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[ Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. (Accessed Jan. 06, 2021). FOIA disclosure to Friends of Ours [Rep. Nancy P. Pelosi's father], ca. 1941-1964. FBI Vault. ]

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

*man* June 16, 1941

Time 3:48 PM

Name Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro

(D-Md.), tele

Referred to

Details:

*see index 2*

When advised that the Director was not in his office, and would probably be occupied with outside commitments the rest of the afternoon, the Congressman stated that he had an important investigative matter which he wished to discuss and stated that, in the Director's absence, he would be willing to speak to the proper assistant.

The Congressman was accordingly transferred to Mr. Rosen.

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4:02 PM - Mr. Rosen left his office shortly after completing this call.

will be made as soon as he returns.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Cowworth \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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cc: Mr. Tamm  
Mr. MacMillan

November 24, 1943

Honorable Thomas D'Alessandro, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of November 16, 1943, addressed to the Attorney General concerning the searching of employees of a Navy Yard by Marine guards has been referred to this Bureau.

It appears the question arises out of the actions of members of the Armed Forces while on a Naval establishment.

Matters of this nature are not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau but of the Navy Department, and for that reason I am unable to be of assistance to you. I venture to suggest the Navy Department may be in a position to give you the information you desire.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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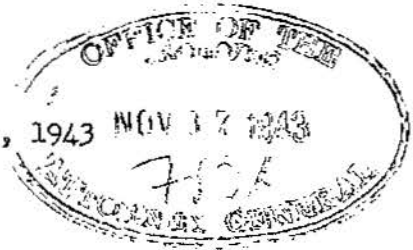
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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.  
3D DISTRICT MARYLAND

COMMITTEE:  
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

November 16, 1943



The Honorable Francis Biddle  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biddle:

I have been informed by some of my constituents, who are employed in the Navy Yard, that periodically the employees at the Yard are searched when leaving the grounds. It seems that not everyone is searched but perhaps one in every ten and the person is pulled out of line and ordered into the small building occupied by the marine who is on guard and there he is searched.

They have asked me to find out if the guard has a right to stop the men and search them in the manner in which he has been doing it. If it is necessary to search the men when they leave the Yard and everyone is searched, the men would not object to it so strenuously but when it is done only occasionally and then perhaps only one out of ten picked at random, they do object very strenuously.

May I hear from you promptly in regard to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas D'Alessandro, Jr., M. C.  
3rd District, Maryland

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: October 23, 1945.

FROM : Mr. G. C. Callan

SUBJECT: Request of Congressman D'Alesandro, Jr.  
for Hatch Act Reports

On October 22, at approximately 4:30 p.m., I received a telephone call from Miss Garmatz of Congressman D'Alesandro's office. The Congressman is from Baltimore, Maryland. His extension is 365.

Miss Garmatz stated that Congressman D'Alesandro would like to have delivered to his office copies of the reports made to Congress by the FBI concerning Hatch Act investigations. Miss Garmatz was advised by me that the FBI had not made any reports to Congress concerning Hatch Act investigations. She was told that there had been some reports furnished by the Attorney General to Congress concerning Public Laws 135 and 644, both of which have expired. She stated that she thought this was what the Congressman had in mind.

I told her I would inquire into the situation and would communicate with the Congressman's office further. It is suggested that the attached letter be forwarded to the Congressman.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Honorable Mr. Alessandro, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

Reference is made to the request of your  
office to Mr. Callan of this Bureau of  
Investigation, for copies of Hatch Act reports sub-  
mitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the  
Congress.

For your information, the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation has never submitted any reports to Con-  
gress concerning its investigations conducted under the  
Hatch Act. You will recall, however, that H.R. 10000  
and 644 of the 77th Congress required the  
Attorney General to file a report to Congress. As a  
result, the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished  
its investigative accomplishments to the Attorney  
General, who in turn prepared a report which was sub-  
mitted by him to Congress. I have, accordingly, ad-  
vised the Attorney General today of your request for  
copies of these reports and I am sure that you will  
desire to communicate directly with the Attorney General's  
office with further reference to this request.

With expressions of my best wishes and  
best regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Signed by the Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *EGL*

DATE: March 27, 1946

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT:

Supervisor Orrin H. Bartlett advised me that while talking to Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. (D., Md.) on March 26, 1946, the Congressman advised Agent Bartlett that he was running for Congress again in the fall 1946 election and that in 1947 he was running for the office of Mayor of Baltimore.

Congressman D'Alesandro advised Agent Bartlett that since he had been on the Appropriations Committee, he has been back of the Director and the Bureau one hundred per cent, and further, that he was vitally interested in and completely satisfied with the results of the Bureau's work.

The above is set forth to show Congressman D'Alesandro's opinion of the Bureau.

OHB:VPS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Honorable Thomas D'Alabandro, Jr.  
Member of Congress  
Baltimore, Maryland

My Dear Congressman:

It was indeed a pleasure to learn  
of your re-election to Congress and you have  
my best wishes for another highly successful  
term. I am deeply grateful for your support  
of the FBI in the past and I hope that you  
will not hesitate to call on me if I can be  
of service to you during the coming Session.

With appreciation of my best  
personal and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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He will have your picture in addition to a film-  
strip, color photo, etc. etc. and you will have  
a color photo of the Lincoln in addition.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11/21/01 BY 60321

*[Handwritten signature]*

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: File 62-74137 reflects a letter dated November 7, 1946, from the Director congratulating the Congressman on his re-election to the House of Representatives. Serial 3 of the file indicates that the Congressman was very favorably disposed toward the Bureau.

The Washington Evening Star under date of May 7, 1947, reflected the election of the correspondent to the position of Mayor by a substantial majority.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# D'Alesandro Is Elected Mayor As Democrats Sweep Baltimore

House Member Defeats  
Deeley Nice by Margin  
Of 24,272 Votes

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, May 7.—Democrats were back in complete control of Baltimore City today after Representative Thomas D'Alesandro, 43, captured the Mayor's chair by a 24,272 unofficial majority over Republican Deeley K. Nice, in yesterday's municipal election.

Complete unofficial returns gave Mr. D'Alesandro 96,161 votes against 71,889 for Mr. Nice. The victorious candidate will succeed Republican Theodore R. McKeldin, who was not a candidate for re-election.

Mr. D'Alesandro rode a Democratic tide that swept the party's entire slate into 20 City Council seats and the offices of Council president and city controller.

Serving his fifth term in the House of Representatives, Mr. D'Alesandro, dean of Maryland's congressional delegation, plans to resign his seat May 18 or 19, after which a special election will be held to name his successor. When Mr. D'Alesandro resigns, Representative Sasser, Democrat, of the 5th district, will become dean of the delegation.

Mr. D'Alesandro is a former chairman of the Welfare Subcommittee of the House District Committee.

C. Markland Kelly, Democratic nominee for City Council president, had an unofficial total of 103,949, far ahead of J. Edward Adkins, Jr., his Republican opponent, who had 48,070.

J. Neil McCardell, Democrat, had 102,424 votes compared with the



REPRESENTATIVE  
D'ALESDANDRO.

—A. P. Photo.

48,156 credited to Republican William F. Laukaitis in the contest for city controller.

The office of Mayor will be vacated May 20 by Mr. McKeldin.

Mr. D'Alesandro, a native of Baltimore, was born August 1, 1903, and began his political career by winning election to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1926.

He was re-elected in 1930. He served a term in the Baltimore City Council and won election to his first term in Congress in 1938.

The Baltimore voters rejected by an unofficial count of 56,457 to 24,809 a plan which would transfer from the Governor to the Mayor the power of appointing Baltimore's police commissioner.

The Governor has had the appointment authority since 1900.

Washington Evening Star, Washington,  
D. C., May 7, 1947

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1947

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your message congratulating me on my election as Mayor of the City of Baltimore. I was most pleased to receive your good wishes and assure you that I will do my utmost to give the people of Baltimore an efficient and outstanding administration.

I, too, will miss you and my many other friends in Washington but I am grateful for the proximity of our two cities which will afford the opportunity for frequent visits when and if time permits. Whenever you are in Baltimore, please make it a point to visit me at the City Hall.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours, 62-74137-6

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Thomas D'Alessandro, Jr.

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on Bureau file

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No action - Thank you - Jy

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *WCS*

DATE: February 23, 1962

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS 2-3/9*

SUBJECT: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Ingram \_\_\_\_\_

I have been confidentially advised by [redacted]

[redacted] that former Congressman Thomas D'Alessandro, Jr.,  
 [redacted] and [redacted] are all quite friendly with one another.

Enclosed will be found a file review summary concerning the captioned individual.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

Enclosure

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**THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.**

D'Alessandro was born August 1, 1903, at Baltimore, Maryland. From November, 1933, to July, 1934, he was employed as General Deputy Collector, Treasury Department, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, Maryland. In 1940 he formed an insurance agency partnership in Baltimore, Maryland. D'Alessandro is married and has four children.

Throughout his life D'Alessandro has been actively engaged in politics in the State of Maryland, has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, on Baltimore City Council, member of the United States Congress from the Third Congressional District and Mayor of the City of Baltimore. On March 28, 1961, he was sworn in as a member of the United States Renegotiation Board.

D'Alessandro has been connected with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and the International Workers Order, in that he reportedly had spoken at meetings or was listed as one of a large group of sponsors of these organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. However, an article in the "Baltimore Sun" newspaper dated March 10, 1945, indicated that D'Alessandro announced he would not attend a meeting (on problems of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers) because some of the persons listed as sponsors of the meeting "are politically known as communist sympathizers and speakers."

There have been allegations that D'Alessandro has associated with the Baltimore criminal element and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and the son, Franklin Roosevelt D'Alessandro, had been arrested for rape. All available living sources of these allegations were contacted in 1961 and stated this information is based on hearsay and rumor. These sources were unable to recall the sources of the original allegations.

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Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.

D'Alesandro's son, Franklin Roosevelt, was one of a number of individuals arrested on a rape charge in 1953. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was subsequently tried for rape and perjury and found not guilty. A source stated that although there was a rumor that "some sort of pressure had been exerted" to acquit Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro, he had no knowledge of such pressure and stated that it was the consensus of opinion he was found not guilty because his case was handled in a brilliant fashion by one of Maryland's outstanding attorneys.

Over one hundred persons including social acquaintances, political associates, professional associates and neighbors were interviewed in 1961 concerning D'Alesandro and his relatives and commented favorably. One political opponent stated that during the time he opposed D'Alesandro in a senatorial campaign he did considerable research into his background and was unable to obtain anything tangible of an adverse nature, even in a general way, concerning D'Alesandro. This individual advised that he would have used any information in his campaign that would have been critical of Mr. D'Alesandro's character, integrity, honesty or reputation. However, one United States Senator stated that he would hesitate to recommend D'Alesandro unqualifiedly without first knowing the position for which he is being considered. Another individual stated he would be hesitant in recommending D'Alesandro for any office where he would be in a position to award contracts without first having the approval of another supervisor.



September 21, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested a name check of our files concerning Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. D'Alesandro was the subject of a Special Inquiry investigation conducted by the FBI in March and April, 1961. The results of that investigation were furnished the White House by memoranda dated March 6 and April 3, 1961, copies of which are attached. No additional pertinent information has been received concerning Mr. D'Alesandro since that time. (62-74137) (161-277)

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

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subject Thomas D'Alesandro  
 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Localities Balt. md

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TO SACS BALTIMORE  
WASHINGTON FIELD ENC. 2 (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI  
THOMAS D'ALESANRO, SPI. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF  
D'ALESANRO, FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN AND MAYOR OF BALTIMORE,  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE. POSITION FOR WHICH BEING  
CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. BUREAU FILES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES  
TO D'ALESANRO WHICH ARE BEING REVIEWED. THE RESULTS OF A  
NAME CHECK ON D'ALESANRO HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO THE WHITE HOUSE  
AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ALERTED TO THE NATURE OF ALLE-  
GATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST D'ALESANRO. THE  
WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED THAT WE PROCEED WITH A SPECIAL IN-  
QUIRY INVESTIGATION BUT THAT IF SUBSTANTIAL DEROGATORY INFO-  
MATION WERE DEVELOPED, WE SHOULD REPORT THIS AND DISCONTINUE  
ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES BECAUSE SUBSTANTIATION OF ANY OF THE  
ALLEGATIONS WOULD ELIMINATE D'ALESANRO. BA OBTAIN COMPLETE  
BACKGROUND DATA AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE AT ONCE.

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RE: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO

CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION COVERING ENTIRE ADULT LIFE INCLUDING PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. COMPLETE NAMES AND CURRENT ADDRESSES OF ALL IMMEDIATE RELATIVES MUST BE ASCERTAINED BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE CONCERNING EACH. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE. ASSIGN TO SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO INSURE THAT BUDED OF FEBRUARY ONE ZERO DASH ONE NINE SIX ONE IS MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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~~Thomas J.~~  
~~SI~~  
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Birthdate & Place *8-1-23 California*  
Address *San Diego*  
Localities *San Diego*  
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Subj: James A. Thomas, Jr.

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Subj: murder, Thomas, John  
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Subj: Mananda, Thomas

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To

☒ Director

Att. SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Title THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO JR

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☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign.....Reassign.....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

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☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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Re PITTSBURGH TEL 2-10-61.

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*James J. Hendley*  
*Balt*



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File ) DATE: 2-9-61

FROM: SAC, BALT (File 161-110 )

SUBJECT: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO JR  
SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2-10-61

Reason for the delinquency: LOCATING SOURCES TO CORROBORATE  
OR FURTHER CORROBORATE NON SPECIFIC INFO FURNISHED IN

PAST. Date the report or necessary communication  
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2-11-61  
AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

*no administrative action recommended.*

3-27-61

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TO SAC BALTIMORE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., SPI. REBATEL THREE TWENTY FOUR AND

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

FROM : MR. G. H. SCATTERDAY *GHS*  
*DRONE*

SUBJECT: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: January 27, 1961

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On 1/24/61 Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President requested Mr. C. A. Evans to have a name check made concerning the captioned individual who is a former U. S. Congressman and former Mayor of Baltimore, Maryland.

D'Alesandro has never been investigated by the FBI. Bureau files were reviewed and the attached letter to Mr. O'Donnell summarizes the information concerning D'Alesandro.

Information in the attached letter concerns D'Alesandro's connection with three Communist Party front organizations during the 1940's which have been designated pursuant to EO 10450.

It should be specifically noted that the balance of the attached letter concerns allegations of D'Alesandro's involvement with [redacted] with favoritism in awarding city contracts to [redacted] protection for political contributors and interference in police investigations and the prosecution of local cases. The letter further sets forth allegations that [redacted]

[redacted] Information is also set forth concerning the trial of D'Alesandro's son for rape, his acquittal, and his subsequent trial for perjury, and acquittal.

It should also be noted that the above-mentioned allegations in many cases are rumor and have not been substantiated by the Bureau. However, it is believed Mr. O'Donnell should be advised of the nature of such information inasmuch as D'Alesandro is possibly being considered for a Presidential appointment, and if such an appointment is made the above allegations will undoubtedly be aired.

1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. CA Evans  
Enclosure

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Name Check Section  
1 - Mr. Menzel

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO

The letter to Mr. O'Donnell points out that this information is rumor and has not been substantiated by the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be furnished Mr. O'Donnell by Mr. C. A. Evans.

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- A large, stylized signature in the upper center.  
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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. CA Evans
- 1 - Name Check Section
- 1 - Mr. Menzel

January 30, 1961

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

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Reference is made to your request to Mr. C. Evans of this Bureau on January 24, 1961, for a name check concerning Thomas D'Alesandro.

Mr. D'Alesandro has not been investigated by the FBI. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information concerning Mr. D'Alesandro which has been furnished voluntarily to the FBI. It is not possible to comment concerning the accuracy or reliability of this type information.

A letterhead of the "National 'Americans All' Week," October 21 through October 28, 1941, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born listed Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, Maryland, as one of the sponsors of this observance. It was reported that this observance was held in honor of the contributions made by foreign born to the building of America and their important role in national defense. The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-7046-120X)

An undated mimeographed press release of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 79 Fifth Avenue, New York City, announced the Sixth National Conference of that

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**NOTE:** See memorandum Scatterday to Belmont captioned "Thomas D'Alesandro, Information Concerning," dated 1-27-61, GEM:afb.

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DATE 2-1-61

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Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell

organization to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from May 9 to May 10, 1942. This release listed Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro as one of a large group of sponsors of this National Conference. (100-7046-144)

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the climax of the American-Soviet Friendship Week was a rally held at the Lyric Theater in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 18, 1943, under the auspices of the Baltimore Chapter of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated. The source advised that present on the stage on the occasion of this rally were Baltimore Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, United States Senator George L. Radcliffe and Congressmen Daniel Ellison and Thomas D'Alesandro. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-146964-148 pp 28,29)

It was reported that on August 27, 1944, Italian Lodges 2517 and 2502 of the International Workers Order held a picnic at the Finnish Hall, 703 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland, at which the main speaker was Congressman D'Alesandro. The International Workers Order has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-3-8-191X pg. 10)

In 1944 an official of the Better Business Bureau, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that William Curran, reputed Democratic boss in that city, and Thomas D'Alesandro, the United States Congressman from Maryland's Third Congressional District, had used their influence with the Baltimore Police Department and local magistrates to hinder investigation and prosecution of crimes. This individual alleged that in one case, William J. Orsotti, a promoter of fraudulent schemes throughout the United States, had initiated activities in Baltimore, Maryland. It was alleged that investigation of Orsotti by the local police department was obstructed by Mr. D'Alesandro. It was also alleged that numerous weight shortages in Baltimore coal deliveries in violation of the Coal Ordinance were not prosecuted because of the influence of various coal dealers in East Baltimore who were said to be heavy contributors to Mr. D'Alesandro's political fund. (62-75147-3 serial 3, Enc. pg. 15)

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In 1945 it was alleged that one Charles F. Cammarata had been able to get away with all sorts of criminal activities in Baltimore, Maryland, and had operated almost unmolested due to his friendship with and the protection of Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro. At that time, Cammarata was reported to be engaged in gambling activities in various dice and card games in Baltimore. (62-75147-3-8, Enc. pg. 10, 22)

In 1946 it was alleged that one "Bunny" Lignor had operated a gambling establishment at 29th Street and Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, which was then utilized as the United Cabmen's Social Club, Incorporated. In 1946 it was reported that this building was being used by Lignor as Bunny's Liquor Store and that the building itself was owned by Abe Berman, an insurance man closely connected with the insurance firm of McCullough and D'Alesandro. It was further alleged that Berman had been able to furnish protection to Lignor's activities through his contact with Thomas D'Alesandro, who was a partner in the above insurance firm. (62-75147-3-serial 13, Enc. pg. 26)

In 1947 a well-known civic leader in Baltimore Maryland advised that Thomas D'Alesandro was [redacted]

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Baltimore. (62-75147-3-26 Enc pg. 19)

In January, 1947, it was reported that Thomas D'Alesandro was a constant companion of John Cataneo; Benjamin Magliano, also known as Benny Trotta; and [redacted]. Magliano had been described as a Baltimore prize fight manager and gambler also engaged in the policy racket and bookmaking activities who had been questioned by the Baltimore Police on numerous occasions relative to various holdups, murders and other crimes. [redacted] was also described as a local gambler. It was reported that these individuals had worked hard for Thomas D'Alesandro's re-election to Congress and on his campaign at that time to become Mayor of Baltimore. It was stated that John Cataneo and Magliano during the time of this campaign were under Federal indictments for violation of the Selective Service Act and for fraud against the Government and were subsequently

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convicted in Federal court. Cataneo allegedly admitted giving large sums of money toward the Democratic campaign and stated that he would receive the sanitation contracts for Baltimore if Mr. D'Alesandro was elected mayor.

At that time it was also reported that applicants for positions in the Baltimore, Maryland, Police Department received preference for such positions after paying off Thomas D'Alesandro, who was said to be influential in the police department through William Curran. (62-75147-3-19 Enc. pg 21)

In 1947 it was reported that Mrs. William H. Baurenschmidt in a radio talk on the night before the primary election in Baltimore, Maryland, during that year had pointed out that she was opposed to Thomas D'Alesandro, candidate for mayor, because of his close association to James E. Pollack. She stated that Pollack had a criminal record consisting of fifty-four appearances in court and eighteen convictions. She reportedly recalled an untried murder case against Pollack which had been postponed from time to time and was finally nol-prossed by the State's Attorney. Mrs. Baurenschmidt also pointed out that Pollack had been denied a license to operate a liquor distillery by the Federal Government because of his criminal record. (62-75147-3-26 Enc pg. 20)

A former member of the Baltimore, Maryland, City Council, who was well acquainted with Thomas D'Alesandro, in 1947 advised that Mayor D'Alesandro was then in complete control of the Democratic Party organization of that city and had given a large part of the Mayor's patronage to James E. Pollack for his support in the mayoralty campaign. It was also reported that Pollack had become more powerful politically than William Curran, who for some years was considered the political boss of Baltimore. This individual further advised that the newspapers in Baltimore which supported D'Alesandro had quieted down in their objection to Pollack as a political leader because of Pollack's criminal record, in view of his connection with Thomas D'Alesandro. (62-75147-3-34 Enc pg 16)



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On his May 31, 1953, radio broadcast. Drew Pearson discussed how Mayor D'Alesandro [redacted]

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On September 8, 1953, an individual who was closely acquainted with Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and his family, furnished the following information to this Bureau. He advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] near the home of Mayor D'Alesandro.

The above individual also advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] While he had no positive information to substantiate this allegation, he also believed [redacted]

[redacted]

During the Summer of 1953, Mayor D'Alesandro's son, Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro, aged twenty, was one of fourteen youths charged with having committed rape or perverted practices

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on two girls, aged eleven and thirteen, during July of that year. It was reported that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was the only one of twelve of those tried at that time who was successful in obtaining an acquittal. Following this acquittal, a Baltimore, Maryland, Grand Jury indicted Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro on charges of having committed perjury in that he had lied during the afore-mentioned trial on charges of rape. In addition, James H. Pollack, Baltimore City political boss, was reportedly also indicted on the charge of obstruction of justice in that he had attempted to influence testimony of several of the youthful defendants who had been tried with Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro. (62-75147-3-90 Enc. pg. 75, 76; Serial 92, Enc. pg. 77)

It was reported that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was tried on the above charge of perjury at Salisbury, Maryland, during 1954, following a change of venue, and was found not guilty.

