were of the opinion the room would be open to the news media and when they learned the meeting was closed, they intended to remove the microphone but the room was secured.

Late in the afternoon of 9-5-68, an NBC attorney advised Chicago that [has admitted she ordered the microphone in the Hubbard Room] with full knowledge that there was to be a closed meeting. [also reportedly instructed to install a microphone in the Embassy Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, on 8-25-68, where the Platform Drafting Committee was holding a closed meeting. The microphone was installed under a window ledge and left as for the express purpose of auditing the closed meeting.]

Chicago has reinterviewed subject [who admits installing both microphones and furnished signed statement.

[for NBC remote control of Conrad, Hilton and Sheraton-Blackstone Hotels] has provided signed statement to Newark setting forth he was [immediate boss at convention and when was told of the microphone in the Hubbard Room he instructed it be removed] stated he has no knowledge of any other microphones in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.

CONTINUED-OVER
Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: 

NBC Correspondent, advised New York she desired to cooperate but would not furnish a signed statement. She has admitted listening to conversations which occurred in both the Hubbard Room and the Embassy Room. She has specifically identified hearing Senator Boggs during this monitoring as well as (probably) 

has been recontacted but stated she desired to discuss the matter with her attorney before consenting to interview. She said her attorney would not be available until 9-10-68 at the earliest.

Department specifically requested we interview and

ACTION:

Reports will be furnished the Department upon receipt.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
NEWARK

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
CHICAGO

DATE
9/10/68

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
9/5-6/68

TITLE OF CASE

NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO., INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERITAN-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68, CONGRESSMAN HALE-BOGGS-COMPLAINANT

CHARACTER OF CASE
UPUC

REFERENCES: Chicago teletypes to the Bureau, 9/5/68, 9/6/68.
Newark teletype to the Bureau, 9/6/68.

ADMINISTRATIVE:
was advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, U. S. Department of Justice.

NEW YORK (INFORMATION): Information copy to New York in view of their investigative interest.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED
NONE

CONVICTED
AUTO.
FUG.
FINES
SAVINGS
RECOVERIES

ACQUITTALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR □ YES □ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS □ YES □ NO

APPROVED
SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency
CRIM DIV.

Request Recd.

Date Fwd.
9/6/68

How Fwd.
L-9415

By A. EXP


COVER PAGE
Report of:  SA  
Date:  September 10, 1968  
Field Office File #:  139-64  
Office:  Newark, New Jersey  

Title:  NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.,  
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE,  
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,  
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERITAN-BLACKSTONE HOTEL,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
AUGUST 26, 1968,  
CONGRESSMAN HAL K BOGGS - COMPLAINANT.  

Character:  UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION  
OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS  

Synopsis:  provided signed statement that he was of NBC operations at Conrad Hilton Hotel and Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, during Democratic National Convention. He was immediate superior to at the Blackstone. On afternoon of 8/26/68 telephoned that she had a microphone in the Hubbard Room of the Blackstone. ordered the "mike" removed. Subsequently advised that the Hubbard Room was secured and she could not remove the mike. ordered that the mike not be used. Subsequently advised that the mike had been discovered, traced to NBC rooms and local police had arrived with convention delegates. advised to stick to her story that the mike did not belong to NBC. stated he was never physically at the Blackstone and was never clear as to the exact location of the mike. denied any knowledge of a second mike. stated that NBC correspondent, commented to him that she had monitored some portion of the Hubbard Room hearing told he did not wish to know anything about the monitoring. Signed statement set forth. 

DETAILS:
The following is a signed statement of

"September 6, 1968

"I, do make the following free and voluntary statement to and who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI:

"During the Democratic National Convention, at Chicago, I was Headquarters Hotel Remote, stationed at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The Hilton Hotel and the Blackstone Hotel were tied together with television cable which was joined at the control truck in the parking lot of the Hilton Hotel. I was physically in the 5th floor headquarters of NBC in the Hilton Hotel. Because of the telephone strike, communications were limited to infrequent telephone calls between the hotels and a 'sqqawk' box which was not effective, because Blackstone ran as an autonomous operation.

"Sometime in the early afternoon, I received a telephone call from for NBC at the Blackstone Hotel. She told me words to the effect that, 'I have a mike in the Hubbard Room'. I knew this to be the room to which the platform drafting committee was going to meet. I told her to get the mike out of the room. She answered that she would. She did not at this time explain the location of the mike or why she had placed it in the room.

"Sometime, no more than an hour later again called me on the telephone and stated she could not get the mike out of the room because the room had been secured. I then gave orders not to use the mike.

On 9/6/68 at File # Newark 139-64
by SA TO: ent Date dictated 9/6/68

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.
"Several hours later, I received another telephone call from________. She told me words to the effect that the mike had been discovered, the line had been traced to the NBC control room in the Blackstone Hotel, and the police and committee representatives were there. I asked her what she had told them and she stated she denied the mike belonged to NBC. I then told her she better stick to that story.

"All of these aforementioned conversations occurred on August 26, 1968."

"At about 7:00 a.m., August 27, 1968, I was called by________of NEC News, my immediate superior, and he asked me what I knew of the microphone incident at the Blackstone Hotel. At that time, I told him I did not know anything about it. He told me he would come to the Hilton Hotel and discuss it with me. The reason for telling him this at this time was to attempt to protect any members of my crew who might be involved. I immediately called________to come to the Hilton and explain the situation to________. They met in NBC rooms at the Hilton, and in my presence,________explained that she had placed a mike in the Hubbard Room in the belief that it would be used during a public session of the committee. She stated the mike cable was run through a window and a coil of cable was stuck to the window sill with tape. I was never clear of the exact location of the mike and whether it was hidden or not. It was clear to me that the mike was not in a prominent location where it would be immediately seen by committee members. I don't recall that________made any statement at that time regarding the use of the mike.________also told________that she 'panicked' when the police arrived and denied that the mike belonged to NBC.

"During the afternoon of August 27, 1968, I accompanied________and________an NEC________whom I had not previously met, to the office of________Chicago NEC attorney. When________established that I was not physically at the Blackstone, he said words to the effect that I was out of it________were then taken to the FBI in Chicago where they made statements. I did not accompany them."
"I wish to state that the mike placed in the Hubbard room of the Blackstone is the only one ever discussed with me. I know of no other mike locations at the Blackstone Hotel. I make this statement in response to a question.

"Sometime later, during the convention week, an NEC Correspondent, made a comment to me that she had monitored some portion of the hearing in the Hubbard Room. I told her words to the effect that I did not want to know anything about it. That ended the conversation.

"I would like to state that I do not know of any reports that were 'aired' from tapes made at the Hilton-Blackstone complex that would indicate that anyone in NEC news had any confidential knowledge of what happened in executive sessions of the committee.

"I have read this statement consisting of 3 pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(signed) 

"Witnesses: Special Agent, FBI, Newark Special Agent, FBI, Newark".
Memorandum

TO: Assistant Attorney General
FROM: Director, FBI

DATE: 9/16/68

Criminal Division

SUBJECT: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERITAN-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 26, 1968, CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-COMPLAINANT

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 9/11/68 (your file ).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent dated 9/10/68 at Newark, New Jersey.

A. [ ] This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. [ ] The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. [ ] The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. [ ] Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. [ ] Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. [ ] This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. [ ] This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. [ ] This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

NOTE: Investigation is continuing in accordance with your memo dated 9/11/68 and in addition to Dan Schorr, appropriate personnel of the NBC, AEC, and CBS television networks in New York are being contacted relative to information concerning extent to which electronic eavesdropping is employed in the conduct of their business.
To: FBI, Chicago (139-193)  
Date: September 3, 1968

UNSUB: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED;
RE: UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68;
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT;

Examination requested by: Chicago
Reference: Letter 8/27/68
Examination requested: Microscopic - Engineering
Remarks: This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype dated August 29, 1968.

The cable attached to the microphone (Q1) actually measures approximately 29 feet. The longer piece of cable (Q2) measures approximately 99 feet and the shorter piece of cable (Q2) measures approximately 9 inches. Q2 is not a coaxial-type cable but a flexible audio type commonly used in the broadcast industry. It was necessary to bring out the wires from the cut ends of the Q2 pieces of cable, as well as to connect the end of the microphone cable to the Cannon male jack that was attached to the short piece of Q2, in order to test the microphone. This provided the capability for test purposes of how the original circuit might have been connected.

It was necessary to use an audio amplifier at the end of this circuit to make the microphone operational.

Specimens Q1 through Q5 are being returned under separate cover by registered mail.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
REPORT of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Chicago (139-193)  Date: September 3, 1968
Re: UNSUB; NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68; CONGRESSIONAL HALL BOGGS, COMPLAINANT; UPUC 8/28/68

FROM HUBBARD ROOM

Q1 Gates microphone with attached wire

FROM SHERATON ROOM

Q2 Audio cable in two pieces with tape and cord attached
Q3-Q5 Three pieces of white braided cord

Results of examination:

Q1 is a Gates, Model G-500, 150 ohm microphone. The microphone is a dynamic, lavaliere type 25/32" in diameter and 2 5/8" in length. It is a type of microphone commonly used for news, weather and television interviews. The microphone is attached to approximately 29' of 1/8" diameter, two-conductor shielded audio-type cable with a black plastic outer cover. Each conductor is color coded, one black, one white. The shield is a woven type. The cable end opposite the microphone had no connector when received.

Specimen Q2 consists of two lengths of two-conductor shielded 3/8" diameter cable with a black rubber-type outer cover. One length is approximately 99' long and has one end terminated with a ITT Cannon UA-3-12 male plug. The other end has no termination. The other length is approximately 9" long and has one end terminated with a Cannon UA-3-12 female jack, and attached to it was a Cannon UA-3-12 male plug with nothing attached to it. The other end of the 9" piece has no termination. The conductors in both pieces of cable are color coded. One color is green, the other is a light gray. The shield is a woven type in both pieces.

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When the microphone was properly connected through the Q2 pieces of cable and terminated in an audio amplifier, the microphone was operative.

The piece of braided white cotton cord designated specimen Q4 is like the braided white cotton cord attached to the Q2 cable in diameter and construction and could be from the same source. The two pieces of cord designated Q3 and Q5 are different from the cord attached to the Q2 cable. Specimens Q3 through Q5 and the braided cotton cord attached to Q2 are all a common type of cord similar to Venetian blind cord.

Three types of gray tape were noted on the Q2 cable. At each end of the cable is a small piece of dull gray tape bearing the number "6." Attached to the shorter piece of Q2 cable is a piece of medium gray perforated tape. Wrapped around the longer portion of Q2 are three pieces of glossy gray unperforated tape. The torn ends of the pieces of glossy tape fit together and these three pieces came from the same roll. Gray tape like that on Q2 is commonly used to temporarily secure electrical cables and in heating and air conditioning installations to seal ducts.
Re: UNSUB; NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT; UPUC

Examination requested by: FBI, Chicago (139-193) Let 8/27

Examination requested: Micro(hairs) - Engr. Date received: 8/28

Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

FROM HUBBARD ROOM

Q1 Gates microphone with attached wire

FROM SHERATON ROOM

Q2 Audio cable in two pieces with tape and cord attached
Q3 - Q5 Three pieces of cord

Specimens submitted for examination

Lab rep. 8/13/68

Ms. J
03-05 - 3 pcs of white braid coated, paint to
Venetian Blind Card: 5 2/3, 5 3/4, 2 9/16
Diam 1 1/4" on both pc. New appearance.
other

2 soiled:
0 3 sh. per:
0 3 strands, each strand of 5 plies
in slight S, each ply of filaments in 2-

core of 3 ply plies in our type (crayon) ply.

4 sh. per newest appearance - like card on 0 2
0 5 longest per 3 braid, each braid of 10-12
plies, each ply of cast/filaments in 2.
core 2 ply - cast

card on 0 2 i.

White cast braid, Same to Venetian blind cast

offers new but soiled: 1/2" 8 braid.

Each 0 10 ply. Each ply of cast
plies in 2, core 3 ply cast parallel:
like Q 1 in color, very, cast off after
4 ply of wire. Diff from 0 3 & 2 5.
D. a. sheet ft. wrapped 3 ft. of gray tape each from a wider cassette  

1) 1 pc ca 9½" x 2" dull gray surface, bears "6" handprinted in black  

2) and 1 pc 1 ½" wide x 5 ¼" med gray surface perforated  

--- three 3 ft. glossy tape ft. together  

--- these 3 ft. from same roll, cut in  

2 ft. long ft. in coil wrapped 3 ft. of gray tape & glossy surface, 2" wide, total length 8 ft., per reel.  


--- end wrapped 3 ft. of dull gray tape, torn from wider width like a-1, 2 sheets per. bears "5" handprinted in black, ca 5½" x 2"  

3 types of gray tape on a-2.  

Gray tape such as that on a-2 used to wrap small vacuum elect. cobs & to seal Electrolux heat & air cond.
also use of 3/4" bblfierce tape, 3/4" black electro tape, heavy fray all paper tape & low paper tape
Recorded 8/28/68
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB;
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY,
INCORPORATED; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING
DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE
BOGGS - COMPLAINANT; UPUC

Examination requested by: FBI, Chicago (139-193) Let 8/27
b6
Examination requested: Micro(hairs) - Engr. Date received: 8/28
b7C

Result of Examination:

Q1 - GATES G-560 MICROPHONE (150A) WITH APPROX. 1/4" CONDUCTOR
SHIELDED AUDIO CABLE APPROX 4" IN DIA., WIRES CODED WHITE, BLK., SHIELD
Q2- APPROX 100' CORD. SHIELDED AUDIO CABLE APPROX. 3/8" IN DIA WITH
ITT CANNON UA-3-12 MALE PLUG ATTACHED. 1 PIECE SAME AS ABOVE ONLY
APPROX. 1' long WITH CANNON UA-3-12 FEMALE JACK ATTACHED. WIRES
CODED - GREEN, BLK. SHIELD.

Specimens submitted for examination

FROM HUBBARD ROOM
Q1 Gates microphone with attached audio cable

FROM SHERATON ROOM
Q2 Audio cable in two pieces with tape and card attached
Q3 - Q5 Three pieces of cord
DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, CHICAGO (139-193) (P)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

8/27/68

UNSUB;
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.;
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE,
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68.
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
UPUC

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 8/26/68.

Being forwarded under separate cover via registered mail is one package containing one Gates G-500 150 ohm microphone with attached 36 foot two conductor cable, and a cut coaxial cable approximately 200 feet in length, as well as three short pieces of white binding cord.

For background information Counsel for the Democratic Platform Committee, Chicago, Illinois, advised, on instructions of Congressman HALE BOGGS of Louisiana, Chairman of the committee, a microphone was found behind curtains in the Platform Committee meeting room. On instructions from the U. S. Attorney General's Office, Washington, D. C., the above-described microphone and cables were recovered and traced from the Democratic Platform Committee room, known as the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, to the Sheraton Room of the same hotel, which was occupied by NBC Television monitoring equipment.

It is noted the 200 foot coaxial cable was bound with white cord, as well as with a gray colored binding tape. It is further noted the two ends of the large 200 foot coaxial cable bear the markings "6", handwritten on gray colored tape and attached to each end of the cable. Some of the white cord and gray binding tape were obtained from the NBC monitoring room.

b6
b7C
The FBI Laboratory is requested to expeditiously determine if the above described microphone is operable when attached to the short end of the cable marked "6", together with the long end of the cable marked "6", when all are properly hooked up.

The Laboratory is also requested to determine if the white cord, used to bind the large cable, is identical to the three short pieces of white cord described above, or if they have the same origin. Also determine if all of the gray binding tape attached to the coaxial cable has the same origin.

The evidence should be returned to Chicago with results of examination.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (139-193) (P)  
DATE: 8/27/68  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT:  UNSUB:  NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.,  
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE,  
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,  
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68  
CONGRESSIONAL HALL - BOGGS - COMPLAINANT  
UPUC

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Bureau  
1 Package (RM)  
1 Chicago  
RKB: lac  
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Memorandum

TO: MR. TOLSON
FROM: C. D. DE LOACH
DATE: 9/4/68

SUBJECT: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Congressman Hale Boggs (D. -La.) called at 2:15 p.m. this afternoon. He stated he was most incensed over the fact that the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) had planted a microphone in the Democratic Platform Committee hearing room in Chicago. He stated that in his opinion the NBC people were farther left in their political viewpoints and they deliberately committed this act not only to get information but also to embarrass those members of the Committee who backed the Administration's policies in Vietnam. Boggs stated he did not intend to let NBC get away with this matter.

Congressman Boggs told me that he wanted to obtain a copy of the FBI investigative report in this case. I told him that while we had completed our investigation, we nevertheless could not furnish him a copy of the report. I stated that he would have to obtain this from the Attorney General. He stated he did not want to talk with the Attorney General. He added that he would go ahead and issue charges against NBC to the press. He said he knew in his own mind that NBC deliberately planted this microphone and would have no excuse for their actions. He asked me if I thought his position in the Congress would entitle him to a copy of the FBI investigative report. I told him that this again was a question for the Attorney General to answer and that he might want to contact the Department. He stated he thought he would do so inasmuch as he had no faith in the Attorney General pushing this case for prosecution. He stated that regardless of his contact with the Department, he still planned to issue a press release charging NBC with deliberately planting this microphone.
C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson. 9/4/68

Re: Congressman Hale Boggs - Complainant
   Unauthorized publication or use of communications

There is attached to this memorandum a memorandum from Mr. Rosen to me dated today which reflects that a copy of our completed report in this investigation is being furnished to the Criminal Division today and that no further action will be taken in absence of a specific request.

Basically, the investigation reflects that the microphone was placed in the Platform Committee room by [employee's name] of the NBC Control Room at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. Both [employee's name] and [another employee's name] upon interview by FBI Agents, claimed that the microphone was placed on the assumption that the meetings in the room would be open to the news media. When they learned the meetings would be closed they claimed they intended to remove the microphone. They stated, however, that the meeting was already in progress and they therefore could not gain entrance to the room.

ACTION:

That the completed report be furnished to the Criminal Division today, 9/4/68.

Personally delivered by E. Kassak 5:16 p.m. 9-4-68
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FBI NEW YORK

7:30 PM URGENT 9-10-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO 139-193 (PLAIN)
CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEW YORK 139-188

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-
COMPLAINANT; UPUC; (OO: CG).

RE BUREAU TEL INSTANT.

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ADvised this date, he has been retained as attorney for

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advised he will make available for NYO
interview at nine thirty am, september eleventh, nineteen sixty-eight.

NYO, on completion of interview, september eleventh, nineteen sixty-eight, will immediately submit RUC report
reflecting interviews of

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EXHIBIT

cc:
September 6, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Information in attached teletype was furnished to Departmental Attorney Nathaniel E. Kossack evening of 9-5-68, and Mr. Kossack stated the Department desired [redacted] and be interviewed on 9-6-68, and not during evening of 9-5-68. Conversation with Mr. Kossack being confirmed in writing.

Field was instructed to conduct the interviews on 9-6-68, and to obtain, if possible, signed statements from each of the four individuals interviewed.
FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

8:13PM URGENT 9-5-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO (139-193)

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-

COMPLAINANT. UDC. QG: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TELCALL TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER FIVE INSTANT.

BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, FOR NEW YORK, ATTORNEY FOR DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED CHICAGO OFFICE ON AUGUST TWENTYSIX LAST THAT A HIDDEN MICROPHONE HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE HUBBARD ROOM, FLOOR B OF THE SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC PLANNING COMMITTEE WAS MEETING.

MICROPHONE WAS DISCOVERED IN WINDOW SILL UNDER WINDOW SEAT.

MICROPHONE ATTACHED TO WIRE LEADING FROM HUBBARD ROOM TO APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET OF KOAXIAL CABLE, WHICH WAS TRACED TO THE SHERATON ROOM OF BLACKSTONE HOTEL, WHICH HOUSED TELEVISION RECORDING EQUIPMENT OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC).

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ON AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN LAST, AND NBC CONTROL ROOM, FURNISHED STATEMENTS ADVISING ROTH INSTRUCTED WEIS TO INSTALL MICROPHONE FOR NEWS CONFERENCE USE BECAUSE THOUGHT AN OPEN NEWS MEDIA CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN HUBBARD ROOM LATER LEARNED THIS WAS TO BE A CLOSED MEETING AND UNABLE TO REMOVE MICROPHONE DUE TO SECURITY. BOTH STATED MICROPHONE NEVER HOOKED UP OR USED.

AT FIVE THIRTY PM THIS DATE, ATTORNEY FOR NBC, NEW YORK AND NBC, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED ASAC KYLE G. CLARK THAT HAD BEEN REINTERVIEWED SEPTEMBER FIVE INSTANT, AT WHICH TIME SHE ACKNOWLEDGED SHE ORDERED THE MICROPHONE IN THE HUBBARD ROOM WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE IT WAS TO BE A CLOSED PLATFORM MEETING. SHE ALSO ADVISED SHE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE INSTALLATION AND AFTER INSTALLATION MADE, SHE ADVISED OF THE INSTALLATION FOR OPEN MEETING TOLD TO REMOVE THE MICROPHONE AND SHE ADVISED HIM IT WAS TOO LATE TO REMOVE DUE TO SECURITY. THEREAFTER, INSTRUCTED IT NOT BE HOOKED UP. ADVISED THAT THE MICROPHONE WAS NOT ACTIVATED.
ALSO ADVISED THAT SHE HAD INSTRUCTED TO INSTALL A MICROPHONE IN THE EMBASSY ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST TWENTYFIVE LAST WHERE THE PLATFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS HOLDING A CLOSED MEETING.

THIS MICROPHONE INSTALLED UNDER WINDOW LEDGE AND LEFT THERE FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF AUDITING CLOSED MEETING.

NBC CORRESPONDENT, ADVISED OF INSTALLATION BY AND AUDITED THE MEETING BY USE OF HEAD PHONE SET IN THE NBC CONTROL ROOM. INTERVIEWED BY NBC OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER FIVE INSTANT AND ADMITTED AUDITING SUNDAY MEETING FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES, HOWEVER, STATED SHE DID NOT USE ANY OF THE INFORMATION IN HER SUBSEQUENT BROADCAST. AT THAT TIME ASKED CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR INSTALLATION AND TOLD HER THAT IT WAS DONE ALL OF THE TIME AS NORMAL PROCEDURE.

ALSO ADMITTED SHE KNEW OF INSTALLATION MADE IN HUBBARD ROOM AND AUDITED THIS INSTALLATION FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES. ADVISED SHE DID NOT USE ANY OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THIS AUDIT.

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ACCORDING TO MADE INSTALLATION THROUGH A FOUR CHANNEL MIX MASTER AND HEAD PHONES INSTALLED IN NBC CONTROL ROOM.

ADvised that Resides

Also advised that and possibly attending 

Party for on the night of September five instant being held at Toots Shor's Restaurant, New York City.

Both strongly recommend that be interviewed tonight concerning her admissions.

Advised that a telegram is being prepared and to be sent this evening directed to Congressman Hale Boggs advising him that had made additional confession and that matter had
BEEN TURNED OVER TO FBI. IN ADDITION, CONGRESSMAN BEING ADVISED THAT IF HE DESIRES FULL FACTS WILL BE FURNISHED TO HIM BY NBC OFFICIAL WHO WILL PROCEED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON SEPTEMBER SIX NEXT IF THE CONGRESSMAN DESIRES.

ADvised that any inquiry made of NBC will be answered to the effect that the entire matter has been turned over to the FBI and no additional comment would be made.

ATTORNEY, NBC, CHICAGO, ADVISED ASAC KYLE G. CLARK THAT has been interviewed by them and has changed his story substantially from that originally furnished, however, attorney refused to divulge details on attorney client relationship. He strongly recommends that be reinterviewed tonight.

In view of fact investigation actively directed in this case by the department, it is recommended department be contacted with above. Chicago recommends that bureau authority be granted for immediate interviews of and

For info New York, in event interviews authorized tonight, individuals interviewed should be advised that investigation is being conducted on instructions of the assistant U.S. Attorney General WINSO.

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FBI WASH DC
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URGENT 9-10-68 ATS
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK — PLAINTEXT —
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON
FROM CHICAGO (139-193) IP

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE/BOGGS — COMPLAINANT.
UPUC. 00; CHICAGO.

REMYTEL TO BUREAU, NEW YORK AND NEWARK SEPTEMBER SIX LAST, AND BUTEL INSTANT.

CHICAGO TEL SEPTEMBER SIX LAST INSTRUCTED NEW YORK AND
NEWARK TO SUBMIT RUC REPORTS UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION.
CLOSING REPORT SUBMITTED BY CHICAGO SEPTEMBER SIX LAST. NEWARK
ADVISES RUC REPORT OF SA AT NEWARK, DATED INSTANT,
SUBMITTED TODAY. NEW YORK ADVISES RUC REPORT BEING SUBMITTED
INSTANT, INCLUDING INTERVIEW OF EX-101 AND CONTACTS
WITH REG 24/139-3/76-12

THIS MATTER BEING GIVEN TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION AND NEW
YORK SHOULD INSURE THAT REPORT IS IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED.
AM. COPY NEWARK.

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FBI NEW YORK
8:50 PM URGENT 9-6-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (PLAIN)

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 139-

VIA TELETYPEx
SEP 6 1968
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NATIONAL BROADCASTING

COMPANY, INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, EIGHT TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT; CONGRESSMAN HALE-BOGGS-COMPLAINANT, UPUC, 00: CG.

NBC CORRESPONDENT, INTERVIEWED AT HER RESIDENCE, WAS ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ON INSTRUCTIONS OF FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, USDJ, AND SHE READ AND SIGNED FD THREE NINE FIVE. SHE INDICATED SHE DESIRED TO COOPERATE, BUT WOULD NOT FURNISH A SIGNED STATEMENT AT THIS TIME.

STATED THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WAS HER FIRST BIG ASSIGNMENT IN THE POLITICAL FIELD AND WAS VERY HELPFUL TO HER AS AND HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO DURING HER INTERVIEWS.

TELETYPED TO:

VIA TELETYPEx SEP 6 1968
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FURTHER ADVISED SHE AGAIN PLACED THE ABOVE EARPHONES ON HER HEAD FOR THE FOURTH TIME SHORTLY AFTER THE ABOVE CONVERSATION AND LISTENED FOR FIFTEEN TO THIRTY SECONDS. AT THIS TIME SHE HEARD COMPLIMENT REP. BOGGS FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE MEETING, AT WHICH TIME SHE REMOVED THE EARPHONES. POINTED OUT THE ABOVE ACTION WAS CONCLUDED SHORTLY AFTER LUNCH, EXACT TIMES NOT RECALLED, AND SHE RETURNED TO HER JOB OF INTERVIEWING DELEGATES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE HOTEL.

FURTHER ADVISED SHE RETURNED TO THE NBC CONTROL ROOM ABOUT THREE THIRTY PM OR FOUR PM, EIGHT TWENTY-SIX SIXTY-EIGHT AND SAW A SECOND SET OF EARPHONES NEAR THE ORIGINAL SET, DESCRIBED ABOVE. STATED SHE PUT THESE EARPHONES ON FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES AND HEARD AN ARGUMENT IN COMMITTEE OVER DELETING "GOD ALMIGHTY" FROM THE PREamble. SHE LISTED TO SOME VOTING AND "GOD ALMIGHTy" WAS RETAINED. STATED THIS CONVERSATION PROVED TO HER THAT THE CONVERSATION WAS COMING FROM THE PLATFORM.
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DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN THE EMBASSY ROOM, ABOVE LISTED.

NEVER MADE ANY STATEMENT TO HER THAT THIS
TYPE OF "BUGGING" WAS DONE ALL THE TIME OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

STATED IT WAS HER OWN OPINION BASED ON THE CASUAL
MANNER IN WHICH THE EARPHONES WERE LEFT IN PLAIN VIEW OF
EVERYONE WORKING IN THE CONTROL ROOM AND THE FACT THAT SHE
HAD HEARD SENATOR DIRKSEN, DURING THE RECENT REPUBLICAN
CONVENTION IN MIAMI, MENTIONED THAT THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE HAD
BEEN "BUGGED" DURING THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN SAN
FRANCISCO IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR. STATED THAT
SHE NEVER USED ANY OF THE CONVERSATIONS SHE OVERHEARD DURING
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED USE OF THE EARPHONES.

POINTED OUT THAT LATE IN THE AFTERNOON
OF EIGHT TWENTY SIX SIXTYEIGHT, AFTER HER USE OF THE EARPHONES
WORD SPREAD THROUGH THE HOTEL THAT THE SECRET SERVICE HAD
DISCOVERED AN NBC "BUG" IN THE HUBBARD ROOM AND THE
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TELEVISION AND PRESS DELEGATION BEGAN
KIDDING ABOUT THE DISCOVERY. SHE SPECIFICALLY
RECALLED DAN SCHORR (PH), CBS, TELEVISION, SAYING,

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"IT'S DONE ALL THE TIME— IT'S JUST EMBARRASSING WHEN YOU ARE CAUGHT."

OBSERVED AN NBC SOUND MAN USING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED EARPHONES, HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT KNOW HIS NAME AND DESCRIBED HIM AS DARK AND SWARTHY. SHE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS UTILIZING THE HEAD PHONES AND COULD OFFER NO INFO AS TO THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED TO PICK UP THE CONVERSATIONS. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE OBSERVED NO EQUIPMENT INDICATING THE CONVERSATIONS BEING OVERHEARD THROUGH THE ABOVE EARPHONES WERE BEING PLACED ON TAPES.

ADVISED THIS DATE SHE DESIRES TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH ATTORNEY BEFORE CONSENTING TO INTERVIEW.

ATTORNEY NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL TUESDAY NEXT AT EARLIEST.

SHE WILL CONTACT NYO RE INTERVIEW.

FD THREE ZERO TWOS WILL BE FORWARDED CG.

NYO FOLLOWING.

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FBI WASH DC
WASHINGTON --04--
NEW YORK --04--

455PM URGENT 9-6-68 KXC

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO (139-193) AND NEW YORK
CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEWARK (139-64) (P)

NATIONAL BROADCASTING
CO., INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, AUGUST TWENTY SIX SIXTY EIGHT; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-
COMPLAINANT. UPUC. 00 CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, NINE FIVE LAST.

INTERVIEWED AND PROVIDED SIGNED STATEMENT.
STATED HE WAS PHYSICALLY AT CONRAD HILTON HOTEL
DURING CONVENTION AS PRODUCER FOR NBC REMOTE CONTROL OF CONRAD
HILTON AND BLACKSTONE HOTELS. HE WAS NEVER PHYSICALLY AT THE
BLACKSTONE.

DURING EARLY P.M. OF EIGHT TWENTY SIX LAST, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM
BLACKSTONE HOTEL WAS IMMEDIATE BOSS AT
CONVENTION. TOLD SHE HAD A QUOTE MIKE UNQUOTE IN
THE HUBBARD ROOM OF BLACKSTONE. KNEW THIS WAS THE ROOM

TELETYPED TO:

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THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM WOULD USE FOR MEETING AND INSTRUCTED [_____] TO REMOVE THE MIKE. [_____] AGREED TO DO SO.

ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER, [_____] AGAIN TELEPHONED [_____]

AND STATED SHE COULD NOT REMOVE THE MIKE BECAUSE THE HUBBARD ROOM WAS SECURED. [_____] INSTRUCTED THAT THE MIKE WAS NOT TO BE USED. SEVERAL HOURS LATER, SAME DAY, [_____] AGAIN CALLED [_____] AND TOLD HIM THE MIKE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED, TRACED TO NBC HEADQUARTERS, AND THE POLICE AND COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES WERE IN NBC HEADQUARTERS. [_____] ASKED [_____] WHAT SHE TOLD THEM, AND [_____] STATED SHE DENIED THE MIKE BELONGED TO NBC. [_____]

ADvised[_____] TO STICK TO THIS STORY.

SUBSEQUENTLY, ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN PRESENCE OF [_____] EXPLAINED TO [_____] NBC NEWS, THAT SHE HAD MIKE PLACED IN HUBBARD ROOM IN BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE USED DURING A PUBLIC SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING. [_____] STATED HE WAS NEVER ADVISED OF THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE MIKE BUT KNEW IT WAS NOT IN A PROMINENT LOCATION WHERE IT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY SEEN BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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DURING AFTERNOON OF EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN, 

ACCOMPANIED AND NBC WHOH HE MET FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO OFFICE OF CHICAGO NBC ATTORNEY, TOLD BASICALLY THE SAME INFO AS IMPARTED TO EARLIER THE SAME DAY. 

DID NOT ACCOMPANY TO FBI, CHICAGO, FOR STATEMENT, SINCE ADVISED HE WAS NOT INVOLVED. 

IN QUESTIONING, STATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER MIKES IN BLACKSTONE HOTEL, OTHER THAN THE ONE IN THE HUBBARD ROOM WHICH TOLD HIM ABOUT. 

SOMETIME LATER, DURING CONVENTION WEEK, 

NBC CORRESPONDENT, MADE COMMENT TO THAT SHE HAD MONITORED A PORTION OF THE HUBBARD ROOM HEARING. STOPPED CONVERSATION BY STATING HE DID NOT WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THIS MONITORING. 

AT ONSET OF INTERVIEW WAS ADVISED THIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, USDJ. 

NEWARK WILL PROVIDE CHICAGO WITH FD THREE ZERO TWO ON INTERVIEW. 

END EFH R RELAY FBI WASH DC 

NY..
REPORTING OFFICE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
CHICAGO

DATE
9/11/68

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
9/5 - 11/68

TITLE OF CASE
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE
PUC

REFERENCE
New York teletype, 9/10/68.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Information copy to Newark Division in view of investigative interest.

were advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVIC. AUTO. FUG. PINES SAVINGS. RECOVERIES

ACQUIT.

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR □ YES □ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS □ YES □ NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

Bureau
2 = Chicago (139-193)
1 = Newark (Info)
2 = New York (139-188)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency

Request Recd. JAN 19 1973

Date Recd.

Date Due

Hrs.

By

5/1/1968 3:10 P.M.
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

NBC correspondent advised she listened to conversation in Hubbard Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from NBC control room, same hotel, on four occasions 8/26/68. Further stated she also listened to one conversation in the Embassy Room from same NBC control room 8/26/68.

Denied using any of above conversations in subsequent interviews. Advised microphones were installed at Embassy Room and Hubbard Room at her direction and she was aware Embassy Room had been monitored.

Stated her true reason for directing microphone installation in Hubbard Room was that she knew it was to be a closed meeting and she desired to determine private posture of participants with regard to Vietnam which she believed would be principal point discussed.

Stated this microphone could not be removed due to security and to her knowledge Hubbard Room microphone never monitored and may not have been activated. Stated she was unaware she was violating any law with above microphones.

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National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Correspondent, had located at her residence, Special Agent (SA) advised her that this interview was being conducted at the special request of Assistant Attorney General FREDERICK VINSON, Jr. SA read the form entitled, "Interrogation: Advice of Rights" to and she stated she understood same whereupon the form was given to and she read and signed the form.

stated the Democratic Convention was her first big assignment in the political field and was very helpful to her as and had been very helpful to during her interviews.

stated she entered the NBC Control Room (Sheraton Room), Hotel Sheraton-Blackstone, just before lunch, August 26, 1968, and told to go over and put on a set of earphones, which were located near the director's bench to the side of the television banks, stated she put on the earphones, listened three or four minutes, and heard Representative BOGGS and discussing the violence in the television plank and knew the conversation was coming from the Hubbard Room. A short while later placed these earphones on her head for a second time for approximately thirty seconds and heard the general clatter of the occupants having lunch.

stated she placed the above earphones on her head shortly after lunch for the third time. She heard make some kind of proposal which was ruled out of order, however, the conversation pickup was so poor she could not make out the details of the conversation and removed the earphones almost immediately.

On 9/9/68 at New York, New York  NY 139-188 File # 9/10/68

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further advised she again placed the earphones on her head for the fourth time shortly after the above conversation and listened for fifteen to thirty seconds. At this time she heard compliment Representative BOGGS for his handling of the meeting, at which time she removed the earphones. Pointed out the above action was concluded shortly after lunch, exact times not recalled, and she returned to her job of interviewing delegates in other parts of the hotel.

further advised she returned to the NBC Control Room about 3:30 PM or 4:00 PM, August 26, 1968, and saw a second set of earphones near the original set, described above. Stated she put these earphones on for approximately two minutes and heard an argument in committee over deleting "God Almighty" from the preamble. She listened to some voting and "God Almighty" was retained. Stated this conversation proved to her that the conversation was coming from the Platform Drafting Committee in the Embassy Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.

never made any statement to her that this type of "bugging" was done all the time or anything like that. Stated it was her own opinion based on the casual manner in which the earphones were left in plain view of everyone working in the Control Room and the fact that she had heard Senator DIRksen, during the recent Republican Convention in Miami, mention that the Platform Committee had been "bugged" during the Republican Convention in San Francisco in 1964. Stated that she never used any of the conversations she overheard during the above-described use of the earphones during any of her television interviews.
On September 11, 1968, was advised of her rights as they appear on the "Advice of Rights" form by SA (Rev. 4:15;64). In addition, she advised that she had consulted with her attorney, and was being interviewed with his knowledge and consent.

Advised she has been an employee of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) for [ ] years and that during the Democratic Convention in Chicago in late August, 1968, she was [ ] for NBC with headquarters in the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel.

Advised as follows concerning two microphones installed at her direction during the Democratic Convention:

On Sunday, August 25, 1968, cameras and microphone were set up in the window of the Embassy Room, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, in order to televise crowd demonstrations on the street below. At this particular time, the Platform Drafting Committee of the Democratic Party was meeting in a sales office located on the same floor of the hotel as the Embassy Room. Sometime during the afternoon of August 25, 1968, learned that the Platform Drafting Committee was to move to the Embassy Room. She said she made a request to a member of the NBC crew under her supervision to be certain that a microphone was in the Embassy Room in order to monitor the coming meeting. She does not recall to whom she made this request and does not know whether or not the microphone previously installed to televise the crowd demonstrations was the microphone used to cover the meeting of the Platform Drafting Committee. said that in either case she was responsible for the microphone being in the Embassy Room during the Platform Drafting Committee meeting. said that this microphone was located on the window sill and that it was concealed by using tape.

said that she personally did not hear any information from this microphone. She said the installation was monitored from time to time by members of the NBC crew, but the only person she can specifically identify as having monitored the microphone is NBC correspondent. said that nothing was taped and any information received over the microphone was not used or disseminated.

On 9/11/68 at New York, New York File# NY 139-188

SAS [ ] by [ ] Date dictated 9/11/68

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said she left the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on August 25, 1968, returning to her room at the Holiday Inn Motel on North Shore Drive, Chicago. On August 26, 1968, when she returned to the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, she learned that the Platform Drafting Committee meeting lasted until 2 a.m. on August 26, 1968. did not know if the microphone in the Embassy Room had been monitored after she left the hotel, but assumes that it was.

said that on August 26, 1968, the Platform Drafting Committee met in the Embassy Room until 2 or 3 p.m. She said that during this time she monitored the microphone for a very short time, but heard nothing but street noise. She said she told that the microphone was available for listening and she saw using the earphones on several occasions on August 26, 1968. Once again, advised that nothing was taped and no information received was used or disseminated.

said sometime during the afternoon of August 26, 1968, she learned that the Platform Drafting Committee was to present their recommendations to the Full Platform Committee at a meeting to be held in the Hubbard Room, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel on the afternoon and evening of August 26, 1968. said she requested, NBC, to have a microphone installed in the Hubbard Room in anticipation of the meeting. said she learned later that made the installation personally.

Sometime after the microphone was installed in the Hubbard Room, telephoned NBC News, and told him of the installation. ordered the microphone removed and said it could not be done because the room had been "secured" by Secret Service. then instructed not to use this microphone and states that to her knowledge it was never monitored and may not have been activated into the Control Room.

said the microphone was discovered on August 26, 1968, and traced to the NBC Control Room. She stated that when interviewed, she denied any knowledge of this microphone. She said that sometime on August 26, 1968, she was interviewed by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and she denied having any knowledge of this microphone.
said that on August 27, 1968, she was interviewed by NBC News, concerning the microphone found in the Hubbard Room. She denied having any knowledge of this microphone and at the conclusion of the interview told her he was going to issue a formal statement to the presswehich he would deny NBC had anything to do with the microphone. said she left the interview with and then began thinking of the embarrassment she would cause and NBC. She recontacted and told him of her part in the Hubbard Room installation, withholding the identity of the person who installed the microphone and saying she had it installed because she thought the meeting was to be a open meeting. said instructed her to return to the Control Room and determine the identity of the person who installed the microphone in the Hubbard Room. said she went to the Control Room and called the NBC crew together. She then told them that she had been interviewed by and that she told about the microphone in the Hubbard Room and that she had it installed because she thought it was to be an open meeting. said she asked the crew, "Can everyone live with this position".

said that no one opposed this position.

said that she again met with accompanied by and who had made the installation in the Hubbard Room. She said that also present was (First Name Unknown) Attorney for NBC. said she repeated the story about the installation in the Hubbard Room and at the conclusion, Attorney recommended a visit to the FBI. said she went to the FBI accompanied by and Attorney . At this time, she told that FBI about the microphone in the Hubbard Room, but never mentioned the microphone in the Embassy Room. She also advised she told the FBI that the Hubbard Room microphone was installed in anticipation of an open meeting, although this was not true. said that she was reasonably certain that the meeting in the Hubbard Room was to be a closed meeting; but she ordered the microphone installed because she felt the Vietnam war would be the principal topic of discussion and she felt that public was entitled to know the "private posture" as well as the "public posture" of the delegates to the Platform Committee.
said that she told a lie about thinking the meeting would be an open one in order to protect her job with NBC. [Blank] again stated that to her knowledge the microphone in the Hubbard Room was never monitored and may not have been activated.

said she returned to New York City on August 30, 1968, and returned to work at NBC on September 5, 1968. On September 5, 1968, she was interviewed by [Blank] of NBC. [Blank] said that she told [Blank] the true facts about the installations in the Embassy Room and the Hubbard Room, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel.

[Blank] stated that she assumes full responsibility for the installations of the microphones in the Embassy and Hubbard Rooms, but that at no time did she realize she was violating a law. She said that she realizes ignorance of the law is no excuse, but had she realized there was a law covering the use of microphones, she never would have ordered the microphone installations.
REPORTING OFFICE: CHICAGO
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CHICAGO
DATE: 8/28/68
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 8/26-28/68

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.,
UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING-DEVICE
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE
HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE
HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68;
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

REFERENCES:
Chicago telephone call to Bureau 8/26/68.
Bureau telephone call to Chicago 8/26/68.
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Bureau telephone call to Chicago 8/27/68.
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigation in this report was limited to that
instructed by the Assistant U. S. Attorney General, Washington, D. C.,
per referenced telephone calls.

The persons interviewed, as reflected in this report, were
advised in each instance that this investigation was being conducted
upon instruction of the Assistant U. S. Attorney General.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: None

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were accompanied to the Chicago Office by NBC Attorney and NBC employees, and were interviewed individually, and not in the presence of
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE; HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68, CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Counsel of Democratic Platform Committee, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised a hidden microphone had been found in the Hubbard Room, Floor B, of hotel where committee was meeting. This microphone accidentally discovered by [TEXT BLANK] of committee, in window sill of Hubbard Room under window seat. Microphone attached to wire leading from Hubbard Room, [TEXT BLANK], detached microphone in presence of Chairman HALE BOGGS and turned same over to Chicago Police Department. Gates Model G500 microphone obtained from Chicago Police Department by FBI Agents. Approximately 200 feet of coaxial cable, which had been attached to microphone in Hubbard Room, was recovered by FBI Agents and traced to Sheraton Room of Blackstone Hotel, which housed television recording equipment of National Broadcasting Company (NBC). On 8/27/68, [TEXT BLANK], NBC control room at Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, were interviewed at Chicago FBI Office and stated [TEXT BLANK] to install microphone for news conference use, because [TEXT BLANK] thought an open to news media conference would be held in Hubbard Room, but then learned this was not true, but it was too late to remove microphone. Both stated microphone never hooked up, nor used.

-C-
Investigation was instituted in this matter upon receipt of a telephone call by ASAC KYLE G. CLARK at 5:42 PM, August 26, 1968, from Counsel for the Democratic Platform Committee, National Democratic Convention, Chicago, Illinois, who advised the Platform Committee was holding meetings in the Hubbard Room at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, and upon instruction of United States Congressman HALE BOGGS, Chairman of the committee, was reporting the discovery of a microphone in the Hubbard Room and this microphone led to the space occupied by the National Broadcasting Company, Inc.
Counsel of the Platform Committee for the Democratic National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel. Advised that on this date, sometime after the committee meeting had started, a staff member brushed past one of the drapes hanging in front of a window seat in the room, and in doing so, exposed a microphone with the cable leading out the window.

Stated he and Representative Boggs personally observed this microphone. He immediately telephoned the FBI to report this matter. He stated he has no other personal information concerning this matter.

He advised that he can always be contacted through his business phone or his home telephone.

During the convention he is staying in Room 1243 at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel.

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U. S. Congressman HAILE BOGGS, Democrat, Indiana's Second District, Chairman, Platform Committee, Democratic National Convention, was interviewed at the close of that committee's deliberations at the Hubbard Room, Floor B, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, Michigan Avenue at Balbo Drive. He advised as follows:

At approximately 5:00 PM on this date, brought to Congressman BOGGS' attention a microphone located under the window seat cushion at the window in the southwest corner of the Hubbard Room, the microphone being attached to a cable. He stated he left the chair and went over and inspected it and, with disconnected it. Thereafter, with other members of the staff of the Platform Committee, traced out the cable leading out the window, and reported back to him that the cable led into a window a floor or two above the Hubbard Room, which was the window of a room housing television equipment of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).

Congressman BOGGS stated that he requested the counsel for the Platform Committee to report these facts to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Congressman BOGGS is temporarily residing in Room 419 of this hotel, where the telephone number is 427-4300.
for the Platform Committee, Democratic Party, meeting in the Hubbard Room, Floor B, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, Michigan Avenue at Balbo Drive, advised as follows:

At approximately 4:45 PM on August 26, 1968, while the Platform Committee was in session chaired by Congressman HALE BOGGS of Louisiana, [deleted] for this committee, located a microphone attached to a cable. This microphone was under a cushion on the window sill furthest to the west in the Hubbard Room on the south side (or Balbo Street side) of the room. This was brought to the attention of Chairman BOGGS and also of [deleted] and [deleted] the latter being a member of the staff of the Platform Committee. [deleted] and [deleted] noticed that the cable attached to the microphone led out the window, and upward, so they left the Hubbard Room and proceeded to the floor above. There, they determined that the cable proceeded upward to the next floor, so they went to the second floor above the Hubbard Room and into a room occupied by the television crews and equipment for National Broadcasting Company (NBC) television. They determined that a cable came in the window there. [deleted] left [deleted] in the NBC room and went back down to the Hubbard Room, where he "jiggled" the cable. Recontacting [deleted] they determined that the cable was one and the same. There was nothing attached to the cable in the NBC room.

[deleted] stated that when it was brought to his attention, Chairman BOGGS inspected the microphone and then disconnected it from its cable. Thereafter, [deleted] took custody of it, [deleted] stated that the cable leading to the floor above is still in place as of this time, but it has been inspected by a Lieutenant and a Sergeant from the Chicago Police Department.
Democratic
Platform Committee, was interviewed at the Sheraton Blackstone
Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

advised earlier that afternoon while in
the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, which
was being used for the Platform Committee's hearing, he
was walking along the windows on the street side of the
room when he brushed against the heavy drapery. When the
drapery brushed aside, he noticed a small microphone. He
looked down and examined the microphone and determined the
cord was taped to a window seat. The excess wire was under
the seat cushion and this was connected to a socket. From
the socket connection a thicker wire went out under the
closed window. This wire went straight up past the window
on the outside of the building.

advised when he found the microphone he
immediately motioned to the chairman. The microphone was
observed by the chairman and the meeting was recessed.

stated he disconnected the microphone at
the socket connection and kept the microphone. The microphone
was later turned over to the Chicago Police Department.

described this microphone as a small microphone
approximately four inches long, 3/4 inches across, dark in
color with a silver tip.

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Platform Staff, Democratic
National Convention, 5724 Chevy Chase Parkway, Washington
D.C., advised that he and [redacted] to Congressman HALE BOGGS had been shown a
cable with a microphone attached by [redacted] in the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel.
He stated that he and [redacted] traced this cable to
the Sheraton Room of the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel which
is occupied by NBC television equipment. He pointed
this cable out to Special Agents [redacted] and

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Democratic Platform Committee escorted Special Agents and through the Hubbard Room, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, to a window on the south side of the room which was located approximately 30 feet from the speaker stand which was at the west end of the room. He showed the Agents the end of a three conductor coaxial cable which terminated near the sill of the window. He advised that he had tied this cable to the handle on the window to prevent it from being pulled back from the other end. The cable was fitted with cannon connectors. It was noted that on the end there was tape with the figure 6; also a piece of silver tape with the initials PC. He said that when it was discovered there was a microphone attached it had been removed by stated that this cable had been traced by of the Platform Staff to a room containing NBC television monitoring equipment located in the Sheraton Room, floor number 1, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel. It should be noted that this room was located directly above the Hubbard Room.

Subsequently, NBC News, Staff, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, New York, directed the Agents to a window on the south side of the room where numerous television coaxial cables were observed coming into the room. The cable in question was tied together with white heavy cord. The cables were approximately 200 feet long, a portion of which was coiled on the floor behind the television recording equipment. It was observed that the cable was unplugged and that the cannon plug had a piece of silver tape thereon bearing the numeral 6.

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Later, [redacted] was recontacted by Special Agent [redacted] at which time he untied the cable from the window handle in the Hubbard Room, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel. Special Agent [redacted] then went to the NBC technical room (Sheraton Room) and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] then pulled the cable through the window into the NBC Room. It was noted that there were several pieces of cord similar to that used in binding the coaxial cables on the floor. Samples of this cord were obtained as well as samples of the similar silver colored tape used on the cables.

Upon leaving, the Agents offered to furnish a receipt to [redacted], who is employed by [redacted], declined to accept a receipt or admit ownership of the cable.

Photographs of this entire installation were made by Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Chicago Police Department Crime Laboratory.

[redacted] furnished a work schedule with the identities of all technicians and other personnel assigned to this room.
Sergeant [Handwritten Name] Chicago Police Department, made available a Gates G-500 150 ohm microphone with 36 foot, two conductor cable attached. He had been given this microphone earlier that evening by [Handwritten Name] Democratic Platform Committee, shortly after [Handwritten Date] had discovered this microphone in the Hubbard Room, Sheraton Blackstone Hotel during the time the Platform Committee was in session.

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by SA [Handwritten Name] dmv Date dictated 8/27/68

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Holiday Inn, Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, was given a Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights Form, advising her of her rights. She read this form and signed a waiver of her rights. She furnished the following information:

is National Broadcasting Company, Inc. (NBC) Control Room, Sheraton Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The Sheraton Room is on the first floor of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. The Democratic Platform Drafting Committee was meeting in the Embassy Room on this floor and Senator GEORGE MC GOVERN was scheduled to hold a press conference in the Ivy Room on this floor on August 26, 1968, in the afternoon. She stated the confusion was unbelievable.

At about 2:00 PM, August 26, 1968, she heard that the Platform Drafting Committee was moving to the Hubbard Room of the hotel. She thought the meeting in the Hubbard Room was to be a public session and that it would be a public release of the Democratic platform. Therefore instructed to put a microphone in the Hubbard Room and to have lights and camera on the Hubbard Room floor ready to move into the Hubbard Room.

said there was one telephone in the Embassy Room and she attempted to reach her supervisor, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel was unable to get through to for some time and when she did talk with he told her the Democratic Platform Committee conference in the Hubbard Room was a private meeting and for her to get the microphone out of the Hubbard Room.

sent someone down to do it. She said it was possibly but did not know specifically that it was said that the crew with whom she was working was from Chicago and Los Angeles and she did not know all of their names. She said she learned from someone that the Hubbard Room had been secured and that they were not able to get the

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microphone out, then gave instructions that the microphone was not to be connected, did not recall the exact time that the above happened.