In August, 1954, it was reported that Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, because of adverse conditions arising out of his political and family life, had been hospitalized [redacted] on March 10, 1954. [redacted]

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Dominic Piracci was a contractor in Baltimore City [redacted] His company reportedly had been awarded approximately \$4,000,000 in construction contracts sponsored by the City Off-Street Parking Commission and Courthouse project. Piracci in April, 1954, was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the city of \$42,996 in connection with the construction of an off-street parking garage in Baltimore. Piracci was also charged (and reportedly found guilty in April, 1954) with obstruction of

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justice in that he submitted to a Baltimore City Grand Jury a "completely phony" ledger to conceal \$35,000 in weekly payments to the Peoples Holding Corporation. Reportedly, officers of this corporation were also charged with conspiracy to defraud Baltimore City in an off-street parking garage contract and Piracci allegedly produced the authentic ledger of the above payments following the issuance of a second subpoena. (62-75147-3-92 Enc. pp. 31-33)

Sincerely yours,

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## 4 More Nominations Confirmed by Senate

Associated Press

The Senate yesterday confirmed President Kennedy's nominations of John M. Leddy of McLean, Va., as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Robert H. Knight of Greenwich, Conn., as general counsel of the Department.

By voice votes, the Senate also confirmed:

Raphael M. Palewonsky as Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Boisfeuillet Jones of Atlanta, Ga., as special assistant to the Secretary of Welfare for health and medical affairs.

Thomas D'alesandro Jr., former mayor of Baltimore, as a member of the Federal Renegotiation Board.

The Senate Interior Committee approved and sent to the Senate for possible action today the President's nomination of John M. Kelly, Roswell, N. M., oil operator

The Washington Post and Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
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 New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Memorandum

TO : MR. PARSONS *JRE*

DATE: February 3, 1961

FROM : A. ROSEN *Ra*

SUBJECT: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, called and referred to the Director's letter furnishing him the results of a name check on D'Alesandro. He said that this information was particularly important in that it alerted the Administration as to the nature of allegations which had been made against D'Alesandro and if these allegations were true obviously the President wouldn't appoint him to any position in the Administration.

O'Donnell asked that we proceed with a Special Inquiry investigation but that if substantial derogatory information were developed, we should report this to him and discontinue any further inquiries because substantiation of any of the allegations would eliminate D'Alesandro from consideration.

This investigation is being ordered for immediate attention.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC ST. LOUIS  
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THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. BUDED FEBRUARY TEN NEXT.  
APPOINTEE BORN AUGUST ONE, NINETEEN ZERO THREE, BALTIMORE.  
REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF D-ALESANDRO, FORMER U. S.  
CONGRESSMAN AND MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, HAS BEEN RECEIVED  
FROM WHITE HOUSE. POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT  
KNOWN. SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE AND INSURE BUDED  
IS MET WITHOUT FAIL. WHO-S WHO REFLECTS EMPLOYMENT OF  
APPOINTEE AS DEPUTY COLLECTOR INTERNAL REVENUE NINETEEN  
THIRTYTHREE DASH THIRTYFOUR. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT NOT SHOWN.  
ST. LOUIS CHECK FRC AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE  
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THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BA TEL TWO SEVEN SIX ONE. BUDED  
TWO TEN SIX ONE. BALTIMORE SEE YOUR SEMIANNUAL CRIME SURVEY, YOUR  
FILE SIX TWO DASH THREE ONE NINE. INFORMATION CONCERNING D-ALESANDRO  
AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE WHITE  
HOUSE IN NAME CHECK FORM ONLY AND NOT SUBSTANTIATED IS MENTIONED  
IN YOUR LETTERS TEN DASH TWO EIGHT DASH FOUR FOUR PAGE ONE FIVE;  
FOUR DASH ONE THREE DASH FOUR FIVE PAGES TEN AND TWO TWO; FIVE DASH  
ONE THREE DASH FOUR SIX PAGE TWO SIX; ONE DASH SIX DASH FOUR SEVEN  
PAGE TWO ONE; FOUR DASH ONE FIVE DASH FOUR SEVEN PAGES ONE NINE  
AND TWO ZERO; TWO DASH ONE FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR PAGES SEVEN TWO,  
SEVEN FIVE, AND SEVEN SIX; EIGHT DASH NINE DASH FIVE FOUR PAGES  
THREE ONE, THREE THREE, AND THREE SEVEN. BALTIMORE THOROUGHLY  
REVIEW YOUR SEMIANNUAL CRIME SURVEY AND REPORT ALL PERTINENT  
INFORMATION. ALSO SEE YOUR FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH FOUR ZERO  
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ZERO ZERO DASH TWO TWO SEVEN FIVE, CAPTIONED QUOTE BALTIMORE  
CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP,  
INCORPORATED; INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R. UNQUOTE D-ALESANDRO IS  
MENTIONED ON PAGE TWO NINE OF THE REPORT OF SA JAMES T. MAGHER  
DATED ONE, TWO SEVEN, FOUR FOUR AT BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE  
THOROUGHLY REVIEW ALL OF YOUR FILES PERTAINING TO D-ALESANDRO AND  
EXPEDITE REQUEST<sup>60</sup> INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM SAC BALTIMORE 161-110 1 P

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BUREAU TELETYPE FEB.  
SIXTH LAST. INQUIRY AT BALTIMORE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN  
SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL, SEVENTH MARYLAND DISTRICT, REFLECTS

HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON TODAY AND TOMORROW AND CAN BE REACHED  
ROOM ONE SIX ONE ZERO, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, EXTENSION  
FOUR SEVEN FOUR ONE. WASHINGTON FIELD HANDLE.

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INVESTIGATION OF D-ALESANDRO HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE.  
POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. PHILADELPHIA  
SEE WHO-S WHO. APPOINTEE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN  
TO NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. ALSO MAYOR U. S. CONFERENCE OF  
MAYORS AND CHAIRMAN STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.  
PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW MAYOR RICHARDSON DILLWORTH REGARDING  
APPOINTEE AND CONFIRM APPOINTEES MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE OF  
MAYORS AND HIS CHAIRMANSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
AND ASCERTAIN APPROXIMATE PERIOD OF TIME APPOINTEE ON ABOVE  
COMMITTEES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE MEMBER OF SEVENTYSIXTH

TO EIGHTIETH CONGRESSES FROM THIRD MARYLAND DISTRICT. WASHINGTON  
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AND BUTLER AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MEMBERS OF  
HOUSE WHO SERVED WITH APPOINTEE. BUREAU HAS ADVISED BUDED  
MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. APPOINTEE AWARDED DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, U OF MD. JUNE NINETEEN  
FIFTYONE. WFO HANDLE.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC LITTLE ROCK

FROM SAC BALTIMORE 161-110 1 P

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. BUDED FEB. TEN NEXT.

APPOINTEE BORN AUGUST ONE NINETEEN ZERO THREE, REPORTEDLY

HAS BEEN A GUEST AT THE HOTEL ARLINGTON, HOT SPRINGS,

ARKANSAS, ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST YEARS.

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF D-ALESANDRO, FORMER US

CONGRESSMAN AND MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM

WHITE HOUSE. POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT

KNOWN. BUREAU HAS ADVISED BUDED MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL.

LITTLE ROCK CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /161-59/

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. BUDED FEB TEN NEXT. RE BALTIMORE TEL TO DIRECTOR, PHILA, AND WFO FEB EIGHT, SIXTYONE. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF D-ALESANDRO HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE. POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. APPOINTEE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN TO NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. ALSO MEMBER U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND CHAIRMAN STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION. MAYOR RICHARDSON DILWORTH, CURRENT HGAIRMAN OF U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, ADVISED HE HAS ONLY NODDING ACQUAINTANCE WITH D-ALESANDRO AND NEVER SERVED ON ANY COMMITTEES OF THIS ORGANIZATION WITH APPOINTEE. DILWORTH STATES MAYOR RICHARD DALEY, CHICAGO, WAS CHAIRMAN U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS LAST YEAR AND MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING D-ALESANDRO. CHICAGO INTERVIEW MAYOR RICHARD DAYLEY REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CONFIRM APPOINTEE-S MEMBERSHIP U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND HIS CHAIRMANSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND ASCERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME APPOINTEE ON ABOVE COMMITTEES.

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URGENT 2/9/61 7-12 PM AJL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, BOSTON, CLEVELAND, PHILADELPHIA  
PITTSBURGH, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC BALTIMORE /161-110/ 2P

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BUREAU TEL FEB. SIX LAST,  
NO CC TO LISTED OFFICES. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF D-ALESANDRO,  
FORMER U. S. CONGRESSMAN, MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, RECEIVED FROM  
WHITE HOUSE. POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. ASSIGN  
IMMEDIATELY. AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT ALL LEADS  
BY TELETYPE. BUDED FEBRUARY ONE ZERO SIXTYONE. APPOINTEE HAS BEEN  
IN INSURANCE BUSINESS AT BALTIMORE SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN  
THIRTY. WORKED FOR POOR, BOWEN, BARTLETT AND KENNEDY UNTIL  
NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. IN NINETEEN FORTY FORMED PARTNERSHIP WITH  
ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH, WHICH DISSOLVED IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX.  
KNOWN AS D-ALESANDRO AND MC CULLOUGH UNTIL THEN. SINCE NINETEEN  
FIFTYSIX, KNOWN AS THOMAS J. D-ALESANDRO AND SON. RECORDS STATE  
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT INDICATE APPOINTEE HAD SURETY BOND WITH  
EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORP., LTD., BOSTON, MASS. RECORDS  
ALSO INDICATE APPOINTEE SERVED AS AGENT FOR LISTED COMPANIES DASH  
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THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI.

EMPLOYERS FIRE INSURANCE CO., AND AMERICAN EMPLOYERS INSURANCE COMPANY, BOTH LOCATED BOSTON, MASS., SHELBY MUTUAL PLATE GLASS AND CASUALTY CO., SHELBY, OHIO, MECHANICS AND TRADERS INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN., HOMESTEAD FIRE INSURANCE CO., EAGLE FIRE INSURANCE CO., PATRIOTIC INSURANCE CO., AMERICAN HOME FIRE INSURANCE CO., PACIFIC COAST FIRE INSURANCE CO., SUN UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE CO., ALBANY INSURANCE CO., FEDERAL UNION INSURANCE CO., AND HOME INDEMNITY CO., ALL LOCATED NYC, GLOBE AND REPUBLIC INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA, PENN. T AND F MHT. CAS. INSURANCE CO., THREE TWO FIVE DASH THREE THREE THREE SOUTH EIGHTTEENTH STREE, HARRISBURG, PA., KEY-  
STONE MUTUAL CASUALTY PITTSBURGH, PA. OFFICES REQUESTED TO CONTACT LISTED COMPANIES AND DETERMINE IF ANY COMPLAINTS REGISTERED AGAINST APPOINTEE, AND VERIFY AGENCY STATUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-181)

THOMAS D DASH ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BU TELETYPE TWO SIX SIXTYONE COPY YOUR OFFICE. BUDED TWO TEN SIXTYONE. HCUA RECORDS REFLECT D DASH ALESANDRO, THOMAS, HON., AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, SPONSOR. TAKEN FROM LEAFLET SIXTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, FIVE DASH NINE, AND TEN, FORTYTWO, PAGE FOUR. MEMBER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, WFO WILL REPORT.

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Reporting Office <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/9/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/7 - 9/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>THOMAS D<sup>A</sup>ALESANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>IC</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Typed By: <b>bjm</b> <span style="float: right;">b6 b7C</span>
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Bureau File No.:

Title:

THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Records FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Mo., indicated THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR., employed by Bureau of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, Md. Terminated by reason of resignation.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On February 9, 1961, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR., indicated that he was employed on November 29, 1933, as an General Deputy Collector with the Treasury Department, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, at Baltimore, Maryland. This employment was terminated on July 31, 1934, as a General Deputy Collector, by reason of resignation, details not shown.

The above employment was verified from a Service Record Card contained in the files of the Civil Service Commission, Service Record Division, inasmuch as personnel, Federal Records Center, advised that no other source of verification could be located.

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The date of birth was shown as August 1,  
1903, place not indicated.

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Reporting Office <b>LITTLE ROCK</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/9/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/9/61</b>
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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: February 9, 1961

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Field Office File No.: 161-12

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records, Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, reflect THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, 210 East Redwood, Baltimore, Maryland, resided at hotel on three occasions in 1960 and also guest of hotel prior to 1960. Acquaintances at hotel recommend favorably and advise D'ALE SANDRO outstanding guest. Sentinel Record newspaper, Hot Springs, dated 3/28/59 contained article reflecting D'ALE SANDRO, as Mayor of Baltimore, while in Hot Springs signed two ordinances concerning the Charles Center and Civic Center projects at Baltimore. Article further reflected D'ALE SANDRO has visited annually in Hot Springs since 1940's, and when U. S. Congressman was patient at Army Navy Hospital, Hot Springs. No credit or arrest record, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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Details: AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSASRESIDENCE

On February 9, 1961, Mr. ED MAY, Manager, Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, advised his records reflect Mr. THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, 210 East Redwood, Baltimore, Maryland, resided at the hotel on the following dates: From November 15, 1960, to December 21, 1960; from July 23, 1960, to August 12, 1960; from March 19, 1960, to April 13, 1960; from March 22, 1959, to April 11, 1959; and from December 2, 1957, to December 12, 1957. Mr. MAY stated D'ALE SANDRO has been a guest at the hotel on numerous occasions prior to the above dates but

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his records are not complete in relation to these dates. He stated he has been acquainted with Mr. D'ALESSANDRO for approximately 10 years and he has always been an outstanding guest while staying at the hotel, and would recommend him favorably in every respect. Mr. MAY pointed out the fact that his only association with Mr. D'ALESSANDRO has been at the Arlington Hotel.

On February 9, 1960, [redacted] Arlington Hotel, and [redacted] Arlington Hotel, advised they have been acquainted with D'ALESSANDRO for approximately eight years, having known him on his visits to the Arlington Hotel. They recommended D'ALESSANDRO in every respect, and stated he has always been a gentleman on those occasions he has been a guest at the hotel.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. JOHN LONGINOTTI, Assistant Editor, Sentinel Record newspaper, advised on February 9, 1961, his records reflect the Sentinel Record dated March 28, 1959, contained an article entitled "VACATIONING BALTIMORE MAYOR SIGNS TWO IMPORTANT ORDINANCES IN SPA." This article reflected that Mayor D'ALESSANDRO, while a guest at the Arlington Hotel, on this date signed into effect two ordinances in relation to the so-called Charles Center and Civic Center projects in Baltimore. The Charles Center project is a \$127,000,000 project and the Civic Center is a \$12,000,000 project. D'ALESSANDRO used 12 different pens in signing these ordinances. It was indicated he goes out of office May 1959 as he was defeated for re-election as mayor.

During the interview of D'ALESSANDRO by Sentinel Record newspaper reporter it was indicated that D'ALESSANDRO has visited in Hot Springs annually since the 1940's, and when as Congressman he was a patient at the Army Navy Hospital, Hot Springs. He began in politics 33 years ago and during that time has served eight years in the Maryland Legislature, four terms in the Baltimore City Council, five terms as United States Congressman, and three terms as Mayor of Baltimore.

Mr. LONGINOTTI advised he was unable to locate additional references in relation to Mr. D'ALESSANDRO.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On February 9, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau, Hot Springs, advised his records contain no listing identifiable with THOMAS D'ALESDANDRO, JR.

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On February 9, 1961, [redacted] Police Department, Hot Springs, and [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Garland County, advised their respective records contain no listing identifiable with THOMAS D'ALESDANDRO, JR.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office PHILADELPHIA	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 2/9/61	Investigative Period 2/8 - 9/61
TITLE OF CASE  THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.		Report made by ROBERT E. MASTERS	Typed By: CMA
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## Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT E. MASTERS                      Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Date: 2/9/61  
Field Office File No.: 161-59                      Bureau File No.:  
Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mayor RICHARDSON DILWORTH, Philadelphia, Pa., states he is currently Chairman of U. S. Conference of Mayors. States term is for one year, and only incumbent mayors eligible for membership. DILWORTH has only nodding acquaintance with appointee, knows nothing concerning his background, reputation, and ability except from information received in public press.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor RICHARDSON DILWORTH on February 9, 1961, advised that he is Chairman of the U. S. Conference of Mayors for the current year, that this position is for only a one-year term, and that consequently, since THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Jr., was not mayor of Baltimore after 1959 he is not presently a member of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

Mayor DILWORTH said he has a nodding acquaintance with D'ALESSANDRO but has never been with him socially or as a member of any committees in the above organization. He said

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that he has no personal knowledge of appointee's ability, reputation, or loyalty, and his entire knowledge of D'ALESSANDRO comes from articles which have appeared from time to time in the public press.

Mayor DILWORTH stated that Mayor RICHARD DALEY, Chicago, was Chairman of the U. S. Conference of Mayors in 1959-60 and may have had some association with the appointee.

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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BALTIMORE 161-110

FROM - SAC, PITTSBURGH 161-27 2 P

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BALTIMORE TEL TO BUREAU,  
FEB. NINE LAST. BUDED FEB. TEN SIXTY ONE. KEYSTONE MUTUAL  
CASUALTY CO., PITTSBURGH, PA., CEASED OPERATION OF BUSINESS  
JUNE TWENTY SIX NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN DUE TO FACT RESERVES  
WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN STATE OF PA.  
ARTEMAS C. LESLIE, ATTY, PG, FORMERLY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF COMMONWEALTH OF PA., ADVISED KEYSTONE MUTUAL CASUALTY CO.,  
AS OF DEC. THIRTY ONE NINETEEN FORTY SIX HAD APPROXIMATELY  
ONE THOUSAND AGENTS OPERATING IN TWENTY SIX STATES. APPOINTEE  
AS INSURANCE AGENT IS LICENSED IN STATE OF MARYLAND AND ANY  
COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST APPOINTEE WOULD BE FILED AT INSURANCE  
DEPARTMENT FOR STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE ONE, MD., CARE  
OF JOHN COPPAGE, FIRST DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. LESLIE  
STATED HE HAS MET APPOINTEE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS GROWING OUT  
OF HIS INSURANCE WORK. APPOINTEE IS KNOWN TO HAVE A GOOD  
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REPUTATION IN THE INSURANCE FIELD AND LESLIE KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE. NO RECORDS OF KEYSTONE MUTUAL CASUALTY CO., MAINTAINED AT PG, AND LESLIE ADVISES NO PERSONNEL RECORDS WERE KEPT FOLLOWING FULL ADJUDICATION OF DISSOLUTION OF COMPANY IN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO. LESLIE SAID AGENCY STATUS OF APPOINTEE WITH KEYSTONE MUTUAL CASUALTY WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT INSURANCE DEPT FOR STATE OF MARYLAND. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, BALTIMORE WILL VERIFY AGENCY STATUS OF APPOINTEE WITH KEYSTONE MUTUAL CASUALTY CO. AND DETERMINE IF ANY COMPLAINTS REGISTERED THROUGH CONTACT WITH JOHN COPPAGE, FIRST DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, INSURANCE DEPT. FOR STATE OF MARYLAND. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BALTIMORE /161-110X  
FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /161-59/

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEB  
NINE SIXTYONE. WILLIAM HOVETER, JR., PERSONNEL MANAGER, PENNA. T AND  
F MUT. INS. CO., HARRISBURG, PA., ON FEBRUARY TEN SIXTYONE ADVISED  
D-ALESANDRO DASH MC CULLOUGH AGENCY HANDLED WORK PRIOR TO NINETEEN  
FIFTY. NO RECORD OF COMPLAINTS. BALTIMORE INTERVIEW RALPH THOMPSON,  
MANAGER, PTFMIC, SNOW BUILDING, THREE ONE SEVEN CALVERT STREET, FOR  
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND ANY RECORDS IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING  
APPOINTEE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, WFO

FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN 161-90 1P

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR. SPI. RE BA TEL FEB. NINE. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF D-ALESANDRO, FORMER U. S. CONGRESSMAN, MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE. POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY. AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE. BUDED FEB. TEN. APPOINTEE HAS BEEN IN INSURANCE BUSINESS, BALTIMORE, SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTY AND SERVED AS AGENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES INCLUDING MECHANICS AND TRADERS INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN. RECORDS THAT COMPANY REFLECT ONLY THAT APPOINTEE REPRESENTED COMPANY AS AGENT AT BALTIMORE, MD., DEC. THIRTEEN, FORTY, TO JUNE TWENTY THREE, FORTYEIGHT. COMPANY MERGED WITH NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD IN FIFTYFIVE. MANAGER LARRY CHRISTIANSON, ONE FOUR ONE THREE K ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, DC, SUPERVISED BA AGENCY AND BELIEVED ABLE TO FURNISH DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENCY OF APPOINTEE AND REASON FOR TERMINATION. WFO CONTACT CHRISTIANSON.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /161-59/

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BALTIMORE TEL YESTERDAY TO BUREAU AND  
NEW YORK. MR. DEAN HAGGERTY, MANAGER, PHILA OFFICE, GLOBE AND REPUBLIC  
INSURANCE OF AMERICA, ADVISED HIS OFFICE HANDLES ONLY AGENCIES IN PHILA  
AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES. PROPER PERSON TO CONTACT IS MR. JOHN OWEN,  
VICE-PRESIDENT, NINE TWO WILLIAMS STREET, NEW YORK THIRTYEIGHT,  
N. Y., TELEPHONE WHITEHALL FOUR DASH SEVEN SIX ZERO ZERO. NEW YORK CON-  
TACT ABOVE AND DETERMINE AGENCY STATUS AND IF ANY COMPLAINTS REGISTERED  
AGAINST APPOINTEE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, CLEVELAND -161- NEW-