Later, but she did not know the time Democratic Platform Committee, and others burst into the Embassy Room and ran to the window heard someone say, "We got the wire, is there another?" then heard that there was a wire that went to the fourth floor, and that something had been "bugged." At first did not think they were referring to their microphone which they had installed in the Hubbard Room, but later realized that they were referring to the microphone and wire in the Hubbard Room told and the other people to search the room and verify that the microphone was not hooked up to any recording facilities, but they did not do this.

said she knew she would get fired if she ever "bugged" a room or ever gave instructions to "bug" a room. She said she would never give instructions to anyone to "bug" a room. She stated the microphone was installed without the knowledge of her superiors.

said she has been under an emotional strain because before coming here they were on an EISENHOWER watch in New York, ready to feed out the news if anything happened to Former President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. They then came to Chicago and Sunday night, as they were sitting in a restaurant near Lincoln Park, a Yippie set off a firecracker or something which really frightened her said that she has been getting about four hours sleep a night and when and the others burst into the room, she was really frightened. Then the police came and questioned her. They asked if the microphone in the Hubbard Room belonged to NBC replied that it did. The police then said that she "bugged" the room and she denied that this was true said she started out by denying that the room was "bugged" and became more frightened when they kept saying that the Hubbard Room was "bugged".

said she ended up by telling everyone, even Special Agents of the FBI, that she did not know anything about it.

During the interview broke down several times and the interview had to be stopped while regained her composure.
voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office of the FBI for interview. was advised by SA that the interview would relate to the finding of a microphone in the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 1968. SA furnished with a Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights, Your Rights Form, which read and signed.

advised as follows:

He is employed as for the National Broadcasting Company, Inc. (NBC), Chicago, Illinois, and his present assignment, including August 26, 1968, is at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

At approximately 1:00 PM, August 26, 1968, NBC, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, told him that the Platform Committee of the Democratic National Convention would be moving from the fourth floor of the hotel to the Hubbard Room and she wanted him to install a microphone in the Hubbard Room immediately. told him the committee needed a larger room in that the committee would be making a public release of the platform. He also recalls that told him she wanted the microphone ready so they (NBC) could pick up what was said by the person making the release. also told him she wanted the microphone to reach the center of the room.

Immediately thereafter, he and went to the Hubbard Room to see where the microphone could be placed. They decided that the cable could be dropped from the NBC Control Room on the fourth floor, located directly over the Hubbard Room, and brought through the window. He then returned to the NBC Control Room and dropped an audio cable from the NBC Control Room window to in the Hubbard Room. He then returned to the Hubbard Room with a microphone, which he connected to the audio cable. He then
put the excess wire attached to the microphone under a cushion which was on a bench attached to the wall. He then taped the microphone to a ledge near the window sill so the microphone would not be damaged, as there was no other place he could have put the wire or the microphone due to the physical layout of the area. Had the microphone actually been used, he would have brought a microphone stand to the room.

The end of the audio cable in the NBC Control Room was left directly beneath the window sill on the floor. That cable was not connected to any of the available NBC audio equipment and the microphone was not tested.

The installation of this microphone took about 15 minutes. The only people in the Hubbard Room at that time other than he and were various unidentified hotel employees.

At approximately 3:00 PM, recontacted him and told him that she had learned the Platform Committee meeting was not a public meeting and for him to get the microphone out of the Hubbard Room. At the same time, told him that the door had already been secured. He did not ask her any questions in that, based on previous experience, he knew it was impossible for him to get back into the room once it was secured, so he just forgot about the microphone and went about his other work.

The next time he heard anything about the microphone was when three or four individuals, identities unknown, burst into the NBC Control Room with the microphone and accused of "bugging" the Hubbard Room. He was not confronted by these individuals.

It is not unusual for his superiors to order him to string audio cable to rooms or areas where they anticipate public statements or interviews, only to later learn that the interviews would not be made or that they would be made in other locations.

He has never placed a hidden microphone or "bug" in any location and he has never been ordered or asked by anyone to place a hidden microphone. Further, had he been so ordered
he would not have done it in that he knows that activities such as those are forbidden by NEC and anyone doing such would be immediately fired by NEC.

The only individuals who knew about the microphone to his knowledge were ________ and himself.

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NEC to present)
On August 27, 1968, Counsel, Democratic Platform Committee, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, telephonically advised a drafting subcommittee, a portion of the Platform Committee, was meeting in the Embassy Room at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel on August 26, 1968, and upon adjournment, was scheduled to meet in the late afternoon of August 26, 1968, with the full Democratic Platform Committee in the Hubbard Room. Advised this latter meeting was a closed meeting and not open to the news media nor the public.
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REPORTING OFFICE: CHICAGO
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CHICAGO
DATE: 9/6/68
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 8/28 - 9/6/68

REPORT MADE BY: SA
TYPED BY: bjo
CHARACTER OF CASE: UPUC

TITLE OF CASE:
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICES, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, EMBASSY ROOM AND HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/25-28/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS, COMPLAINANT

Title changed to include subject and to include Embassy Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, on 8/25/68, as well as Hubbard Room of the same hotel on 8/26/68.

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Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 9/5/68 and 9/6/68.
Chicago telephone call to Bureau and Bureau telephone call to Chicago dated 9/5/68.
Chicago telephone call to New York dated 9/5/68 (10).
Bureau telephone call to Chicago, 9/6/68.
Chicago telephone calls to New York and Newark dated 9/6/68 (10).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: NONE

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Two (2) copies each of seven (7) photographs of the Hubbard and Sheraton Rooms, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel taken 8/26/68 by Chicago Police Department.

LEADS

NEW YORK AND NEWARK DIVISIONS (INFO)

Captioned divisions conducted interviews in this case and have an interest herein.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Per instructions of the Bureau interviewed at Chicago, was advised that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General FRED VINSON, JR., Department of Justice, and the Newark and New York Divisions were advised to so advise and during interviews with them.

Leads for interview of and FRANK SCHNEPPER are not being set forth pending instructions from the Bureau, inasmuch as this investigation is being conducted at the specific instructions of the Department of Justice.

Instant report is submitted as a closing report. The New York and Newark Divisions should submit RUC reports based on requested interviews of and

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Title: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICES, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, EMBASSY ROOM AND HUBBARD ROOM SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AUGUST 25-26, 1968 CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS, COMPLAINANT

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis: Photographs of wiring installations at Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, on 8/26/68, made by Chicago Police Department obtained. Microphone used was rented to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) by Reeves Sound Studios, New York City. FBI Laboratory report concerning microphone and cable set forth. On 9/5/68 attorney for NBC, New York City, and NBC, telephonically advised the Chicago Division that on that date NBC, on 9/5/68, had told him she asked subject to install the microphone in the Hubbard Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, on 8/26/68, with full knowledge that Democratic Party Platform Committee was holding a closed meeting; that at her instructions subject on 8/25/68 installed microphone in Embassy Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, to monitor closed meeting of Democratic Party Platform Drafting Committee. NBC correspondent, admitted to above NBC officials she was advised of above installations by subject and on 8/25/68, monitored Platform Drafting Committee meeting for about 15 minutes, and monitored Democratic Platform Committee on 8/26/68 for about two minutes by means of above installations. Advised that Congressman HALE BOGGS will be so advised by telegram on 9/5/68. Subject reinterviewed on 9/6/68 and in signed statement advised that on 8/25/68 on instructions of subject he placed microphones in Embassy Room, Sheraton-Blackstone; that he and listened.

SCHNEPPER, NBC Technical Director, was present when gave instructions to according to. On 8/26/68 again on the instructions of installed microphones in Hubbard Room same hotel. Both microphones connected to NBC Control Room at hotel. Stated that in previous statement to FBI he stated microphone "never hooked up" and was told to say this by subject furnished background and reasons for his conflicting statements. - C -

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DETAILS:

On August 28, 1968, Sergeant__________________________ of Crime Laboratory, Chicago Police Department, 1121 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished two samples each of seven photographs taken at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel (SBH), Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 1968, by Crime Lab photographers_________ and ________ under Crime Lab #_________. Two of the seven photographs were taken in the Hubbard Room where the Democratic Platform Committee held its hearings. The other five were taken in the Control Room of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), in the SBH. The photographs are identified on the reverse side of each.

In the Hubbard Room photograph showing the members of the Democratic Platform Committee in session the window into which the questioned microphone cable was planted is the one approximately in the center of the photograph.

On August 30, 1968,__________________________ of Reeves Sound Studios, Video Department, 304 East 44th Street, New York, New York, telephonically contacted SA__________________________ at the Chicago Office and advised that the microphone involved in this case (Hubbard Room) was rented by his company to NBC and is the property of Reeves Sound Studios. He asked when this equipment might be returned to him.__________________________ was advised that this microphone is being held as evidence and would be disposed of to the rightful owner at the conclusion of this case.__________________________ advised that he understood.

The following description of__________________________ was obtained by observation and interview on August 27, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois, by SA__________________________:

Name: ________________________________
Sex: Female
Race: White
Born: Brooklyn, New York
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 133 pounds
Build: Slander
Hair: Light brown, "frosted"
Eyes: Green
Complexion: Fair
Address: ________________________________
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Employment: NBC, New York, New York

The following is the FBI Laboratory Report dated September 3, 1968:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Chicago. (139-193)  

Date: September 3, 1968

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Re: UIUSUB; NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68; CONGRESSMAN BAGGS - COMPLAINANT; UPUC

Specimens received: 8/26/68.

FROM HUBBARD ROOM

Q1 Gates microphone with attached wire

FROM SHERATON ROOM

Q2 Audio cable in two pieces with tape and cord attached

Q3-Q5 Three pieces of white braided cord

Results of examination:

Q1 is a Gates, Model G-500, 150 ohm microphone. The microphone is a dynamic, lavalier type 25/32" in diameter and 2 5/8" in length. It is a type of microphone commonly used for news, weather and television interview shows. The microphone is attached to approximately 29' of 1/8" diameter, two-conductor shielded audio-type cable with a black plastic outer cover. Each conductor is color coded, one black, one white. The shield is a woven type. The cable end opposite the microphone had no connector when received.

Specimen Q2 consists of two lengths of two-conductor shielded 3/8" diameter cable with a black rubber-type outer cover. One length is approximately 99' long and has one end terminated with a ITT Cannon UA-3-12 male plug. The other end has no termination. The other length is approximately 9" long and has one end terminated with a Cannon UA-3-12 female jack, and attached to it was a Cannon UA-3-12 male plug with nothing attached to it. The other end of the 9" piece has no termination. The conductors in both pieces of cable are color coded. One color is green, the other is a light gray. The shield is a woven type in both pieces.

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When the microphone was properly connected through the Q2 pieces of cable and terminated in an audio amplifier, the microphone was operative.

The piece of braided white cotton cord designated specimen Q4 is like the braided white cotton cord attached to the Q2 cable in diameter and construction and could be from the same source. The two pieces of cord designated Q3 and Q5 are different from the cord attached to the Q2 cable. Specimens Q3 through Q5 and the braided cotton cord attached to Q2 are all a common type of cord similar to Venetian blind cord.

Three types of gray tape were noted on the Q2 cable. At each end of the cable is a small piece of dull gray tape bearing the number "6." Attached to the shorter piece of Q2 cable is a piece of medium gray perforated tape. Wrapped around the longer portion of Q2 are three pieces of glossy gray unperforated tape. The torn ends of the pieces of glossy tape fit together and these three pieces came from the same roll. Gray tape like that on Q2 is commonly used to temporarily secure electrical cables and in heating and air conditioning installations to seal ducts.
CG 139-193

On September 5, 1968, Attorney for NBC, New York and NBC, telephonically advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge KYLE G. CLARK, Chicago Division, that had been re-interviewed September 5, 1968, at which time she acknowledged she ordered the microphone in the Hubbard Room with full knowledge it was to be a closed platform meeting. She also advised she instructed to make the installation, and after installation was made, she advised her supervisor of the installation for open meeting told to remove the microphone and she advised him it was too late to remove due to security. Thereafter, instructed it not be messed up, advised that the microphone was not activated.

Also advised that she had instructed to install a microphone in the Embassy Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel on Sunday, August 25, 1968, where the platform drafting committee for the Democratic Party was holding a closed meeting. This microphone installed under window ledge and left there for the express purpose of auditing closed meeting.

NBC Correspondent, advised of installation by and audited the meeting by use of head phone set in the NBC Control Room. interviewed by NBC officials September 5, 1968, and admitted auditing Sunday meeting, August 25, 1968, for approximately fifteen minutes; however, stated she did not use any of the information in her subsequent broadcast. At that time, asked concerning authorization for installation and told her that it was done all of the time as normal procedure.

Also admitted she knew of installation made in Hubbard Room, and audited this installation for approximately two minutes. She advised she did not use any of the information obtained from this audit.
According to ________ made installation through a four channel mix master and head phones installed in NBC Control Room.

__________ advised that ________ resides ________ telephone Susquehanna ________ resides ________ telephone

______ advised that a telegram is being prepared and was to be sent September 5, 1968, directed to Congressman HALE BOGGS, advising him that ________ had made additional confession and that matter had been turned over to FBI. In addition, Congressman BOGGS being advised that if he desires full facts will be furnished to him by ________ NBC Official, who will proceed to Washington, D.C. on September 6, 1968, if the Congressman desires.

______ advised that any inquiry made of NBC will be answered to the effect that the entire matter has been turned over to the FBI and no additional comment would be made.

Attorney, NBC, Chicago, telephonically advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge KYLE G. CLARK on September 5, 1968, that ________ has been interviewed and has changed his story substantially from that originally furnished.
Date September 6, 1968

voluntarily appeared at the Chicago
Federal Bureau of Investigation Office for interview. Mr.
Weis after being furnished with a Voluntary Appearance; Advice
of Rights, Your Rights form by SA[ ] which ;
he read and signed, furnished the following voluntary signed
statement to SAs[ ] and[ ]

"Chicago, Illinois
September 6, 1968"

"I, [ ] was furnished with a
Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights Form advising me
of my rights. I read this form and executed the waiver
of rights form.

"I am [ ] years old and reside at[ ] I am employed as
[ ] for the National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated
(NBC), Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois. I have a high
school education[ ].

"I was assigned to the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel
as[ ] on August 15, 1968, to handle any
technical work for NBC during the Democratic National
Convention.

"Approximately one week previous to August 26, 1968
or possibly August 20 or 21, 1968[ ] arrived. She
was[ ] NBC, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.

"On Sunday, about 12:00 P.M. or 1:00 P.M, August 25,
1968[ ] told me she wanted a microphone in a
room which was just down the hall from where NBC was
located in the Sheraton Room. I have been told by
NBC officials that this was the Embassy Room[ ]
told me that there was going to be a platform
meeting in this room. She said that she wanted to listen

On 9/6/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG-139-193

SA[ ] and
by SA[ ] / FBI day Date dictated 9/6/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency;
if and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
to this meeting.

"Shortly after she told me to put the microphone in or about thirty minutes before the meeting, I put the microphone in. I understood by implication of her saying that she wanted to hear what was going on, that the microphone was to be concealed. I put this microphone just inside the window between the cushion of the window seat and the wall. I connected this microphone to an audio cable in the Crystal Ballroom which connected to the NBC Control Room in the Sheraton Room. After it was connected and while the platform meeting was taking place, I listened through a head set in the Sheraton Room to see if it was operating and found that it was, but I could not understand what was being said because of the location of the microphone. As I recall,

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and found that it was working and I could understand what they were saying in the Hubbard Room. This was just prior to the meeting of the Platform Committee of the Democratic Convention. Shortly after I listened. I do not know whether anyone else listened or not. I never saw anyone. I did not hear that anyone else listened.

"About 6:00 P.M. on August 26, 1968, the time I am not positive about, two men came running into the NBC Control Room in the Sheraton Room. Both men were very excited. They scared everybody in the control room. I think they were yelling the room is bugged. Each man ran to a different window. One of the windows had all of our cables running out. The man that went to the window with all the cables began pulling on the cables. The other man left the room and shortly after the other fellow left. Then I disconnected the Hubbard Room cable from the audio amplifier and pulled the cable over to the window.

The original story that I heard her tell to five or six people was that CBS put the cable in and ran it to the NBC control room. She also said she did not know anything about it that it must have been CBS that brought the cable up.

"Eventually the crime laboratory came in and took pictures and later one man came in and took the cable.

"I neglected to relate that at the time that I told me to put the microphone into the Embassy Room, Frank Schnepper, NBC Technical Director, and my immediate supervisor was present and heard her tell me to do this. Schnepper did not say anything.

"I wish to say that I have never made installations like this before and to date the only two installations that I have made like this were in the Embassy Room and the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.

"One of the first men of NBC who was told about the happenings of the Platform Committee finding the microphone was of NBC, New York who was assigned to the Conrad Hilton area of which we were a part."
"The following morning August 27, 1968, a man whom I heard was of NBC came to the control room and I heard tell him substantially the same story as she told the night before that it was a CBS hookup and not NBC.

"Tuesday afternoon about 2:00 P.M., August 27, 1968, called the entire crew together in the Chicago Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone and said this is the story we are going to tell. She then related that they were to say it was NBC mike and cable, but that it was not plugged in. She also said that they were to say that they thought it was an open meeting and that the platform would be released to the public, that she wanted the microphone ready so that NBC could pick up what was said and that she wanted the microphone to reach the center of the room. I believed what told us to say had been approved by management of NBC. I felt assured of this later when I talked to an NBC lawyer before talking the FBI; he asked me if I was prepared to say that the microphone was not plugged in.

"On September 3, 1968, I reported to NBC Merchandise Mart, Chicago and talked with and the NBC attorney whose name I do not recall. I then learned that management and the lawyers were not aware that the story that had been told to the FBI was completely fabricated. I told these people the true and complete story.

"On September 4, 1968, I talked to Frank Schnepper and Frank told me that he had told NBC official, on Tuesday (September 3, 1968) that the story which was told the FBI was not true. Schnepper said he was as surprised as I had related that I was, that the NBC management did not know that the original story we had told the FBI was not true.

"I have read the above voluntary statement which consists of this page and 8 others. This statement was written by Special Agent and witnessed by Special Agent . I have initialed all corrections and the bottom of the first 8 pages. The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/
The microphones, previously mentioned, were both Gates microphones and owned by the Reeves Sound Studios, New York, New York (Reeves). NBC rented audio equipment from Reeves as needed and at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, NBC had rented four identical Gates microphones. As he recalls, the only microphones used were the two which had been placed in the Embassy and Hubbard Rooms. The microphone he had placed in the Embassy Room was returned to Reeves with the two microphones they did not use. The microphone located in the Hubbard Room was confiscated by someone on August 26, 1968.
DATE: September 3, 1968  

TO: SAC, Chicago (139-193)  

Re: UNSUB; NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/26/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT; UPUC

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FBI NEW YORK
4-56 PM URGENT 9-11-68 WPK
TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (PLAINTEXT)

CHICAGO, VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEW YORK 139-188 2P

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS DASH
COMPLAINANT: UPC. 00-CHICAGO.

NBC, APPEARED
NYO TODAY AND FURNISHED ORAL STATEMENT REGARDING MICROPHONES IN
EMBASSY ROOM AND HUBBARD ROOM OF SHERATON BLACKSTONE HOTEL.

READ AND SIGNED FD THREE NINETY FIVE, EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS
TO COOPERATE FULLY. DECLINED FURNISHING SIGNED STATEMENT AT
THIS TIME.

ADvised THAT MICROPHONES WERE INSTALLED AT
EMBASSY ROOM AND HUBBARD ROOM AT HER DIRECTION. SHE KNOWS
THAT MICROPHONE IN EMBASSY ROOM WAS MONITORED, BUT TO HER
KNOWLEDGE INFORMATION WAS NOT USED OR DISSEMINATED IN ANY
MANNER. COULd NOT IDENTIFY PERSON INSTALLING MICROPHONE
IN EMBASSY ROOM, BUT DID IDENTIFY
CORRESPONDENT, AS ONE WHO MONITORED THE EMBASSY ROOM MICROPHONE 13 1968

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TELETYPED TO:
56 SEP 20 1968
cc:
PAGE TWO

ALSO ADVISED THAT NBC, INSTALLED A MICROPHONE IN HUBBARD ROOM AT DIRECTION OF

WHEN QUESTIONED BY FBI, CHICAGO, AFTER MICROPHONE WAS DISCOVERED IN HUBBARD ROOM SAID INSTALLATION WAS MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF AN OPEN MEETING. SHE NOW STATES ABOVE NOT TRUE IN THAT SHE KNEW MEETING WOULD BE A CLOSED MEETING.

HER PURPOSE IN HAVING INSTALLATION MADE WAS TO DETERMINE PRIVATE POSTURE AS COMPARED TO PUBLIC POSTURE OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS WITH REGARD TO VIETNAM WAR WHICH SHE BELIEVED WOULD BE PRINCIPAL POINT DISCUSSED.

AFTER INSTALLATION MADE IN HUBBARD ROOM, ADVISED NBC, OF INSTALLATION AND HE ORDERED IT REMOVED. REMOVAL NOT POSSIBLE SINCE ROOM HAD BEEN SECURED BY SECRET SERVICE. STATES TO HER KNOWLEDGE THE HUBBARD ROOM MICROPHONE WAS NEVER MONITORED AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED.

STATES SHE WAS UNAWARE SHE WAS VIOLATING ANY LAW WITH REGARD THESE MICROPHONES.

RUC REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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FBI WASH DC
Memorandum

TO: MR. TOLSON
FROM: C. D. DE LOACH

DATE: 9/5/68

SUBJECT: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8/28/68; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 9/4/68 which reported that Congressman Hale Boggs (D.-La.), Majority Whip of the House and Chairman of the Democratic Platform Committee in Chicago, had called me relative to his anger concerning captioned matter. Boggs requested a copy of the FBI's report in this case and was referred to the Attorney General.

Congressman Boggs called me at home last night at 9:30 p.m. He asked me if my phone was tapped. I told him not to my knowledge. He then stated he wanted to talk to me in strict confidence.

He indicated that following his conversation with me yesterday afternoon, he called [REDACTED] of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) here in Washington, and claimed he told [REDACTED] that he was about to level charges against NBC on the Floor of the House. He told [REDACTED] he was incensed over the fact that a microphone had been planted in the Democratic Platform Committee hearing room and that this atrocity was utter hypocrisy on the part of NBC inasmuch as that network had always expressed a policy definitely against bugging and wiretapping. Boggs stated he also vented his wrath against Huntley and Brinkley and the entire NBC network as being biased, prejudiced and a great aid to the enemies of the United States. Boggs told me that he begged him to withhold any statement until he could check back with NBC in New York. Boggs agreed to this.

[REDACTED] called Boggs back within thirty minutes and stated that the microphone had been a part of NBC equipment but that NBC employees had felt that the Platform Committee hearings were open to the public and, therefore, they planted the microphone simply to get better audio for tape recorder.

ENCLOSURE

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54 SEP 24 1968
DeLoach to Mr. Tolson

Re: Congressman Hale Boggs - Complainant
Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications

Boggs stated he flatly told [____] that he rejected this excuse and that he wasn't born yesterday. He stated he also told [____] that if NBC had felt this was an open meeting there obviously should not have been an attempt to hide the microphone underneath a sofa near a window ledge. He stated that if NBC had felt the meeting was open then most certainly the microphone would have been placed on the speaker's platform or near the podium. Boggs then told [____] flatly that he planned to get as many Congressmen as possible to denounce NBC for this attempt at bugging. [____] again begged him not to do this and stated he would be back in touch with Boggs.

Boggs stated that [____] called him at his home at approximately 9:00 p.m. last night. [____] was very penitent, contrite and somewhat humiliated. He stated that NBC would have to admit that one of their employees in Chicago had "gone off the deep end" by attempting to bug the Democratic Platform Committee hearing room. [____] told Boggs that this employee would in all probability be fired for this grave dereliction.

Boggs stated he told [____] he appreciated this delayed attempt at honesty, however, he was not yet decided in his own mind whether or not to condemn NBC on the Floor of the House.

Boggs told me that he planned to wait and let NBC "stew in their own juice." He indicated he felt that NBC would eventually issue a public statement admitting the attempt at bugging and reporting that the employee involved had been fired. Boggs stated that if NBC did not issue such a statement, he still planned to carry this fight before the House. He reiterated that these facts not be given to anyone at this time.

NBC has obviously lied to the FBI in Chicago. They gave us the same old excuse they originally gave Boggs, i.e., that their employees felt the Platform Committee hearing was open to the public. According to the above admission by [____] this statement is not true and NBC now realizes, or is ready to admit, that an employee of theirs deliberately planted the microphone.

ACTION:

It is suggested that we take no action at this time. Our final investigative report has been forwarded to the Department and the Department has been advised that no further action will be taken unless a request is received accordingly. In due time, if no statement has been made by NBC or Boggs, it is suggested I call Boggs back and tell him that in order to complete this matter the FBI should report the further facts, as gained from Boggs, to the Department.
WASHINGTON -- THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. REVEALED TODAY IT WAS AN NBC MICROPHONE PLACED UNDER A CUSHION DURING THE LAST SECRET MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION PLATFORM COMMITTEE MEETING IN CHICAGO.

IN A TELEGRAM TO REP. PALE BOGGS, D-La., THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, NBC NEWS PRESIDENT RICHARD FRANK SAID HE HAS TURNED OVER INFORMATION ON THE MICROPHONE INCIDENT AUG. 26 TO A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION WHICH STARTED LAST WEEK.

"NECESSARY TO SAY, NBC INTENDS TO TAKE STERN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ANY PERSONNEL WHO ACTED IMPROPERLY," BOGGS SAID.

THE MICROPHONE WAS FOUND WHEN AN AIDE OF BOGGS PUSHED AGAINST A CURTAIN AND DISCOVERED IT UNDER A CUSHION, TAPPED DOWN AND POINTED AT BOGGS' DIRECTION.

THE MICROPHONE WAS ATTACHED TO A WIRE LEADING OUT A WINDOW OF THE SHERRYTON BLACKSTONE BALLROOM, BUT AN OUTSIDE WALL AND INTO AN UPPER ROOM.

IN A STATEMENT REPLYSING TO FRANK'S TELEGRAM, BOGGS SAID THE MICROPHONE CABLE LED "DIRECTLY TO THE RECORDING FACILITIES OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY IN THE SALT HOTEL.

AT THE TIME, BOGGS INTERRUPTED THE MEETING OF THE 110-MEMBER PLATFORM PANEL, EXCLAIMING, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE'VE BEEN BUGGED."

BOGGS, WHO ALSO SERVES AS THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC WHIP, SAID AN NBC OFFICIAL HAD ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, AND THEREFORE HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE FRANK MAKING THE MATTER PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.