THOMAS D- ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. BUDED FEBRUARY TEN SIXTYONE.  
RE BALTIMORE TEL FEBRUARY NINE LAST. PAUL DUBUC. AGENCY  
SUPERINTENDENT, SHELBY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., SHELBY, OHIO,  
ADVISED COMPANY FORMERLY WAS KNOWN AS SHELBY MUTUAL PLATE GLASS  
AND CASUALTY CO. THE D- ALESANDRO- MC CULLOUGH INSURANCE  
AGENCY, ONE THREE ONE FIVE GUILFORD AVE., BALTIMORE, MD., WAS  
CARRIED AS AN AN AGENCY FOR SHELBY MUTUAL FROM FORTYTWO THROUGHT  
FORTYFIVE AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE CANCELLED AS AGENTS. PRINCIPALS  
IN THIS FIRM WERE IDENTIFIED AS ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH, FIVE ZERO  
FOUR EAST THIRTYNINE ST., THOMAS D- ALESANDRO, JR., TWO FOUR FIVE  
ALBEMARLE ST., AND ERNEST J. BAUER, TWO TWO SEVEN ZERO PARK  
HILL AVE., ALL OF BALTIMORE, MD. SHELBY MUTUAL HAS DESTROYED  
ALL RECORDS IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE BEING AN AGENCY FOR THEM AND  
HAVE ONLY A CARD WHICH REFLECTS THE ABOVE INFO. NO REASON IS  
GIVEN THEREON FOR REASON OF CANCELLATION, HOWEVER, DUBUC SURMISED

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IT COULD HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS FROM THE FIRM. NO DEROGATORY DATA RECORDED ON THE CARD AND INQUIRY OF OTHER EMPLOYEES BY DUBUC MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS TO DEVELOPING INFO REGARDING THE FIRM OR REASON FOR CANCELLATION. THIS FIRM IS NOT PRE<sup>N</sup>SE<sup>A</sup>TLY AN AGENT FOR SHELBY MUTUAL. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 12 AND SAC, BALTIMORE  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK /151-174/ 1 PAGE

THOMAS D. DASH ALESANDRO JR., SPI. RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TWO NINE SIXTY  
ONE FOR EDIFICATION BALTIMORE, NEW YORK INSURANCE OFFICERS ADVISED THAT  
INFORMATION RELATIVE TO COMPLAINTS REGISTERED AGAINST APPOINTEE ON  
INSURANCE MATTERS WOULD BE LOCATED IN CARE OF THE MARYLAND STATE  
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT AND NOT WITH RESPECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES  
REPRESENTED BY APPOINTEE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, BALTIMORE (161-110)  
 FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-181)  
 THOMAS D ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. REBUREAUTELETYPE FEBRUARY SIX,  
 SIXTYONE. REBALTIMORE TELETYPE FEBRUARY EIGHT, SIXTYONE.  
 BUDED FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYONE. CONGRESSMAN SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL  
 HAS RETURNED TO BALTIMORE THIS AM AND WILL BE LOCATED ROOM  
 THREE TWO THREE POST OFFICE BUILDING UNTIL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN,  
 SIXTYONE. FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN A. MEYER, NOW ATTORNEY AT  
 LAW, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, SERVED WITH APPOINTEE UNITED STATES  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FOLLOWING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES  
 KNOW APPOINTEE AND CAN BE LOCATED AS SET FORTH. GEORGE H.  
 FALLON, POST OFFICE BUILDING, BALTIMORE, EDWARD A. GARMATZ  
 POST OFFICE BUILDING, BALTIMORE. DANIEL B. BREWSTER, THREE  
 ZERO FIVE WEST CHESAPEAKE STREET, TOWSON, MARYLAND. BALTIMORE  
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URGENT 2-10-61 8-40 PM JEG

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC CHICAGO 161-150 1P

THOMAS D DASH ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE PHILADELPHIA TEL TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO FEB NINE LAST. THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. DALEY, MAYOR, CITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILL., ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. SMITH, JR. ON FEB TEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS FORMER MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, THOMAS D DASH ALESANDRO AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, WHICH MET IN CHICAGO LAST YEAR. MAYOR DALEY STATED THAT HE HAD ONLY A QUOTE PER-FUNCTORY UNQUOTE ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH APPOINTEE AND TO KNOWLEDGE APPOINTEE MAN OF GOOD REPUTATION AND CHARACTER. MAYOR DALEY STATED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY AWARE OF ANY COMMITTEE ON WHICH THE APPOINTEE SERVED BUT IF THE APPOINTEE CLAIMS THAT HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN ON THE COMMITTEE OF LEGISLATION WHILE ATTENDING THE U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY HE WAS. RUC. 25

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Reporting Office <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/10/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/10/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>SA EDWARD R. WHALEN</b>	Typed By: <b>lrf</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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## Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA EDWARD R. WHALEN  
February 10, 1961

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File No.: NH 161-90

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

D'ALESSANDRO agent of Mechanics and Traders Insurance Company at Baltimore, Maryland, 12/13/40 to 6/23/48. Company records at Hartford, Connecticut, reflect no further information.

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DETAILS

Mr. CARL T. HOLMQUIST, Supervisor, Agency License Department, National Fire Insurance Company, 1000 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, advised on February 10, 1961, that the Mechanics and Traders Insurance Company was merged with the National Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, in 1955 and that the records of the Mechanics and Traders Insurance Company reflect that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. held an agency license to represent the company in the Baltimore, Maryland, area from December 13, 1940, to June 23, 1948. Mr. HOLMQUIST stated that their records reflected no further information.

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Mr. HOLMQUIST added that LARRY CHRISTIANSON, Agency Manager, National Fire Insurance Company, 1413 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., supervised the agency in the Baltimore, Maryland, area, and would probably be in a position to furnish more detailed information concerning the agency of D'ALESSANDRO.



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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/10/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/10/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>PATRICK J. COLLINS</b>	Typed By: <b>jcg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCES

Baltimore teletype to Bureau, dated 2/9/61  
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Report of:

PATRICK J. COLLINS

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

2/10/61

Field Office File No.:

New York 161-174

Bureau File No.:

Title:

THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's agency status with various  
insurance companies of New York verified.

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DETAILS

Employments

Homestead Fire Insurance Company  
Home Indemnity Company  
59 Maiden Lane  
New York, New York

On February 10, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] Home Insurance Company, advised that  
[redacted] absorbed the Homestead Fire Insurance  
Company and the Home Indemnity Company several years  
ago. He stated that their records reflect that the  
appointee, under account number 25032, was the  
Maryland agent for the two-named companies from  
December 18, 1940 through August 15, 1952, when the  
account was closed. He stated that the financial  
statements balanced and that the appointee maintained  
a good account with these companies.

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The Federal Union Insurance Company  
75 Maiden Lane  
New York, New York

On February 10, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] Globe Indemnity Company, 150 William Street,  
New York, New York, advised that the Federal Union  
Insurance Company merged with the Star Insurance  
Company of Chicago on June 30, 1949. He stated that  
Star Insurance Company was absorbed by the Globe  
Company on July 1, 1958. He stated that his records  
reflect that the appointee was the Maryland agent  
for the Federal Union Insurance Company and the  
Globe and Republic Insurance Company of Philadelphia.  
He stated that old records have been destroyed, hence,  
he cannot give dates of the appointee's agency status.

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Mr. WALTER L. FALK, Executive Vice President, advised that he has known the appointee for over 20 years. He stated that the appointee, together with WILLIAM MC CULLOUGH, represented numerous small insurance companies through their Maryland insurance brokerage in the 1940's. He stated that within the last 10 years, many mergers have occurred in the insurance business and many old records were destroyed during the course of these mergers. Mr. FALK stated that to the best of his recollection, the appointee was a good insurance man who maintained satisfactory accounts. He stated he would highly recommend the appointee as an honest, loyal American of good character, habits and associates.

Patriotic Insurance Company  
Sun Underwriters Company  
Albany Insurance Company  
55 5th Avenue  
New York, New York

On February 10, 1961, Mr. CARL SCHAFFER, President, Sun Insurance Company, advised that the above named companies have been absorbed into his company. He stated that the appointee represented these companies from 1940 through 1949, when his representation of these small companies was terminated by the Sun Company due to the financial losses incurred by the appointee's insurance agency. He stated that the files reflect no complaints relative to the appointee and that as he recalled there was nothing derogatory in the relationship between the appointee and these small companies. He stated that the appointee was an insurance protege of a Mr. WILLIAM FRAISER, deceased, who was a leading Baltimore insurance figure. He stated that he believed the

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appointee's political commitments prevented him from engaging in the insurance business full time. This caused the appointee's business to lose money. He stated that he would recommend the appointee as an honest, loyal American of good character, habits and associates.

American Home Fire Insurance Company  
59 John Street  
New York, New York

On February 10, 1961, Mr. ELMER VAN DUSEN, Vice President, American Home Assurance Company, 59 John Street, advised that his company absorbed the American Home Fire Insurance Company in 1952. He stated that his old records have been destroyed, however, an indices card reflects that the appointee was their Maryland representative from 1940 through 1946. He has known the appointee socially for about 25 years. He stated that he recalled the appointee as he had business contact with him during that period. Based on that business contact and his lengthy social acquaintance with the appointee he stated that he would recommend the appointee as an honest, loyal American of good character, habits and associates.

Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company  
111 John Street  
New York, New York

On February 10, 1961, [redacted], [redacted] advised that his card index reflects that the appointee was this company's Maryland agent from August 8, 1941 to May 20, 1946. The record reflects

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that the appointee paid his accounts on time and that there was no problem in this account. [redacted] did not know the appointee nor could he suggest anyone who would know the appointee.

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Eagle Fire Insurance Company  
75 Maiden Lane  
New York, New York

On February 10, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] Norwich Union Group, 75 Maiden Lane, advised that her company absorbed the Eagle Fire Insurance Company in 1952, and that 5 years later all old records were destroyed. She stated that an index card reflects that a THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., was the agent in Maryland for the Eagle Fire Insurance Company from 1941 to 1946. The records contain no other information. She stated that she does not know the appointee nor could she suggest any one who would know the appointee.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/10/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/10/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>ROBERT E. MASTERS</b>	Typed By: <b>EGR</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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## REFERENCES

Report of SA ROBERT E. MASTERS dated 2/9/61 at Philadelphia.  
Baltimore teletype to Director dated 2/9/61.  
Philadelphia teletype to Director and New York dated 2/10/61.  
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## Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT E. MASTERS  
Date: February 10, 1961

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Field Office File No.: 161-59

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Supervision of Baltimore Agencies by Globe and Republic Insurance Company of America handled by New York Office. No record of any complaints against appointee at office of Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, Harrisburg, Pa. Records reveal appointee's firm handled work for PTFMIC prior to 1950.

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Details: Investigation at Harrisburg, Pa., was conducted by SA TERRY R. ANDERSON; remainder by SA ROBERT E. MASTERS.

EMPLOYMENTAt Philadelphia, Pa.

Globe and Republic Insurance Company of America  
322 Walnut Street

Mr. DEAN HAGGERTY, Manager, advised on February 10, 1961, his office handles only agencies in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Mr. HAGGERTY said Mr. JOHN OWEN, Vice-President, Globe and Republic Insurance Company of America, 92 Williams Street, New York City, would have supervision of Baltimore Agencies.



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At Harrisburg, Pa.

Pennsylvania Threshermen and  
Farmers Mutual Insurance Company,  
325 - 333 South 18th Street

On February 10, 1961, WILLIAM HOVETER, JR., Personnel Manager, advised the files of his office reflect that THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO was with the D'Alesandro - McCullough Agency, Baltimore, Md., which handled work for that company under the American Agency System prior to 1950. He stated he had no further record concerning D'ALE SANDRO, and had no record of any complaints concerning the agency. He suggested that contact be made with RALPH THOMPSON, the Branch Manager of Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmers Mutual Insurance Company in the Snow Building, 317 Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md., who was in the same building with the D'Alesandro - McCullough Agency and possibly has records of the exact dates that that agency represented their company and would probably know D'ALE SANDRO personally.

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Re Philadelphia teletype, 2/10/61.

RALPH THOMPSON, Manager, Penna. T and F Mutual Insurance Co., Baltimore, Maryland, interviewed instant date by SA THOMAS G. RYAN, advised he had dealings with appointee's deceased partner in insurance business. No dealings with appointee and has no information re appointee. Dealings with appointee's firm satisfactory. Baltimore report dictated and this information not being included in Baltimore report.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>MAURICE G. AUSTIN</b>	Typed By: <b>pat</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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## REFERENCES

Bureau teletype dated 2/6/61.  
Baltimore teletypes dated 2/7/61 and 2/8/61.  
New Haven teletype dated 2/10/61.

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### WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

#### AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report results of agency check Secret Service when received, and interview of LARRY CHRISTIANSON and Senator BUTLER when received.

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Report of: MAURICE G. AUSTIN  
Date: 2/10/61

Office: Washington, D. C.

Field Office File No.: 161-181

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Education satisfactory. Employment satisfactory. No local credit or police record re appointee, spouse, [redacted] CSC, Passport, no record re appointee. HCUA record reflects one D'ALESSANDRO, THOMAS, (Hon.), American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born-Sponsor. Attendance of [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On February 7, 1961, [redacted] White House Office, advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER there was no additional information regarding the appointee.

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On February 9, 1961, [redacted] Registrar's Office, advised SA [redacted] that the records of the Registrar's Office show an honorary degree of Doctor of Science was presented to THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, on June 9, 1951, by the University of Maryland.

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It is to be noted the Biographic Directory of the American Congress from 1774 to 1949, reflects the appointee served in Congress from January 3, 1939, to May 16, 1947.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CONRAD L. TRAHERN on February 10, 1961:

Senator JAMES GLENN BEALL, Maryland, advised he has known the appointee for the past 25 years and served in the State Legislature with the appointee for ten years and also served in the United States House of Representatives with the appointee from January 3, 1939, to May 16, 1947. He stated the appointee then ran for the Office of Mayor of Baltimore, Maryland. He stated he has known the appointee socially and personally for the past 25 years and he commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. He further stated the appointee is a capable and efficient person.

Mrs. CATHRYN B. WOLFE, Administrative Assistant to Senator BEALL, advised she has known the appointee personally and politically from 1939 to 1947, while he served at the United States House of Representatives and has also known him since that time. She commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and she recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

MARY E. WALDRON, Personal Secretary to Senator BEALL, advised she has known the appointee both politically and personally since 1939, and she recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. She commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty.

United States Representative RICHARD E. LANKFORD, Maryland, advised he has known the appointee since 1946 when they served together in Congress and has known him politically and personally since that time. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Representative CLARENCE CANNON, Missouri, and Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, United House of Representatives, advised he served in Congress with the appointee from 1939 to 1947, and has known the appointee since that time politically and personally. He stated the appointee is a very capable and dependable person and he commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Representative DANIEL J. FLOOD, Pennsylvania, advised he served in Congress with the appointee from 1939, to 1947, and has known him since that time personally. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Representative WILBUR D. MILLS, Arkansas, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, advised he served in Congress with the appointee from 1939 to 1947, and has known the appointee since that time. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Representative JOHN TABUR, New York, advised he served in the United States House of Representatives with the appointee from 1939, to 1947, and has had no contact with the appointee since that time. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

#### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On January 8, 1961, IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, regarding the appointee, his spouse, ANNUNCIATA M. LOMBARDI D'ALESSANDRO, and [ ] and no record was located.

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On February 9, 1961, SE [ ] searched the files of the Metropolitan Police Department regarding the appointee, his spouse, and [ ] and no record was located. It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

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On February 8, 1961, IC [ ] searched the files of the United States Park Police regarding the appointee, his spouse, and [ ] and no record was located.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

On February 8, 1961, IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, regarding the appointee, and no record was located.

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On February 9, 1961, SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the Passport Office, Department of State, regarding the appointee and no record was located.

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On February 9, 1961, IC [ ] searched the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding the appointee and the General Indices of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflect one D'ALESSANDRO, THOMAS, (Hon.), American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born-Sponsor; taken from the leaflet Sixth National Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, May 9, and 10, 1942, page 4, Member, House of Representatives.

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It is to be noted the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been cited under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

On January 9, 1961, Sister SHEILA [ ]  
[ ] advised SA [ ]

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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Jr.  
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ReWFO pending report of 2/10/61.

On 2/13/61, U. S. Senator JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER, Maryland, advised SA CONRAD L. TRAHERN he has known appointee for 20 years, primarily politically. He commented favorably re appointee's character, loyalty, associates and reputation.

He stated the appointee is a capable, dependable and trustworthy person. He further advised he would hesitate to recommend the appointee unqualifiedly until he knew the position for which the appointee is being considered.

Interview of CHRISTIANSON and Secret Service outstanding.

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THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE WFO TEL FEBRUARY TEN LAST.

CONGRESSMAN SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL, SEVENTH MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL

DISTRICT, INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE BY SA THOMAS G. RYAN. MR.

FRIEDEL SAYS HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR SOME THIRTY YEARS

AND FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED

WITH APPOINTEE. STATES APPOINTEE COMPILED AN EXCELLENT

RECORD IN THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE, THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL,

THE CONGRESS OF THE U. S. AND AS MAYOR OF BALTIMORE. ADVISES

APPOINTEE HAS A KEEN MIND AND IS AN OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR

AND CAN HANDLE WITH GOOD JUDGMENT AND TACT POSITIONS OF THE

UTMOST IMPORTANCE. ADVISES APPOINTEE IS SELF MADE AND NOT A

WEALTHY MAN AND IS AN HONEST AND UPRIGHT PERSON WHO HAS ALWAYS

PLACED THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE FIRST IN HIS DECISIONS AS A PUBLIC

OFFICIAL. RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE WITHOUT QUALIFICATIONS. BUREAU

NOTE WFO TEL SETS OUT ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS. BALTIMORE REPORT

FEBRUARY TEN LAST REFLECTS SOME OF THESE INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN

CONDUCTED. IT IS BELIEVED A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CONTACTS

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Reporting Office <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/13/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/9-10/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>KENNETH N. DELANOY</b>	Typed By: <b>mz</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis:

## REFERENCES

Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New Haven, New York and Pittsburgh, 2/9/61.

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Report of: KENNETH N. DELANOY  
Date: 2/13/61

Office: Pittsburgh

Field Office File No.: Pittsburgh 161-27

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Keystone Mutual Casualty Company liquidated 6/26/47 and no record maintained of agency status of appointee. ARTEMAS C. LESLIE, Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly insurance commissioner of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, advises he has met appointee on several occasions and knows him to have a good reputation in the insurance field.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

On February 10, 1961, Mr. W. G. MC MORRAN, Manager, Finance Division, Better Business Bureau of Pittsburgh, Inc., Chamber of Commerce Building, 411 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that records of his office reflect the Keystone Mutual Casualty Company of Pittsburgh, a company which formerly operated in 26 states, was liquidated through a court order in 1947 due to false statements filed by officials of the company and all records of the company were turned over to the insurance commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. MC MORRAN related his records do not list any of the agencies of the Keystone Mutual Casualty Company and he is sure that no agencies were involved in the criminal action in view of the fact that the false reports were filed in the State of Pennsylvania, and there was no record of any complaint from any of the other 25 states in which the company operated. MC MORRAN added that a review of his files of the Keystone Mutual Casualty Company of Pittsburgh failed to reflect any record of the appointee.

On February 10, 1961, ARTEMAS C. LESLIE, Attorney, 305 Park Building, 355 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, advised he was formerly the insurance commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that the Keystone Mutual Casualty Company ceased operation of business on June 26, 1947, due to the fact that reserves as stated by the officers were not sufficient to meet the legal requirement in the State of Pennsylvania. LESLIE advised that as of December 31, 1946, Keystone Mutual Casualty Company had approximately 1000 agents operating in 26 states in which the company was authorized to do business. LESLIE stated that it is a requirement of the law that an insurance company file a statement each year in each of the states in which they do business and the reason for the liquidation of the company in Pennsylvania was that false reserves had been claimed by the officers in Pennsylvania.

LESLIE advised that the appointee acting as an insurance agent for the Keystone Mutual Casualty Company would have been licensed in the State of Maryland and any complaint filed against him would be filed at the insurance department for the State of Maryland, Baltimore 1, Md., and no complaint would be filed in the State of Pennsylvania in view of the fact the agent would not be operating in the State of Pennsylvania. LESLIE said that following full adjudication of the dissolution of the Keystone Mutual Casualty Company in 1952 personnel records were destroyed and only records of assets, liabilities and statements would have been maintained. LESLIE said the agency status of the appointee with Keystone Mutual Casualty Company would be maintained at the insurance department for the state of Maryland in view of his licensing through that department.

LESLIE added he has met the appointee on several occasions, growing out of his insurance work, since it is necessary for him to attend conventions and meetings relating to the insurance business. He stated the appointee is known to have a good reputation in the insurance field and he knows nothing derogatory concerning him.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Jr.</b>		Report made by <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Typed By: <b>hs</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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Field Office File No.: 161-38

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Jr.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

The D'Alessandro-McCullough Insurance Agency, Baltimore, Md., of which appointee was a member, were agents for Shelby Mutual Insurance Co., Shelby, Ohio, 1942-45, at which time they were cancelled. Reason for cancellation unknown. No derogatory information on file card.

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## DETAILS:

AT SHELBY, OHIO

PAUL DUBUC, Agency Superintendent, Shelby Mutual Insurance Company, Shelby, Ohio, advised on February 10, 1961, his company formerly was known as The Shelby Mutual Plate Glass and Casualty Company. The D'Alessandro-McCullough Insurance Agency, 1315 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was carried as an agency for Shelby Mutual from 1942 through 1945, at which time they were cancelled as agents. Principals in this firm were identified as ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH, 504 East 39th Street, THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Jr., 245 Ablemarle Street, and ERNEST J. BAUER, 2270 Park Hill Avenue, all of Baltimore, Maryland. Shelby Mutual has destroyed all records in regard to the above being an agency for them and have only a card which reflects the above information. No reason is given thereon for cancellation; however, DUBUC surmised it could have been because of insufficient business from the firm. No derogatory



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data was recorded on the card and inquiry of other employees by DUBUC was made with negative results as to developing information regarding the firm or reason for cancellation. This firm is not presently an agent for Shelby Mutual.