"NBC'S RELEASE OF THE TELEGRAM BEFORE THE MEETING WHICH THEY HAD REQUESTED COULD AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ME," BOGGS SAID.

"WIRETAPPING, BUGGING AND EAVESTONING BY ELECTRONIC DEVICES, EXCEPT IN MATTERS OF SECURITY TO OUR NATION AND AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME, ARE DIRECT VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL AND STATE STATUTES," BOGGS SAID. "THE MATTER NOW IS FOR DETERMINATION BY THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES."

(CORRECTION--IN 3RD SENT LLS READ IT XX WHO ACTED IMPROPERLY. FRANK SAID. "FRANK SAYS BOGGS)

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215 PM URGENT 9-16-68 DRD

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (139-193) (PLAINTEXT)

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK (139-188) 1P

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

UPUC

RE BUREAU TEL, SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION, NEW YORK OFFICE, REVEALED DAN SCHORR, CBS
CORRESPONDENT DEPARTED UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER FIVE LAST FOR
ASSIGNMENT AT PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ASSIGNMENT FOR INDEFINITE
DURATION AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO DUTY AT CBS, WASHINGTON,
D.C. OFFICE IN APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS.

NEW YORK OFFICE TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION REGARDING SCHORR
AND WILL REFLECT ABOVE INFORMATION IN NEW YORK RUC REPORT.

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FBI WASH DC

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TELETYPED TO:

61 SEP 26 1968
Bug Democrats Found Was NBC Microphone

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC News said today it is providing the Chicago office of the Justice Department with information about "the placing of an NBC microphone" in a hotel room during a closed session of the Democratic Platform Committee.

A closed executive-committee meeting was disrupted Aug. 26 when delegates said they discovered what they said was an electronic device.

The device was described as a small microphone connected to a wire apparently leading to a room in a floor above.

NBC had not been publicly connected to the incident.

Reuven Frank, president of NBC News, disclosed the link in a telegram to Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., chairman of the Platform Committee, Frank said NBC plans "stern disciplinary action against any personnel who acted improperly."

A bit later, Boggs confirmed that a hidden microphone had been found during Platform Committee deliberations. It was taped under a cushion behind a curtain, he said.

The microphone was attached to a cable "leading directly to the recording facilities of the National Broadcasting Company in the same hotel," Boggs said.

He said that electronic eavesdropping, except in secrecy or organized crime cases, is a violation of federal and state laws.

"The matter now is for determination by the appropriate federal and state law enforcement agencies," he said.

The Washington Post
Times Herald

The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star (Washington)

The Sunday Star (Washington)

Daily News (New York)

Sunday News (New York)

New York Post

The New York Times

The Sun (Baltimore)

The Worker

The New Leader

The Wall Street Journal

The National Observer

People's World

Date 9-6-68

139-3176-A

NOT RECOGNIZED
TO: Mr. DeLoach  
DATE: 9-4-68

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
          UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICE,
          DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE,
          HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE
          HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8-26-68;
          CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
          UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

This is the case involving the microphone located in
the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago,
on 8-26-68. The Democratic Platform Committee was meeting in
that room, and complaint was furnished Bureau at direction of
Congressman Hale Boggs (Democrat, Louisiana). Preliminary
investigation has been conducted at specific request of the
Criminal Division.

Chicago report has been received which shows the
microphone was placed in the room by an employee of the National Broadcasting Company, (NBC) at the
direction of the NBC Control Room at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. Both have been interviewed and they advised the microphone was placed
on the assumption that a meeting which would be open to the
news media would be held in the Hubbard Room. When they
learned the meeting would be closed intended to remove
the microphone, however, the meeting was already in progress
and he could not gain entrance to the room.

The report is being furnished the Criminal Division
and no further action will be taken in absence of a specific
request.
TO SACs, CHICAGO
NEW YORK
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI
ET AL.; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT;
UPUC. 00-CHICAGO.

IN ADDITION TO INVESTIGATION ALREADY CONDUCTED, DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING:

(ONE) DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH BROADCAST OR OTHER NEWS MEDIA EMPLOY ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING IN CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESS. THE INQUIRY SHOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF REEVES SOUND STUDIOS, NEW YORK, AND COVER THE EXTENT OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE USE TO WHICH THEIR EQUIPMENT IS PUT BY NBC.

(TWO) INTERVIEW OF MR. FRANK SCHNEPPER, CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE PARTIES AND EQUIPMENT USED BY NBC IN THIS AFFAIR.

(THREE) INTERVIEW OF OR OTHERS TO OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ON AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE VARIOUS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS--MICROPHONE, CABLE, HEADSETS AND ANY INTERVENING COMPONENTS--USED TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTERCEPTIONS.

9-12-68
TELETYPiE TO CHICAGO AND NEW YORK
RE:

(FOUR) OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, INFORMATION WHY REPORTED THE HUBBARD ROOM INSTALLATION BUT NOT THE EARLIER EMBASSY ROOM INSTALLATION TO HER SUPERVISOR

WITH RESPECT TO ITEM ONE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS DAN SCHORR OF CBS, TV BE CONTACTED IN LIGHT OF HIS REPORTED STATEMENT TO THAT "IT (BUGGING) IS DONE ALL THE TIME, IT'S JUST EMBARRASSING WHEN YOU ARE CAUGHT." DEPARTMENT REQUESTS INDIVIDUALS DEVELOPED BY THESE LEADS BE INTERVIEWED ALONG THESE LINES AND THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN NBC, CBS, AND ABC, IN THE NATURE OF INDIVIDUALS IN CHARGE OF ELECTRONIC AND LIKE EQUIPMENT WHO MIGHT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE MATTERS, BE INTERVIEWED.

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT ADVISING ALL PERSONS CONTACTED THAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, CRIMINAL DIVISION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS MATTER MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE CONTINUOUS AND PREFERRED ATTENTION AND PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BUREAU.

SUREPS TO REACH BUREAU BY SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, NEXT.
NOTE: This is the case involving the bugging by NBC personnel of two rooms in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel in Chicago where the Democratic Platform Committee held meetings. Investigation disclosed that [redacted] of NBC ordered [redacted] another NBC employee, to install the microphones and that [redacted] (correct spelling) boss, allegedly told her to have one removed when he heard of it. [redacted] an NBC correspondent, admitted listening on the microphone installations:

[redacted] admitted microphones were installed at Embassy and Hubbard Rooms at her direction. [redacted] originally stated that installation was made with anticipation of open meetings being held by Democratic Platform Committee and she wanted microphones immediately available. On later interview on 9/11/68, she stated that this was not true and she knew meetings would be closed and purpose of installation was to determine private posture as compared to public posture of participants with regard to Vietnam War, which she believed would be principal point discussed. Roth stated she was unaware she was violating any law regarding installation of these microphones.

Reeves Sound Studios previously advised that they had rented microphones involved in this case to NBC.

Frank Schnepper, mentioned herein, is NBC Technical Director who was present when [redacted] told [redacted] to place microphone in the Embassy Room. Schnepper reportedly did not enter into the conversation.

Department Attorney [redacted] Criminal Division, furnished clarification of now-specific request in Item 1. This will be confirmed in writing.
The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Convention 'Bugging' Culprit Named

By Jack Anderson

In a confidential report to Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, the FBI has identified the culprit in the famous "bugging" incident, at the Democratic convention as NBC.

A hidden mike was found in the hotel room where the platform committee was holding its secret deliberations. The wire was taped to an NBC outlet two floors above.

NBC explained to the FBI that producer Enid Roth had thought the meeting would be open and had ordered not only the mike but also cameras and lights for the room. She learned the meeting was closed, according to NBC, too late to withdraw the mike.

Miss Roth at first denied to the FBI that the mike belonged to NBC, but later changed her story, explaining that she had panicked. The FBI report claimed the mike was discovered under a soft pillow. NBC said it had been taped to a window sill but admitted it had been concealed behind a curtain.

While the mike was in the room, by an interesting coincidence, the communications plunk happened to come under discussion. This was a matter in which NBC had a vital interest.

A rough draft of the platform had already been written before the committee assembled behind closed doors.

On the subject of television, this merely stated: "The mass media need a broad base of economic support consistent with their obligation to serve the public. To this end, we have supported Educational Television."

TV Violence Deplored

When this was brought up, Vice President Humphrey's representatives called for a stronger stand in favor of "a strong range of financing plan that will help ensure the vigor and independence of Educational Television."

The Humphrey forces also demanded a plank, that was later adopted, declaring: "We deplore the all too frequent practice of exploiting violence in television programming and urge the Federal Communications Commission, through the use of its power to revoke and renew broadcast licenses, to end this practice."

NBC has denied that its concealed mike picked up the confidential discussion of TV violence or any other conversations. An NBC spokesman told the Public that the mike was not connected to a recorder or speaker and, therefore, that nothing was overheard.

"Any NBC employee who is caught eavesdropping will be fired," added the spokesman.

Note: The National Association for Better Broadcasting has just released the results of a survey which shows that the television networks are still featuring blood and brutality on the home screen. Frank Orme, NABB executive vice president, has accused the networks of pretending to adhere to a code against excessive violence while they continue to grow fat on profits milked from TV violence.

Youth Vs. Age

A classic confrontation between youth and age is developing in the House of Representatives. Kindly old Speaker John McCormack has marked the reforms for a quiet burial. Dynamic, young Rep. Donald Rumsfeld, R-III, is determined to dig them up.

McCormack is fronting for the committee chairmen, who hold the real power on Capitol Hill. They are inclined to run their committees like feudal baronies.

Most committee chairmen are past the 65-year mandatory retirement age that the majority of private corporations set for their executives. In the Senate, 12 of the 16 chairmen are past 65; six are over 70. The situation is much the same in the House, where eleven of the 20 chairmen are past 65 and seven are past 70.

Yet these are the men who are supposed to stimulate our youth, to get America going.

Most chairmen also come from small towns or rural areas. Thus has Congress entrusted the explosive problems of our cities to men from another time and place.

The flow of legislation is controlled by Senate Rules Chairman Everett Jordan, 72, of Saxapahaw, N.C., and House Rules Chairman William Collier, 78, of Passaic, Miss. Most bills dealing with the cities are pro-

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No wonder the people of the ghettos and the youth of the country feel that their cries are ignored and that they must resort to violence to be heard. It will be interesting to see whether Rumsfeld can rally enough young dissidents in the House to overcome the throttlehold of the old chairman of legislation. To move these old codgers will take an outpouring of mail from home.

**LBJ's Melon**

Tight-fisted Rep. Otto Passman (D-La.) perhaps in his exuberance over escorting "Miss Watermelon" about Capitol Hill recently, gave away a number of melons shipped in from his Congressional district.

Pointing to an immense pile of choice watermelons, Passman invited Dev O'Neill, photographer for the Democratic National Committee: "Take your pick."

O'Neill walked off with a big one.

The next morning O'Neill got a frantic phone call from a young lady in Passman's office.

"Do you still have that melon?" she asked.

"Yes," replied the photographer.

"Well, please bring it back," she instructed. "You've got the President's melon!"

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. SAYS A MICROPHONE "BUG" DISCOVERED DURING CLOSED HEARINGS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE IN CHICAGO TWO WEEKS AGO BELONGED TO NBC.

OFFICIALS OF THE NETWORK PROMISED "STERN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ANY PERSONNEL WHO ACTED IMPROPERLY" AND TURNED OVER ALL THE INFORMATION IT HAS IN THE INCIDENT TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

NBC'S ADMISSION CAME IN A TELEGRAM FRIDAY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HALE BOGGS, D-LA., FROM NBC NEWS PRESIDENT PETER G. TRAVERS WHO SAID THE DISCLOSURE WAS MADE AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION NBC HAD RECEIVED "WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS." THE MICROPHONE WAS FOUND IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE SUPERIOR BLACKSTONE HOTEL WHEN A BOGGS AIDE BRUSHED AGAINST IT. IT WAS ATTACHED TO A WIRE LEADING OUT A WINDO W UP AN OUTSIDE WALL AND INTO AN UPPER ROOM OCCUPIED BY NETWORK'S RECORDING FACILITIES.

BOGGS IN A NEW ORLEANS STATEMENT SAID WIRETAPPING, LISTENING AND CAVIET DROPPING ELECTRONICALLY LAGGED IN MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME ARE DIRECT VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS.

"THE MATTER NOW IS FOR DETERMINATION BY THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES," HE SAID.

HE SAID NBC HAD ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH HIM ON THE MATTER AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT FRANK REEVED HIS TELEGRAM BEFORE THE MEETING TOOK PLACE.

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE
NBC Reveals Its Mike
"Bugged" Boggs Panel

United Press International

The National Broadcasting Co. revealed yesterday that an NBC microphone had been placed under a cushion during a closed meeting of the Democratic National Convention Platform Committee meeting in Chicago.

In a telegram to Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), who served as Platform Committee chairman, NBC News President Reuven Frank said he has turned over information on the Aug. 26 microphone incident to the Justice Department.

"Needless to say, NBC intends to take stern disciplinary action against any personnel who acted improperly," Frank said.

The microphone was found when an aide of Boggs brushed against a curtain and discovered the mike taped down under a cushion.

At the time, Boggs interrupted the meeting of the 110-member platform panel in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, exclaiming, "Ladies and gentlemen, believe it or not, we've been bugged."

Boggs pointed out yesterday that eavesdropping by electronic devices, except in matters of national security and against organized crime, are violations of Federal and State statutes. "The matter now is for determination by the appropriate Federal and State law enforcement agencies," he said.

Johnson Sends Black on Trip to East Asia

United Press International

President Johnson said yesterday former World Bank president Eugene Black, his special adviser on Asian development plans, was leaving that day for a trip to the Philippines, Japan, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and South Vietnam.

Johnson and Black met recently at the President's Texas ranch, and then again late Thursday at the White House.
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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND NEWARK PLAINTEXT
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FROM CHICAGO (139-193)

NATIONAL BROADCASTING
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REMTYEL TO BUREAU, NEW YORK AND NEWARK SEPTEMBER FIVE LAST.
SUBJECT RE INTERVIEWED INSTANT AND ADVISED IN SIGNED
STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

ON AUGUST TWENTYFIVE Last ON INSTRUCTIONS OF SUBJECT
NBC, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, HE
PLACED MICROPHONE IN EMBASSY ROOM OF HOTEL WHERE PLATFORM
COMMITTEE OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WAS TO MEET. HE,

AND LISTENED OF OPINION ONLY INFO OBTAINED FROM MICROPHONE
WAS WHEN MEETING BROKE UP BECAUSE OF MICROPHONE'S LOCATION.

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FRANK SCHNEPPER, NBC TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, PRESENT WHEN TOLD TO PLACE MICROPHONE IN EMBASSY ROOM. SCHNEPPER DID NOT ENTER INTO CONVERSATION.

ON AUGUST TWENTYSIX LAST, INSTRUCTED TO PLACE MICROPHONE IN HUBBARD ROOM OF HOTEL IN THAT PLATFORM COMMITTEE MOVING TO HUBBARD ROOM. THIS MICROPHONE ALSO CONNECTED TO NBC CONTROL ROOM. ONLY INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO LISTEN OTHER THAN HIM WAS ON AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN LAST, CALLED TOGETHER ALL NBC EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO NBC CONTROL ROOM AND TOLD THEM WHAT TO SAY IN REFERENCE TO INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONES.

STATED HE WAS UNAWARE THAT NBC MANAGEMENT DID NOT KNOW TRUTH ABOUT INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONES AND THOUGHT AT TIME PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY FBI THAT NBC HAD APPROVED FABRICATION AS FURNISHED IN INTERVIEW ON AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

CALLED IN BY NBC MANAGEMENT SEPTEMBER THREE LAST AND STATED AT THAT TIME HE LEARNED NBC DID NOT KNOW TRUTH ABOUT MICROPHONE INSTALLATIONS AND AT THAT TIME FURNISHED COMPLETE TRUTH TO NBC RE HIS PART IN INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONES AT END PAGE TWO
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SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL.

MICROPHONE INSTALLED: EMBASSY ROOM REMOVED BY AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN LAST, AND RETURNED TO REEVES SOUND STUDIOS, NEW YORK. NEW YORK, COMPANY THAT TRAVELS WITH NBC AND RENTS NEEDED EQUIPMENT TO THEM.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

NEWARK AND NEW YORK SUBMIT RUC REPORTS UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION.

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TO: SACs CHICAGO
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

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INSURE INFORMATION DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT IS FULLY
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ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HAL BOGGS-
COMPLAINANT; UPUC.

RE BUREAU TEL INSTANT.
REEVES VIDEO, DIVISION
OF REEVES BROADCASTING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEW
YORK CITY, ADVISED NBC RENTED COMPLETE MOBILE UNIT WHICH
INCLUDED AUDIO AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT WHICH INCLUDED
AMPLIFIERS, MICROPHONES, MONITORS, CABLES AND LOUD
SPEAKERS FOR COVERAGE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, CHICAGO.

THIS EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS ALSO USED AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION,
MIAMI, AND WAS TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK BY NBC TO CHICAGO.

ABOVE EQUIPMENT AS ELECTRONIC CONSULTANT IN EVENT PROBLEM
AROSE FROM EQUIPMENT

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ADvised he had no personal knowledge

Bugging incident and no knowledge that this is

customary practice among networks. Unable to

furnish precise value of electronic equipment since

inventory of same not readily available.

Exact cost of equipment would require expensive
detailed inventory. Stated he had no knowledge

of installations in Hubbard or embassy rooms.

Advised he

had no knowledge of eavesdropping at convention until

someone told him three plainclothesmen had just confiscated

an NBC microphone which was located in a room where a

closed meeting was taking place. Stated he then

made inquiries in an attempt to uncover microphone inasmuch

as he was responsible for return of same to Reeves.

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APPROXIMATED VALUE OF MICROPHONE AT
THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS AND WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO VALUE CABLE AND
HANDSET; INASMUCH AS THEY ARE MADE UP WITH NEW EQUIPMENT
WHEN NEEDED.

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CHARACTER OF CASE
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ADMINISTRATIVE
All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice.
Information copies directed to Newark, New York, and Washington Field offices, as they have conducted interviews and have an interest in this case.

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Notations
As set forth in report of SA dated 9/6/68, at Chicago, advised that assisted him in one or more aspects of installing microphones in question. The interview of [__] is set forth in this report. It was determined through National Broadcasting Company, Chicago, on 9/16/68, that [__] is on leave and will not return to work until 9/18/68.

Inasmuch as the other offices conducting investigation in this case, namely; New York Division and Washington Field Office have been requested to submit RUC reports, instant report is submitted as a closing report.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OR COMMUNICATIONS

Officers and employees of Chicago, Illinois outlets for National Broadcasting Company (NBC), American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) advised they do not approve of nor do they know of any eavesdropping installations by broadcasters or news media other than instant case. FRANK SCHNEPPER, Technical Director, NBC, Chicago, advised first knowledge of microphone installation in Hubbard Room was after he saw monitoring earphones, and then told him installation made on orders of by-passed SCHNEPPER in giving orders to declined further interview on advice of attorney.

stated that at request of and he assisted in microphone installation in Embassy Room, but learned of Hubbard Room installation only after the fact. Some estimates of value of equipment used set forth.

DETAILS:
Attorney, advised that he is the local attorney for the National Broadcasting Company, and also represents the radio and television stations of WGN and WMAR in Chicago, and also the "Chicago Tribune", "Chicago's American", and the City News Bureau. He has also done work for the American Broadcasting Company, and the Columbia Broadcasting System in the past. He stated that the incident involving an eavesdropping device in rooms housing the Democratic Platform Committee in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968, is the first incident of that kind that he has ever heard of in his experience. He said that it is not the way that news agencies gather their news. He said that there were several explanations for this. First, it would be impossible to keep such a thing quiet in large news gathering organizations. Second, about 99% of newsmen have "diarrhea of the mouth" and could not keep such things secret. Third, if there were any "beats" obtained by such methods, the other competing news media would be very alert to inquire into the way such information was obtained.

stated that it seemed to him that if all the news media were aware that it was a common practice and still did it themselves, that this would be such a "vast conspiracy" that it would not be believable. He stated that there is practically no advantage any more to a "beat" and that the size of an audience or the amount of circulation is generally dependent upon the overall image of the news media involved.

stated that in the instance of ENID ROTH, he could only conclude that due perhaps to a lack of sleep and a lack of maturity in her job, it appeared important at the moment to have such installations made, but to the best of his knowledge this was an isolated incident.

stated that as an attorney, he had been consulted by one or more of his news media clients two or three years ago on two or three instances when these news media received unsolicited and from anonymous sources tape recordings.
He said he recalled that one of these involved a recording of a meeting of the Illinois Crime Commission and this was sent to "every newspaper in town". The other instance which he could recall involved the taping of a lobbyist's room, in Springfield, Illinois, and his advice to his clients was not to use this data. He stated that he recalled that RICHARD OGILVIE, then Cook County States Attorney, and the Department of Justice was advised at that time.

stated that these instances were by anonymous sources and were offered to the news media as distinguished from the news media making such installations or recordings themselves. He stated that at no time has any inquiry been made of him by his clients as to whether they should do such things, nor has he any knowledge that it has ever been done, except in the instant case.
WMAQ-TV, which is owned by the National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Plaza, advised that he has no knowledge of any eavesdropping devices ever used by WMAQ-TV, or by the National Broadcasting Company, or by any other news media, except in the instant case. He stated that he started out with WMAQ radio and now has been with WMAQ and the National Broadcasting Company for 27 years.

statement that he and other officials at WMAQ are personally opposed to eavesdropping of any kind, whether it is done by police agencies or individuals, and that it is certainly against the policy of NBC and WMAQ.
Chicago, Illinois, for the National Broadcasting Company, was interviewed in the office of WMAQ-TV, Merchandise Mart Plaza. He stated that his office is assigned the news programming service for the midwest. He stated that national conventions of two major parties involve extensive planning by the major television networks, and in the case of NBC such planning is made from headquarters in New York City, beginning at least two years before the event. He stated he, himself, has 120 employees at least one-half of whom are editorial employees and all of them are aware of the policy that they must know the source of their news items and that electronic eavesdropping would not be tolerated. He stated that it simply was not done in his organization and he did not have any information that it was done by any other news gathering organization. He stated that actually he does not believe it is done because newsmen are so talkative that it simply could not be kept a secret.
National Broadcasting Company, Inc., Merchandise Mart Plaza, advised he has been employed by the National Broadcasting Company since 1930, and that FRANK SCHNEPPER, _________ were his employees who were under supervision of NBC employees out of New York City during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He stated he did not know about the placing of a listening device in the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968, until he was told of it by FRANK SCHNEPPER on September 4, 1968, and by ________ on September 13, 1968. He said he would never give permission to do such a thing. He said he did not know who was in charge of his employees at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel during that time.

______ stated that he has the highest regard for _______ and his only explanation for what was done is that _______ was working very long hours and was very tired and probably just did not realize the implications of what he was being asked to do.

______ stated that he has been in the technical field of broadcasting since 1933, and he has never been asked to do such a thing as to install an eavesdropping device. He stated that he has no equipment whatever designed for such a purpose.

______ stated that he does not know what a Gates model G-500 microphone costs, but other lavalier microphones cost from $67 to $85. He said he did not know what a McMartin amplifier cost, inasmuch as they make several different models.

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by SA ________ AND SA ________ Date dictated 9/16/68

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FRANK SCHNEPPER, Technical Director, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his place of business and furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form by SA Mr. SCHNEPPER read this form and declined to sign it, but he said he was willing to answer questions without an attorney being present. Mr. SCHNEPPER was asked by SA if he would furnish a signed statement, and he declined to furnish a signed statement. Mr. SCHNEPPER furnished the following information to SAs

Mr. SCHNEPPER supervised the setting up of NBC equipment in the Sheraton Room and other rooms of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, beginning Thursday, August 22, 1968, and continuing until the end of the Democratic National Convention.

On Monday, August 26, 1968, some members of the Democratic Platform Committee met in a room right next to the Sheraton Room. While they were meeting there, Mr. SCHNEPPER observed attempting to hear what was going on in this room by listening in a bathroom which was next to this room. When Mr. SCHNEPPER became aware of this, he told that he was against it.

The Democratic Platform Committee then moved from this room to the Embassy Room. Mr. SCHNEPPER said he did not recall what was said, but he understood from the conversation that wanted a microphone in the Embassy Room. Mr. SCHNEPPER said he was not aware that a microphone had been placed in the Embassy Room until the committee had moved from the Embassy Room to the Hubbard Room.

While the Democratic Platform Committee was still in the Embassy Room, Mr. SCHNEPPER said he saw and talking in a hush-hush manner. Mr. SCHNEPPER did not know what they were talking about. About 3:00 p.m., August 26, 1968, Mr. SCHNEPPER observed a
lady commentator listening on a pair of earphones. Mr. SCHNEPPER asked _______ what was going on, and _______ said they had a microphone in "the room," and she was monitoring it. As soon as he heard this, Mr. SCHNEPPER called _______ but was unable to get him, and never did reach him.

After Mr. SCHNEPPER had found out about the microphone, he heard[_________]talking to[_________]her boss, over the intercom. Mr. SCHNEPPER was aware, from what was said, that[_________]knew about the microphone.

Mr. SCHNEPPER then left and went to the Embassy Room to handle some cameras for a demonstration across the street, but was in and out of the Sheraton Room. Mr. SCHNEPPER came back about 5:30 p.m. to the Sheraton Room and saw a strange man over by the window pulling on one of their wires. Mr. SCHNEPPER was informed by this man that they found a microphone in the Hubbard Room and traced the wire up to their equipment.

Mr. SCHNEPPER then called[_________]at the Amphitheater and told him that[_________]had ordered the audio man to place a microphone in the Hubbard Room, and the roof was falling in.

Investigators then arrived and took pictures of the equipment and room. They then took fingerprints[_________]told people that NBC had nothing to do with this, that undoubtedly someone had come in during the night and planted the microphone and wire and were trying to discredit NBC. They asked Mr. SCHNEPPER if he could identify the microphone, cord, and plug, and he told them that he had never seen it before. The investigators asked who was on the crew, and Mr. SCHNEPPER gave them a work schedule. The investigator then took the microphone, cord, and plug and asked Mr. SCHNEPPER if he wanted a receipt, and Mr. SCHNEPPER replied in the negative.