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TITLE OF CASE  THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.		Report made by THOMAS G. RYAN	Typed By: awe
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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The report of SA JAMES T. MAGHER dated 9/24/44 at Baltimore, Maryland, in the case entitled "INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION, IS - C" (100-428-65) on Page 14 reflects that Representative THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO spoke at a picnic sponsored jointly by two Italian Lodges of the Garibaldi American Fraternal Society of the International Workers Order, on August 27, 1944. Representative D'ALESSANDRO

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in his talk asked that the people stop grumbling about rationing and get behind the war effort in order to get the war over at the earliest possible moment.

The foregoing information has not been included in attached report because original source of this information could not be definitely determined. From review of report containing the information it would appear that the information was furnished by either [redacted]

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[redacted] Review of Baltimore files failed to locate any original reports on this matter, prepared by either of these informants. Memoranda located at [redacted] and [redacted] reflecting these informants furnished information concerning the picnic held on 8/27/44 do not mention Representative THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO as a speaker at this affair.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Location</u>
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The source utilized to characterize the Baltimore Council of American-Soviet Friendship is [redacted]

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The first source utilized to characterize the White Collar and Professional Council of Maryland is [redacted]; the second source is [redacted]

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Baltimore Confidential Informants contacted during the current investigation are:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent</u>
[redacted]	2/7/61	DONALD M. HOLLAND
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	2/8/61	ROBERT C. NORTON
	2/8/61	ROBERT C. NORTON
	2/8/61	ROBERT C. NORTON
	2/9/61	DONALD L. MILLER
	2/7/61	DONALD L. MILLER

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Front organizations file reviews conducted by SAs  
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Information set out under caption "Miscellaneous  
Information" file checks ~~set out~~ by SAs THOMAS LEACH, JR.  
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Report of: SA THOMAS G. RYAN /awe      Office: Baltimore, Maryland  
Date: 2/10/61  
Field Office File No.: 161-110      Bureau File No.:  
Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Appointee born Baltimore, Maryland, 8/1/03. Has wife, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Parents deceased. Attended St. Leo's Parish School and Calvert Business College, Baltimore, Maryland, dates unknown. Has been in insurance business, Baltimore, Maryland, either as employee, partner or owner since 1917. In Maryland House of Delegates 1926-34. Served as Deputy Collector, Internal Revenue, Department of Internal Revenue, 1934. In Baltimore City Council 1935-38. In Congress of U.S. as Representative, Third Maryland District, 1938-47. Served as Mayor, City of Baltimore, 1947 to 5/21/59. Appointee's son, FRANKLIN R. D'ALESSANDRO, arrested Baltimore, Maryland, on rape charge 8/5/53. Adjudged not guilty on charge 11/5/53. Same son adjudged not guilty of perjury 5/21/54, which charge grew out of rape hearings. No Police Department record on appointee or other immediate relatives. Credit satisfactory on appointee and wife, and other relatives where located.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLANDBirth Data

On February 8, 1961, Fr. FLAVIAN BONIFAZI, Pastor, St. Leo's Church, 227 South Exeter Street, said church records reflect appointee was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on August 1, 1903.

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Family

RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, Room 635, U. S. Post Office Building, Administrative Assistant to Honorable EDWARD A. GARMATZ, Representative, Third Maryland Congressional District, who was Executive Secretary to appointee from November, 1946, until May, 1959, advised appointee's family consists of the following, [REDACTED]

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1. Appointee THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR.  
245 Albemarle Street
2. Wife ANNUNCIATA D'ALE SANDRO, aka Nancy  
245 Albemarle Street
3. Son HECTOR D'ALE SANDRO DOB 9-3-1932  
245 Albemarle Street
4. Son JOSEPH D'ALE SANDRO DOB 7/8/1933  
245 Albemarle Street

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. Son FRANKLIN R. D'ALE SANDRO DOB 3-7-1933  
5407 Biddison Road
8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

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- 10. Sister MARY CARDEGNA  
(Husband - FRANK)  
903 Eastern Avenue
- 11. Sister JESSE GRANESE  
(Husband - CARMINE)  
314 Albemarle Street
- 12. Brother ANTHONY D'ALESSANDRO  
(Wife - AMELIA)  
3422 Juneway

Mr. LIDINSKY advised that the appointee's parents are deceased.

On February 8, 1961, SE [redacted] determined through [redacted] Credit Bureau of Baltimore, Inc., that there was no credit information on file with that agency for appointee's sons, HECTOR, JOSEPH and FRANKLIN R. [redacted]

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[redacted] or CARMINE GRANESE (JESSE). [redacted] said Credit Bureau records are satisfactory on appointee and his wife. [redacted]  
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On February 8, 1961, [redacted] advised SE [redacted] that there was no record in the files of the Police Department for any of the above with the exception of FRANKLIN R. D'ALESSANDRO, appointee's son, date of birth March 7, 1933, who was arrested August 5, 1953, on a rape complaint. Mrs. [redacted] said Police Department records further reflect appointee's son was adjudged not guilty on the above charge November 5, 1953.

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Wherever possible, exact dates in regard to the appointee's holding of various positions were sought out and reported. In those instances where these dates were unobtainable, the next best source was utilized.

The "Baltimore Sun" newspaper issue of May 11, 1947, in an article compiled by [redacted] related that "As a boy, D'ALESSANDRO went to the Parish school of St. Leo's." The article further relates appointee studied at a business school and got a job one summer thirty years ago (1917) as an office boy in the insurance firm that is now Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy, and remained with this firm until January 1, 1941, when he and ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH opened their own agency. The news item states the appointee's first employers in the insurance field made D'ALESSANDRO a broker and solicitor as soon as they adjudged him old enough.

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A Dun and Bradstreet report, dated September 2, 1959, relates the partnership of D'Alessandro and McCullough Insurance Agency did business in Baltimore, Maryland, until it dissolved in April, 1956. The same report states in April, 1956, the appointee opened his own insurance business at 210 East Redwood Street, and does business under the name of Thomas D'Alessandro & Son, although the appointee is the sole owner of the business. The report stated [redacted] is employed by the firm. Dun and Bradstreet advised they were unable to make an accurate estimate of net worth of D'ALESSANDRO, but state appointee is known to have been in receipt of fairly good income for some years from his position as Mayor of Baltimore and his insurance business. The current Baltimore telephone directory lists D'Alessandro & Son doing business at 210 East Redwood Street. Subsequent interviews set out in this report confirm appointee's continued affiliation with insurance business in the City of Baltimore.

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An article in the magazine section of "The Sunpapers", Baltimore, July 26, 1953, as reviewed by IC [redacted] on February 8, 1961, reflects in an interview, the appointee advised during his early childhood, he had worked at the Union Box Factory, Van Lill's on Granby Street, and at the Todd Canning House. A review of current Baltimore City and Baltimore County telephone and other directories failed to reflect a listing of these firms as presently in business in the City or Baltimore County.

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RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, mentioned previously, advised on February 8, 1961, appointee attended Calvert Business College in his youth, but review of current city and county directories failed to reflect a listing of this school as presently in existence.

On February 8, 1961, Mrs. RUTH McMILLEN, Secretary, Baltimore City Council, advised SA [redacted] that records of that office reflect the following information concerning appointee:

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1926 and 1930	Elected to Maryland House of Delegates for four-year terms ending in 1934.
1934	General Deputy Collector, Department of Internal Revenue
1935	Elected to Baltimore City Council for four-year term
1938	Elected to Congress of United States, 3rd Congressional District (five two year terms until 1948)
May 20, 1947	Sworn in as Mayor of Baltimore; Re-elected in 1951 and 1955
May 21, 1959	Left Office of Mayor - end of term.

On February 8, 1961, Mrs. ELIZABETH LAWSON, City Service Commission of Baltimore, 107 City Hall, advised SA [redacted] that records of that office fail to reflect any employment for appointee as a classified employee. Mrs. LAWSON stated records of elective offices are maintained by the City Council.

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On February 8, 1961, a review of the records of the Maryland State Insurance Department, State Office Building, Baltimore, by SA [redacted], reflected the records of this department date from 1942 to the present time. The 1942 record indicates appointee was a licensed insurance broker for that year and for an unknown length of time prior to that. The record also indicates he had been an insurance agent prior to 1942. Appointee has maintained his status as an insurance broker since that time and in 1959, he obtained a lifetime license.

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On February 8, 1961, Mr. W. E. DACKSON, Supervisor, License Bureau, Maryland State Insurance Department, advised SA [redacted]

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he has known of appointee for over thirty-five years. He recalled appointee had originally started work as an office boy for Poor and Alexander Company, back around 1920 and had worked his way up to a position as Solicitor. Appointee was also a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1926 and Mr. DACKSON has followed appointee's political career since that time. He said appointee had been a very hard worker and had achieved many benefits for the people he represented in office. Although appointee has been the target of many accusations in the press, Mr. DACKSON thought appointee's political opponents were responsible for many of the statements. He believed appointee's terms in office had been generally good and if appointee were to run for office in Baltimore, Mr. DACKSON believed appointee would win.

Mr. DACKSON stated appointee had not been active in the insurance business during the time he was in Congress and Mayor of Baltimore City. The business during that time, was operated by appointee's partner, a ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH. After the appointee was defeated in the 1959 primary election for Mayor of Baltimore City by J. HAROLD GRADY, present Mayor, he returned to the insurance business [redacted] Mr. DACKSON commented he did not know how active appointee was in insurance business at this time.

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Mr. DACKSON stated that appointee's association with Mr. MC CULLOUGH commenced in 1940 and terminated in 1956. Mr. D'ALESSANDRO continued the business after that date [redacted] operating the business while appointee was Mayor of Baltimore.

Mr. DACKSON stated appointee's surety bond was with Employers Liability Assurance, Ltd. He said he would recommend appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On February 8, 1961, [redacted] Maryland State Department of Insurance, advised SA [redacted] that he had no record of any complaints filed against the appointee, and he personally could recall no complaints during the past five years. [redacted] pointed out that appointee was an agent for several insurance companies and if any complaints were recorded, they would have been placed in the file of the insurance company.

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On February 8, 1961, Mr. JOHN H. COPPAGE, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Maryland State Department of Insurance, advised SA [redacted] appointee has been selling insurance in Maryland since about 1930. No records are maintained of licensed agents prior to 1942 and for

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this reason, Mr. COPPAGE was unable to determine the exact date appointee started selling insurance in Maryland. In 1930, appointee was employed by Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy, Inc., Insurance Brokers, as a Solicitor. Prior to that time, appointee had been employed in the office for several years as a clerk.

Mr. COPPAGE noted appointee had remained with this firm selling insurance until he was elected to Congress in 1938. Appointee formed a partnership with ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH in 1940 and this business continued until 1956, when it was dissolved. Thereafter, appointee took in [redacted] and continued the insurance business, [redacted] operating the business while the appointee was Mayor of Baltimore. He also noted that ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH is now deceased.

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Mr. COPPAGE pointed out that appointee was not very active in the insurance field from 1938 to 1959, because of his election to office during the period. He was content to allow his partner to operate the business during these years. After his defeat in the primary election in Baltimore City for Democratic nomination, appointee renewed his insurance license and now has a lifetime license to sell insurance. Mr. COPPAGE noted appointee is an extremely active man in politics, having started in the House of Delegates in 1926, and serving successively in the Baltimore City Council, Congress of the United States and as Mayor of Baltimore. In 1958, appointee was defeated in the General Election for United States Senator by the present United States Senator J. GLENN BELL. This was the first defeat in over thirty years for the appointee in any election.

During his tenure as Mayor of Baltimore, Mr. COPPAGE recalled appointee was subject to criticism and accused of many dealings, but Mr. COPPAGE believed this to be the voice of the political opposition and stated that appointee is still very active and popular in the political scene in Maryland.

Mr. COPPAGE said he knew nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon appointee, considered him to be a loyal American, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence. He said he could not recall any complaints being filed concerning appointee's insurance business.

On February 8, 1961, Mr. WALTER E. BEUCHELT, Special Assistant on Legislation to the Mayor, 217 City Hall, advised SA [redacted] he

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had served continuously in the Mayor's Office since 1920. Mr. BEUCHELT first became acquainted with appointee in 1926 when appointee was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates. In his position as Special Assistant on Legislation, Mr. BEUCHELT had occasion to contact members of the Legislature. In 1928, Mr. BEUCHELT received an interim appointment to the House of Delegates and he traveled to Annapolis and back daily with appointee. His seat was close to appointee's and he became a good friend of appointee, even though both were from different political parties.

Mr. BEUCHELT recalled that appointee was employed by an insurance firm in Baltimore--Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy, during the time he was in the House of Delegates. In 1935, appointee was elected to the Baltimore City Council, where he served until he was elected to Congress in 1938. Appointee served five successive terms in Congress and in 1947, he was elected Mayor of Baltimore. From 1947 to 1959, Mr. BEUCHELT was in daily contact with appointee in his position as Special Assistant on Legislation.

During all of the time appointee was in the public service, Mr. BEUCHELT said he could recall nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon appointee. There were those who opposed some of appointee's programs, but the opposition was based primarily on party affiliation. He described appointee as a man of tremendous energy and of good character and reputation. He thought appointee to be a loyal American, to have good associates and to be genuinely interested in the welfare of the people. Mr. BEUCHELT could recall many instances of appointee calling various department heads to his office to explain some matters. He also recalled that when appointee believed something to be of benefit to the city and to the people, he was not a man to give in to pressure groups.

Mr. BEUCHELT said appointee had always impressed him as a man who wanted to know everything that was taking place in the city. For this reason, he believed appointee to be a person who would take an active interest in any undertaking or assignment he might receive.

Since 1959, Mr. BEUCHELT has had only occasional contact with appointee. He did know that appointee returned to his insurance business after his defeat in the primary election, but he has no knowledge of appointee's other activities. Mr. BEUCHELT highly recommended appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On February 8, 1961, Mr. CHARLES W. BAY, Treasurer, Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy, Inc., Insurance Company, 26 South Calvert Street, employed by this organization since 1926, advised SA [redacted] the appointee was an employee at the time Mr. BAY commenced this employment. Mr. BAY remembered a conversation with the appointee in 1926, in which the appointee said he had started work as an office boy for this firm, several years prior to 1926, when it was known as Poor and Alexander.

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Mr. BAY advised he had heard several of the partners at that time, 1926, remark that the appointee had started from the bottom and was working his way up. He described appointee as a hard worker, honest, reliable and a loyal American. Mr. BAY stated appointee had been a member of the House of Delegates at Annapolis from 1926 to 1934 and in 1935, appointee was elected to the City Council of Baltimore. In 1938, appointee was elected to the Congress of the United States and shortly after that, appointee discontinued his association with this firm and opened a new firm with another insurance agent, Mr. ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH.

Mr. BAY said the appointee's association with the firm of Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy was a very pleasant one. He was well regarded by the other employees of the firm. Appointee worked his way up to a position of Solicitor and Sales Production with this firm. As best Mr. BAY could recall, appointee started selling insurance around 1929 or 1930.

Mr. BAY noted there are no other persons presently with the firm who would know appointee, as the last partner, Mr. PRESLEY BOWEN, passed away in 1958. He continued that appointee has some insurance contracts still in existence with this firm, on which he receives a yearly commission. Mr. BAY said he would highly recommend appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

Although Mr. BAY has had no close association with the appointee since he was elected to Congress in 1938, he has met appointee and talked with him on many occasions since then. Prior to 1938, appointee was in daily contact with Mr. BAY, at the place of business, and they were close friends in their outside activities. He recalled appointee as a devout church-going person, who was very concerned for his family and for the general welfare of the people he represented in public office.



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Mr. BAY said appointee was an aggressive person, who enjoyed personal contact with the public and especially liked to sell insurance. Appointee seemed to have a very strong body and to thrive on hard work. He noted appointee had dissolved his insurance association with ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH in 1956, and thereafter, continued in the insurance business with one of his sons. Mr. BAY advised ROBERT MC CULLOUGH has been deceased since 1958. After the appointee's defeat in the 1959 Democratic Primary for Mayor of Baltimore, appointee returned to take an active part in his insurance business and is still engaged in that business, as far as Mr. BAY knows.

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On February 7, 1961, Fr. FLAVIAN BONIFAZI, Pastor, St. Leo's Church, 227 South Exeter Street, advised that the appointee is a member of his parish and he has known him personally since October, 1959. He said that as far as he knows, the appointee is a man of excellent character and reputation and believes him to be a loyal American. He said he has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee and would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] Fr. BONIFAZI said that the appointee presently resides at 245 Albemarle Street with his family. He stated that the appointee's mother and father are deceased.

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Fr. BONIFAZI further stated that his records reflect that the appointee was born on August 1, 1903, at Baltimore, Maryland, and was baptized at St. Leo's Church on September 13, 1903.

On February 7, 1961, Sister MARY ERNESTINE, Principal, St. Leo's Parochial School, 914 Stiles Street, advised that she has been assigned to this school for the last 14 years and is acquainted with the appointee. She said that the appointee's children [redacted]

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Sister MARY ERNESTINE stated that as far as she knows the appointee is a man of very high caliber and she would not hesitate to recommend him for any position with the United States Government. She said that she believes him to be a loyal American and knows nothing unfavorable about him or his family.

Sister MARY ERNESTINE furnished from school records the following information concerning appointee's children:

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO  
Born March 7, 1933  
Attended St. Leo's from September, 1939, until June, 1947



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HECTOR D'ALESSANDRO  
Born September 3, 1935  
Attended St. Leo's from September, 1941, until June, 1949

JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO  
Born July 8, 1937  
Attended St. Leo's from September, 1943, until June, 1951.

Sister MARY ERNESTINE further advised that she understands that the appointee attended St. Leo's up until the sixth grade when he had to leave school and go out to work, however, there is no record available on his attendance.

She also advised that the appointee's mother and father are deceased.

On February 8, 1961, MICHAEL F. DELEA, Attorney, 15 West Mulberry Street, advised that he has known the appointee for 33 years. He said that the appointee is a man of excellent character, reputation and is a loyal American. He stated he has never heard or known anything which would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

He further stated that the appointee is one of the directors of the President Building and Loan Association, which is located at 406 South High Street and has been in this association for approximately 28 years. He said that he is the attorney for the association and the appointee had been treasurer of the association for a good many years. He further advised that this association was organized in the area where appointee resides approximately 30 years ago by the appointee, his father and a large group of other neighbors. He said that the association meets once a week and has never grown any in all the years of its existence. He said that although the appointee was the treasurer and is a director it is his opinion that he has never received more than approximately \$100.00 a year for these positions. He also said that JOSEPH MAZZIOTTI is the president of the President Building and Loan Association and has been acquainted with the appointee for many years. He said that MAZZIOTTI

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is a Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

Mr. DELEA further advised that he is acquainted with appointee's family and that they are individuals of very high character and reputation. He said that the appointee has the following sisters and brother residing in Baltimore.

Sister:

Mrs. MARY CARDEGNA 903 Eastern Avenue, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Sister:

JESSIE GRANESE 314 Albemarle Street, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Sister:

KATIE COSTANTINI 200 block South Robinson Street, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Brother:

ANTHONY D'ALESSANDRO 3422 Juneway, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Mr. DELEA also advised that the appointee is presently engaged in an insurance business which is located on Redwood Street and was formerly known as McCullough and D'Alesandro. He stated that the appointee, prior to being elected to his first public office, was employed at the Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy Insurance Company. He also advised that the appointee, as far as he knows, only attended St. Leo's Parochial School and also Calvert Business College which was a business college operated by a Miss K. Z. DONNELLAN. He said that Miss DONNELLAN, as far as he knows, is deceased and the school is no longer in existence.

On February 8, 1961, JOSEPH MAZZIOTTI, 2912 Gibbons Avenue, advised that he is Chief Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court of Baltimore City, and has been acquainted with the appointee ever since their early childhood. He said he and the appointee attended St. Leo's Parochial School together and both of them left St. Leo's at approximately the same time to go out to work. He said that the appointee, after he left school, had many odd jobs including selling newspapers, working in a box factory but the first job he ever had where he remained for a long time was with Poor and Alexander Insurance Company which is now known as Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy.



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He said that he considers the appointee to be a very honest and reputable person with an excellent character and reputation. He considers him to be a loyal American whom he would recommend for a position of trust and confidence. He also said that there is nothing in the appointee's life that would reflect unfavorably upon him or his family.

Mr. MAZZIOTTI further advised that he is the President of the President Building and Loan Association, 406 South High Street, and the appointee is one of the directors of this association. He stated that the association was organized in 1928 by the appointee's father and approximately 15 other individuals who are all deceased. He said that he and the appointee became members of the association in the very early stages of its inception and have been in it to the present date. He said that the appointee was treasurer of the association but when he became Mayor someone else had to take over this job.

He also advised that when the appointee left St. Leo's and began working he attended a business school at night but just what school this was he does not recall, nor does he recall what course appointee pursued. He said the appointee was Mayor of Baltimore City from 1947 until 1959 and, in his opinion, appointee was the best Mayor Baltimore ever had.

Mr. MAZZIOTTI further advised that the appointee has the following sisters and brother residing in Baltimore:

Sister: Mrs. MARY CARDEONA  
903 Eastern Avenue

Sister: JESSIE GRANESE  
314 Albemarle Street

Sister: KATIE COSTANTINI  
200 block South Robinson Street

Brother: ANTHONY D'ALESAANDRO  
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CHECK OF SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on February 9, 1961:

[redacted] Superior Court for the State of Maryland, advised that the Superior Court Records reflect that the Board of Elections, City of Baltimore filed a certificate with the Superior Court on November 16, 1926, showing that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. was elected to the Maryland State House of Delegates from the First District, Third Ward.

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This record further reflects that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO was reelected to this same position during the November, 1930, general election. A certificate from the Baltimore City Board of Elections dated November 6, 1930, to the Superior Court certifies his reelection.

Superior Court Records also show that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO was elected to the City Council of Baltimore, said certification being dated April 8, 1935. This record further shows that D'ALESSANDRO was elected to the United States Congress, House of Representatives during the November general elections of 1938, and a certification so indicating was filed by the Board of Elections with the Superior Court on November 17, 1938.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. LEROY KIDWELL, 248 Albemarle Street, advised on February 7, 1961, that she has known the appointee for 43 years and considers him to be a man of excellent character, reputation and a loyal American. She said she has never heard or known of anything that would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee and she highly recommended him for a position with the United States Government.

Mrs. KIDWELL stated that the appointee resides at 245 Albemarle Street with his wife, sons HECTOR and JOSEPH, [REDACTED]. She also said the appointee had seven children, however, [REDACTED]  
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Mrs. KIDWELL furnished the names of the sisters and brother of the appointee living in the Baltimore area:

Sister: Mrs. FRANK A. (MARY) CARDEGNA  
903 Eastern Avenue

Sister: Mrs. CARMINE J. (JESSIE) GRANESE  
314 Albemarle Street

Sister: KATIE COSTANTINI  
(address unknown)

Brother: ANTHONY D'ALESSANDRO  
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Mrs. KIDWELL also advised that the appointee is presently engaged in the insurance business which is located somewhere on Redwood Street, the exact number she does not know, and he has been so engaged since he left the office of Mayor.

On February 8, 1961, the following individuals advised that they have known the appointee for over 25 years. They consider him to be a man of excellent character, reputation and a loyal American. They all advised that they

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have never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably upon him and all would highly recommend him for a position with the United States Government.

FANNIE LOZZI  
238 South High Street, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

ADELINE DI CICCO  
308 Albemarle Street, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Mrs. MARION GIARDINO  
310 Albemarle Street, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Miss DI CICCO and Mrs. GIARDINO also advised that they are acquainted with appointee's sister, Mrs. CARMINE GRANESE, who resides at 314 Albemarle Street and both she and her husband are people of excellent character and reputation.

On February 8, 1961, Mrs. MARYELLEN CIPOLLONE, 239 Albemarle Street, advised that she has been acquainted with the appointee for the last 11 years and considers him to be a person of excellent character, reputation and a loyal American and would highly recommend him for a position with the United States Government. She said that the appointee's mother and father are deceased and he resides at 245 Albemarle Street with his wife, his sons HECTOR and JOSEPH [REDACTED]

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On February 8, 1961, Mrs. MATILDA CIPOLLONE, 239 Albemarle Street, advised that she has known the appointee for 37 years and considers him to be a person of excellent character, reputation and a loyal American. She said that she knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee and would recommend him for a position with the Government.

She also said she was acquainted with the appointee's mother and father who are now deceased and who formerly resided at 235 Albemarle Street and knew them to be individuals of excellent character and reputation.

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RELATIVES:

According to the "Evening Sun," a Baltimore, Maryland daily newspaper, issue of August 6, 1953, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO, son of Mayor THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, was accused with three other young men, of raping a thirteen-year-old girl. FRANKLIN D'ALESSANDRO was arrested on a "John Doe" warrant, issued after two girls told police that they had stayed in a West Preston Street apartment house and had been repeatedly assaulted by a group of young men, between July 20 - 28, 1953. Subsequently, in November, 1953, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO was acquitted in Youth Court on the above charge.

The following information was obtained by SA [REDACTED] from news clippings of "The Sun," a Baltimore, Maryland newspaper, dates of issue listed below:

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December 19, 1953

A Baltimore City Grand Jury returned a nine count true bill against FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO, charging him with committing perjury on November 4, 1953, during his trial on a charge of raping a thirteen-year-old girl.

May 22, 1954

On May 21, 1954, a Wicomico County Jury, Maryland, found FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO not guilty on charges that he committed perjury when he testified at his trial for rape in November, 1953 in Baltimore Youth Court. This trial was held at Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland.

April 7, 1954

[REDACTED] DOMINIC PIRACCI, described as a building contractor, charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice by altering certain of his ledgers during a Grand Jury probe into off-street parking matters, told a Baltimore Circuit Jury on April 6, 1954, that PIRACCI erased the name of Mayor D'ALESSANDRO and his wife, Mrs. NANCY D'ALESSANDRO, among others, from his company records to save them from embarrassment and from further trouble.

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April 7, 1954

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Lieutenant [redacted] of the Baltimore City Police Department Crime Laboratory, testified that from his examination of entries of cash receipt books of Piracci Construction Company, an entry that appeared originally to be "THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR." had been "overwritten" under date of June 10, 1948, to become an entry [redacted] in an amount of \$4,932.36.

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February 4, 1955

In reply to a question by ARTHUR B. PRICE, President, City Council, Baltimore, during the course of a televised campaign talk, as to why Mayor D'ALE SANDRO's name was on the books of the Piracci Construction Company before PIRACCI had erased it, Mayor D'ALE SANDRO replied that court records made it clear that PIRACCI had not paid him money, but that he had paid PIRACCI money, which was in payment for alterations to his home.

April 10, 1954

On April 9, 1954, Mrs. NANCY D'ALE SANDRO testified at PIRACCI's trial, SUPRA, that on August 8 or 9, 1953, PIRACCI told her he erased her name from his books, but she told him he should not have done it, since her transactions with him were legal.

Mrs. D'ALE SANDRO was questioned about six Piracci Construction Company checks, totaling over \$11,000, which bore her endorsement, all but one of the checks being payable to her. She said four the checks were loans from PIRACCI, to cover personal debts contracted in business ventures.

She admitted borrowing \$4,500 from PIRACCI on October 23, 1952, contending she repaid it within five days. Other borrowing transactions referred to were in the amounts of \$1600.00, \$1500.00, \$2030.78, \$700.00 and \$800.00. Mrs. D'ALE SANDRO said the \$700 and \$800 checks were cashed by her, but she turned the \$1500.00 in cash over to [redacted] since PIRACCI intended this money to be a gift to [redacted]. There are no dates mentioned regarding these transactions.

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April 12, 1954

DOMINIC PIRACCI testified that all loans made to Mrs. D'ALE SANDRO were legitimate and were all repaid.



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December 10, 1954

DOMINIC PIRACCI, described as a parking garage builder, was convicted of conspiring to defraud the City of Baltimore of \$42,000.00 and of attempting to obstruct justice by falsifying and altering his company records. He received a sentence of two years in jail, suspended, and was fined a total of \$4,000.00.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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The Honorable J. HAROLD GRADY, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, advised on February 8, 1961, that he has known THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. professionally and socially since approximately 1946. Mr. GRADY commented that he has always considered the former Mayor to be an outstanding public figure and a person of the highest integrity. He has always found him to be sincere and completely honest in all of his dealings and certainly of unquestioned loyalty to the United States.

Mayor GRADY was questioned concerning his knowledge of the facts concerning the DOMINIC PIRACCI trial, inasmuch as Mayor GRADY was the States Attorney who handled the prosecution in this matter. Mayor GRADY stated that no testimony was presented in this case that reflected adversely on Mayor D'ALESSANDRO and the opinions of the court at the conclusion of the trial never mentioned either the Mayor or any other members of his family.

Mayor GRADY recalled that Mrs. NANCY D'ALESSANDRO was called as a defense witness and the only purpose of this was to identify items which appeared in the ledgers and books of the Piracci Construction Company.

Mayor GRADY further stated that nothing has come to his attention during the past fifteen years concerning THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO that would reflect adversely against him. He has always found him to be a man who possessed high standards and a devoted public servant. Mayor GRADY knows him to be a devoted family man and one who is extremely loyal to his friends and associates. Mayor GRADY stated that he highly recommended THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. for a position with the Federal Government.

Mr. MATHEW V. BERNARD, Deputy Clerk for the past twenty-five years, Sheriff's Office, Baltimore City Courthouse, advised on February 8, 1961, that he attended school with THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO at St. Leo's Parochial School in Baltimore during the period from about 1910-21. He recalled that following his schooling, D'ALESSANDRO commenced working for the Poor and Alexander Insurance Company as an office boy and some few years later, was promoted



to a partnership, in the firm. Subsequently, D'ALESANDRO opened an insurance firm of his own, in partnership with ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH.

Mr. BERNARD stated that he has followed the career of D'ALESANDRO since the early 1920's and has never heard any person making any statement reflecting adversely against him. Mr. BERNARD stated that in his opinion, D'ALESANDRO is honest and trustworthy in every way. Mr. BERNARD highly recommended Mr. D'ALESANDRO as to character, loyalty and associates.

On February 8, 1961, Mr. JOSEPH C. DEEGAN, Sheriff of Baltimore City, for the past thirty years, and a well-known political figure in the Baltimore area for the past fifty years, advised that he has been personally acquainted with THOMAS D'ALESANDRO, JR. since about 1925. At that time, D'ALESANDRO, then a young man in his early twenties, approached Sheriff DEEGAN and indicated a desire to enter politics by running for the Maryland State Legislature from the 26th Ward, Baltimore City. At that time, D'ALESANDRO requested the aid of Mr. DEEGAN in this undertaking and according to Mr. DEEGAN, he did assist Mr. D'ALESANDRO in this race and since that time, has been a close friend and political associate of D'ALESANDRO.

Sheriff DEEGAN stated that he has known Mr. D'ALESANDRO for almost forty years and holds him in the highest esteem. He considers him to be a man of the utmost integrity, upright and honest and a devoted family man. He expressed the opinion that Mr. D'ALESANDRO was one of the finest persons in public life that he has ever known. He considers D'ALESANDRO to be a broad-minded person, a fair person and a man who has always conducted both his business and state affairs in an honest manner. Insofar as Mr. DEEGAN knows there has never been any stigma of dishonesty of any kind attached to Mr. D'ALESANDRO.

Mr. DEEGAN continued that THOMAS D'ALESANDRO was a man of excellent character. He pointed out that, no doubt, Mr. D'ALESANDRO, in his public life, had made a few political enemies, but he also knows that D'ALESANDRO is completely loyal to his friends and associates. Mr. DEEGAN stated that during his association with D'ALESANDRO, he has never heard anything that would reflect adversely against him. He considers him a man of unquestioned

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loyalty to this country and a person well qualified to serve  
the country in any field in which he is fitted.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on February 9, 1961:

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The Honorable ANSLEM SODARO, Judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and a well known political figure on the Baltimore scene, advised that he has known THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO for over thirty years both professionally and socially. During this association he has always found D'ALE SANDRO to be a man of the highest integrity and he knows him to be honest and trustworthy and a devoted public servant. Judge SODARO stated that he could furnish no information of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. D'ALE SANDRO. He pointed out that he has followed D'ALE SANDRO's career closely as a friend and a political associate and he has never heard of anything reflecting personally against D'ALE SANDRO.

Judge SODARO also pointed out that he was the State's Attorney who handled the off-street parking case in 1954, and at that time no evidence was presented by either the prosecution or the defense which in any way involved Mayor D'ALE SANDRO or his administration.

Judge SODARO continued that he knows Mr. D'ALE SANDRO to be a devoted family man who is well regarded by all of his associates. There has never been any question concerning D'ALE SANDRO's loyalty and Judge SODARO highly recommends him for any position for which he is qualified.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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An issue of the "Baltimore Evening Sun," a Baltimore daily newspaper, dated June 19, 1957, reflected that Mr. ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH, a former insurance partner of THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR., filed suit against D'ALE SANDRO and the D'Alesandro--McCullough Insurance Agency, of which Mr. MC CULLOUGH was a forty percent stockholder and D'ALE SANDRO a fifty percent stockholder. This suit involved a claim for proper share of commissions dealing with renewals of insurance policies. This suit revealed that the former partnership of D'ALE SANDRO--MC CULLOUGH was dissolved on April 1, 1956, and that the insurance firm of Kroh and Miller, Inc., thereafter was to collect and pay the renewal commissions due the former associates on their respective insurance writings.

On February 8, 1961, [REDACTED] Circuit Court of Baltimore City, made available equity docket for the Circuit Court. Under case number A-36934, it was reflected that ROBERT J. MC CULLOUGH filed suit on June 19, 1957, against THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, the former D'Alesandro--McCullough Insurance Agency, Inc., and the Kroh and Miller, Inc. for an accounting and inspection of the funds which MC CULLOUGH claimed were due him.

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On October 12, 1957, this case was dismissed by order of the court for lack of sufficient evidence to warrant further proceedings.

### ACQUAINTANCES

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MALCOLM L. MacDOUGALL on February 8, 1961:

The Honorable R. DORSEY WATKINS, United States District Judge, United States District Court, Baltimore, Maryland, who has known the appointee for approximately fourteen years, through limited social and business engagements, advised that he has great admiration for the appointee; that he has a high order of intelligence; that he has always exhibited a great amount of diplomacy.

Judge WATKINS stated that he has always found the appointee to be completely reliable and although he has never had any political dealings with him, he has not been given any reason to question his judgment. He said that the appointee, to his knowledge, has always exhibited a real interest in community affairs and, therefore, felt that he would also exhibit this same interest in federal affairs.

Judge WATKINS concluded by stating that his acquaintance with the D'ALESSANDRO family has been limited to the appointee exclusively and that he has no personal knowledge of any indiscretions on the part of his family. He said that he feels certain that the appointee would qualify for a position of trust and responsibility and, therefore, would recommend him for such a position in the service of the Federal Government.

Mr. ALLEN DELL, former Deputy City Comptroller, Baltimore City, who resides at 215 Witherspoon Road, advised that he has known the appointee since 1925, both personally and professionally, and has been his close friend for about thirty years. He said through the long years of association with the appointee he has always considered him to be a man of good judgment and whose character, reputation, loyalty and moral conduct he has never had cause to question.

Mr. DELL, who is now retired after thirty-five years of City Civil Service, stated that in all of his years in public service he has never known a more capable and progressive statesman

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than the appointee; that the appointee is honest and trustworthy and well regarded by those acquainted with him; that he considers the appointee to be a fine executive and administrator and said that he would highly recommend him for a position in the Federal Government.

Mr. HUGO RICCIUTI, Attorney-at-Law, Equitable Building, advised that he has been closely acquainted with the appointee both socially and professionally for twenty-three years. He said that he was formerly the Assistant City Solicitor and later City Solicitor during the appointee's term as Mayor of Baltimore City.

Mr. RICCIUTI advised that through his association with the appointee he has come to know of his exceptional executive ability and stated that his highly regarded reputation was gained through his ability for "getting the job done." He said that he is concise and to the point with regard to instructing subordinates and is considered to be a very capable statesman.

Mr. RICCIUTI continued that through his long friendship with the appointee he has never questioned, nor has he ever been given reason to question, the appointee's character, reputation, loyalty or moral conduct, or that of his friends or associates. He added that he considers the appointee to be honest and trustworthy and a man of the highest caliber, reputation and conduct.

Mr. RICCIUTI concluded by stating that the appointee is truly an inspired individual who has dedicated himself to governmental service and the well being of the community and, therefore, would highly recommend him for a position of responsibility with the Federal Government.

The Honorable Leon H. A. Pierson, United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, has known the appointee for many years; however, has never been associated with him in business. He said that he considers the appointee to be a loyal American citizen and that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely upon his character, reputation or moral conduct.



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Mr. PIERSON stated that the appointee during his mayorship did a worthwhile job. He added that the appointee possesses the capabilities necessary to function as an executive and that he would recommend him for a position of responsibilities.

Mr. PIERSON further stated that although he had no personal knowledge of the appointee favoring friends while in political office, he would be hesitant in recommending the appointee to an office where he would be in a position to award contracts or otherwise without first having the approval of another superior.

On February 8, 1961, Mr. DAVID MANDEL, Executive Secretary to U. S. Congressman, SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL advised SA [ ] he has known appointee for about twenty years. Mr. MANDEL has been associated with Congressman FRIEDEL during his political career and it is through this association that he has come to know the appointee.

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He described the appointee as an energetic person, a loyal American and a devoted family man. The appointee has been in public office in Baltimore for the last twenty years and Mr. MANDEL has had numerous occasions on which to discuss matters with the appointee. He said the appointee had, as a result of being a public figure, been the target of much criticism, but he did not believe appointee has ever been involved in anything which would reflect unfavorably upon him.

Mr. MANDEL said appointee had done a wonderful job as Mayor of Baltimore for twelve years and he believed that if the appointee were to run for Mayor of Baltimore in 1963, he would score an impressive victory. He also believed appointee's energy and willingness to work would be an asset to any organization and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On February 8, 1961, Mr. BERNARD WEINER, Director of Public Works; Mr. JOSEPH H. MC CARTHY, Director, Bureau of Sanitation; and Mr. JAMES C. HUNT, City Engineer and Director of Bureau of Surveys, City of Baltimore, advised SA [ ] they had served under the appointee during

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the twelve years of his tenure as Mayor of Baltimore.

All stated the appointee is a man of tremendous energy and in the office of Mayor, he wanted each department head to report on a regular basis to him. They recalled that appointee displayed more than just a passing interest in operation of the various departments of the city. He maintained close contact with them and each remembered being called to the Mayor's office on more than one occasion to explain some incident.

They knew nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee and all regarded him as a very loyal American. They said he has a good character, reputation, and they thought his associates to be reputable people.

All have known of the appointee for a much longer period than the twelve years he served as Mayor. They noted he is extremely popular with the electorate of Baltimore, having served in elected public offices for thirty years. All recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL D. EARNEST at Annapolis, Maryland, on February 8, 1961.

LOUIS N. PHIPPS, Maryland State Senator, advised that he has known the appointee for the past thirty years, and that he has served on numerous committees and commissions with him. Senator PHIPPS stated that he has always found the appointee dependable, honest, and straightforward. He stated that the appointee has the knack of getting along with people, both friend and foe. Senator PHIPPS concluded by stating that he would highly recommend him within his capabilities.

LOUIS L. GOLDSTEIN, Maryland State Comptroller, stated that he has known the appointee for the past twenty years, and as Floor Leader of the Maryland State Senate,

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and as member of the Legislative Council, worked very closely with the appointee when D'ALESSANDRO was Mayor of the City of Baltimore. Mr. GOLDSTEIN stated that the appointee was a very dedicated public official with the people's interest at heart. He advised that the appointee served as a member of the House of Delegates, was a member of the House of Representatives, Third District of Baltimore, and was Mayor of Baltimore for three terms of four years each, and was a Delegate to several National Democratic Conventions, however, he could not furnish the chronology of these activities. Mr. GOLDSTEIN stated that he would recommend the appointee highly for any public service, because of his wide experience in National, State, and Municipal Government.

ODELL M. SMITH, Assistant to the Governor, State of Maryland, stated that he has known the appointee since 1947 politically as well as socially. He advised that the appointee is deeply religious, is an ardent Democrat, and was a dedicated public servant when he was in office. Mr. SMITH stated that the appointee is a good family man, 100% loyal, and commands respect from his associates and friends. He stated that he would recommend the appointee for any position in the Government, for which he is qualified.

Mr. JOSEPH D. BUSCHER, Assistant Attorney General, State of Maryland, advised that he has known the appointee since 1946 in a professional capacity only. He stated that the appointee is most reliable, highly respected and seems to make friends easily. He concluded that he would have no reason to question the appointee's loyalty, and that he would recommend him for high office.

Mr. GEORGE E. FRANK, Ex-County Commissioner of Anne Arundel County, stated that he has known the appointee for the past twenty years, and always found him reliable and dependable. He stated that the appointee is completely loyal, highly religious, and is a good family man. He concluded by stating that he would recommend the appointee for

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any position requiring integrity and honesty.

On February 8, 1961, ARTHUR B. PRICE, JR., was contacted at his residence at Randallstown, Maryland by SA [redacted]

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Mr. PRICE advised that he has been acquainted with D'ALESSANDRO for the past twenty-five years and has attended many political and social functions with him. He stated his association with him has been more of a casual nature inasmuch as his father, ARTHUR B. PRICE, SR., now deceased, had associated very closely with D'ALESSANDRO, and had been a political ally and supporter of D'ALESSANDRO for over thirty years. PRICE stated he personally had never known of any unfavorable or derogatory information concerning the applicant, although he pointed out that since D'ALESSANDRO was a politician, many charges and counter charges by his opponents were made during the heat of a campaign. He stated that he would give his unqualified recommendation for D'ALESSANDRO for any position of trust and confidence with the United States Government and considered him to be an honest, capable man of integrity of excellent character and reputation.

On February 8, 1961, CHARLES H. BUCK, Chairman of the Board, Title Guarantee Company, Baltimore, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the applicant since 1935, and has maintained a close political friendship with him throughout the years. He stated he had had little social association with D'ALESSANDRO, and that most of his dealings with him had been of a public nature. BUCK stated that he thinks very highly of the applicant and considers him to be an honest person, a politician, and a man of high integrity and intelligence. He said he knew nothing derogatory or unfavorable about him and would recommend him highly for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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LEROY C. SHAUGHNESSY, Register of Wills, Baltimore City, advised SA [redacted] on February 7, 1961 that he has been acquainted with the appointee since approximately 1933 and served as his personal secretary from 1938 until 1959. He stated that the appointee originally was engaged

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in the insurance business in Baltimore prior to his political career and again resumed this occupation in 1959.

Mr. SHAUGHNESSY stated that the appointee is an individual of excellent character and unquestionably a loyal American citizen. He stated that the appointee has gained the reputation of having been a very honest, capable, unselfish public servant, and that he has well deserved such a reputation. Mr. SHAUGHNESSY remarked that he knows of absolutely nothing that would reflect unfavorably on the appointee's qualifications for a responsible, confidential Government position.