The next day, or August 27, 1968[_________]called the whole crew together in the Chicago Room[_________]said the story was that they had been in the Hubbard Room televising, and when they moved out, they had accidentally left the microphone in the room. Mr. SCHNEPPER told[_________]that NBC had never been in the Hubbard Room, and it would be easy to verify this by the hotel records.
On Tuesday, August 27, 1968, ________ talked to ________ of the NBC News Department for some time. After she finished, she informed Mr. SCHNEPPER that she had given him her version of the microphone in the Hubbard Room. Mr. SCHNEPPER told her that he had given ________ the true story and that all NBC should have the same story ________ hurriedly left to go to the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1968, ________ and ________ went to talk to the FBI. Before ________ left, Mr. SCHNEPPER told him that he had told his boss ________ the true story.

Mr. SCHNEPPER said he was the supervisor of ________ at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel during the Democratic National Convention. ________ was over him as far as placing microphones, cameras, and lighting equipment. In the past ________ would tell the supervisor where the equipment was to be placed; but for sometime, program directors have been telling the audio engineers where to place the equipment and not going through the supervisor. Mr. SCHNEPPER said that if ________ had consulted with him about placing the microphone in the Hubbard Room, he would have called one of his superiors for his approval.

Mr. SCHNEPPER said he did not know of any other instances where broadcasters or other news media had employed electronic eavesdropping.

Mr. SCHNEPPER said that the equipment used in the operation in the Hubbard Room would have consisted of a microphone, headset, amplifier, and wire and estimated that it would have cost about $500.

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National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Plaza, advised that he is years old and has been so employed for three years. was advised by SA of the nature of this investigation. He was advised of his rights and he waived them as shown on executed Warning and Waiver form. He advised as follows:

In regard to the installation of microphones in the Embassy and the Hubbard rooms of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel on August 25 and 26, 1968, he has the following knowledge:

All of the assigned people worked long hours and he lost the "concept of time." However, it was sometime on Sunday, August 25, 1968, that he went into the Embassy room where [ ] were. At that time the hotel cleaning people were cleaning up the room and he was told that the Democratic Platform Committee was going to use it. At that time either [ ] told him that they had been told by [ ] to install a microphone in the room. Also something was said to give [ ] the impression that it was to be a hidden installation; however, he cannot recall the exact words used. At that time [ ] said he also got the impression from what was said that the results of what came over the microphone was not to be put on the air; again, he said he could not recall who said what or how he got this impression.

stated that he then formed the opinion that the only purpose of the installation was to be able to tell when the committee was about to recess for lunch or other purposes in order that NBC would be in a position to interview the delegates as they left the room and to set up necessary equipment in contemplation thereof.

stated that he could not recall the exact part he played in the installation, but did know that there was at least 200 feet of cable involved going into the NBC control room and there the cable was hooked to a McMartin

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amplifier and to this earphones were attached. He stated that he knew of his own knowledge that this amplifier was not hooked into any other installation in the room. He stated he further knew of his own knowledge that there were no recording (taping) devices in this control room whatsoever.

He said that he had no knowledge of any other individual listening on the earphones. He stated that as a result of listening (in all he listened about 10 minutes on several different occasions) he learned that the quality of reception was such that its only value would be to tell that the committee was in session or that it was about to recess.

He stated that as to the cost of this equipment he was only making an educated guess but he would say that the microphone was worth about $50 and the McMartin amplifier about $200. He said he could not estimate the price of earphones or of 200 feet of cable.

He stated that he was not in on the Hubbard room installation but he was told about it after it was installed. He said he cannot recall who told him about it. He said he had the impression from or he was told at that time that the purpose was the same as that of the first installation, and knowledge thereof was to be confidential.

Stated that when the installation in the Hubbard room was discovered, he was in and out of the NBC control room. He stated that his first position was that she did not know the installation was there. Then, after a conference with the employees contacted by which missed, or came in just as it was ending, told him that she and the other employees would admit that it was a NBC installation but that it was intended for "tying in to some other installation" and was not intended for listening in to closed hearings of the Democratic Platform Committee. He said he then heard several days later that the true story was being told, namely, that the installation had been ordered as a "hush-hush" installation.

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National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, advised that upon instructions of his attorney, he was advised not to talk anymore to the FBI.

Date September 16, 1968

On 9/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 139-193

SAs and Date dictated 9/16/68

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ABC Network, 190 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he does not have any knowledge of eavesdropping. In most cases, if any of the news media wants to know what is going on at a meeting, someone like ABC will meet with some contact of his who attended the meeting and get all the information that is needed.
WBKB Channel 7, 190 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he does not know of any specific instance of any of the news media employing electronic eavesdropping. Said that after the broadcast of the "Biography of a Bookie", about eight years ago, the Federal Communications Commission laid down rules against eavesdropping, and since then does not know of any such practices.
190 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he associates with people in the news media and he does not know of any specific instances of eavesdropping nor has he heard of any.
CBS Television Stations, 630 North McClurg Court, advised he has been in television 11 years and worked for ABC in Boston and CBS in Pittsburgh and Chicago. stated the news TV does not have equipment sophisticated enough for eavesdropping, nor is it available to them. Their technicians know the rules and if they do not know the source of the tape, it is difficult to get the tape on the air. has no knowledge either specific or hearsay on any eavesdropping and if it is done very few people know about it.
L. ALVA PIERCE

WBBM (Channel 2) CBS Television Station, 630 North Mc Clurg Court, advised that eavesdropping may have occurred prior to the eavesdropping law, but he has never heard of it since then. CBS has a directive which is specifically against anything that could be regarded as eavesdropping. This would refer to anything other than crowds, where the reason was for some other purpose. It is sometimes difficult to know what is a closed meeting. His department has never done any eavesdropping.
WFLD (Channel 32) Television, Fields Communications Corporation, Maria City, Chicago, Illinois, the network station for Metromedia, advised he has heard that eavesdropping has occasionally been done in the past, but does not know anything specific, and does not have any personal knowledge of any electronic eavesdropping.

advised that he read the account in the newspapers about a microphone of NEC being found in a closed meeting at the Democratic National Convention. It would seem to that NEC would have used much more sophisticated equipment than the equipment they used if this was what they were trying to do. NEC has the money and knowledge to do the job right if this was their intention.
Beherend's Incorporated, 161 East Grand Street, advised they furnish equipment to the networks and 400 other TV and radio stations. He said that he has never heard of any eavesdropping except on one occasion and is is not a common practice. If one of the networks or other stations wanted to do it they would undoubtedly have an outside individual or company to do it.

The only instance where he has heard of eavesdropping was Chrysler Corporation hired a movie producer to take pictures and sound of a Chrysler Agency salesman who was very successful. They wanted to learn his secret in selling so successfully without his knowledge.

He stated that a microphone can cost anywhere from $3.00 to $1,000, a headset $50.00, 50 feet of cable $20.00, and an ampliphier $700.00. This equipment however, can be rented for $10.00 a day.
(Channel 32) Television, Field Communications Corporation, Marina City, Chicago, Illinois, the network station for Metromedia, advised he has been in this business for over 18 years. Said he has never bought anything that would specifically be used for eavesdropping. Other equipment that they have could be used for eavesdropping, but to his knowledge never has been.
URGENT 9-17-68 JAM
TO DIRECTOR
FROM NEW YORK 139-138 1P

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOYDS-COMPLAINANT

RE BUREAU TEL, INSTANT.
NEW YORK REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER ELEVEN LAST OF
SA REFLECTS INTERVIEW OF ________
SEPTEMBER ELEVEN LAST. P.
END
CJD
FBI WASH DC

VIA TELETYPES
SEP 17 1968
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Mr. Delach
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EX-105
TO: NEW YORK
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
ET AL., CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
UPUC

RE NEW YORK REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT NINE SIXTEEN LAST; CHICAGO REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT NINE SIX LAST; CHICAGO TELETYPES TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK NINE FIVE LAST.

ON PAGE FOUR OF RE CHICAGO TELETYPES SUBJECT STATES THAT INSTALLATION WAS MADE THROUGH A FOUR-CHANNEL MIX MASTER AND HEAD PHONES INSTALLED IN NBC CONTROL ROOM. ON PAGE TEN OF RE CHICAGO REPORT SUBJECT INDICATES HE DISCONNECTED THE HUBBARD ROOM CABLE FROM THE AUDIO AMPLIFIER IN THE NBC CONTROL ROOM IN THE SHERATON ROOM.

NEW YORK CONTACT REEVES VIDEO AND OBTAIN ESTIMATE OF VALUE OF THE FOUR-CHANNEL MIX MASTER AND HEAD PHONES REFERRED TO BY ROTH AND THE VALUE OF THE AUDIO AMPLIFIER REFERRED TO BY WEIS. THE FOUR-CHANNEL MIX MASTER AND AUDIO AMPLIFIER MAY ACTUALLY BE THE SAME PIECE OF EQUIPMENT BUT REFERRED TO BY DIFFERENT NAMES BY IT SHOULD ALSO BE

RFB: pj1 (4)
DETERMINED IF THESE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARE THE PROPERTY OF REEVES VIDEO. 

APPEARENTLY WOULD KNOW IF THIS EQUIPMENT BELONGED TO REEVES.

NEW YORK. HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND SUEEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY REPORT.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO CHICAGO.

NOTE: Criminal Division, in conversation with SA on 9/19/68, requested Bureau to determine value of any equipment involved in the microphone installation in the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. pointed out that under the new Omnibus Crime Control Bill the Government can confiscate equipment utilized in an illegal microphone hook-up, and that if the equipment used by subjects is of sufficient value, the Department may consider confiscating it. It is noted that the value of the microphones involved has already been estimated $35. The only other equipment of value would be the equipment that the microphone was connected to. We are requesting New York to attempt to obtain an estimated value of this equipment from Reeves Video, New York City, the supplier of equipment to the National Broadcasting Company for its coverage of the Democratic National Convention.
TO: SACs, Chicago (139-193)
    Washington Field (139-131)

FROM: Director, FBI

CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Re Washington Field teletype 9/16/68 and Bureau telephone call with Washington Field 9/19/68.

The Department has advised that it no longer desires that Dan Schorr, Columbia Broadcasting System, be interviewed concerning captioned case upon his return from Europe. Therefore, any stops placed with Columbia Broadcasting System, Washington, D. C., pertaining to the return of Schorr to this country should be removed.

The Department has also advised that no further investigation need be conducted by the Bureau in this case unless specifically requested by the Department.

NOTE: The Department had requested that Dan Schorr be interviewed regarding any information he might possess concerning the extent to which electronic eavesdropping might be practiced in the broadcasting industry. Criminal Division, advised Special Agent [Redacted] on 9/24/68 that the Department no longer desired that Schorr be interviewed and that no further investigation need be conducted by the Bureau in this case unless specifically requested by the Department. Contact with [Redacted] has been confirmed in writing.
FBI NEW YORK

7:10 PM URGENT 9-20-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR (PLAIN)

FROM NEW YORK 139-188

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-COMPLAINANT;

REEVES VIDEO, NYC, ADVISED EQUIPMENT UTILIZED BY NBC CONTROL ROOM PEOPLE WAS A SIXTEEN CHANNEL MIXER WITH THE AUDIO AMPLIFIER BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MIXER.

STATED THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WAS MADE SPECIAL FOR REEVES BY WARD INDUSTRIES AND IS PART OF THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR MOBILE TV STUDIO RENTED TO TV INDUSTRY BY REEVES. STATED HE NEVER HEARD OF ANY EQUIPMENT CALLED MIX MISTER.

FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE HEAD PHONES UTILIZED BY NBC PEOPLE ARE REGULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY HEAD PHONES NORMALLY USED FOR INTERCOM PURPOSES AND OWNED BY SEP 23 1968 REEVES.

STATED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ESTIMATE VALUE OF ABOVE EQUIPMENT AS HE NEVER PURCHASED SAME.

END PAGE ONE
REEVES VIDDEO, UNABLE TO ESTIMATE VALUE OF ABOVE EQUIPMENT, STATING HE NEEDS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, INCLUDING SERIAL NUMBERS TO DO SAME. STATED PERTINENT MOBILE UNIT CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN ON LOCATION; HOWEVER, HE INITIATED INQUIRY IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN VALUE OF ABOVE EQUIPMENT, BASED ON INFO AVAILABLE. CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH AND BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

AM COPY SENT CG.

END

WA...MSE

FBI WASH DC
URGENT 9-13-68 TAB
TO DIRECTOR AND WFO (WFO VIA WASHINGTON) (PLAINTEXT)
FROM CHICAGO (139-193)

NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO., INC.; UNAUTHORIZED LISTENING DEVICES, DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE, EMBASSY ROOM AND HUBBARD ROOM, SHERATON - BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS;
AUGUST TWENTY FIVE AND TWENTY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS, COMPLAINANT, UPUC, OO: CHICAGO.  

REBROADCAST TO CHICAGO AND NEW YORK DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, INSTANT.

FOR INFO WFO, SUBJECTS ARE EMPLOYEES NBC-TV WAS
NBC CONTROL ROOM, SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL (SBH),
CHICAGO, IN WHICH HOTEL DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE (DPC).

HELD CLOSED CONFERENCES AUGUST TWENTYFIVE, LAST IN EMBASSY ROOM AND AUGUST TWENTY SIX, LAST IN HUBBARD ROOM. SHE DIRECTED SUBJECT TO INSTALL MICROPHONE IN EMBASSY ROOM AND THEN IN HUBBARD ROOM WITH CABLE LEADING TO NBC CONTROL ROOM. "NBC CORRESPONDENT, HAS ADMITTED BRIEFLY MONITORING EACH INSTALLATION. MICROPHONE AND CABLE IN HUBBARD ROOM DISCOVERED BY DPC STAFF MEMBERS ON AUGUST TWENTYSIX, REPORTED TO FBI,

END PAGE ONE
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TELETYPE TO:

VIA TELETYPewriter
ENCIPHERED

MR. TELSON
MR. DELOACH
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. CASEY
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CONRAD
MR. FEIT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. SYVAN
MR. TABEL
MR. TROTTER
TELE, ROOM
MISS HOLMES
MISS GANDY

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CHICAGO AND RECOVERED AS EVIDENCE.

STATES DISCOVERY OF MICROPHONE BECAME COMMON KNOWLEDGE AMONG NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL AT SBH AND SHE RECALLS THAT DAN SCHORR, CBS-TV, SAID "IT'S DONE ALL THE TIME-IT'S JUST EMBARRASING WHEN YOU ARE CAUGHT."

BUREAU ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT DIRECTION OF FRED M. VINSON, AAG, CRIMINAL DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE SO ADVISED.

REBUTEL SET OUT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT WHICH INCLUDED REQUEST TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH BROADCASTERS OR OTHER NEWS MEDIA EMPLOY ELECTRONIC EAVEDROPPING IN CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESS. IN CONNECTION THEREWITH DEPARTMENT REQUESTED THAT DAN SCHORR BE INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS QUOTED STATEMENT ABOVE.

BUREAU DIRECTS INVESTIGATION BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND PREFERRED ATTENTION AND PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU AND SUREP TO REACH BUREAU BY SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, NEXT.

END PAGE TWO
PAGE THREE

CBS, CHICAGO, ADVISED DAN SCHORR CAN BE LOCATED AT
CBS-TV, WASHINGTON, D.C. WFO INTERVIEW SCHORR AND SUREP,
TWO COPIES BUREAU AND TWO COPIES CHICAGO.

END

LRC R RELAY

FBI WASH-DC
VIA TELETYPING
SEP 23 1968
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5:05 PM URGENT 9-23-68 AWS
TO DIRECTOR (PLAIN)
FROM NEW YORK 139-188

ET AL;
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-COMPLAINANT
UPUC.

Remytel to Bureau, September Twenty Last.

REEVES VIDEO, NYC,

ESTIMATED THE FOLLOWING VALUES: SIXTEEN CHANNEL MIXER-
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AUDIO AMPLIFIER-THREE HUNDRED FIFTY
DOLLARS AND HEAD PHONES-SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS EACH.

REPORT FOLLOWING.

AM COPY TO CG.

END

WA-----8-----
FBI NEW YORK

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felts
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Reeves

Mr. Casper

Mr. Conrad

Mr. Callahan

Mr. Bishop

Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Carroll

Mr. Connolly

Mr. Halleck

Mr. Gandy

Mr. Tavel

Mr. Hackett

Mr. Caper

Mr. Casper

Mr. Callahan

Mr. Bishop
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACs NEWARK (139-164)
LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

UPUC

CRIMINAL DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED NINE TWENTY-SIX INSTANT THAT NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC) ATTORNEY, NEW YORK CITY STATED THAT

HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO NBC OFFICIALS:

SOME TIME DURING THE RECENT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AT MIAMI THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MET IN OPEN SESSION AT THE LA RONDE ROOM, FONTAINBLEU HOTEL WITH FULL NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE. AT SOME POINT OF THE MEETING THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WENT TO CLOSED SESSION AND ALL

BROADCAST COMPANIES WERE REQUESTED TO SHUT OFF ALL

SEE NOTE PAGE FOUR...
TELETYPING SACS NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES
RE: ET AL;

EQUIPMENT IN THE LA RONDE ROOM. SUBSEQUENTLY, _____

ORDERED _____ TO

OPEN THE LINES TO NBC MICROPHONES IN THE LA RONDE ROOM
AND _____ MONITORED THE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS AND

PREPARED A TYPEWRITTEN SUMMARY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.
HOWEVER WHEN THE MEETING BROKE, THE COMMITTEE CHAIR-

MAN DISCLOSED ALL PROCEEDINGS TO THE PRESS THUS MAKING

INTERCEPTION VALUELESS.

THE FOLLOWING NBC PERSONNEL REPORTEDLY ASSIGNED TO

NBC, WEST COAST OPERATIONS BELIEVED TO BE AT THREE
THOUSAND WEST ALAMEDA AVENUE, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA,
ALLEGEDLY WERE ON DUTY IN THE NBC CONTROL ROOM AT THE

FONTAINBLEU AND WITNESSED _____ ACTIONS:

FOR INFO OF LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI, _____ WAS

_____ AT SHERATON-

BLACKSTONE HOTEL, CHICAGO DURING DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL

CONVENTION, _____ HAS ADMITTED INSTALLATION OF TWO

CONCEALED MICROPHONES AT SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL
TO MONITOR CLOSED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE DEMOCRATIC

NATIONAL CONVENTION. _____ ALLEGEDLY ADVISED _____
TELETYPYNE SAC'S NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES
RE: ET AL;
OF ONE OF THESE INSTALLATIONS AND ALLEGEDLY
ORDERED HER TO REMOVE THE MICROPHONE WHICH SHE WAS
PREVENTED FROM DOING BECAUSE OF SECURITY MEASURES
INVOKED AT THE HEARING ROOM.
NEWARK AT THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW
FOR COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING ABOVE MENTIONED
INCIDENT AT FONTAINBLEU HOTEL AND FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE
HE HAS OF ANY OTHER EXAMPLES OF ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING
BY NBC PERSONNEL AT EITHER THE REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CONVENTION OR IN NBC COVERAGE, OF ANY OTHER
EVENTS WHILE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY.
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY REGARDING HIS
KNOWLEDGE OF MICROPHONES INSTALLATION BY SHOULD BE REVIEWED WITH TO DETERMINE IF ANY
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY HIM MAY BE FALSE.
INSURE THAT IS ADVISED OF HIS RIGHTS PRIOR TO ANY
INTERVIEW BEING CONDUCTED.
LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW AND
FOR ALL KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIONS AT THE
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND FOR ANY INFORMATION
TELETEYPE SACS NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES
RE: ET AL;

THEY MAY POSSESS CONCERNING ANY OTHER INCIDENTS OF
ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING BY NBC PERSONNEL AT EITHER
CONVENTION OR ELSEWHERE. NEWARK AND LOS ANGELES
IMMEDIATELY HANDLE REQUESTED INTERVIEWS AND SUTEL.
RESULTS PROMPTLY FOLLOWED BY REPORTS, WITH TWO COPIES
TO CHICAGO WHICH OWS ORIGIN IN THIS MATTER.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CHICAGO, MIAMI,
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD IN EVENT FURTHER
INVESTIGATION IS SUBSEQUENTLY NECESSARY BY THESE OFFICES.

NOTE: On 8/28/68 a concealed microphone was discovered in a
closed meeting room utilized by the Democratic Party Platform Committee
at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The Department
requested investigation which subsequently determined that
for NBC at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel was responsible
for the installation of the concealed microphone and for another concealed
microphone in another closed committee room which was not discovered.
Extensive investigation has been conducted to determine if NBC or the
other major networks have resorted to electronic eavesdropping in their
coverage of news events. has now admitted to NBC that he monitored
a closed meeting at the recent Republican National Convention at Miami.
Criminal Division, has requested that
be interviewed concerning their activities at the Republican National Convention and
that four reported witnesses to eavesdropping also be interviewed.
Stated he would confirm his request in writing. The request is being ordered on an expedite basis.
724PM DEFERRED 9-27-68 RJM
TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO NEWARK NEW YORK
CHICAGO, NEWARK, AND NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON (PLAINTEXT)
FROM LOS ANGELES (139-190) (3P)

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT.
UPUC. O0 CHICAGO.

RE BUREAU TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX LAST.
TODAY LA LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT NBC TV LA.
DETERMINED TO BE ON LEAVE AND WILL RETURN
LA AREA SEPTEMBER THIRTY NEXT AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED.
ALL ADMITTED BEING ON LOCATION AT BOTH DEMOCRATIC
AND REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS WITH EXCEPTION OF WHO
WAS JUST AT MIAMI CONVENTION.

TELETYPE TO:
CG, NK, NY

59 OCT 7-1968
AT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL, MIAMI RECALLS BEING INSTRUCTED OR REQUESTED BY [REDACTED] TO KEEP OPEN A MICROPHONE IN THE LA RONDE ROOM SAID HOTEL. [REDACTED] DID NOT PERSONALLY HEAR ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO NOT MONITOR THAT ROOM BUT RECALLS THAT THE CENTRAL "POOL" MICROPHONE SET UP TO SERVICE ALL NEWS MEDIA HAD BEEN DISCONNECTED AND THE ROOM WAS DIMLY LIGHTED THEREBY NEGATING TV COVERAGE. [REDACTED] HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY RECORDING BEING MADE AT PERTINENT AREA BY NBC MICROPHONE COVERAGE.

[REDACTED] TECHNICAL FACILITIES NBC TV WAS PRESENT AT MIAMI HOTEL AT TIME OF INCIDENT, BUT HAS NO DIRECT INFORMATION THAT TV COVERAGE WAS FORBIDDEN IN COMMITTEE HEARING ROOM. [REDACTED] HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES AND COULD SHED NO FURTHER INFORMATION THIS MATTER.

RE CHICAGO CONVENTION, [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS NO FIRST HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MICROPHONE PLACED IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE BLACKSTONE HOTEL, BUT WAS TOLD OF THIS INCIDENT BY FRANK SCHNEPPER OF NBC NEWS, CHICAGO. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN HIS ASSIGNMENT HE WAS NOT
LOCATED AT THE BLACKSTONE HOTEL AND
AT THAT LOCATION WAS ASSIGNED NBC NEW YORK.

REFUSED TO DISCUSS MIAMI
CONVENTION WITHOUT HIS ATTORNEY PRESENT.

HE WAS FOR NBC TV AND

CONCERNING THE CHICAGO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

ADVISED HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE MICROPHONE
PLACED AT THE BLACKSTONE HOTEL AND HIS ONLY KNOWLEDGE
CAME WHEN QUESTIONED BY IN CHICAGO AFTER IT WAS
DISCOVERED.

CHICAGO AND NEW YORK DIVISIONS ARE REQUESTED TO
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS SET FORTH
THIS TEL IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

LA WILL INTERVIEW AND SUREP.

WFO AND MIAMI ADVISED AM.

END

WA...R RELAY

JDR FVI WASH DC
VIA TELETYPING
OCT 1 1968
ENCIPHERED

WASH DC ---4---
4-15 PM DEFERRED 10-1-68 KH
TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO 139-193 PLAINTEXT

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON
FROM LOS ANGELES 139-190

ET AL. CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT.

UPUC. 00---CHICAGO.

RE LA. TEL. TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST AND
NEWARK TEL. TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

NBC BURBANK

INTERVIEWED SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST WORKING UNDER
DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AT FOUNTAINBLEAU HOTEL,
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA. AT TIME OF REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
CONVENTION. IN HIS DUTIES HE WAS AWARE THAT

MONITORING A MICROPHONE AND LISTENING TO SOME DISCUSSION.

TAKING PLACE IN THE LA RONDA ROOM OF SAID HOTEL

NOT AWARE OF ANY INSTRUCTION NETWORKS RECEIVED TO CLOSE DOWN
THEIR MICROPHONES.

HEARD NO INSTRUCTION GIVEN BY

TO LEAVE THE MIKE OPEN. NOR WAS HE AWARE WHAT

DID WITH THE INFORMATION LEARNED.

55 OCT 1 1968

TELETYPED TO:

Mr. Tolson
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CONCERNING THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, STATED HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A MOBILE UNIT N-THREE STATIONED BEHIND THE HILTON HOTEL AND WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANY HIDDEN MICROPHONES HAD BEEN PLACED IN ANY LOCATION IN CHICAGO UNTIL SO INFORMED ONE WEEK AGO BY AN NBC ATTORNEY.

UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER SITUATIONS WHERE NBC OFFICIALS ILLEGALLY MICROPHONED AND/OR MONITORED CONVERSATIONS.

IN RE NEWARK TEL, NEWARK THROUGH INTERVIEW OF DETERMINED THAT NBC-BURBANK EMPLOYED A FIFTH MEMBER, NAME NOT KNOWN TO WHO WAS AT MIAMI REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

ON OCTOBER ONE INSTANT NBC-BURBANK, ADVISED NAME OF AT FONTAINBLEAU HOTEL WAS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED NBC BURBANK.

INTERVIEWED BY BU AGENTS THIS DATE AND ADMITTED RECALL OF MONITORING CONVERSATIONS IN LA RONDA ROOM BUT COULD RECALL NO OTHER DETAILS OF SAME. HE STATED HE WAS SO ENGAGED IN HIS OWN TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN AND WAS NOT AWARE MONITORING A CLOSED COMMITTEE HEARING.
WAS NOT AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION
CHICAGO AND HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY OTHER ILLEGAL
MONITORING BY NBC NETWORK.
REPORT FOLLOWS.
NEWARK ADVISED AM.