On February 7, 1961, Honorable EDWARD A. GARMATZ, Representative, Third Maryland Congressional District, who has known the appointee for 27 years and RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, Administrative Assistant to Congressman GARMATZ, who has known the appointee over fifteen years, both room 635, U. S. Post Office Building, advised SA THOMAS G. RYAN that the appointee is a person of the highest character and reputation and an administrator of the highest ability. Each said appointee is a most honest person and one who could be placed in a high position of trust. Mr. LIDINSKY who served the appointee as an Executive Secretary for some fifteen years stated he can recall no action on the part of the appointee during his entire period of service as Mayor of Baltimore that would deter him from giving the appointee an unqualified recommendation to a position of utmost importance.

On February 7, 1961, U. S. Congressman GEORGE H. FALLON, 4th District Congressman, 324 Post Office Building, Baltimore, advised SA [redacted] he has known the appointee for about 25 years. Mr. FALLON was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee during the time the appointee was in the City Council at Baltimore. He also served in the City Council during the period when the appointee was a member of Congress and later went to Congress

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as a member of the 79th and 80th Congress of which the appointee was also a member. This covered about a four-year period.

During this four-year period, both traveled between Washington and Baltimore daily and they became close friends. Mr. FALLON described the appointee as a very energetic and determined person with a good character and reputation. He knew nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee, and he considered him to be an honest and trustworthy person.

Congressman FALLON recalled the appointee had been very active in Congress, serving on committees and introducing legislation which he believed to be to the best interests of the people. The appointee was a man who was never too busy to listen to one of his constituents and when he believed in some bill or piece of legislation, he went all out in favor of it.

After serving in Congress, appointee was elected Mayor of Baltimore City in 1947, serving three terms until he was defeated in the 1959 Primary election, by J. HAROLD GRADY, present Mayor of Baltimore. Congressman FALLON recalled appointee as a dynamic and forceful Mayor, and as a person who did much for the City of Baltimore.

Mr. FALLON described the appointee as a church-going person with a strong family tie, and he knew the appointee to have good habits. He believed the appointee to have good associates. He has been to many social functions with the appointee and noted that appointee is highly regarded in the Baltimore area.

Congressman FALLON stated he had recommended appointee to the Executive branch of the Government for a position as he believed the appointee's ability and energy should be utilized by the Government.



On February 9, 1961, Mrs. MILDRED B. OTENASEK, 219 Northway, Baltimore, advised SA [REDACTED] that she had been acquainted with the appointee for the past twenty years. She stated that practically all of her association with D'ALESSANDRO had been in a political and public manner and that she had been closely associated with him in regard to her positions with the Democratic Party. She stated that she is at present the Democratic National Committee woman for Maryland.

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Mrs. OTENASEK said she considered the appointee to be a very loyal American, capable, industrious, and a man of excellent character and reputation. She stated that she had never heard of any unfavorable or derogatory information concerning him, except for the usual charges and counter charges which one might expect during the heat of a political campaign. She stated that his record in public office, that of Congressman and Mayor of Baltimore would certainly speak well of his ability, honesty, and reputation. She concluded by saying that she would be very happy to recommend him highly for any position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE, Former United States Senator from Maryland, was contacted at his office, 611 Fidelity Building, Baltimore, on February 9, 1961, and advised SA [REDACTED] that he has been acquainted with the appointee for the past 35 years. He said the first became associated with the appointee while D'ALESSANDRO was a member of the United States House of Representatives and RADCLIFFE was a member of the Senate. He stated he would describe him as an energetic, resourceful, alert, politician and that all his contact throughout the years had been most pleasant. He stated further that he was chairman of D'ALESSANDRO's campaign for Mayor of Baltimore and had been closely associated with him in a political way. He advised that he considers the appointee to be of outstanding character and reputation, honest and capable. During all the years that he has been an associate of the appointee, he had never heard any unfavorable or derogatory information concerning the

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appointee and felt that he was a thoroughly loyal American. He said he would be glad to recommend him for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

On February 9, 1961, CHARLES P. MC CORMICK, SR., Chairman of the Board of McCormick and Company, Inc., Baltimore, advised SA [ ] that he has been acquainted with D'ALESANDRO for at least thirty-five years or more and during that time has been rather closely associated with him on many civic as well as political affairs. He said he felt that the appointee considered him to be a close friend, and during his terms as Mayor of Baltimore, had consulted with him on many occasions as to city business and planning. MC CORMICK described the appointee as an able and energetic politician and a man of excellent reputation and character. He stated that he had had many disagreements with the appointee on matters of civic policy, but had remained friends for many years. He stated that he had never heard any information of a disloyal nature concerning the appointee, whom he considered to be a deeply religious man and a loyal American. He commented that he had paid the filing fee for D'ALESANDRO when he ran for the position of Mayor, as his contribution and backing of the appointee. He said that he felt the appointee was a capable man and one whom he would be glad to recommend for a position with the Federal Government.

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The following inquiry was conducted by SA JAMES E. BARRETT on February 8, 1961:

Mr. HERMAN HAMMERMAN, Attorney and Executive Vice President, S. L. Hammerman Organization, Inc., (Realtors and Mortgage Bankers), 16 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he has known appointee politically and socially since the 1920's, having followed Mr. D'ALESANDRO's political career very closely since that time. He said Mr. D'ALESANDRO, a son of Italian immigrants, is extremely proud of his American citizenship and, in his opinion, is 100% American. Mr. HAMMERMAN remarked that appointee came from a poor family and had worked his way from the bottom to the top of the ladder of success, both politically and businesswise. In 1943, Mr. HAMMERMAN was originally appointed by Mr. D'ALESANDRO to the Zoning Board of Baltimore, and reappointed by him to this position on two successive occasions, thus serving a full twelve years. He described Mr. D'ALESANDRO as an able, energetic and hard worker, and a man he considered an excellent administrator.

Mr. HAMMERMAN said appointee is a devoted family man and a person of high integrity, both in his personal and public life. He stated his long association with Mr. D'ALESANDRO was a most pleasant one and one he is most proud of. In his opinion, the appointee still commands great attention and popularity on the Maryland political scene. He advised he had no hesitation in recommending appointee as to his character, reputation, loyalty and trustworthiness for a position with the United States Government.

Mr. S. LAWRENCE HAMMERMAN, Chairman of the Board, S. L. Hammerman Organization, Inc., (Realtors and Mortgage Bankers), 16 Park Avenue, Baltimore, advised he has known appointee since about 1923 and personally served under him as Vice President of the Park Board of Baltimore from 1943 to 1959. He said he has always been closely associated with Mr. D'ALESANDRO, both politically and socially, and considers him to be a man of the very highest integrity. Mr. HAMMERMAN stated appointee has been in public office since the middle 1920's and has always done a wonderful job for the people of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, having achieved many fine benefits for them. He said Mr. D'ALESANDRO is an extremely popular man and is looked up to by people in all walks of life. He considers his character, reputation and loyalty unquestionable and highly recommends him

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for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. According to Mr. HAMMERMAN, he feels that Mr. D'ALESSANDRO would be an asset to any agency.

Mr. I. H. HAMMERMAN, II, President, S. L. Hammerman Organization, Inc., (Realtors and Mortgage Bankers), 16 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, stated he has known Mr. D'ALESSANDRO some twenty years, having followed his political career in Baltimore and the State of Maryland. He said he has not been closely associated with Mr. D'ALESSANDRO or his family, although he has met them socially on a number of occasions. He stated that, in his opinion, Mr. D'ALESSANDRO has done a wonderful job during his entire political career and has been a very popular figure in his many years in public office. He said he has never had any reason to question the appointee's character or his reputation, and would certainly recommend him as to his loyalty and trustworthiness for a position of high trust with the United States Government.

Mr. HENRY P. IRR, President, Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association, Fayette and St. Paul Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he has known Mr. D'ALESSANDRO for approximately twenty-five years. He has been closely associated with him during this time both politically and socially, having followed his career closely during this time. Mr. IRR stated he personally is a member of the Baltimore Public School Board of Commissioners, having served as Vice President and President of this Board during Mr. D'ALESSANDRO's terms as Mayor of Baltimore City. He said in this connection Mr. D'ALESSANDRO has never used his public office to seek favors for his friends through the School Board. He considers him a man of high integrity, whose character, reputation and loyalty are unquestionable. He described Mr. D'ALESSANDRO as a man who is extremely proud of his American citizenship and one who has worked hard in advancing himself financially and politically. He considers him an excellent administrator and an individual who would be of great value in any position, whether in public life or private enterprise. He highly recommends Mr. D'ALESSANDRO for a position of high trust with the United States Government.

Mr. C. EDWARD JONES, Partner, Wyatt and Jones, Attorneys at Law, 501 Keyser Building, Redwood Street, Baltimore, Maryland, stated he has known Mr. D'ALESSANDRO and his family for some twenty years, having associated with appointee both politically and socially during this time. He advised that [REDACTED]

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typical of young American men who were sons of Italian immigrants who have worked their way up from the bottom in the political and business world. He considers appointee to be an extremely honest and reliable individual and one whom he would not hesitate to recommend for a position of trust and confidence. He further advised he has had many occasions to discuss business and political matters with Mr. D'ALESSANDRO and has always considered him a person of good character and reputation and one who is certainly 100% American. He advised Mr. D'ALESSANDRO is one who commands great public attention wherever he goes, and is very popular with the people in the State of Maryland.

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CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

The Baltimore Sun Newspaper, dated October 2, 1943, contained an article announcing that Mayor THEODORE R. McKELDIN of Baltimore, had named a committee to plan a mass meeting to be held November 18, 1943, under the auspices of the Baltimore Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

On November 18, 1943, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation attended a mass rally which climaxed American-Soviet Friendship Week and which was held at the Lyric Theater, Baltimore, Maryland. Representative THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO was present on the platform at the rally along with Mayor THEODORE R. McKELDIN, a United States Senator, and another member of Congress. Participating in the program were representatives of some of the Armed Forces, the Baltimore Association of Commerce, the American-Jewish Congress, the Soviet Embassy, a local radio station, and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The United States Coast Guard Band furnished a musical interlude at this affair.

On December 5, 1944, a confidential source advised that the Baltimore Council of American-Soviet Friendship was affiliated with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Baltimore Sun Newspaper, dated August 25, 1944, contained an item which reflected that a celebration sponsored by the Garibaldi American Fraternal Society, International Workers Order Inc., will be held in the Finnish Hall, 703 South Ponca Street, at 3:00 p.m. on August 27, 1944. The item reflected that one of the speakers at this affair would be Representative THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO.

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

On May 10, 1956, Confidential Informant BA T-1 furnished from [redacted]

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[redacted] a program for a testimonial dinner to Honorable THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. given by International Workers Order Inc., Lodges 2502 and 2517. The date on the program was Friday, March 31, 1939. The program also indicated that this dinner was at the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

In September, 1944, Confidential Informant BA T-2, who was associated with the Provisional Committee of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers, made available a mimeographed letter bearing the letterhead "Provisional Committee of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers, Post Office Box 23, Baltimore 3, Maryland." This letter was dated August 19, 1944, and stated in part "Plans are well under way for the White Collar Conference scheduled for the latter part of September. We hope you have received our statement of purpose and program and that you are prepared to give favorable consideration to our request for your sponsorship."

The letter also listed sixteen persons who were said to be among those who have generously given their endorsement and the name of "Hon. THOS. D'ALESSANDRO, JR." appeared on this list of names.

During 1948 a confidential source advised that the stated purpose of the White Collar and Provisional Council of Maryland, also known as the Provisional Committee of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers, White Collar Conference, which existed during the period from June, 1944, to April, 1946, was the advocacy of legislative proposals to remedy the economic plight of fixed income workers, job security, re-employment rights of veterans, and the employment of women and Negroes by professions and Government services after the War. The source advised that names of prominent



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legislators, clergymen, trade union leaders, social workers, and teachers in Maryland were listed as sponsors. However, the majority of the members of the planning committee of the organization, which guided its policies and activities, have been identified by another confidential source who was familiar with certain phases of communist activity in the Baltimore area as members of District 4 of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association of Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The Communist Party, United States of America, and Communist Political Association, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Baltimore Sun on March 10, 1945, contained a story bearing the headline "3 Congressmen Shun Gathering." This news story reflected that "Representatives (THOMAS) D'ALESSANDRO, (GEORGE H.) FALLON and (H. STREET) BALDWIN yesterday said they would not attend a meeting tomorrow of which they have been announced as sponsors because the political views of certain other persons listed as sponsors 'are absolutely abhorrent' to them.

"The meeting and afternoon and evening conference on problems of white collar and fixed income workers will be held in the YWCA."

The article went on to state that Representative D'ALESSANDRO, who also spoke for representatives FALLON and BALDWIN, announced in a radio address in Washington, D.C., that the three Congressmen would not attend the meeting. He said that some of the persons listed as sponsors of the meeting "are practically known as communist sympathizers and supporters."

Baltimore confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of communist activity in the Baltimore area were contacted during the current investigation and they advised that no information has ever come to their attention reflecting that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. has ever had any connection with the Communist Party or has actively supported any communist front organization.

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

On March 28, 1946, ISADORE DECK, 1113 East Baltimore Street, advised SA H. BRANCH WOOD that ABE BERMAN, who is in the insurance business, in the same building with MC CULLOUGH and D'ALESSANDRO, is the owner of the building in which BUNNY LIGNER operates his crap game on Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore. ISADORE DECK advised SA WOOD that BERMAN, because of his close connection with D'ALESSANDRO, is able to act as a fixer for BUNNY LIGNER and others.

On February 9, 1961, ISADORE DECK advised SA [redacted] that he had previously furnished the above information to SA WOOD in about March, 1946, but could not state, at this time, that he had any information of a first-hand nature to justify the statement that D'ALESSANDRO has used his influence with the police or anyone else in authority to assist the illegal operations of BUNNY LIGNER in the operating of a crap game at Baltimore City at that time. ISADORE DECK said his previous statements were merely based on rumor and were conclusions as a result of the fact that D'ALESSANDRO's insurance company's office was in the same building where ABE BERMAN also had an insurance office. DECK told SA [redacted] that BERMAN, who was also politically prominent, was known to be a very close friend of the late Judge J. ABNER SAYLOR of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and also of [redacted] of the Diamond Cab Company. DECK advised BERMAN died several years ago and in DECK's opinion, BERMAN probably had connections that aside from his friendship with D'ALESSANDRO, could have helped him in getting protection for BUNNY LIGNER, if so desired. DECK advised SA [redacted] that he could furnish no information to justify the inference that D'ALESSANDRO had engaged in any improper activity on behalf of ABE BERMAN or any other person.

Information was received in January, 1947 by SA JAMES V. SULLIVAN from PETER C. GALIANO, who was the subject of a Selective Service Act investigation of the Baltimore Office that Representative THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO is a constant associate of JOHN CATANEO, BENNY TROTTA, and [redacted] a local big-time gambler. Similar information was also received from [redacted]

[redacted] who was a suspect in a National Motor Vehicle Act theft case in the Baltimore Office. It was alleged that CATANEO, TROTTA and [redacted] worked diligently for the re-election of D'ALESSANDRO to Congress and were then working on the campaign



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for the Congressman's election to the Office of Mayor of the City of Baltimore. It was further alleged that CATANEO had given large sums of money to the campaign chest of this party and CATANEO does not hesitate to say that he ~~did~~<sup>was</sup> receive the sanitation contracts for the City of Baltimore in the event D'ALESSANDRO is elected to the Mayor's Office. CATANEO also supposedly was well-regarded by D'ALESSANDRO because he had control of a large Italian vote in Baltimore.

In January, 1947, JOHN CATANEO, owner of the American Shipcleaning Company, Baltimore, Maryland, was under Federal indictment in the United States District Court, Baltimore, with several other defendants, where he was charged with making false statements concerning the fitness and liability for Selective Service of BENNY TROTTA under the Selective Training and Service Act. TROTTA, CATANEO, and one DOMINIC DRECCHIO were also indicted on a charge of fraud against the government in requesting payment of the U. S. Army Transportation Corps at Baltimore for the services of TROTTA as an employee of the American Shipcleaning Company during the period when TROTTA actually did not work for the company. During the investigation of this case, SA JAMES V. SULLIVAN had occasion to be at the American Shipcleaning Company Offices in Baltimore on a number of occasions and had seen appointee in the company of JOHN CATANEO.

PETER GALIANO, 401 North Bradford Street, Baltimore, Maryland, advised SA THOMAS LEACH, JR. on February 8, 1961, that the information he gave SA JAMES V. SULLIVAN in January, 1947, about JOHN CATANEO, BENNY TROTTA and [redacted] working for the re-election of D'ALESSANDRO was only rumor and hearsay. He could not recall who gave him this information or whether or not there was any truth to these allegations. He explained that he was never well-acquainted with any of these men and he had no personal knowledge of their affairs. He specifically stated that he did not have any personal knowledge of the personal life, private or political affairs of THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, either in 1947 or since that time, other than what might appear in the newspaper.

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[redacted] advised SA THOMAS LEACH, JR., on February 8, 1961. that he is the [redacted] who formerly resided at [redacted] [redacted] in 1947. He stated he remembers

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talking with a Special Agent of the FBI at Baltimore, Maryland in January, 1947, but he cannot, at this time, recall saying anything about who was financing or working for the re-election of THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO. He said he knows JOHN CATANEO was interested in politics at that time, but whether he contributed to any campaign of D'ALESSANDRO is not known to him. He said he does not know anything concerning the political affairs of D'ALESSANDRO at this time and he has never heard anything derogatory about him.

In 1944, Mr. DWIGHT L. HOLMES, Manager, Baltimore Branch of the Better Business Bureau, furnished allegations to the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, Representative from the Third Congressional District of Maryland, had used his influence with the Baltimore Police Department and local magistrates to hinder investigation and prosecution of violations of the law. Mr. HOLMES stated that one of these cases involved WILLIAM J. ORSOTTI, a "shady" doctor of physiotherapy, who had promoted a number of fraudulent schemes throughout the country. ORSOTTI was active in the United Entertainment Committee Benefit Fund, a fund promoted by ORSOTTI ostensibly for the benefit of men and women in the armed services, but actually for his own gain.

Through efforts of Mr. HOLMES, ORSOTTI's activities were referred to the Baltimore Police Department for investigation. A sergeant of that Department had told HOLMES that ORSOTTI had refused to come in for questioning and that nothing further could be done because ORSOTTI had shown his connection with a prominent man in Baltimore. HOLMES said that when he pressed the sergeant for the identity of this person, the sergeant "indicated" that it was Mr. D'ALESSANDRO. No specific information on the nature of ORSOTTI's alleged connection with D'ALESSANDRO was given.

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At the same time, Mr. HOLMES said he was also interested in the enforcement of laws dealing with weight shortages of coal delivered by Baltimore coal dealers. Judge HENRY B. MANN, Magistrate at Northeastern Police Station, had told Mr. HOLMES that he was receiving pressure from WILLIE and TOMMIE, which Mr. HOLMES understood to mean WILLIAM CURRAN and THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, to "lay off" a particular defendant before him due to the fact that he was a good contributor to their political fund. Mr. HOLMES did not further identify this case.

Mr. HOLMES stated he had been advised by different unnamed members of the Baltimore Police Department that the various coal dealers in eastern Baltimore were heavy contributors to the political fund of D'ALESSANDRO. HOLMES attributed the failure of the Police Department to investigate violations of

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the Coal Ordinance to the coal dealers' influence with D'ALESSANDRO and the latter's influence with the Police Department.

On February 8, 1961, [redacted] Better Business Bureau, 200 W. Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland, advised Special Agent J. STANLEY ROTZ that DWIGHT L. HOLMES, former manager of the Better Business Bureau, had died about eight years ago. [redacted] explained that he, himself, has been general manager of this organization for the past nine years, but that he had never heard of any connection between THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. and WILLIAM J. ORSOTTI, or Baltimore coal dealers.

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[redacted] searched the several Better Business Bureau files pertaining to WILLIAM J. ORSOTTI and the Baltimore coal dealers in the 1943 to 1944 period, but was unable to find any sort of reference to Mr. D'ALESSANDRO.

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On February 8, 1961, [redacted] advised SA J. STANLEY ROTZ that [redacted] HENRY B. MANN who was the Magistrate at Northeastern Police District, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1944. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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In 1945, Captain JOHN R. ROLLMAN, Western District, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland, furnished information to the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning one CHARLES F. CAMMARATA, who until a short time previously had operated a tavern at 641 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Captain ROLLMAN commented that CAMMARATA had gotten away with all sorts of criminal activities in the Western District due to the protection of Maryland United States Representative THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO. CAMMARATA was alleged to be gambling in various crap and card games in Baltimore. No further details of the alleged protection of Mr. D'ALESSANDRO were furnished.

On February 8, 1961, [redacted] Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland, advised Special Agent J. STANLEY ROTZ that former Captain JOHN R. ROLLMAN

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of the Western District had died on June 1, 1954.

CAMMARATA's current whereabouts are unknown.

"The Morning Sun," Baltimore newspaper, issue for December 12, 1953, carried an article stating that political storms have been blowing around JAMES H. POLLACK during the twenty-five years he has been a factor in the affairs of the Democrats and sometimes of the Republicans, too. He is the acknowledged boss of the Fourth District. The same news article stated POLLACK was born October 21, 1899 in Baltimore, Maryland. The news item reflected he has in the past been an insurance broker, real estate operator, theater owner and a one-time pugilist. During his early childhood, according to the news item, he and TOMMIE D'ALESSANDRO, Mayor of Baltimore, allegedly sold newspapers together. The items states these two have been friends ever since except for a few short-lived political spats.

Mrs. WILLIAM H. BAUERNSCHMIDT on April 8, 1947, furnished information to the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that she had recently been told by a minor politician in Baltimore, whose name she could not recall, but whom she stated is a reliable informant, that THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO had an [redacted] of Baltimore. At that time, Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT stated she would ascertain the name of the source of this information and furnish it to the Baltimore Office. This information was never furnished to the Baltimore Office by Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT.