END
MSN
R RELAY
FBI WASH-DC
REBUTEL TO NK TODAY.

IN SIGNED STATEMENT, STATE QUOTE
A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE CLOSED SESSION STARTED, SOMEONE IN THE NBC CONTROL ROOM SAID THAT A POT COULD BE CRACKED MEANING A MIKE IN THE ROOM COULD BE OPENED. I HAVE TRIED TO RECALL FROM-WHOM THE SUGGESTION CAME BUT I CAN NOT. IN ANY EVENT, THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE AND I SAID, OK, END QUOTE.

IN ADDITION, WAS THE AUDIO MAN WHO PHYSICALLY ACTIVATED THE MICROPHONE.

UACB, LA WILL REINTERVIEW TO DETERMINE IF HE MADE SUGGESTION TO THAT MICROPHONE COULD BE ACTIVATED OR IF HE KNOWS WHO DID MAKE SUGGESTION TO

NK REPORT FOLLOWS.

AIRMMAIL COPY TO CG.

END

VXC R RELAY

FBI WASH DC TELETYPED TO:

5 OCT 1968

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EX-101
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TO: Mr. DeLoach  
FROM: A. Rosen  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT  

DATE: September 27, 1968  

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - Mr. Bishop

SYNOPSIS: This is the case in which a National Broadcasting Company (NBC) has admitted that she ordered installation of concealed microphones in both the Embassy Room and the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, to monitor closed meetings of the Platform Committee at the recent Democratic National Convention. On 9/26/68, an NBC attorney advised the Criminal Division of the Department who was immediate superior at Chicago, has admitted that during the recent Republican National Convention at Miami, Florida, he monitored a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee. In this instance, the news media were covering an open meeting of the Credentials Committee when the Committee went into closed session and requested all broadcasting companies to turn off their equipment. reportedly directed the NBC equipment be turned back on and he monitored the closed session. The Criminal Division has requested we interview and four NBC employees who were witnesses to action.

ACTION: We have instructed Newark to interview and Los Angeles to interview the four witnesses for complete details regarding this incident and for all other information they may possess concerning any other instances of electronic eavesdropping by NBC personnel.

DETAILS: On 8/26/68, a concealed microphone was discovered in the Hubbard Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, where the Platform Committee for the Democratic National Convention was meeting in closed session. Congressman Hale Boggs, Democrat, Chairman of the Platform Committee, directed that our Chicago Office be notified of the discovery of this microphone. The above
Memo Rosen to DeLoach

RE:  

facts were promptly furnished the Criminal Division which requested an immediate investigation.

Subsequent investigation determined that NBC at the Sheraton-Blackstone, had ordered installation of concealed microphones in both the Hubbard Room and the Embassy Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone in order to monitor closed sessions of the Platform Committee. The technicians responsible for these installations were also identified and all facts have been furnished the Criminal Division for its determination as to whether prosecutive action is warranted.

On 9/26/68, Criminal Division, advised that he had just met that date with an NBC attorney from New York City, who advised that who had been immediate superior at Chicago, had admitted to NBC officials that he had monitored/closed session of the Credentials Committee at the recent Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida. Reportedly the Credentials Committee had been meeting in open session with full news media coverage when it was decided the Committee would go into closed session and all newsmen were asked to leave and all broadcasting companies were requested to turn off their equipment.

reported subsequently directed to open the lines to the NBC microphones in the Committee room and then monitored the proceedings and prepared a typewritten summary of these proceedings. However, when the meeting broke, the Committee Chairman disclosed all proceedings to the press, thus making interception valueless.

The Department has requested that and four individuals in the NBC Control Room at Miami who reportedly witnessed action and be interviewed for complete details regarding this incident.

In a previous interview with advised our Newark Office that had informed him that she had installed a concealed microphone in the Hubbard Room and that he had instructed to have the microphone removed. However, because of security measures invoked around the hearing room had been unable to remove the microphone. disclaimed any knowledge of any other microphone being installed at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.
September 27, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case in which [redacted] has admitted ordering installation of two concealed microphones to monitor two closed sessions of Platform Committee at Democratic National Convention.

[Redacted] and immediate superior of [redacted] at Chicago, admitted to NBC Officials he monitored a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee at the Republican National Convention. Department requested [redacted] be interviewed for details.

Attached relates [redacted] not available for interview until 9/30/68.

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WASHINGTON --01--
10 01 AM BAG
URGENT 9-27-68
TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (139-193) PLAINTEXT

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEWARK (139-64) (0)

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS- COMPLAINANT; 

REBUTEL TO NK AND LA NINE TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE WAS AGREEABLE TO INTERVIEW

RELATIVE TO MONITORING OF REPUBLICAN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MEETING AT LA RONDE ROOM, FOUNTAINBLEU HOTEL. STATED,

BECAUSE OF PRIOR BUSINESS COMMITMENTS, HE WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE

FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW UNTIL NINE THIRTY, NEXT. HE STATED

THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER

WITH HIS ATTORNEY.

NEWARK WILL INTERVIEW AT TEN A.M., NINE THIRTY, NEXT,

UNLESS CANCELS APPOINTMENT.

END

HWL

FBI R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

TELETypED TO: 53005 1968 CC-MR. ROSEN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR
REQUEST OF REPUBLICAN PARTY SECURITY ON AUGUST FIRST LAST.

12 OCT 1968

13-193

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE

MAY, ADVISED INSTANT HE HAS REVIEWED SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE FILES RE RECENT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CONCERNING ANY ALLEGATIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS OF EAVESDROPPING, MICROPHONES OR WIRE TAPS. THE ONLY REFERENCE WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE CON- FUSED WITH MATER INDICATED IN REBUTEL WHICH CONCERN A PERSON IN THE LA RONDE ROOM, FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL, WOULD PLACE IN THE ONLY BUILDING WHICH COULD POSSIBLY CONCERN ITSELF WITH THE VOLTAIRE ROOM WHERE CLOSED COMMITTEE HEARINGS WERE HELD DURING WEEK PRIOR TO CONVENTION.

MIAMI, VIA TELETYPED TO: WASHINGTON FIELD AND WASHINGTON FIELD PLAINTEXT TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, NEWARK, CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA NEW YORK, NEWARK, CHICAGO, AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA MIA.

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HAL Boggus - COMPLAINANT.

UPUC.

FROM MIAMI 2P

URGENT SEP27-68 9-27-68 4/98 PM EDT TDB ENCIPHERED

VIA TELETYPE

SEP 27, 1968:

139-164, CHICAGO 139-193.

M!Mr. Tolsoe, Mr. DeLoadi..., Mr. Joh:r., Mr. Bishop, Mr. Casper, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Conrad., Mr. Felt, Mr. Gale, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tavel, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Miller, Mr. Miller, Miss Gandy, Miss Gandy, Miss Gandy.
WERE ORDERED REMOVED. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND DURING THE MORNING OF AUGUST FIRST, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, THE ROOM WAS DOUBLE CHECKED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY SECURITY AND PRIVATE SECURITY HIRED BY [REDACTED] NO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WAS NOTED IN THE ROOM DURING THIS CHECK AND NO ALLEGATIONS WERE FORTHCOMING THAT SUCH SECURITY HAD BEEN VIOLATED.

NO ALLEGATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY MIAMI OFFICE FROM ANY SOURCE DURING THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CONCERNING EAVESDROPPING DEVICES OR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE OR RELATED STATUTES.

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CJD R E RELAY
FBI-WASH DC
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE  
NEWARK

OFFICE OF ORIGIN  
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10/3/68

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9/27-30/68

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National Broadcasting Co., Inc.; Unauthorized Listening Devices, Democratic Platform Committee, Embassy Room and Hubbard Room, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Ill., 8/25-26/68; Republican Credentials Committee, La Ronde Room, Fountainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., 8/5/68; Congressman HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

Title marked changed to add as a subject and to include Republican Credentials Committee, La Ronde Room, Fountainebleau Hotel, 8/5/68.

REFERENCES Bureau teletype to Newark and Los Angeles dated 9/26/68.

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14 OCT 7, 1968

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency  
Chris Quin

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5/21/68

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Newark teletype to Bureau dated 9/30/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject was advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, USDJ.

Leads to attempt to identify the technical director and possibly four or five other technical and production people who were in NBC control room at the time of the monitoring have been set forth in re NK teletype dated 9/30/68, and are not being repeated in this report.

Chicago is receiving three copies of this report should that office later disseminate to USA, Chicago.

INFORMATION COPIES (LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEW YORK AND WFO)

Information copies are being sent Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Washington Field in view of their investigative interest.
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date: October 3, 1968  
Field Office File #: 139-64  
Bureau File #:  


Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis: advised in a signed statement that he was NBC News coverage at Fountainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., during Republican National Convention. agreed to suggestion from unrecalled staff member to activate a microphone located in the La Ronde Room of the hotel during executive session of the Republican National Credentials Committee, on 8/5/68. instructed to activate the microphone. then listened to proceedings from a small speaker. When the proceedings ended wrote a news story covering what he had overheard. He stated this was not released to NBC News until one hour after the Credentials Committee made public the results of its executive session. He did not believe the story was ever used on the air because it was inconsequential. listed other NBC personnel who were in NBC headquarters at the time of the incident. stated his previous signed statement of 9/6/68 is true and he did not at the time of that interview consider the Miami Beach incident would be taken in the same vein as the monitoring incident at the Hubbard Room in Chicago, Ill. Signed statement and description set forth.

DETAILS:

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was interviewed at his residence. He was
provided with a warning and waiver form by "[redacted]" which
he read, acknowledged that he understood and signed.

provided a six page statement which he
had prepared in advance of this interview. In the presence
of interviewing agents, he initialed each page and signed
the sixth page.

signed statement is set forth as

follows:

9/30/68
File # Newark 139-64

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation agents to whom I am making this statement have notified me of my rights in this matter. Between the time I was initially contacted on the telephone by the F.B.I. (approximately 8:30 a.m., Friday, September 27, 1968) and the time I made this statement, I consulted with the NBC Legal Department to seek advice. It was told, in substance, that an NBC attorney could not represent me in this matter "because our interests may not be identical."

Thus, I gave careful consideration to my interests and I determined that they are clear-cut: (1) To tell truthfully of what I recall of the incident in question; and (2) not to have that incident assume a proportion in public that would totally ruin my career and prevent me from making a living in the television industry. I was, therefore, faced with a choice of making a voluntary statement that might expedite this matter, or employing personal counsel and assuming a defense posture. Carefully weighing the alternatives, I have elected to make this voluntary statement.

I would like to say, also, that federal authorities learned of this incident because of an earlier voluntary statement I made to the legal representatives of NBC.

I would like to make some personal background a part of this statement: For more than 18 years I was employed by NBC News in
Yet, it is necessary to understand that for me to deliberately involve myself in an incident that might bring discredit to me at this rather hectic point in my career would be foolhardy. Further, there would be no point in alienating my NBC contacts, because any producer with an "independent" company would want to be free to offer programs to all three networks.

With that background, then, this is what I recall of the incident in question: I was the NBC News television coverage of the "headquarters" hotel for the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida. That hotel was the Fontainebleau. NBC had built a control room on the mezzanine level of the main lobby of the hotel, from which point we controlled the live electronic cameras assigned to the hotel.

The LaRonde Room of the Fontainebleau had been used for the week preceding the Republican National Convention for public hearings of the Republican platform committee ("public hearings" meaning open to
Thus, much broadcasting equipment was in that room, including microphones, cameras, cables, lights, etc. At the conclusion of the public hearings of the platform committee that committee went to another room in the hotel for executive sessions and the final drafting of the platform. Then, the Republican Convention credentials committee moved into the LaRonde Room for a public hearing about the single contest involving credentials. (I believe the date was Monday, August 5, 1968.) This one contest dealt with a woman from Iowa who complained she had lost her convention seat because of the apparent necessity to make room on the delegation for an Iowa Republican Congressman.

After the public arguments in this case were heard (and NBC — as well as the other networks — video taped them), the chairman of the credentials committee declared an executive session and the newsmen covering the hearings left the room. The broadcasting equipment remained in the room, however. No request was made by the Republican authorities to have the equipment removed; indeed, it would have taken several hours to clear the room of all the cameras, microphones, lights and cabling. To my knowledge, the chairman never made mention of the equipment in the room at all.

A few minutes after the closed session started, someone in the NBC control room said that a "pot could be cracked" (meaning a microphone in the room could be opened). I have tried to recall from whom the suggestion came, but I cannot. In any event, the suggestion was made and I said: "OK." I remember thinking at the time that this would enable us to get some idea when the meeting would end, allowing us to gain some time in preparing the moves of certain equipment in the room to other areas of the hotel we had to cover.
An explanation about the NBC microphones in the room: To the best of my knowledge, there were two. One was in a specially-built broadcast booth on one side of the room; a booth built to house our anchor-man correspondent during the coverage of the public hearings. That booth had three sides and no roof; one side was a large pane of glass. The other microphone was on the opposite side of the room. It was a hand-held microphone that was just placed down, out of the path of foot traffic, when it was not being used for interviews -- that was the designated use for that microphone. I didn't know then, and I don't know now, the exact location of the microphone. It was, perhaps, 15 yards removed from the committee chairman's position. That, however, is just a guess; I was not physically in the room. I listened to some of the deliberations on that microphone while seated in the NBC control booth on the mezzanine floor. Quality was poor because the microphone was removed from the center of most activity. But, I listened only long enough to learn that the woman would not be seated, and that the closed meeting was soon to end. The period of listening was perhaps limited to ten minutes. If there was any other matter discussed at that hearing I do not know about it because the listening ended at the point the vote was taken not to seat the woman.

When I learned that the woman had lost I sat down at a typewriter to write a story on the situation. The story was dictated (to a girl at convention hall) for use on the NBC Newswire. In the meantime, the meeting was ended, the chairman met with newsmen and told them of the decision of the credentials committee not to seat the woman who had made the challenge. (The story was not sent out on the internal NBC Newswire, because of its lack of significance in the context of
other convention happenings, until at least an hour after the chairman had made his public announcement.

After the chairman made the public announcement, the NBC correspondent on the scene did interviews with the chairman and the woman who had lost her appeal. Those interviews were fed on broadcast lines connecting the Fountainebleau Hotel with the NBC video tape room at convention hall. To my knowledge those tapes were never used; to my knowledge the story itself was never used (except, perhaps, as a one-liner item by Huntley or Brinkley during the evening's live convention telecast).

I believe it is important, and valid, to point out that there was no planning of this incident. The microphone was not hidden. It was simply left where it was always left when it was not being used for interviews. There was no conversation prior to the closed hearing about the possibility of listening in on a closed hearing. Indeed, I was not personally aware prior to the fact that there would actually be a closed hearing. It may be redundant, but there was no premeditation in this incident. It was a spontaneous act.

To the best of my knowledge, these people were in the control room at the time of this incident: ____________________________

There would have had to be a technical director on duty at that time, but I am not certain which of two possible men it was. There may have been as many as four or five other technical and production people in the control room at this time, but I cannot recall exactly who they were.
On September 6th, 1968, I made a statement (also voluntary) regarding the incident of a microphone in the Hubbard Room of the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. At the time I made that statement, it did not occur to me that the incident in Miami Beach should be viewed in the same vein. As I understand the Chicago incident there was a deliberate effort to place a microphone in a room that had not previously had electronic equipment in it, with the intent to be the actual surveillance of that room.

What I said in the statement of September 6, 1968, is still correct, to the best of my knowledge.

This is my statement, consisting of six (6) pages, and all the corrections are my own.

Witness:

Special Agent, FBI, Newark 9/30/68

Special Agent, FBI 9-30-68
In addition to his signed statement, stated he voluntarily provided the information contained in his statement to NBC attorneys, on September 20, 1968, after he was advised that a rumor was circulating at NBC that NBC personnel had monitored parts of the Republican National Convention. He stated he made no effort to determine the source of the rumor.

stated that physically activated the microphone in the La Ronde Room, then listened to proceedings over a small speaker. He was sure that others in the room were aware of the speaker but doubted they actually overheard the activities in view of the poor reception.

also stated that he had no knowledge of any other examples of electronic eavesdropping by NBC personnel at either the Republican or Democratic National Conventions or in NBC coverage of any other events while he was employed by the company.

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The Department has requested that one copy of all reports in this case be furnished to the Office of the United States Attorney, at Chicago. Furnish reports as requested by the Department and advise the Bureau when this has been done.

NOTE: This is the case in which [redacted] admitted ordering installation of two concealed microphones to monitor two closed sessions of the Platform Committee at the Democratic National Convention. In a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] of the Criminal Division on 10/4/68, [redacted] indicated that the Department intended to present this case to a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Chicago and requested that copies of all investigative reports be made available to the United States Attorney at Chicago. The Department has confirmed its request in writing.
Memorandum

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Eavesdropping; National Democratic Convention

This is to confirm the request, from [redacted] office in a telephone conversation with Special Agent [redacted] that you furnish copies of your reports on the subject investigation to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

EX 110

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TO: SAC, NEWARK (139-64)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

URGENT

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VIA TELETYP
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TO: SAC, NEWARK (139-64)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT;

UPUC

RE NEWARK TELETYP ET NINE THIRTY LAST.

RE TELETYP ET INDICATES ADvised THAT "SOMEONE"

SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT A MICROPHONE COULD BE ACTIVATED IN THE

LA RONDE ROOM. NEWARK IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF REFUSED

TO IDENTIFY THIS "SOMEONE" AND IF NOT, HE SHOULD BE PROMPTLY

INTER View: TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SUGGESTED TO

THAT A MICROPHONE COULD BE ACTIVATED IN THE LA RONDE ROOM.

SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY REPORT WITH TWO COPIES TO CHICAGO.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT CHICAGO.

Chicago

RFB: pj (4)

NOTE: This is case in which

has admitted ordering installation of 2 concealed microphones to

monitor 2 closed sessions of Platform Committee at recent

Democratic National Convention. Newark interviewed

concerning his having

monitored a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee at the

Republican National Convention. Investigation in this case being

conducted at request of Department which anticipates bringing case

to Federal Grand Jury at Chicago. Newark being instucted to attempt

to identify the individual who suggested to that the closed

meeting of the Credentials Committee could be monitored.
WASHINGTON --07-- 9-12PM RCM
URGENT 9-30-68
TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO (139-193) AND LOS ANGELES (139-190) PLAINEX
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FROM NEWARK (139-64) (P)
ET AL, CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-COMPLAINANT UPUC, 00-CG.
RE BUTEL TO NK AND LA, SEPT.

TWO SIX, LAST AND LA TEL TO BU SEPT.

TWO SEVEN LAST.

TODAY,

PROVIDED SIGNED STATEMENT. box WAS ADVISED OF HIS RIGHTS PRIOR TO
INTERVIEW AND SIGNED WAIVER FORM.

box STATED, DURING REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLA., HE
WAS ___________ NEWS TV COVERAGE AT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL. HE WAS
PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT NBC HQTRS. ON THE MEZZININE LEVEL OF MAIN LOBBY
WHERE CONTROL OF THE LIVE ELECTRONIC CAMERAS WAS MAINTAINED.

ON AUG. FIVE LAST, NBC AS WELL AS OTHER NETWORKS, WAS COVERING THE
PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, IN
THE LA RONDE ROOM OF THE HOTEL. DURING THIS MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN
CALLED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND NEWSMEN LEFT THE ROOM. BROADCASTING
EQUIPMENT REMAINED IN THE ROOM AND NO REQUEST MADE TO REMOVE IT, SINCE
THIS WOULD REQUIRE SEVERAL HOURS. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE CLOSED

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THE SESSION CONSISTED OF WHETHER OR NOT TO SEAT AN IOWA WOMAN DELEGATE WHO HAD BEEN DROPPED FROM THE DELEGATES LIST IN ORDER TO SEAT AN IOWA CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ______ LISTENED UNTIL HE DETERMINED THAT THE WOMAN HAD LOST HER SEAT AS A DELEGATE. ______ THEN DICTATED A STORY OF WHAT HE HAD HEARD FOR NBC NEWSWIRE. THIS STORY WAS NOT SENT OUT TO NBC NEWSWIRE UNTIL ONE HOUR AFTER THE CHAIRMAN MADE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE VERDICT OF THE CLOSED SESSION. ______ DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS INFO WAS EVER USED ON THE AIR BECAUSE OF ITS LACK OF SIGNIFICANCE.

______ STATED THERE WAS NO PRE-PLANNING IN THIS MATTER, BUT RATHER A SPONTANEOUS ACT. ______ NAMED ___________ AS BEING PRESENT DURING MONITORING IN

END PAGE TWO.
ADDITION TO A TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, NAME UNRECALLED. THERE WERE ALSO POSSIBLY FOUR OR FIVE TECHNICAL AND PRODUCTION PEOPLE IN THE CONTROL ROOM AT THE TIME. THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR WAS ALSO FROM NBC, BURBANK, CALIF., AND PROBABLY COULD BE IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED THERE.

□ □ □ STATED HIS SIGNED STATEMENT OF SEPT. SIX LAST IS TRUE IN ITS ENTIRETY. HE STATED IT DID NOT OCCUR TO HIM THAT THE UNPLANNED MIAMI INCIDENT SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE SAME VEIN AS THE CHICAGO INCIDENT WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO SURVEIL A ROOM WHICH HAD NO PREVIOUS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN THE ROOM.

□ □ □ IN ADDITION, □ □ □ □ DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER EXAMPLES OF ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING BY NBC PERSONNEL AT EITHER THE REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC NAIL. CONVENTIONS OR IN NBC COVERAGE OF ANY OTHER EVENT WHILE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY.

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ STATED HE VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INFO TO □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ NBC ATTS. ON SEPT. TWO ZERO LAST, WHEN HE WAS TOLD ABOUT A RUMOR CONCERNING THE MONITORING OF THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING. HE DID NOT DETERMINE HOW THE RUMOR STARTED.

END PAGE THREE.
UACB, LOS ANGELES WILL CONTACT NBC, BURBANK, CALIF. AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND POSSIBLE OTHER TECHNICAL AND PRODUCTION PERSONNEL WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE NBC HQTRS. LOCATION, FOUNTAINBLEAU HOTEL, DURING THE MONITORING OF REPUBLICAN NATL. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING, AUG. FIVE LAST.

NEWARK REPORT FOLLOWS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MIAMI, NEW YORK AND WFO IN EVENT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY BY THESE OFFICES.

END...RDR R RELAY

FBI WASH DC
United States Government

Memorandum

To: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: October 9, 1968

From: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Subject: Eavesdropping, National Democratic Convention

This is to confirm the request from [redacted] by telephone on September 26, 1968, for further investigation pertaining to the subject incident. The investigation should cover a reported interception which occurred during the recent National Republican Convention in Miami, Florida, and the question whether, in light of that incident, denial of involvement with [redacted] in the incident at Chicago is credible. The facts of the Miami incident as related to us on September 26, 1968, by [redacted] an attorney representing the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) are as follows:

In the La Ronde Room of the Fountainbleau Hotel a public meeting of the Credentials Committee was underway when a dispute developed over whether some woman or a Congressman should be seated as a delegate. In addition to the use of the ABC's pool equipment, NBC had two microphones in the room. The Chairman called for an executive session and the press and public departed. The microphones were switched off across the lobby in the NBC control booth, ordered [redacted] to open one of the microphones and then to turn up the volume as reception was poor. Output was over a speaker and [redacted] ordered those around to be quiet so he could hear. He heard the Chairman so cast his vote as to seat the Congressman and prepared and sent out on the NBC "house wire" a three paragraph summary of the proceedings. At about that time the meeting broke up and the Chairman announced publicly the same news as [redacted] had obtained.

In addition to [redacted] are reported to have knowledge of the Miami incident. They are all employees in NBC's West Coast facilities.

51 Oct 17 1968
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**REPORTING OFFICE**: LOS ANGELES  
**OFFICE OF ORIGIN**: CHICAGO  
**DATE**: 10/7/68  
**INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD**: 9/27/68 - 10/2/68  
**REPORT MADE BY**: cal  
**TYPE**: UPUC  
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**REFERENCES**:  
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Newark teletypes to Director dated 9/30 and 10/1/68.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Information copies of this report are being furnished to the Newark, New York, Miami and Washington Field Offices inasmuch as they have either already conducted investigation or may be requested to conduct investigation in the future.

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**18 OCT 10 1968**
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:
National Broadcasting Company (NBC), employees at Burbank, California, worked at the 1968 Republican National Convention at Miami, Florida, and all of them except recalled that monitored a committee meeting in the La Ronde Room, Fountainbleu Hotel, which was reportedly a closed meeting. instructed him to turn on or to leave on an NBC microphone used by correspondents which was in the La Ronde Room and which then monitored. refused to discuss his activities at the Republican Convention upon advice of his attorney. also worked at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. They first learned of a concealed microphone in Blackstone Hotel only after the story appeared in the newspaper and have no direct knowledge of the installation.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On September 26, 1968, the Bureau advised that information had been received that at the 1968 Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida National Broadcasting Company (NBC) monitored a closed meeting of a Credentials Committee by activating a microphone in the committee room and that at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois had a concealed microphone installed in one of the rooms at the Blackstone Hotel.
National Broadcasting Company, 3000 Alameda, Burbank, California was interviewed in his office at this location.

He advised that he was for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) at the 1968 Republican Convention at Miami, Florida, and at the 1968 Democratic Convention at Chicago, Illinois.

He recalled that at the convention in Florida, the Mutual Broadcasting Company, pursuant to agreement between the various companies covering the convention, installed microphones in the various committee rooms and these microphones were called "pool mikes" and were used by all of the companies. In addition NBC had another "portable mike" in the La Ronde Room which was used by NBC correspondents when they desired to interview some specific person. The cable from their microphone went perhaps 600 feet, to their control room on the mezzanine floor of the Fountainbleu Hotel. When this "portable mike" was not being used it was left in the room and placed out of the way on a table or on the floor. He added that he is quite sure that NBC had no concealed microphones in this room because he was familiar with all the long cable runs and he would have known about such another cable.