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[redacted] on February 8, 1961, advised Special Agent [redacted] of the Baltimore Office, that [redacted]

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In April, 1947, Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT advised the Baltimore Office of the FBI that she had received an anonymous telephone



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call furnishing her the same information as that reported by her on April 8, 1947.

Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT, in a radio talk on the night before the primary (April 1, 1947), pointed out that she was opposed to D'ALESSANDRO because of his close relationship with JAMES H. POLLACK. Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT stated that POLLACK has a criminal record consisting of fifty-four appearances in court and eighteen convictions. Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT subsequently advised that she had obtained information in regard to POLLACK's criminal record from a local paper known as "The Observer," for January 13, 1934, which contained a copy of POLLACK's criminal record. "The Observer" is no longer published in the City of Baltimore.

In her radio talk mentioned above, Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT also pointed out that POLLACK had been denied a license to operate a liquor distillery by the Federal Government and this denial was affirmed by the Superior Court of Appeals in this city, which pointed out that a man with such an extensive criminal record was not entitled to receive such a license.

A review of the copy of "The Observer," referred to by Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT in regard to the criminal record of POLLACK, by the Baltimore Office of the FBI reflects that from January 1, 1921, to September 8, 1933, POLLACK was charged with whiskey violations on four occasions and received no convictions. He was charged on three occasions with carrying deadly weapons with no convictions. He was charged with failure to answer a summons on one occasion with no conviction. He was charged with being disorderly on five occasions and received one minimum fine on one of these occasions. He was charged with thirty-six violations of traffic laws for which he was convicted ten times, receiving fines of from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Among these traffic violations, he was charged four times within a period of a little over a month with driving without one headlight and charges were dismissed on each occasion. On another occasion, he was charged with reckless driving four times within a month with no convictions on any of these charges. A murder charge against POLLACK was made on August 15, 1921, which grew out of the killing of one HUGO CAPLAN in a public garage on Fayette Street, when

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he was shot down by a gang of bootleggers. The State, according to the record, kept the case on the docket for eighteen months and the case was set for trial twice, but was never tried. POLLACK spent forty-one days in jail awaiting this trial, but was released on \$3,000.00 bond after his \$10,000.00 bail was reduced by the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. The only other occasion on which POLLACK served time was on a conviction of assault when he received a sentence and served thirty days in jail on May 10, 1923. He was also charged on March 13, 1923, with assault and threatening to shoot a police officer, but was found not guilty. He has also been charged on five other occasions with assault and striking and on four occasions with assault with intent to rob, receiving out of these nine cases three convictions.

The above information was obtained from a review of "The Observer", a paper no longer printed, and not from an actual review of police records.





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Reference Report of Special Agent  
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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AGENCY, BALTIMORE, MD. PAREN STILL IN OPERATION PAREN, BEFORE FORMING HIS OWN FIRM IN ABOUT THE MIDDLE TWENTIES. THIS FIRM WAS THE D ALESANDRO AND MC CULLOUGH AGENCY AND APPOINTEE PARTNER JOHN MC CULLOUGH IS DECEASED. CHRISTIANSON STATED THIS AGENCY WAS VERY POORLY OPERATED, FINALLY REACHING THE POINT THAT ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO THE COMPANY QUOTE FOLDED UNQUOTE. HE STATED HE BELIEVED MC CULLOUGH WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE BECAUSE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS AND EXERCISED LITTLE CONTROL OVER THE AGENTS OF THE COMPANY. CHRISTIANSON STATED FURTHER THAT ANOTHER REASON FOR THE FAILURE OF THE COMPANY WAS DUE TO AN EMBEZZLEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BY THE FIRM'S BOOKKEEPER, ERNEST BOWER, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY SHOT AND KILLED HIMSELF. CHRISTIANSON STATED THE APPOINTEE JOINED THE MECHANICS AND TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY AND THAT IN APPROXIMATELY FORTYEIGHT THIS COMPANY MERGED WITH THE NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. CHRISTIANSON STATED THE APPOINTEE IS STILL IN INSURANCE BUSINESS AND THE FOLLOWING FIRM HANDLES HIS BUSINESS, KROH, MILLER AND KNIGHT, INC., TWO ONE ZERO E REDWOOD ST., BALTIMORE, MD. CHRISTIANSON STATED HE NEVER HAD ANY CLOSE CONTACT WITH

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D ALESANDRO PROFESSIONALLY OR SOCIALLY AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO GIVE A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION RE APPOINTEE. HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANYTHING AND HAS NOT HEARD OF ANYTHING WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON THE APPOINTEES CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES OR REPUTATION. IT IS TO BE NOTED CHRISTIANSON ADVISED D ALESANDRO AND MC CULLOUGH AGENCY WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY, HOWEVER D ALESANDRO WAS SUPPOSEDLY WORKING FOR MECHANICS AND TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT THAT TIME. BALTIMORE ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ABOVE EMPLOYMENTS IF NOT ALREADY DONE. SECRET SERVICE OUTSTANDING.

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/14/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/13-14/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>po'b</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Baltimore teletype to Bureau dated 2/9/61.

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Field Office File No.: 161-141

Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Files of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Boston, Mass. disclosed that the firm of D'Alesandro-McCullough Insurance Co. of Baltimore, Md. had agreements with the Employers Fire Insurance Co. and the American Employers Insurance Co. to act as their agents from 1941 to 1947, at which time these agreements were cancelled. New agreements were written in 1950 and were again cancelled in 1954 for business reasons. Surety Bond Division of Employers Liability Assurance Corporation gave \$1,000 Non-Resident Insurance Brokers Bond on behalf of the firm of D'Alesandro-McCullough on 4/30/53, which was effective for one year only. Employers also obligated under a current \$2,500 surety bond in the name of THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR., which bond runs to the State of Maryland to license D'ALE SANDRO as an insurance broker. This bond was first written in 1957 and has been renewed continually, the expiration date of the current one being 4/61. No complaints have been registered concerning D'ALE SANDRO with the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation at Boston.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Surety Bond Division, Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., 110 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the American Employers Insurance Company is a Massachusetts corporation since 1923, and the Employers Fire Insurance Company is also a separate Massachusetts corporation since 1921. Both of these corporations are owned by the Employers Group Associates, which is a Massachusetts Voluntary Trust. [redacted] explained that both the American Employers Insurance Company and the Employers Fire Insurance Company are under common management.

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[redacted] stated that a review of D'ALESSANDRO's file showed that a separate agreement was entered into on January 17, 1941 between the Employers Fire Insurance Company and the D'Alesandro-McCullough Insurance Company, Baltimore, Maryland, whereby the latter agency would write insurance as agents for the Employers Fire Insurance Company. This agreement was continued from year to year, up to 1947 when the agreement was cancelled. Another agreement was entered into between the parties in 1950 which was finally cancelled on May 25, 1954.

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An agreement was likewise entered into on January 23, 1941 between the American Employers Insurance Company and the firm of D'Alesandro-McCullough Insurance Company, and this agreement was continued until 1947 when it was cancelled. Agreements were renewed between the parties in 1950 and finally cancelled again in 1954.

[redacted] explained that the reason the Employers cancelled their agreements with D'Alesandro's firm was because of poor distribution of business by the latter agency. [redacted] stated that at the present time D'ALESSANDRO has no agreement to act as agent for any of the Employers insurance companies.

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Concerning surety bonds filed by this company on D'ALESSANDRO's behalf, [redacted] stated that on April 30, 1953 the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation posted a \$1,000 bond payable to the Superintendent of Insurance of the District of Columbia. This was a Non-Resident Insurance Brokers Bond which was effective for one year only on behalf of the D'Alesandro-McCullough Insurance Company.

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[ ] also explained that the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation executed a \$2,500 surety bond in the name of THOMAS D'ALE SANDRO, JR. running to the State of Maryland to license D'ALE SANDRO as an insurance broker. This surety bond became effective May 1, 1957 and is still in effect, the expiration date being April, 1961.

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During the effective periods covered by these surety bonds [ ] stated that the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation was never requested to pay out any money for defaults on behalf of D'ALE SANDRO, nor have there ever been any complaints registered with this company concerning the D'Alesandro-McCullough Insurance Company.

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[ ] Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., Boston, advised on February 14, 1961 that at the time of the termination of the insurance agreements between the Employers insurance companies and the D'Alesandro-McCullough Insurance Company in 1954, the latter agency owed the Employers insurance companies no money.

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TO SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. SPI. REUREP TWO DASH ONE ZERO DASH SIX ONE. BA SEMIANNUAL CRIME SURVEY DATED FOUR DASH ONE FIVE DASH FOUR SEVEN CONTAINS INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM MRS. WILLIAM H. BAUERNSCHMIDT. AT THAT TIME SHE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL OF SOME PROMINENCE AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT YOUR SURVEY MENTIONS SHE GAVE A RADIO TALK. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN SYNOPSIS FORM. RE REPORT INDICATES THAT

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IN ORDER TO PROPERLY EVALUATE THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MRS. BAUERNSCHMIDT IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO KNOW

AT THE TIME THE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED. IT IS ALSO PERTINENT TO KNOW WHETHER MRS. BAUERNSCHMIDT HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE OR UNRELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

BALTIMORE RESOLVE. BALTIMORE SEMIANNUAL CRIME SURVEY DATED EIGHT DASH ONE FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR INDICATES APPOINTEE'S SON

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TELETYPE SAC, BALTIMORE  
RE: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF YOUTHS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAPE OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS AND FURTHER INDICATES THAT APPOINTEE'S SON WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE SUBJECTS WHO WAS ACQUITTED. YOUR SURVEY FURTHER INDICATES THAT HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRIED IN SALISBURY, MARYLAND, ON THE CHARGE OF PERJURY AND FOUND NOT GUILTY. THIS LATTER ARREST AND TRIAL SHOULD BE VERIFIED THROUGH APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIONS. THE FACT THAT APPOINTEE'S SON ALLEGEDLY WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE SUBJECTS ACQUITTED RAISES THE IMPLICATION THAT POLITICAL PRESSURE WAS EXERTED AND SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY DEVELOPED. THE INFORMATION HAS ALSO BEEN FURNISHED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THIS SAME SURVEY INDICATES THAT APPOINTEE DID NOT ATTEND THE TRIAL OF HIS SON AS HE WAS IN BON SECOURS HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE

[REDACTED] THIS SHOULD ALSO BE THOROUGHLY DEVELOPED THROUGH APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. YOUR REPORT ON PAGE ONE INDICATES APPOINTEE WAS BORN IN BALTIMORE BUT DOES NOT STATE THE NAMES OF HIS PARENTS. ALTHOUGH YOUR REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATES THEY ARE DECEASED. AS APPOINTEE IS A JR. HIS FATHER'S NAME WAS APPARENTLY THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO. THE NAMES OF APPOINTEE'S PARENTS MUST BE ASCERTAINED AND PROPERLY REPORTED. YOUR TEL TO ST. LOUIS INDICATES D'ALESSANDRO

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RE: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO

EMPLOYED BY BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,  
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BEEN VERIFIED THROUGH OFFICIAL RECORDS AT FRC. BALTIMORE  
SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT THE BUREAU OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. YOUR REPORT ON  
PAGE EIGHT MENTIONS APPOINTEE FORMERLY WORKED IN ANNAPOLIS.  
YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND  
CRIMINAL CHECKS IN THAT AREA. EXPEDITE.

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TO SACS, BALTIMORE  
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., SPI. [REDACTED] APPEARED AT THE  
BUREAU ON SEPTEMBER EIGHT, FIFTY-THREE, AND ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., THE THEN MAYOR OF  
BALTIMORE. HE STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NANCY D'ALESSANDRO, WIFE OF  
MAYOR D'ALESSANDRO. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

HE HAD NO POSITIVE INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATION.

BALTIMORE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] CURRENT  
COMMENTS AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. WAS! NGTON FIELD

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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR. SPI. REUREP TWO DASH ONE ZERO DASH  
SIX ONE. BEGINNING ON PAGE ONE NINE OF REREP YOU REFER TO  
~~NEW~~ NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS MENTIONING THAT MRS. D'ALESSANDRO  
TESTIFIED AT THE TRIAL OF ONE DOMINIC PIRACCI, A PARKING  
GARAGE BUILDER CONVICTED OF CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD THE CITY  
OF BALTIMORE AND INDICATED THAT SHE ADMITTED BORROWING  
MONEY FROM PIRACCI. BALTIMORE SEE YOUR FILE SIX TWO DASH  
THREE ONE NINE, YOUR LET TO THE BUREAU DATED EIGHT DASH  
NINE DASH FIVE FOUR. ON PAGE THREE ONE IT IS INDICATED THAT  
D'ALESSANDRO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION BECAUSE OF

[REDACTED]

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HAD BEEN MENTIONED

PROMINENTLY IN NEWSPAPERS AS HAVING RECEIVED CHECKS FROM

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RE: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

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[REDACTED] SUFFICIENT INTERVIEWS MUST BE CONDUCTED TO  
EITHER REFUTE OR ESTABLISH THESE ALLEGATIONS AND SUITABLE  
DOCUMENTATION OR PIRACCI SUBMITTED IF APPROPRIATE. YOUR  
REPORT ALSO CONTAINS COMMENTS FROM A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS  
SUGGESTING THAT D'ALESSANDRO HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF MUCH  
CRITICISM BUT DOES NOT STATE THE NATURE OF THIS CRITICISM.  
IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS THIS MUST BE CLARIFIED.  
YOUR REPORT MENTIONS APPOINTEE IS IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS WITH  
[REDACTED] MUST BE ASCERTAINED  
AND REPORTED.



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Date: 2/16/61

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-181)  
THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.  
SPI

Re Bureau teletype 2/15/61, and WFO teletype 2/14/61.

On 2/16/61, [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., that the only  
record in [redacted] re [redacted] is letter from  
FBI dated 9/15/53, containing information re [redacted]  
No additional pertinent information was located.

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On 2/16/61, [redacted] Personnel Section,  
U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Treasury Dept., advised SA DONEGAN  
there was no record re appointee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/16/61

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (161-110)

SUBJECT: THOMAS J. D'ALESSANDRO, JR.  
SPI

Re Bureau teletype to Baltimore 2/14/61.

The following is submitted concerning Mrs. MARIE BAUERNSCHMIDT, who furnished information a number of years ago to several Agents of the Baltimore Office. This information was compiled by SA [redacted] who had some contact with Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT.

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In this connection it is to be noted that Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT had the general reputation in the community of being interested in keeping corrupt influences out of government and particularly with keeping improper political influences out of the public school system. She frequently injected herself into the political life of the community by making radio addresses on the eves of major elections in the state but had no personal desires for any elective or appointive office of any sort. She was the widow of a prominent Baltimore brewer and is believed to have had a substantial estate left her upon his death.

Concerning the information furnished by Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT to the writer (SA [redacted]) it is not recalled that any of it was of a type that indicated a Bureau violation that would warrant verification of the facts in question and for that reason no such verification or corroboratory evidence was obtained concerning such matters that she furnished on a voluntary basis. The information that she furnished to the writer (SA [redacted]) was exclusively along GIIF lines. She did not disclose the sources of her information at any time.

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On the occasions when the writer (SA [redacted]) was in touch with Mrs. BAUERNSCHMIDT up until November, 1949, she

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On February 15, 1961, the writer (SA [redacted]) contacted [redacted], who stated that he is the doctor who is primarily concerned with [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he is [redacted] and that he had first been called into the case involving [redacted]

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[redacted] on January 15, 1951 at the request of [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] He emphasized that this information that he was furnishing concerning [redacted] must be kept on a strictly confidential basis.

The following is submitted concerning the appointee's stay at the Bon Secours Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland:

Mother ATHANASIOS, Administrator of Bon Secours Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, advised SA [redacted] on February 15, 1961 that appointee was admitted to the hospital on March 10, 1954, [redacted] and was released after recovery. [redacted] She stated [redacted]

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[redacted] She added that the appointee's physician was [redacted]

On February 15, 1961, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was the appointee's attending physician during his hospitalization in 1954. He said that the

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[redacted]  
[redacted] He stated that he was not acquainted with the appointee prior to his hospitalization; however, after spending [redacted] with him on a patient-doctor relationship, he considered him to be a very personable and capable individual. He said that the appointee made a good recovery and was released from the hospital [redacted]

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The parents of the appointee are THOMAS and MARY D'ALESDANDRO, according to RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, mentioned on page 2 of Baltimore report, who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. RYAN on February 15, 1961. This same information is contained in "Who's Who", 1958-1959.

[redacted] Bureau of Internal Revenue, advised SA [redacted] on February 15, 1961 that records maintained at this office do not include the name of appointee and she knew of no one presently employed by this Bureau in Baltimore who would have known the appointee.

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On February 16, 1961, Corporal [redacted], Annapolis Police Department, and [redacted] Credit Bureau of Annapolis, Annapolis, Maryland, advised SA PAUL D. EARNEST that there was no information in the files of their respective agencies regarding the appointee.

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Inquiry is being conducted by the Baltimore Office regarding implication that political pressure was exerted during the trial of appointee's son, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESDANDRO. Regarding Bureau teletype to Bureau February 15, 1961, advising Baltimore report contains comments from a number of individuals suggesting that D'ALESDANDRO had been target of much criticism, the Bureau is advised that on February 16, 1961, Mr. JOHN COPPAGE, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, and DAVID MANDEL, Executive Secretary to U. S. Congressman SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL (both mentioned in Baltimore report), stated the criticism they referred to was actually criticism of various measures and ordinances adopted or rejected during appointee's tenure in the Mayor's Office. According to COPPAGE and MANDEL, this criticism came from persons who disagreed with the Mayor's position.

On February 16, 1961, SA [redacted] contacted Mr. CHARLES BAY, Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy Insurance Brokers, Baltimore, who advised that [redacted] with the appointee in the firm of Thomas D'Alesandro and Son. This information is set out on page four of Baltimore report.

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Baltimore conducting appropriate interviews regarding [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of appointee.

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Reporting Office <b>BALTIMORE</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/21/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/15 - 20/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>SA THOMAS G. RYAN</b>	Typed By: <b>bal</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype to Baltimore dated 2/14/61.  
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Title:

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[redacted] interviewed  
Baltimore, Maryland 2/16/61 and advised [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] has no specific information re [redacted]

[redacted] Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission,  
Inc. files contain no information political pressure extended in  
favor appointee's son during 1953-1954 trials. Court records re  
trials of appointee's son reviewed and set out.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLANDReview of Court Records:

On February 15, 1961, a review of the records of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Criminal Court, Baltimore City Courthouse, reflected the following information concerning FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO, 245 Albemarle Street, Baltimore:

Page 203 of the Criminal Court of Baltimore Indictment Docket, May Term 1953, records Indictment #3240 was filed on August 14, 1953 against the above named person charging rape, etc. The true bill returned on this date charged FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO on July 28, 1953, in and upon one [redacted] violently and feloniously did make an assault upon her, the said [redacted] then and there forcibly and against her will, feloniously did ravish and carnally know contrary to the Act of the Assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace,

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government and dignity of the state. Said [ ] was at the time under [ ] years of age.

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At arraignment of D'ALESSANDRO on October 7, 1953, he entered a plea of not guilty and prayed a jury trial. The attorney for D'ALESSANDRO, JOSEPH SHERBOW, requested that his client be given an early trial in this matter in view of the fact that he was the son of the Mayor of Baltimore, and because of the publicity given to the case in the papers, and on the radio and television. Mr. SHERBOW argued that the Office of the State's Attorney had set trial for several of the other youths involved, prior to the time set for the trial of his client. He argued that his client's trial would be affected by the outcome of the earlier trial because of the fact he was the Mayor's son.

Chief Judge W. CONWELL SMITH, now deceased, granted the motion of Mr. SHERBOW to hold D'ALESSANDRO's trial first.

The trial was held in Criminal Court, Part Three, also referred to as Youth Court, before Judge W. CONWELL SMITH. No transcript of the trial was available as the verdict in the case was not appealed and the practice in Baltimore is that the notes of the court stenographer are not transcribed if no further hearing is necessary.

It was noted that on November 5, 1953, Defense Attorney JOSEPH SHERBOW made a Motion for Acquittal and for a directed verdict of not guilty at the conclusion of the entire case, as he pointed out the evidence in the case shows that [ ]

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and that these facts create such a reasonable doubt as to defendants guilt that the court must direct the jury to bring a verdict of acquittal and their verdict on each count must be not guilty. He argued that under Maryland Law in order for there to be Carnal Knowledge, there must be an actual penetration of the woman by the man, and that if there is the slightest doubt in the mind of any one of the jurors, that doubt has to be resolved in favor of the defendant, no matter how slight the doubt. The motion was denied by the court and the case was given to the jury.

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On November 5, 1953, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty as to D'ALESANDRO. ? THE OTHERS

Page 209 of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, Indictment Docket September Term, 1953, records that Indictment #4923 was returned by the Grand Jury on December 11, 1953 charging FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESANDRO with Perjury. The indictment filed on December 18, 1953 charged D'ALESANDRO unlawfully committed perjury by falsely swearing to matters being then and there material and by giving testimony then and there wilfully and corruptly false in said city of Baltimore, State of Maryland on or about the fourth day of November, 1953. A warrant was issued the same day and bail in the amount of \$2,500.00 was furnished by PHILIP BERMAN's Sons, Inc.

The indictment in this case resulted from instructions given by Judge W. CONWELL SMITH to the State's Attorney that he should call attention of the Grand Jury to statements made by D'ALESANDRO in his trial of November, 1953, and the conflicting testimony offered by the other defendants in the series of morals trials following the D'ALESANDRO trial.

There followed a series of motions by the Defense Attorney, JOSEPH SHERBOW, and on March 15, 1954 Judge S. RALPH WARNKEN ordered a change of venue and further that the record of the proceedings be transmitted to the Circuit Court for Wicomico County for trial. This followed a lengthy motion by Mr. SHERBOW during which he cited the large amount of publicity given to the series of morals cases in Baltimore City on television, radio and in the newspapers. He presented to the court a Survey of Public Opinion in Baltimore City and in Wicomico County prepared by the Sidney Hollander Associates, which indicated the public feeling concerning D'ALESANDRO and the other defendants at that time.