He recalls an incident at the La Ronde Room when he was monitoring a closed meeting of a committee. He first became aware of the situation when he entered the control room and was requesting that everyone be quiet and was asking for more volume. The quality of the reception suggested to him that it was coming from their "portable mike" because the sound was poor. The "pool mike" was off and there was no television coverage at this time of the committee meeting. He, however, did not know that the committee had directed that the room be cleared for a closed meeting. It is his recollection that at the time the committee was balloting. He does not know the nature
of the problem upon which the committee was voting. He recalls that about five minutes after the meeting ended, the committee issued a press release regarding the voting that had taken place in the closed meeting. Prior to the press release, someone, who he does not recall, told him that [ ] had made the statement that he intended to release the results of the vote, that is, put it on the NBC wire before the press release. [ ] stated that he does not know if the information was actually put on the wire but is inclined to believe it was not because of the prompt press release by the committee. He said he recalls talking to [ ] briefly, at the conclusion of this incident but the conversation was not about the monitoring of the meeting which matter he did not talk over with [ ] until the latter part of September 1968.

[ ] stated that the other two rooms at the Fountainbleu Hotel which were used for committee and other meetings had such extreme security measures that, at the time, he thought that if the security people were permitting [ ] to monitor this meeting it must be alright.

[ ] advised that he is acquainted with [ ] NBC operations at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, Illinois during the 1968 Democratic Convention. [ ] responsibility was the Hilton Hotel and the Blackstone was a sub-responsibility. There was a sub-control room set up at the Blackstone Hotel. There was no recording equipment at the sub-control room at the Blackstone and if it was desired to make a recording the sound would be run to a mobile unit in the rear of the Hilton Hotel where the recording would be made.

[ ] said that he first learned about a concealed microphone in one of the rooms at the Blackstone Hotel from [ ] from New York. [ ] did not inform him, though, until after an article had appeared in a Chicago newspaper [ ] then learned by talking to [ ] and to FRANK SCHNEPPER, a technical man from the Chicago NBC office, that SCHNEPPER had heard that someone had found a microphone in one of the rooms and was attributing the placing of the "Mike" to
NBC. SCHNEPPER could not locate [ ] and finally got in touch with [ ]. and informed him. SCHNEPPER made the statement that [ ] had asked one of the audio men who was from Chicago to put the concealed microphone in the room. [ ] stated that he did not know the name of this audio man. However, [ ] does not know if this man actually installed the microphone and does not know who installed it. He never saw the microphone and cannot say whether or not it was an NBC microphone. However, from the discussion of the event he believes that if it was an NBC microphone, it was the type they designate as a BC6, the type that can be strapped around a person's neck.

[ ] advised that he has no knowledge that this concealed microphone was ever hooked up. It was his understanding that the cable from the concealed microphone went to the sub-control room at the Blackstone, but was never turned on. He is quite sure that nothing from this installation was ever run to the mobile units to be recorded.

[ ] stated that he knows of no other instances of monitoring closed committee meetings or placing of concealed microphones at either of the conventions.

[ ] advised that he was born on [ ] at Muskegon, Michigan. He resides at [ ]
National Broadcasting Company, 3000 Alameda, Burbank, California advised that the name of the technical director who was at the Fountainbleu Hotel in Miami, Florida, is _______________. He said that he is from their Burbank Office but had been promoted to a supervisory position. _______________. He remarked that he had heard that he could not recall the monitoring incident at the Fountainbleu Hotel.

He said that other than _______________, he could recall the names of no other persons who might have been present in the control room at the Fountainbleu Hotel when _______________ was monitoring closed committee meeting. However, he said it is quite possible that at any particular time there could have been four or five engineering personnel in the control room. These men could be cameramen, maintenance men, video men or audio technicians. He related that the control room was on the mezzanine floor and when a particular project was finished the men would go on coffee break or lounge in the mezzanine area and would come in and out of the control room continuously.

On 10/1/68 File #Los Angeles 139-190

by SA _______________ Date dictated 10/1/68

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West Coast, National Broadcasting Company, 3000 Alameda, Burbank, California, advised that he was assigned the duties of

for the NBC coverage of the 1968 Republican Convention at Miami, Florida in August of 1968.

He stated that he really was handling two jobs, that of

When a particular phase of the proceedings was completed, it was his duty to see that the crews moved the necessary equipment to get set up at the next location. He normally spent his time in the control room but was away from it much of the time performing his other duties.

He vaguely recalls the occasion when he was monitoring some proceeding in the La Ronde Room at the Fountainbleu Hotel. He did not know that it was supposed to be a closed meeting. He recalled that the lights for TV coverage were turned off in the committee room. He recalls coming into the control room and hearing asking for everyone to be quiet. He believes that he may have gone into the control room for only a short time and then left as he has no further recollection of the incident.

advised that he did not attend the 1968 Democratic Convention at Chicago, Illinois.

He stated that he has no knowledge of any other instances where monitoring of closed meetings was conducted.
He advised that he was assigned by his employer to work at the 1968 Republican Convention at Miami, Florida but did not work at the 1968 Democratic Convention at Chicago, Illinois.

He recalls only one incident at the Republican Convention in Miami of monitoring proceedings in a committee room when the request had been made to turn off the cameras and the microphones. He explained that in the committee room a "pool mike" had been installed and all of the news services used this microphone. In addition NBC had a small portable microphone that was used by the correspondents for interviewing individuals. The cable from this microphone went to NBC's control room. Although he did not actually see the microphone in this committee room on this particular day, he knows that the type of microphone used could be hung around a person's neck or could be used as a hand microphone. When such a microphone was not in use, it would be left in the room and placed on the floor or on a table.

On this particular occasion, he did not actually hear the request from the committee room to turn off the "pool mike" and the television cameras, however, he recalls that they were turned off. He does not know where the small NBC microphone was located in the room. He recalls that for this operation in Miami instructed him to either leave this small microphone open or to turn it on. He cannot specifically recall whether it was left on after the "pool mike" had been turned off or whether it had been turned off and he had to turn it on again after the instructions form. Thereafter, monitored this microphone and he, recalls hearing the conversation coming from the committee room. The reception was not good and described it as "off audible sound", that is the microphone was not in the best position.
to receive the conversation. At this same time they were making
other recordings and [redacted] was busy with this operation and
he paid little attention to the conversation coming from the
committee room. He has no recollection that the conversation
was taped and he has no knowledge of the use made of the information
by [redacted].

Other persons in the control room at this time, to the
best of his recollection, were [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] advised that he did not go to Chicago to work at
the 1968 Democratic Convention and has no knowledge of the
installation of concealed microphones there nor does he have
knowledge of the use of concealed microphones on any other
occasions during the conventions by NBC personnel.
advised that it was definitely his recollection that instructed him to either turn on or to leave on the "portable mike" in the La Ronde Room at the Fountainbleu Hotel and that he did not suggest that the closed committee meeting could be monitored by use of this microphone. He added that neither did he hear any other employee make this suggestion to

said that had sufficient knowledge concerning these operations to know himself that this meeting could be monitored in the manner that it was and it is opinion that would not have had to have another employee to bring this to his attention.
was interviewed at the offices of the National Broadcasting Company, 3000 Alameda, Burbank, California, where he is employed as

He stated that he was sent by his employer to work at both the 1968 Republican Convention in Miami, Florida and the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

He was read an advice of rights form which was furnished to him but declined to sign the waiver of rights form. He stated that he would willingly talk to the Agents about the Convention at Chicago, Illinois but that upon advice of his attorney he would not discuss the Republican Convention in Miami, Florida without his attorney being present.

At Chicago, Illinois he was of NBC and was under the supervision of . His responsibility was the mobile trucks which were at the rear of the Hilton Hotel. At the Blackstone Hotel there was a control room to handle three or four cameras and the correspondents, who conducted interviews at the hotel. He believes at the Blackstone and that there was a technical director there plus a full crew of technicians. There was no means of communication from the control rooms or between the control rooms and the mobile trucks except by means of a "squawk box" which was not too effective. The "squawk box" was the only means of immediate supervision by or over the control rooms. All recordings were made in the mobile trucks where the information was received from the control room.

His first knowledge of the fact that a microphone had been found in one of the rooms (at the Blackstone Hotel) came . called and asked if had put a microphone in one of the rooms. Answered that he knew nothing about it and demanded to know why did not know about it. did not know what room the microphone was found in. He then talked to two audio men at the Blackstone and they advised him that they had heard no information concerning the installation or the discovery of a microphone. These audio men were and . One was from Chicago and one was from New York, but he does not know which one came from New York and which one.

On 9/29/68 at Burbank, California File # Los Angeles 139-190
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came from Chicago.

He cannot recall that there was much discussion about the microphone and he really did not know whether or not one had been installed or discovered, until a short time ago when he was interviewed by some attorney apparently hired by NBC to look into the matter.

He has no knowledge of a direct or an indirect request to install a concealed microphone and it is his opinion that if one was installed it was done by upon her own initiative.

He does not believe that the microphone was ever used and is quite sure that no recordings were made of any information obtained from it because this would have been done in the mobile trucks and he would have learned about it.

During the discussion about the microphone, immediately after the call from FRANK SCHNEPPY, an NBC man from Chicago volunteered the information that a second microphone was also in the room. has no further information concerning this.

In other discussions which occurred at this same time he heard statements made that indicated that apparently found out about the microphone installation by and instructed her to remove it but she was unable to do so because of the security precautions which had been taken.

He recalls that shortly after the discovery of the microphone, were called to talk with some NBC attorneys. He has no knowledge of the statements made by them.

advised that he had no knowledge of any other concealed microphones being installed at either of the conventions.
An advice of rights form was furnished to him. He read the form and declined to sign the waiver of rights but stated he would willingly talk to agents.

He advised he is [redacted] for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 3000 Alameda, Burbank, California, and he was sent by his employer to work at the 1968 Republican Convention at Miami, Florida and the 1968 Democratic Convention at Chicago, Illinois.

He recalls that on one occasion at the Republican Convention in Miami, Florida, a committee hearing was being conducted in the La Ronde Room at the Fountainbleu Hotel. The mutual pool microphones were shut off and television coverage was halted. He did not hear the orders to close down the mikes and cameras. He was in the NBC control room in the hotel. He recalls [redacted] monitoring the conversations in the committee room and recalls that the reception was very poor which he attributed to an "off mike" which is a mike that was not properly located to efficiently pick up the conversation. At the time he was busy monitoring or setting up two television cameras and paying little attention to the conversations coming from the committee room.

He did not hear any instructions given by [redacted] to either leave a mike open or to open a mike. He does not know if [redacted] wrote up the proceedings in the committee room and is quite sure the proceedings were not taped. He has no knowledge of what [redacted] planned to do or did do with the information.

He said he was so interested in doing his own work that he paid little attention to what others were doing and he really was not aware of the fact that [redacted] was listening to a closed committee session.

In regard to the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Mr. [redacted] advised that during the entire time, he was assigned to Mobile Unit Number N3 which was located behind the Hilton Hotel. He did not learn that someone had allegedly placed a hidden

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microphone in a committee room at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel until he was told this by an attorney from New York about a week ago. He did not see a Chicago Newspaper article concerning this and heard no conversation during the convention about it.

said he knows of no other instance of monitoring "closed" committee meetings or of the installation of concealed microphones at either of the conventions.
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Date: 10/8/68.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (139-3176)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (139-193) (P)

SUBJECT: ET AL;
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS -
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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/7/68 instructing Chicago to disseminate one copy of all reports in this case to United States Attorney, Chicago, and advise Bureau when done.

One copy of each report, in possession of Chicago Division, furnished to the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, today.

Outstanding reports, being prepared by Newark and Los Angeles Divisions, not yet received at Chicago.

Newark and Los Angeles Divisions, furnish copies of reports to Chicago Division, which will make dissemination, and Chicago will advise Bureau when complete dissemination made.
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This is case in which [redacted] admitted ordering installation of two concealed microphones to monitor two closed sessions of Platform Committee at Democratic National Convention. At request of Department Los Angeles attempted to interview [redacted] regarding a reported monitoring of closed Credentials Committee meeting at the Republican National Convention. [redacted] refused to be interviewed.

Attached relates that [redacted] attorney has advised Los Angeles that [redacted] is willing to be interviewed if attorney present. Department being advised that no interview of [redacted] will be conducted under such conditions unless Department specifically requests such interview.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (139-3176)

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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago 10/7/68 and Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/68.

On 10/11/68 one copy each of report of SA dated 10/3/68 at Newark and of SA dated 10/7/68 at Los Angeles were furnished to the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois.

This completes dissemination of reports in this matter.
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REFERENCES.
Bureau teletype to Chicago and New York, 9/13/68; New York teletype to Bureau and Chicago, 9/13/68.

ADMINISTRATIVE
An information copy of instant report is designated for Newark in view of investigative interest.

All individuals interviewed in this report were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report
Agency: CRIM. DIV.
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SEP 17, 1968
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Inquiry at Reeves Video, NYC, revealed NBC rented a complete mobile unit including audio and video equipment for coverage of Democratic Convention at Chicago. Precise value of equipment not available since inventory of equipment not readily available. Approximate value of recovered microphone placed at $35.00 by Reeves. SCHORR not available for interview due to current assignment at Prague, Czechoslovakia.____stated Embassy Room installation done as result of her own hasty decision and she never reported it to anyone inasmuch as she felt no information was developed through that microphone. NBC, CBS and ABC executives and employees deny any knowledge that the television industry employs electronic eavesdropping in conduct of business.

- RUC -
Reeves Video, Division of Reeves Broadcasting and Development Corporation, 304 East 44th Street, New York City (NYC), advised that the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) rented a complete mobile unit, which included audio and video equipment, which consisted of amplifiers, microphones, monitors, cables, and loud-speakers for coverage of the Democratic Convention at Chicago. Further stated that this equipment was also used by NBC at the Republican Convention at Miami, Florida, and was transported by truck by NBC to Chicago. Further stated that for Reeves accompanied the above equipment as an Electronic Consultant in the event any problem arose from the equipment. Further stated that he had no personal knowledge of the bug incident in the Hubbard or Embassy rooms and that he had no knowledge that this is customary practice among networks.

Stated he was unable to furnish the precise value of the electronic equipment since the inventory of this great amount of equipment was not readily available. He further stated the exact cost of the equipment would require an expensive, detailed inventory.

On 9/13/68 at NYC, NY

by

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Video, telephonically contacted Special Agent (SA) Reeves at the above firm and requested this interview be conducted telephonically due to his location on an out of town assignment. Advised he had no knowledge of any eavesdropping at the Convention until someone told him three plain-clothes men had just confiscated an NBC microphone, which was located in a room where a closed meeting was taking place. 

Stated then he made inquiries in an attempt to recover the microphone inasmuch as he was responsible for the return of this microphone to Reeves. Stated that he approximated the value of the microphone recovered in this matter at $35.00 and he would not attempt to value the cable and headset inasmuch as they are made up with new equipment when needed on the particular job. He further stated that he had no prior knowledge that the television industry had ever used this equipment to conduct any type of electronic eavesdropping.

On 9/13/68 at Telephonic

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Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), 530 West 57th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on September 16, 1968, that DAN SCHORR, CBS correspondent, departed the United States on September 5, 1968. He stated SCHORR was not available for interview inasmuch as he is currently on assignment at Prague, Czechoslovakia for an indefinite period to cover the current crisis. [redacted] stated that SCHORR should return to this country when the crisis is over and that SCHORR will report to his regular office at CBS in Washington, D.C.
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Date 9/16/68

was advised of her rights and furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form by SA read and signed this form.

advised that she never reported the Embassy Room installation inasmuch as the original opportunity to install the microphone came up so suddenly that she ordered it installed immediately without thinking she should notify anyone. She could not recall the name of the person she instructed to do the installation due to her haste. stated she listened to this installation and could not hear anything except street noises. Due to the fact that she felt the microphone was not picking up any conversations which could be used by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), she never thought it was necessary to advise of this installation even after the Hubbard Room installation was discovered at Chicago.

On 9/16/68 at New York, New York File# NY 139-188

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National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated,
30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised that he has been employed by National Broadcasting Company (NBC) for 20 years.

He stated that it is his responsibility to obtain the necessary equipment for control rooms and to see that that equipment is installed and available at the time news coverage is desired at a particular location. He stated that he supervised the preparation of the equipment installed in the various control rooms in Chicago, Illinois, during the August, 1968, Democratic Convention. He stated that it is not within his responsibility to install equipment any point beyond the control room for live pickups.

He stated that during his 20 years with NBC, he has never heard of any instance wherein a concealed microphone was used other than the one found in the Blackstone Hotel at Chicago. He stated that he had no knowledge of that microphone until after it had been found and became public knowledge.
National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Television Network, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised that he has been associated with the NBC Television Network for over 20 years.

He stated that he is in charge of all engineering and technical equipment which is installed at the scene of any major news event such as the National Convention of the Democratic Party in Chicago, Illinois, during August, 1968. He stated that he has personally attended every National Convention of both the Republican and Democratic Parties since 1948, and occasionally personally supervises the equipment and engineering setup at other major events.

He stated that because of a Telephone Company strike in Chicago, which prevented his network from doing live television pickups away from the Convention Hall, he did not personally visit the various NBC Control Rooms as was his usual practice. He stated that he had no prior knowledge of a microphone located in the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel on August 25, 1968. He stated that during all his experience in network television, he never knew of any instance where a concealed microphone had been used by either the NBC Television Network or any other network. He stated that his first knowledge of the microphone found in the Hubbard Room came when this matter was announced publicly at the Convention.

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Television Network Operations, National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised that he has been employed by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) for 17 years.

He stated that during August, 1968, he was in Chicago, supervising coverage at the Democratic National Convention. He stated that he had control rooms at the Blackstone Hotel and the Hilton Hotel and one separate outside control room under his supervision. He stated that he had about 250 technicians in Chicago and about 50 other employees who were gathered from NBC facilities in various cities. He stated that his immediate assistants were __________ who was in overall charge of the control rooms __________ who is assigned to NBC at Burbank, California, and __________ who is assigned to NBC at New York, but who is currently on an out of town assignment. He stated that __________ was an in his department, and for the period of the Convention was loaned to the NBC News Department and in charge of the control room at the Blackstone Hotel. He stated that because of the Telephone Company strike during the Convention, which prevented live pickups from the hotels, he did not visit the control rooms as is his usual custom. He stated that until it became public knowledge in Chicago that a concealed microphone had been found in the Hubbard Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel and traced to the NBC Control Room in that hotel, he had no knowledge of this microphone pickup. He stated that __________ was never authorized to order such an installation, and that during his experience in television, he had never heard of any other incident where a concealed microphone was used.

He stated that he had never heard of any network utilizing such microphones at any time.

On 9/16/68 at New York, New York  File #: NY 130-188

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1. National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Television Network, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised that he was in charge of all engineering and manpower outside the auditorium in Chicago, Illinois, where the recent Democratic Convention was held. He stated that in his twenty-three years of employment, he has never heard of anyone utilizing a concealed microphone technique at any time.

He advised that he learned the concealed microphone was found in the room assigned to the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party at the Convention, subsequent to it being discovered, adding that he knew nothing of the incident either prior to or during the time it was used by NBC at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

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Cleveland, Ohio, was stated that a [Space for additional text] of NBC at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.

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National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised she has been employed by NBC for 10 years. She on occasion acts as

At the time of the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, she was on a special assignment in Massachusetts. She was assigned to the 1968 Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida, with particular emphasis on the New York delegation.

During her employment she has never heard of an electronic listening device being used by anyone employed by NBC. She has never been requested by anyone to use such a device.
National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised that he has been employed by NBC for 10 years and on occasion he stated that he was in Chicago for the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968, and was assigned to a control room which had been set up in the Convention Hall amphitheater. He stated that he first learned of the concealed microphone which had been found in the Blackstone Hotel after this microphone had been found. He stated that he had no prior knowledge of this and had never heard of a concealed microphone being used at any other time either by NBC or the other television networks.
Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television Network, 51 West 52nd Street, New York City, was advised that he was being contacted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, with respect to any knowledge that he might have concerning the illegal "bugging" of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968.

He stated that he had no knowledge concerning the aforementioned incident until he read in the "New York Times" of the admission made by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) that a meeting of the Democratic Platform Committee in Chicago had been illegally "bugged". He advised that "bugging" is not widespread or a customary practice in the television-radio industry. He said in his 20 years of television experience, he did not know of any illegal "bugging" that was conducted with the knowledge or endorsement of any of the major networks.

By "bugging", he said he was referring to an illegal concealed technical apparatus, which was not known to either of the parties involved and the information from which could be used as a news instrument or for some other reason. He stated that the CBS Television Network would condemn as unethical and illegal any type of "bugging", of this nature. Furthermore, he advised that he would gladly cooperate and furnish the names of appropriate CBS technicians who worked on the Democratic Convention in Chicago, who might be able to furnish additional information.

He advised that the appropriate personnel to be contacted are: 

CBS, who served as [ ] at the Chicago Convention;

On 9/16/68 at 524 West 57th Street, NY, N.Y. 10019, NY 135-188

SAS[ ] and [ ]

by [ ]/JMB/pm

date dictated 9/16/68

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Field Operations, New York Technical Operations but who is presently
advised that he was
for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television Network at 51 West 52nd Street, New York City. He was advised that he was being contacted at the specific request of Mr. FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, for any information he may have concerning the illegal "bugging" of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, 1968. He advised that he had no knowledge of the "bugging" incident until he read it in the "New York Times". He said that he did not know of any other "bugging" that took place and that it was not a practice within the television-radio industry.

He advised that from what he has read in the "New York Times", it appears to him that it was a crude attempt to "bug" that Committee room. He said in his years in the television industry, he has never been involved in any type of illegal "bugging", and that he has no knowledge concerning any other individuals at CBS or any of the other networks who might be involved in this activity.

Date dictated 9/16/68

On 9/16/68 at 524 West 57th Street, NY, NY 10019

SAS
by
Date dictated 9/16/68

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He stated that it is not a customary practice within the industry and that CBS has never been involved in any such activity. He was advised that he left Chicago approximately one week before the Convention and that during the arrangements, there was positively no mention made of any effort to "bug" any of the rooms. He advised that he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning any type of illegal "bugging" since he has not been exposed to it in his years in the television industry.
American Broadcasting Company (ABC), 57 West 66th Street, New York City, advised that he has been with ABC since 1963 having been employed previously by the Columbia Broadcasting Company (CBS). He said during his entire experience in the broadcasting field he has never heard of any company using an illegal electronic eavesdropping device. He stated that if any individual desired to place a microphone in any situation this request would have to come through his department. No such request has ever come to his attention.

He stated the only type of equipment that they have which could be used for surreptitious eavesdropping would be the small lavaliere type microphone which the reporters use during television interviews. The microphones, however, were never used without all parties taking part in the interview being aware of their presence.
American Broadcasting Company (ABC) 57 West 66th Street, New York City, advised that he has been with ABC since 1/63 and connected with the industry for a great many additional years. He said in all his experience he has never heard of or known of any microphones and/or equipment being used surreptitiously.

He said it is inconceivable for him to visualize any employee specifically union members placing any electronic equipment illegally in any type situation. He said that if any union member was found placing any electronic device in an illegal situation they would be immediately fired and most likely lose their seniority in their union. He said that in his opinion it is definitely not common practice within the broadcasting industry to use any electronic device in any illegal manner.

reiterated that he never heard of any person using any electronic eavesdropping device in the normal course of business.

added that he had been in Chicago during the past Democratic Convention. He said he had no knowledge of any eavesdropping devices being used during that convention by any news media and was completely astounded when the news story broke concerning eavesdropping by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).
Broadcasting Company (ABC) 57 West 66th Street, New York City, advised that he has been employed by ABC since 1963 and has been in the news business for 23 years. He stated that he has never heard of anyone employed by ABC or with any other broadcasting company using any illegal electronic eavesdropping device. He said it is inconceivable to him that anyone would use such means to obtain a news story. He said that if a particular piece of information is desired this company has correspondents who are so well regarded that they can telephone members of the Cabinet and/or members of Congress and obtain the desired information.

stated he was not personally at the Democratic Convention in Chicago, but he had correspondents assigned there. No information has come to his attention indicating anyone using an illegal eavesdropping device.

further stated that in the unlikely event that a news correspondent was interested in placing an eavesdropping device in a particular location it would be impossible for him to obtain a technician in order to make such an installation because all of these technicians are licensed and are union members and would be faced with both loss of license and expulsion from the union if this action were discovered.
American Broadcasting Company (ABC), 57 West 66th Street, New York City, advised that he has been employed by ABC since 1963 and employed in the industry for 20 years. He said that he never heard of ABC or any other network using any electronic eavesdropping devices in order to gather news stories or in any other situation. He said it would just not pay for any major network to become involved in the use of any illegal devices.

stated that he had been out to Chicago during the recent Democratic National Convention but he was unaware that anyone used any illegal electronic eavesdropping devices. He was he said astounded when the news story broke concerning the use of eavesdropping devices by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). It is not stated, the general practice to use these devices throughout the broadcasting media.
Attached are nine reports in captioned matter. Department requests that these reports be furnished the United States Attorney in Miami. Make necessary copies for retention in your file. Cover pages not being furnished unless you so desire in which event request Chicago to forward copies.

Handle and advise the Bureau that this has been done.

Enclosures (9)
TO: SACs, Miami (Enclosures 2)
    Newark (Enclosures 2)
    Los Angeles (Enclosures 2)
    New York (Enclosures 2)
    Indianapolis (Enclosures 4)
FROM: Director, FBI

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from the Department dated 10-23-68.

This has been discussed with the Department for clarification and the Department has advised as follows: The interview with the Chairman of the Credentials Committee is for the purpose of determining what statements he or other members of the Committee may have made to the members of the press or other outsiders present at the public session, that the executive session to follow was to be private and no unauthorized overhearing of the proceedings was to be engaged in by anyone. Any other individuals up to about ten in number, identified by the Chairman, who can attest to this aspect, should be interviewed along the same lines. This is for the purpose of establishing whether the Chairman and/or others in attendance at the executive session clearly indicated prior to the session that it was to be a private meeting. This should also cover whether those not admitted to the executive session indicated affirmatively that they understood this.

SEE NOTE PAGE THREE...
Airtel to Miami

Newark
Los Angeles
New York
Indianapolis

RE: [Blank]

The Chairman of the Republican Party Credentials Committee at the Convention in Miami was [Blank] a delegate. He is not a member of U. S. Congress and it is not known if he holds any local or state elective position. The Indianapolis Office should interview along the lines indicated and obtain identities of other possible witnesses who can furnish information pertinent to the Department's request. Attached for background is one copy each of reports setting forth background of this matter.

The request in Paragraph 2 of attached letter should be covered as set out by the Department.

The Miami Office should attempt to obtain a copy of the news wire item mentioned in attached, and if not available there, should set out appropriate lead if it can be obtained elsewhere.

With respect to information on activities in Miami which might indicate she was aware of activities there, the Department requests that (Newark Office) and the five individuals in Burbank, California be re-interviewed for this information. The inquiry in this respect should be directed toward obtaining any information these individuals may have that had been in Miami and was aware of activities in Miami on which she might base a claim that she did not believe she was in violation of the law since actions had not been challenged until the Chicago bugging came to light.

The Department also requests copies of all reports in this case be furnished to United States Attorney in Miami. It is noted that they have already been furnished to United States Attorney in Chicago. By separate communication, the Miami Office is being furnished one copy each of all reports which are to be furnished to the United States Attorney in Miami.

Advise all persons contacted that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.
Airtol to Miami
Newark
Los Angeles
New York
Indianapolis

RE: 

Handle this matter expeditiously and set out any loads by teletype and telex to reach Bureau by 10-31-68 as Department is considering early prosecutive action in this matter.

NOTE: This is the case in which [ ] admitted ordering installation of two concealed microphones to monitor two closed sessions of the Platform Committee at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

[ ] monitored a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee at the Republican National Convention in Miami.

In view of its vagueness in several items, this request was discussed with Department Attorney [ ] for clarification and he advised as indicated [ ]. Requested that reports also be furnished USA in Miami.

Discussion with [ ] is being confirmed in writing. We previously made extra copies of the reports in this case at the Bureau which can now be otherwise utilized and they are being forwarded to the Miami Office for transmittal to the USA there.
Memorandum

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: October 23, 1968

SUBJECT: et al. - Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications

Review of the reports of Special Agents furnished by your memoranda of October 11 and 15, 1968, subject as above, indicates a possible violation of 18 USC 2511(b) by on about August 5, 1968. Please interview the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, National Republican Convention concerning the indicated violation. The interview should establish facts and circumstances bearing on the Chairman's expectation that the proceedings of his Committee in executive session would be free from interception. In addition, report any other information the Chairman may have in further explanation of conduct.

If the interview discloses that the Committee received assurances in any form or had good reason to believe that microphones in the room would be turned off during the executive session, you should extend the investigation to include the sources of such assurances or other pertinent witnesses.

In addition, you should obtain, if possible, a copy of the internal NBC Newswire item which said he prepared in Miami and information on activities in Miami which might indicate she was aware of actions there. should not be interviewed in this regard.
Transmit the following in
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (139-183) (P)

ET AL;

UPUC

(00; CHICAGO)

Re Buairtels 10/24/68.

Copies of report submitted to Miami in reBuairtel have been furnished to the USA in Miami.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and four copies of LHM suitable for dissemination to the Department, concerning requested investigation by the Department in Miami.

One copy each of enclosure submitted for New York and Chicago.

ENCLOSED

Bureau (Enc 5)

Chicago (Enc 1)

New York (Enc 1)

Miami

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Approved: Sent __________ M Per __________

Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida  
October 30, 1968

RE: ___________ ET AL.  
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION  
OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Reference is made to request of FRED M. VINSON, JR.,  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, for investigation  
at Miami, Florida.

With regard to obtaining a copy of the internal  
NBC newswire item which ________ stated was prepared  
in Miami, it was determined through ________ Channel 7 (NBC), Miami, that no such internal  
newswire is in existence in Miami. A complete search of NBC,  
Miami, files relating to the Republican Convention, was  
conducted in this regard with negative results. ________ asserts that no such newswire would be prepared unless it  
got out over the TWX, and evidently, from a search of his  
records, such was not the case. ________ was unable to  
shed any light on the activities of NBC while covering the  
Miami convention, and stated that the Network used their own  
facilities and personnel, and rarely called upon the local  
station for assistance.
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK PLAINTIFF
FROM NEWARK (139-64)

RE BU AIRTEL TO MIAMI, TENT TWO FOUR LAST.

TODAY, DECLINED PERSONAL INTERVIEW RELATIVE TO ACTIVITIES OF AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

STATED WAS EMPLOYED BY NBC AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AND ASSIGNED TO UNDER SUPERVISION OF STATED WAS FOR NBC AT THIS CONVENTION.

STATED, SINCE DID NOT REPORT TO HIM AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, HE HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF HER ACTIVITIES AND DECLINED FURTHER INTERVIEW.

END PAGE ONE

EX-102
UACB, NEW YORK WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

AS SET FORTH IN RE BU.AIRTEL RELATIVE

to activities of [REDACTED] at Republican National

Convention and any info that [REDACTED] was aware of [REDACTED]

activities at that convention.

NEWARK REPORT BEING SUBMITTED TODAY.

END

WA...JDR

FBI WASH, DC
FBI
10/28/68
INSTANT.

TELEPHONIC CONTACT OFFICE OF
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) REVEALED HE IS PRESENTLY
BOSTON HANDLE INTERVIEW. RUC

TO :
DIRECTOR AND BOSTON
FROM: SAC, WFO (139-131)
ETAL; UPUC: 00; CHICAGO
RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETEYPE DIRECTOR OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHT
INSTANT.

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(Telegraphic equivalent or code)

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Dd: 10/28/68

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Mr. Toler
Mr. Morch
Mr. Terrell
Mr. Lippett
Mr. Colleen
Mr. Mound
Mr. Colleen
Miss Gandy
FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

434PM URGENT 11-5-68 DJS
TO DIRECTOR (139-3176)
FROM CHICAGO (139-193) 1P

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT; UPUC.

REBUTEL INSTANT.

SA WILL TESTIFY AT GRAND

JURY PROCEEDINGS RE CAPTIONED CASE AND WILL MEET WITH DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEY NOVEMBER SIX NEXT.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TO: SACs, CHICAGO (139-193)
   NEW YORK (139-188)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (139-3176)

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT;
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

RE BUREAU AIRTEx NOVEMBER ONE LAST.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS SA_ OR

CHICAGO OFFICE, REPORT UNITED STATES
ATTORNEY, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER SIX NEXT FOR INTERVIEW WITH
DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AND SUBSEQUENT GRAND JURY
APPEARANCE NOVEMBER EIGHT NEXT. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS EITHER
SA_ OR_ NEW YORK OFFICE; BE
PRESENT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER
SEVEN FOR INTERVIEW WITH_ AND SUBSEQUENT GRAND
JURY APPEARANCE NOVEMBER EIGHT. TESTIMONY OF THESE AGENTS IS
REQUIRED

CHICAGO AND NEW YORK COMPLY WITH DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST AND
SUTEL, IDENTITY OF AGENTS WHO WILL TESTIFY AT GRAND JURY
PROCEEDINGS;

NOTE: See Memorandum Rosen to DeLoach dated 11-5-68, RFB:plj.

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Telegraph Office

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Rosen
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: November 5, 1968

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications

Attached is a Departmental letter requesting that either Special Agent of our Chicago Office; and either Special Agent of our New York Office, be present at the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, on November 6 and November 7 respectively, for interview by Departmental Attorney and subsequent Grand Jury appearance on November 8, 1968. This is the case in which admitted ordering installation of two concealed microphones to monitor two closed meetings of the Platform Committee at the recent Democratic National Convention. Special Agents interviewed and Special Agents interviewed.

The Department has advised that required

ACTION: Attached for approval, is a teletype instructing either Special Agent or to be present at the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, on November 6, 1968; and either Special Agent or to be present at the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, November 7, 1968, for interview prior to Grand Jury appearance.
WA 5
1225 PM URGENT 11-6-68 JJT
TO DIRECTOR 139-3176 AND CHICAGO 139-193 PLAINTEXT
CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEW YORK 139-188 1P

ET AL UPUC

REBUTEL, NOVEMBER FIVE LAST.
SA_______, NYO, WILL BE PRESENT
OFFICE OF USA, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER SEVEN NEXT.
END
WA....JDR R RELAY
FBI WASH DC

TELETYPED TO:
CG______

EX-102

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TO BUREAU, BOSTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (139-42)

ET AL; UPUC, CHICAGO

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, OCT. TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ON OCT. TWENTYEIGHT LAST [REDACTED] WHO WAS
CHAIRMAN OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
AT MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED HE COULD ONLY RECALL THAT HE ANNOUNCED AT THE END
OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUG. FIVE LAST THAT THERE
WOULDBE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AND HE ASKED
NEWSMANAND OTHERS TO LEAVE THE ROOM. HE COULD NOT RECALL THAT ANY
ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERHEARING
OF THE PROCEEDINGS BY ANYONE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE BELIEVES
[REDACTED] FOR THE COMMITTEE, SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION,
BUT DOES NOT RECALL WHAT. [REDACTED] HAS OFFICES AT
AND
WASHINGTON, D. C. [REDACTED] THINKS PROBABLY IN WASHINGTON.

END PAGE ONE
BOSTON OR WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD INTERVIEW [ ] AS TO WHETHER HE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE PUBLIC MEETING AND WHETHER IT WAS TO BE PRIVATE AND THERE WERE TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERHEARINGS OF THE PROCEEDINGS. IF [ ] CAN RECALL ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH OVERHEARING, NAMES OF UP TO TEN PERSONS WHO CAN TESTIFY TO THIS SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND INTERVIEWS WITH THEM CONDUCTED. SET OUT LEADS BY TELETYPE.

THIS INVESTIGATION BASED ON COMPLAINT [ ] LISTENED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEEDINGS THROUGH A MICRAPHONE LEFT IN THE HEARING ROOM AND THEREAFTER WROTE A NEWS STORY BASED ON WHAT HE OVERHEARD.

BUDDED OCT. THIRTYONE NEXT. INDIANAPOLIS REPORT FOLLOWS.
FBI WASH DC

FBI ALBANY

3:50 PM URGENT 10/29/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY 3P

ET AL; UPUC, 00: CG.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ALBANY,

OCTOBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

FOR INFO OF NY, INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE REFLECTS

FOLLOWING INFO:

ON AUG. TWENTYNINE LAST,

CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN AUG. SIXTYEIGHT, AT MIAMI BEACH,
FLA., ADVISED HE RECALLS (HE HAS NO LIST OF COMMITTEE
MEMBERS) THAT

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FOR INFO OF ALBANY, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED EACH PERSON
INTERVIEWED IS TO BE ADVISED THIS INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF FRED VINSON, U.S. ASST.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

INVESTIGATION IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE STATED TO THE PRESS AND OTHER OUTSIDERS PRESENT AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUG. FIVE LAST AT THE FOUNTAINBLEAU HOTEL, THERE WAS TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERHEARING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THAT FOLLOWED THE PUBLIC MEETING. ESTABLISH WHETHER OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE CLEARLY INDICATED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD BE PRIVATE AND WHETHER ANY PERSONS NOT ADMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION INDICATED AFFIRMATIVELY THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THIS.

INVESTIGATION BASED ON ALLEGATION REPORTER FOR NBC LISTENED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THROUGH A MICROPHONE LEFT IN MEETING ROOM AND THEREAFTER WROTE A STORY FOR NBC ABOUT WHAT HE OVERHEARD.

AL DESIGNATE COPY OF REPORT FOR USA, MIAMI. BUDED OCT. THIRTYONE.

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INQUIRY, CURRENTLY IN NYC AND MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH TELEPHONE

NY INTERVIEW AND AS REQUESTED IN REFEEl, DESIGNATE COPY OF REPORT FOR USA, MIAMI.

AMAIL COPY CHICAGO, RUC.

END.

SLB

FBI WASH DC
RE MYTEL OCT TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

ON AUG. TWENTYNINE LAST, [ ] CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN AUG. SIXTYEIGHT AT MIAMI BEACH, FLA., ADVISED HE RECALLS (HE HAS NO LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS) THAT [ ]

WERE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FOR THE INFO OF ALBANY, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED EACH PERSON INTERVIEWED IS TO BE ADVISED THIS INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF FRED VINSON, JR., ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. INVESTIGATION IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER [ ] OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE STATED TO THE PRESS.

END PAGE ONE
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ALBANY SHOULD DESIGNATE COPY OF REPORT FOR USA, MIAMI. BUDED OCT. THIRTYONE.

INDIANAPOLIS INTERVIEWING REPORT FOLLOWS.

END

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FBI WASH DC
FBI WASH DC

FBI BOSTON

2:42PM URGENT 10/29/68 NYI

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MIAMI AND WFO

FROM BOSTON 139-110

ET AL., UPUC.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BOSTON OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INTERVIEWED INSTANT AND

ADvised ONLY ONE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD BY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, MIAMI, FLORIDA AUGUST LAST.

SESSION INVOLVED ONLY QUESTION WHETHER OR SOME-

OTHER PERSON FROM IOWA WOULD REPRESENT IOWA DELEGATION.

RECALLED ALL NON-MEMBERS OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WERE

ASKED TO LEAVE BEFORE EXECUTIVE SESSION BUT HAD NO SPECIFIC

RECOLLECTION OF STATEMENT TO OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR OR ASSURANCE

FROM PRESS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERHEARINGS OF

PROCEEDINGS BY ANYONE. ADVISED RECORD OF ALL PROCEED-

INGS AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WAS MAINTAINED AND RECORD

OF PUBLIC MEETING PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CREDENTIALS COM-

MITTEE, INCLUDING ANY STATEMENT TO PRESS OR OTHERS, COULD BE

LOCATED THROUGH AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HEAD-

QUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FBI BOSTON

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WFO AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, REVIEW RECORD OF PUBLIC MEETING PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, AUGUST FIVE, LAST. FOR ANY RECORD OF STATEMENT TO PRESS OR OTHERS RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION BEING PRIVATE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERHEARINGS OF THE PROCEEDINGS. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ASSURANCES GIVEN BY ANYONE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH OVERHEARINGS.

END

GJM

FBI WASH. DC
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE  OFFICE OF ORIGIN  DATE  INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK  CHICAGO  9/23/68  9/20 - 23/68

TITLE OF CASE  COMPLAINANT
ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS-

REPORT MADE BY  CHARACTER OF CASE

REFERENCES
Bureau teletype to New York, 9/19/68;
New York teletypes to Bureau, 9/20-23/68.

ADMINISTRATIVE:
Information copy is being furnished the Newark Division in view of past investigative interest.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: NONE
CONVIG. AUTO. FUG. FINES SAVINGS RECOVERIES ACQUITALS CASE HAS BEEN:

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

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Date Fwd. 9/24/68
How Fwd. L-94 B.

Notations
* U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1967 O-273-677
Reeves Video, identified equipment as a 16 channel mixer with the audio amplifier being an integral part of the mixer. Head phones identified as regular telephone company head phones used for intercome purposes. Equipment owned by Reeves and estimated values set forth: 16 channel mixer - $20,000; audio amplifier - $350.00; head phones $78.00 each.

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Details:

Reeves Video, 304 East 42nd Street, New York City, stated on September 20, 1968, would be the individual qualified to describe the equipment which was in the mobile television studio and utilized by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) at the Chicago convention, pointed out that was currently out of town on assignment at Irvington, New York, however, he would attempt to reach and have him contact the New York Office.
Reeves Video, 304 East 44th Street, New York City, advised equipment utilized by the National Broadcasting Company Control Room personnel was a sixteen channel mixer with the audio amplifier being an integral part of the mixer.

stated this piece of equipment was made special for Reeves by Ward Industries and is part of the one million dollar mobile television studio rented to the television industry by Reeves.

stated he never heard of any equipment called a mixmaster in the television business.

further advised that head phones utilized by the National Broadcasting Company people were regular telephone company head phones normally used for intercom purposes.

stated the above equipment was owned by Reeves, however, he was not in a position to estimate the value of the equipment as he never actually purchased such equipment in his job.
Date 9/23/68

Reeves Video, 304 East 44th Street, New York City, estimated the value of the following equipment as set forth:

- 16 channel mixer - $20,000.00
- audio amplifier - 350.00
- head phones - 78.00 each

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FBI INDIANAPOLIS
926PM URGENT 10-28-68 WJA

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND BOSTON
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 139-42

ET AL; UPUC, OO CHICAGO

REMYTEL TODAY.

IN INTERVIEW WITH ____________ AND ANY OTHERS, IT SHOULD BE DETERMINED WHETHER IT WAS CLEARLY INDICATED BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THAT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS TO BE PRIVATE AND WHETHER THOSE NOT ADMITTED TO THE MEETING INDICATED THEY AFFIRMATIVELY UNDERSTOOD THIS. ____________ AND ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUGGESTED BY HIM SHOULD BE ADVISED. THIS INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ON SPECIFIC REQUEST OF FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, AND COPIES OF ALL REPORTS SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR USA, MIAMI.

REPORT FOLLOWS.
AIR MAIL COPY CHICAGO.
END
MXS
FBI WASH DC*
TO SAC INDIANAPOLIS (139-42)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI
RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPING OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHT LAST
RELATING INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

IF NOT ALREADY COVERED IN INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] THE
DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTION
BE ASKED OF [REDACTED]

"DID [REDACTED] ASSUME THAT ALL TELEVISION AND/OR RADIO
EQUIPMENT IN THE LA RONDE ROOM WOULD BE TURNED OFF DURING
THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE? IF SO, WHAT FACTS
OR CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED SUCH AN ASSUMPTION BY [REDACTED]

SUTEL ANSWER.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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NOTE:

was Chairman of Credentials Committee at the Republican National Convention, Miami, Florida. has admitted he ordered a microphone activated to monitor a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee. The news media were covering an open session of the Credentials Committee on 8-5-68, when the Committee desired to go into Executive Session and the news media were asked to leave.

We are conducting investigation at the Department's request in an attempt to definitely establish what procedure was used to advise the news media that the meeting was to go into a closed session and determine if the possibility exists that some members of the news media were not fully cognizant that the meeting had gone into closed session.

Criminal Division, requested that be asked the specific question set forth in instant teletype.
VIA TELETYPETE
NOV 1 1968
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FBI NEW YORK
7-57 PM URGENT 11-1-68 WPK
TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM NEW YORK 139-188 2P

ET AL. UPUC. (OO-CHICAGO).

RENTKEL TEN THIRTY SIXTY EIGHT.

 gentleman ADVISED ELEVEN. ONE SIXTY EIGHT

 THAT HE WAS AT

 THE RECENT NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AT

 MIAMI, WHICH MEANT HE WAS IN CHARGE OF ALL PRODUCTION (SIX

 OR SEVEN UNITS) COVERING ALL THE ACTION OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION

 HALL.

 ADVISED A UNIT

 KNOWN AS ADVENTEL WHICH CONSISTED OF A ONE CAMERA UNIT.

 ADVISED WAS UPGRADED TO

 TO HANDLE THIS

 PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENT. STATED DIRECTED THIS

 HIGHLY MOBILE AND BUSY UNIT UNDER DIRECT ORDERS

 AND REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO HIM.

 END PAGE ONE

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ALSO ADVISED THAT WERE SENT TO THE FOUNTAINBLEAU FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE CONVENTION, HOWEVER, AT NO TIME WAS SHE UNDER
SUPervision.

FURTHER ADVISED THAT ALSO UNDER HIS DIRECTOR CONTROL WITH HIS ASSIGNMENT AT THE HOTEL FOUNTAINBLEAU AND IT WAS OPINION THAT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DUE TO HER OWN BUSY SCHEDULE AT THIS CONVENTION.

IT IS POINTED OUT THAT WAS ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF FRED VINSON, JR., AAG, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

NYO REPORT FOLLOWING ELEVEN FOUR SIXTY EIGHT.

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FBI WASH DC
FBI

DATE: 10/30/68

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, CHICAGO (139-193)
FROM: SAC, WFO (139-131)

ETAL. UPUC.

RE BOSTON TELETYPING TO DIRECTOR, OCTOBER TWENTYNINE LAST.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WASHINGTON, D. C., ON THIS DATE REVIEWED THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS MEETING AT LA RONDE ROOM, FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST FIVE LAST AND ADVISED THAT THE LAST ENTRY IN THE MINUTES WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MINUTES DID NOT REFLECT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OR INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE SESSION WAS TO BE PRIVATE BUT ONLY REFLECTED THE TOPICS WHICH WERE TO BE DISCUSSED. NO MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION COULD BE LOCATED. REC. 56 139-3176 64

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Bureau
3 - Teletype Unit
1 - Miami (AM)
2 - WFO

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Joseph B. 17riss

Approved: 34 NOV 1968
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
NEW YORK
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CHICAGO
DATE
11/4/68
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
10/30/68 - 11/1/68

TITLE OF CASE

CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE
UPF/C

REFERENCES

Bureau airtel, 10/24/68;
New York teletypes to Director, 10/31/68; 11/1/68.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Persons interviewed were advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., AAG, US Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

NONE

ACQUITALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS

APPROVED

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DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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Request Recd.
Date Fwd.
11-7-68

Notations

STAT. SECT.
advised he had a vague recollection that someone made an announcement at Republican Convention that Credentials Committee was going into executive session and all non-qualified individuals would have to leave. [ ] could offer no information regarding aftermath of this announcement and could furnish no information about any unauthorized listening at convention. [ ] at Republican Convention advised it was his opinion that [ ] had no knowledge of [ ] particular activities at the Republican Convention.

- RUC -

DETAILS:
requested he be interviewed telephonically due to the pressure of his business at this time.

stated that conditions at the recent convention were chaotic and as a result he had but a vague recollection that someone made an announcement that the credentials committee was going into executive session and all non-qualified individuals would have to leave. pointed out that he could offer no information regarding the aftermath of the above statement and that he knew nothing about any unauthorized listening at this convention.

On 10/31/68 at telephonic

by SA MAG

Date dictated 10/31/68

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Date 11/1/68

he was advised November 1, 1968, that at the recent Republican convention at Miami, which meant he was

advised was in charge of a unit known as (nick named after manufacturer) which consisted of a one camera unit. advised was upgraded to the title of director from her normal title of associate director to handle this particular assignment. stated directed this highly mobile and busy unit

also advised that and her unit were sent to the Hotel Fountainbleau from time to time during the convention, however, at no time was she under supervision.

further advised that was also under his direct control with his assignment at the Hotel Fountainbleau and it was opinion that had no knowledge of particular activities at the Republican convention due to her own busy schedule with her unit at this convention.

On 11/1/68 at New York City File# NY 139-188

by SA MAG Date dictated 11/1/68

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DEFERRED 11-8-68 TAB
TO DIRECTOR (139-3176) PLAINTEXT
FROM CHICAGO (139-193)(P)

ET AL; CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS- COMPLAINANT,
UPUC. 00. CHICAGO.

REMYTEL NOVEMBER FIVE LAST.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY CRIMINAL DIVISION,
ADVISITED THAT ON INSTANT DATE HE PRESENTED FACTS RE UPUC VIOLATIONS
AT SHERATON-BLACKSTONE HOTEL TO FGJ, CHICAGO. HE ADVISED TESTIFIED.

DUE TO FACT THIS FGJ IS ALSO HEARING EVIDENCE RE

DOES NOT EXPECT ANY RETURN IN INSTANT CASE FOR SEVERAL
WEEKS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (139-3176)
FRO. : SAC, CHICAGO (139-193) (P) 
SUBJECT: ET AL; CO.GRESS; ALL HAILE BOGGS - CO.PLAINIAN
UFUC

(FO: Chicago)

Re report of SA GUY R. BAILEY, 10/29/68, at Boston.

The Bureau and addressee offices are requested to correct referenced report on FD-263 and FD-204 by showing Chicago as office of origin.

Also FD-204 should reflect copies furnished to USAs, Chicago and Miami. Miami Division duplicate referenced report and furnish copy to USA, Miami. Chicago Division will furnish to USA, Chicago.

1 - CRU
2 - Bureau
2 - Miami
2 - FL (139-131)
1 - Chicago

RG: nss
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Memorandum

TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: NOV 4 1968

FROM: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications

In connection with grand jury proceedings in the subject case, we request that you make Special Agent [Name] or [Name] and Special Agent [Name] available for interview and appearance as witnesses. The agents of my office will be present at the United States Attorney's office in Chicago to interview the agent from Chicago on November 6, 1968, and the agent from New York on November 7, 1968. Appearance before the grand jury will be on November 8, 1968.

Testimony of these agents is required

EX 110
Airtel

To: SACs, Chicago (139-193)
    New York (139-188)
    Indianapolis (139-42)
    Los Angeles (139-190)
    Miami (139-03)
    Newark (139-64)
    Washington Field (139-131)
    Boston (139-110)

From: Director, FBI

CONGRESSMEN HALE BOGGS - COMPLAINANT
UPUC

The Department has advised that captioned case will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, beginning 11/8/68. All offices insure that all investigation has been completed and reported or furnished to Chicago, which is office of origin in this matter. Investigative reports being submitted by Chicago or by any auxiliary office should reach the Bureau by no later than Wednesday, 11/6/68.

For the information of Chicago, Departmental Attorney, Criminal Division, who will present captioned case to Federal Grand Jury, anticipates arriving in Chicago on 11/6/68, in order to prepare case for Grand Jury.

This is case wherein has admitted ordering the installation of two concealed microphones in the Embassy and Hubbard rooms, Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, to monitor closed meetings of the Democratic Platform Committee. Instant airtel being sent to offices having outstanding investigation to insure that reports are submitted prior to the beginning of Grand Jury hearings in this matter.

November 1, 1968

Tolson
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Bishop
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Conrad
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Tile, Room
Holmes
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FROM INDIANAPOLIS (139-42) (P)

CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ADVISED THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE IN ADDITION TO WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT LED HIM TO ASSUME ALL TV AND RADIO EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN TURNED OFF DURING THE RECESS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE AUG. FIVE, SIXTEY EIGHT. THIS WAS THAT THE RECESS WAS TO ALLOW TV AND RADIO PEOPLE TO TURN OFF CAMERAS, MICROPHONES, ETC. AND GET THEIR EQUIPMENT ORGANIZED, AND TO LEAVE AS THEY DID, AS ALREADY REPORTED. HE ASSERTED HE REALLY DID NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS SPECIFICALLY DONE BUT THINKS EVERYBODY ON THE ROOM PRESUMED ALL EQUIPMENT WAS TURNED OFF. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOLLOWS.

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