On February 16, 1961, [redacted] Wicomico County Courthouse, Salisbury, Maryland, advised SA [redacted] that Page 79 of the Index to Criminal Record, Volume I, Wicomico County, reflects FRANKLIN R. D'ALESANDRO, indicted for Perjury, was found not guilty.

Case #943, Liber J.W.S. No. 3, folio 417, pertains to the above matter, The State of Maryland vs FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESANDRO. The Docket noted the case was removed from the Criminal Court of Baltimore and on March 22, 1954 certified copy of docket entries from Criminal Court of Baltimore was filed.

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The following additional pertinent action was noted:

5/17/54 - Appearance of HAMILTON P. FOX, JR., J. HAROLD GRADY and [redacted] entered for the State.

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Appearance of [redacted] and [redacted] entered for defendant.

Motion by [redacted] that all witnesses be excluded from Court Room and motion granted.

Motion by Attorneys for defendant that Court require the State to elect upon which count or counts of indictment it would proceed was filed. Motion was argued and overruled.

Jury was empanelled and sworn.

Court ordered Bench Warrants issued for [redacted] and [redacted]

5/18/54 - Case resumed.

5/19/54 - Case resumed. Motion of acquittal and for directed verdict of not guilty at conclusion of the State case "Over-ruled" filed.

5/20/54 - Case resumed. Motion of acquittal and for directed verdict of not guilty at conclusion of the entire case "Over-ruled" filed.

5/21/54 - Case resumed. State's 2nd prayer rejected filed. Defendant's 8th and 9th prayers rejected filed. Judge HENRY delivers oral instructions to the jury. Stipulation and agreement filed.

5/21/54 - At 9:40 PM Verdict of Jury was not guilty.

6/24/54 - Original papers from Baltimore City returned by express. Copy Docket Entries mailed to Clerk of Criminal Court, Baltimore City.

A review of available papers in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Court for Wicomico County reflected the Stipulation and Agreement reads as follows:

Counsel for all parties stipulated and agreed that no counsel would read, discuss or comment

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upon any portion of testimony of following witnesses in case of State of Maryland vs. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO under Indictment No. 3240Y/ 1953 charging him with rape.

1. Testimony of [redacted]  
Pages 45-49, 327-335
2. Testimony of Sergeant [redacted]  
Pages 198-200
3. Testimony of [redacted]  
Pages 169-188
4. Testimony of [redacted]  
Pages 189-191
5. Testimony of [redacted]  
Pages 191-195
6. Testimony of [redacted]  
Pages 195-198
7. Testimony of [redacted]  
Pages 318-327
8. Stipulation of Mr. HAROLD GRADY  
Pages 201-203

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With regard to the above, [redacted] said there is no transcript of the testimony in that office and such would not have been prepared unless an Appeal was to be taken. She noted all the Baltimore Criminal Court papers were returned. She related the presiding Judge was W. LAIRD HENRY and that HAMILTON P. FOX, Jr. was then State's Attorney for Wicomico County, while [redacted] one of [redacted] is a reputable [redacted]

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Baltimore Sunpapers Morgue:

On February 15, 1961, SA [redacted] reviewed newspaper clippings at the Sunpapers Morgue, Baltimore, Maryland, for the

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years 1953-1954 and was unable to locate any news items indicating political pressure was exerted in behalf of FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESDANDRO at his trials at Baltimore, Maryland or at Salisbury, Maryland.

Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission, Inc.:

The Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission, Inc., founded in 1922, has for one of its aims the securing and promoting of an intelligent administration of criminal justice. It lends assistance to police agencies, State's Attorneys Offices and cooperates with the Maryland courts. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission, Inc., 22 Light Street, advised SA [REDACTED] on February 20, 1961 that the files of his agency contain no information showing that any political pressures were exerted by any interested parties in the rape and perjury charges brought against appointee's son, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESDANDRO, in 1953-1954.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

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On February 16, 1961, MR. JAMES P. LAZZATI, 3901 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known THOMAS D'ALESDANDRO and members of his family since 1947. MR. LAZZATI served as the Executive Director of the Maryland Veterans Housing Commission for Baltimore City from 1947 to 1950 and as the personal secretary to Mayor D'ALESDANDRO from 1950 to the end of 1952. MR. LAZZATI explained that as MR. D'ALESDANDRO's personal secretary he saw him almost daily both in a professional and in a social capacity. Since 1953 he has consulted with him frequently and today enjoys a warm and personal relationship with all members of the D'ALESDANDRO family.

MR. LAZZATI, when questioned concerning his knowledge of any

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In so far as MR. LAZZATI

knows, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MR. LAZZATI stated that he frequently visited the former Mayor while he was a patient in one of the Baltimore hospitals during the latter part of 1953, and he is of the opinion that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MR. LAZZATI volunteered that he had [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] but he considers such stories to be politically inspired.

MR. LAZZATI commented [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To MR. LAZZATI's knowledge



[REDACTED]

With reference to newspaper stories that MRS. D'ALESSANDRO borrowed money from MR. DOMINIC PIRACCI, a Baltimore contractor, MR. LAZZATI stated that he was aware that MRS. D'ALESSANDRO testified as a witness during the PIRACCI fraud trial in Baltimore. He was also aware that MRS. D'ALESSANDRO stated at that time that she borrowed money from MR. PIRACCI for the purpose of promoting a business venture involving a beauty lotion, which business was never successful. MR. LAZZATI continued that in so far as he knows this was strictly a business transaction between MRS. D'ALESSANDRO and MR. PIRACCI and in no way involved Mayor D'ALESSANDRO.

MR. LAZZATI further stated that he has the highest regard for THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO and his wife NANCY. He knows the former Mayor to be a man of integrity, a devoted family man and a devoted public servant. MR. LAZZATI stated that during his association with MR. D'ALESSANDRO nothing has ever come to his attention which he feels would preclude the former Mayor from serving in any capacity for which he is qualified. MR. LAZZATI stated he highly recommends THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO for a position of high trust with the United States Government.

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RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, Room 635, United States Post Office Building, who was executive secretary to appointee from November, 1946 to May, 1959, on February 16, 1961 advised as follows:

From late 1946 until May, 1959, LIDINSKY informed he had almost daily contact with the Mayor and his wife. Mr. LIDINSKY informed that during the period of time he was with the Mayor (1946-1959) he is certain that appointee and his wife were never involved in any marital difficulty and that during the period 1946-1959, the appointee and his wife never considered separating and as far as he knows never separated and intentionally lived apart. Mr. LIDINSKY stated it is not unlikely appointee and his wife had the ordinary marital differences of husband and wife, but these differences never reached the point where a separation was contemplated. Mr. LIDINSKY advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LIDINSKY informed he had no information regarding appointee's wife's dealings with DOMINIC PIRACCI, other than what appeared in the papers. Mr. LIDINSKY stated he knew appointee's wife [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. LIDINSKY advised the appointee spent [REDACTED] in the hospital during about 1954 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] One of the problems appointee had in about 1953, according to LIDINSKY, was the city-wide strike of municipal garbage and trash removal employees and, according to LIDINSKY, the Mayor opposed this strike violently and issued an ultimatum to workers to return to work because there was, in the Mayor's view, a serious health problem involved. According to LIDINSKY, as a safety measure city police were assigned to guard the Mayor and the Mayor's residence. Mr. LIDINSKY said he believes this strike lasted about a week and, according to LIDINSKY, although the Mayor was not too

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happy to be guarded against possible violence, it was most likely the decision of the Commissioner of the Police that he and his home should be guarded. Mr. LIDINSKY related that as further proof of his opinion that there was

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Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on February 16, 1961, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He furnished the following information:

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During the approximate period of 1952-1953, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not know the source of this information. At this time she was involved in the trial of DOMINIC PIRACCI and admitted borrowing money from him. She reportedly stated this money was borrowed from PIRACCI for business ventures. Mrs. D'ALESSANDRO informed [REDACTED] that she was engaged in the business of selling a cosmetic known as "Velvex" (phonetic), although he had no knowledge of any further details of this business other than [REDACTED] on one occasion. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] did not know the source of this information and could not further comment, other than to say "it was hearsay."

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[REDACTED] could not recall the identity of anyone [REDACTED] who made this remark to appointee and the latter did not make any comment concerning this remark.

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Prior to the time of the DOMINIC PIRACCI trial in which Mrs. D'ALESSANDRO testified [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he did not know any further details regarding this matter, nor know of anyone who could elaborate on it.

[REDACTED] At the time appointee's son was being tried for a morals charge or a perjury charge, appointee was confined to a Baltimore hospital [REDACTED] Appointee had recently returned from Europe prior to his hospital admittance and at that time appeared to [REDACTED]

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[redacted] remarked that he was not in a position to give a professional opinion as to whether appointee required hospital treatment, but also remarked he believed appointee played the role of "PONTIUS PILATE," in view of the trial of his son, which was going on at that time. He explained this remark by stating that appointee could have taken the position that he was not responsible for his son's activities and did not want to become involved.

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[redacted] also related that during appointee's hospital confinement, a local paper carried a picture of him in his hospital room seated in front of a television set, dressed in a dressing gown.

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[redacted] further related that during this same period when his son was being tried in a Baltimore Court, the Baltimore City Police Department had two men assigned to protect the appointee and also had two men guarding his home. [redacted] did not know the reason for this protection, but did know that the police did afford this protection, since he himself observed them doing it.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] asked the policemen on guard duty at the home why they were ~~guarding~~ it and they informed him that they did not know why. [redacted] could not identify the policemen involved but did, at times, extend an invitation to them to come in to his home, which was nearby, for coffee. However, they declined. [redacted] stated that he did not know whether appointee or any member of his family had been threatened. and [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] emphasized that this was only his opinion and he had no evidence to substantiate [redacted]  
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[redacted] further stated that [redacted]  
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Concerning the trial of appointee's son on a morals charge in Baltimore City, [redacted] remarked that when appointee became aware of his son's trouble, he, the appointee, wanted him to plead guilty. He said that appointee remarked upon hearing this news about his son that the son "should take his medicine" if he were guilty. [redacted] further stated that the appointee believed his son guilty along with the others involved in this incident and thought that the entire group should plead guilty and that the matter be disposed of in a magistrate's court

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At this point, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he felt appointee's "political enemies were out to get him," otherwise, the incident involving his son and the others would not have received any notoriety. He stated that such matters are handled in the local magistrate's court every day and that nothing more would have arisen on this matter had not the appointee's son been involved.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] appointee and his wife.

As to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has no actual knowledge of his activities now or at any time in the past. To his knowledge, [REDACTED] has never worked a day since [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He noted [REDACTED] always had money and since he never knew of [REDACTED] to work, he suspected that [REDACTED] could have [REDACTED] He had no particular reason for suspecting this.

[REDACTED] said he later came to the conclusion that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] concluded by stating that he holds no animosity toward the appointee, in fact, has admired him and the various political positions he has held. He stated that appointee would be the Governor of Maryland today had it not been [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He stated that at no time did he ever question the appointee's integrity and has no reason whatsoever to believe the appointee became involved in any [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] remarked that he believed appointee deserved a responsible governmental position in view of his good record as a political leader and considered him well qualified for such a position [REDACTED]

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TO SAC BALTIMORE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BALTIMORE REPORT FEBRUARY TWO ONE, ONE NINE SIX ONE. THE ALLEGATION IN BALTIMORE CRIME SURVEY CONCERNING HIS SON, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D'ALESSANDRO, IS THAT HE WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF YOUTHS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAPE OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS AND THAT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE GROUP OF DEFENDANTS FOUND NOT GUILTY. THIS WOULD IMPLY POLITICAL PRESSURE WAS EXERTED IN HIS BEHALF. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION. YOUR REPORT MENTIONS THAT APPOINTEE'S SON WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY IN THE TRIAL. BALTIMORE ADVISE IF THE OTHER DEFENDANTS WERE CHARGED WITH THE SAME CRIME AND REPORT WHETHER THEY WERE FOUND GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY SO THAT ALLEGATION CAN BE PROPERLY EVALUATED. IT IS ALSO FELT APPROPRIATE TO CONTACT CRIMINAL INFORMANTS CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY IN VIEW OF THE ALLEGATION IN YOUR CRIME SURVEY AND REPORT. SUTEL THIS DATE IN REPORT LANGUAGE FOLLOWED BY REPORT. THESE CONTACTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO WELL ESTABLISHED INFORMANTS AND HANDLED MOST DISCREETLY.

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FROM SAC, BALTIMORE /161-110/ 1 P

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., SPI. RE BUREAU TEL TWO TWENTY THREE LAST RECEIVED AT SIX FORTY FOUR PM. ALL COURTS IN BALTIMORE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY A M AND COURT RECORDS ARE ONLY SOURCE OF EXACT CHARGES MADE AGAINST DEFENDENTS WHO WERE ARRESTED AT TIME OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D ALESSANDRO. INFORMATION

*7ms* IN BALTIMORE CRIME SURVEYS RE PERSONS ARRESTED AT TIME FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT D ALESSANDRO ARRESTED HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED THROUGH CHECK OF COURT RECORDS AND FINAL DISPOSITION OF THIER CASES NOT CHECKED AT BALTIMORE CRIMINAL COURT. THIS OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO REACH DISCREET ESTABLISHED INFORMANTS FOR POSSIBLE INFORMATION REGARDING POLITICAL PRESSURE AND ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING APPOINTEE AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY BA WILL SUTEL IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF ABOVE INFORMATION.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>BALTIMORE</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>2/27/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/24 - 27/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.</b>		Report made by <b>THOMAS G. RYAN</b>	Typed By: <b>jdb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

Synopsis

## REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype to Baltimore, dated 2/24/61.  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

712 Re Bureau teletype, 2/25/61 re allegation applicants for position in Baltimore PD received preference after payment to D'ALESSANDRO. For information Bureau, this information is in Crime Survey for January, 1947. Appointee did not become Mayor of Baltimore until May, 1947. All references to D'ALESSANDRO in Crime Surveys have been reviewed and properly evaluated.

111 Any source for the above allegation is not known to this office at this time. ?

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INFORMANTS:

BA T-1 is [redacted] identity known to Bureau,  
contacted by SA [redacted], 2/25/61.

BA T-2 is [redacted] identity known to Bureau,  
contacted by SA [redacted], 2/25/61.

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BA T-3 is Baltimore PCI [redacted] who has  
furnished valuable and reliable information regarding criminal  
matters, contacted by SA [redacted] 2/25/61.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA THOMAS G. RYAN  
Date: 2/27/61

Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Three Baltimore Confidential Informants unable to furnish pertinent information unfavorable to appointee or his family. One informant said consensus of opinion among persons connected with law enforcement that appointee's son acquitted of rape because of brilliant fashion case handled by defense attorney. Review of court records set out.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLANDContact with Confidential Informants

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1 on February 25, 1961 was questioned as to whether he had ever had any dealings with the appointee or any member of his family. The informant said he has had no dealings with the appointee or any member of his family.

Informant was specifically questioned as to whether he had ever heard of any political pressure ever having been used to assist in getting young D'ALESSANDRO out of his trouble with the law on a rape charge and the informant said he had no information in this regard and that he had no adverse information regarding any other member of the D'ALESSANDRO family.

On February 25, 1961 Baltimore Confidential Informant T-2 advised that he was able to recall the trials involving

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the appointee's son ROOSEVELT and eight or nine other boys in 1954 on a rape charge. Informant advised that after ROOSEVELT D'ALE SANDRO was acquitted there were rumors that some sort of pressure had been exerted to acquit the boy. Informant said he did not know the source of these rumors and had no personal knowledge of pressure being exerted. The informant said the consensus of opinion among persons connected with law and law enforcement in Maryland was that appointee's son was acquitted because his case was handled in brilliant fashion by one of Maryland's outstanding attorney's namely, JOSEPH SHERBOW, who is now a brilliant attorney and was formerly a judge. The informant [redacted] had with [redacted]

[redacted] ROOSEVELT D'ALE SANDRO after the trial and [redacted] told him at that time that [redacted] did not believe that there had been a "fix." Informant said that he considered [redacted] of unquestioned integrity and did not believe he would be a party to a "fix." Informant further advised that he believes MAURICE BERMAN, now deceased, handled ROOSEVELT D'ALE SANDRO's bail. Informant was unable to provide any informant regarding other members of the D'ALE SANDRO family based on personal knowledge.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-3 contacted on February 25, 1961, advised that she recalls an incident wherein one of the D'ALE SANDRO boys was arrested some years ago with other boys on a rape charge and that the D'ALE SANDRO boy was acquitted. Baltimore Confidential Informant T-3 advised she had no knowledge that any influence of any type was used in order to have the D'ALE SANDRO boy acquitted. Baltimore Confidential Informant T-3 said she has never heard of any unfavorable information of a specific nature concerning any member of the D'ALE SANDRO family.

The following inquiry was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

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REVIEW OF CRIMINAL COURT RECORDS, BATIMORE, MARYLAND

On February 27, 1961, a review of court records for the May tern, 1953, criminal court, reflected the following information:

Indictment Number	Subject	Charge	Victim
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In reviewing the above indictments it was noted that appointee's son was charged with rape of [redacted] and was found not guilty on November 5, 1953. Further review of the other indictments reflect that [redacted] was also charged with rape of [redacted] and this charge was nolle prosequi. This trial occurred after the trial of the appointee's son.

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Indictment Number [redacted] charged [redacted]  
[redacted] some five months  
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A review was made of the indictment's against [redacted] and the appointee's son and both indictments were identical in each count. It was noted that counts number one and two against [redacted] were nolle prosequi by the States Attorney's Office. No reason was given in the court records as to why the nolle prosequi was entered.

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Of all the defendants convicted in this series of morals trials only [redacted] and the appointee's son were charged with rape of [redacted] with [redacted] being found guilty. All other defendants were charged with either [redacted] or with [redacted]

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The court records contained a notation that the charge of [redacted] against [redacted] the victim being [redacted] was nolle prosequi by the States Attorney's Office because he was found guilty on Indictment Number [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans ✓

DATE: 3/6/61

FROM : W. V. Cleveland ✓

SUBJECT: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Investigation of D'Alessandro, former United States Congressman and Mayor of Baltimore, requested by Kennedy Administration on 2/3/61. By letter dated 1/30/61, the White House was furnished results of a name check concerning D'Alessandro containing allegations of connections with several front organizations: association with Baltimore criminal element; and [redacted]

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[redacted] and his son, Franklin Roosevelt D'Alessandro, had been arrested for rape. The White House was advised that it was not possible to comment concerning the accuracy or reliability of this information.

Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, subsequently requested a Special Inquiry investigation, but instructed that if substantial derogatory information was developed, we should report this and discontinue.

Investigation is not complete. D'Alessandro has been connected with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, and the International Workers Order in that he reportedly had spoken at meetings or was listed as one of a large group of sponsors of these organizations. However, an article in the "Baltimore Sun," newspaper dated March, 1945, indicated that D'Alessandro announced that he would not attend a meeting (on problems of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers) because some of the persons listed as sponsors of the meeting "are politically known as communist sympathizers and speakers." All available living sources of the allegations concerning Mr. D'Alessandro were recontacted. They stated that the statements they had previously furnished were based on hearsay and rumor and were unable to recall the sources of the original allegations. D'Alessandro's son, Franklin Roosevelt D'Alessandro, was one of a number of individuals arrested on a rape charge in 1953. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was subsequently tried for rape and perjury and found not guilty.

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Memorandum to Mr. Evans  
RE: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

An informant\* stated that although there was a rumor that "some sort of pressure had been exerted" to acquit Franklin Roosevelt D'Alessandro, he had no knowledge of such pressure and stated that it was the consensus of opinion that he was found not guilty because his case was handled in a brilliant fashion by one of Maryland's outstanding attorneys.

Over 100 persons were interviewed concerning D'Alessandro and his relatives and commented favorably; however, United States Senator John Marshall Butler, Maryland, stated that he would hesitate to recommend D'Alessandro unqualifiedly without first knowing the position for which he is being considered, and Leon H. A. Pierson, United States Attorney, stated he would be hesitant in recommending D'Alessandro for an office where he would be in a position to award contracts without first having the approval of another supervisor.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached summary and cover letter be delivered to Mr. O'Donnell at the White House. The White House has been advised that additional investigation is being conducted concerning Mr. D'Alessandro.

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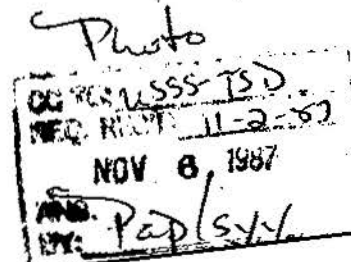


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March 6, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

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



My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In accordance with your request of February 3, 1961, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Additional inquiries are being made concerning Mr. D'Alesandro, and you will be advised when the results of these inquiries have been completed.

The investigation of Mr. D'Alesandro covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

BY COURIER SVC.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

SUMMARY

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. D'Alessandro was born on August 1, 1903, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Education

Mr. D'Alessandro reportedly attended Calvert Business School, Baltimore, Maryland, at night. This school is no longer in existence; however, persons interviewed recalled he attended a business school a number of years ago.

Employment

Persons interviewed recalled that as a youth Mr. D'Alessandro was employed as a newspaper delivery boy and also worked for the Union Box Factory, Van Lill's, on Granby Street, and the Todd Canning House in Baltimore, Maryland. These firms are no longer in existence.

In approximately 1920, Mr. D'Alessandro began working as an office boy for the insurance firm of Poor and Alexandria, Baltimore, Maryland. This firm was subsequently known as Poor, Bowen, Bartlett and Kennedy. He remained associated with that firm until approximately 1940, advancing to the position of solicitor and also being in charge of sales production. During the period from November, 1933, to July, 1934, Mr. D'Alessandro was on leave from his insurance company duties and was employed as General Deputy Collector, Treasury Department, Bureau of

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Internal Revenue, Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, Maryland. In 1940 Mr. D'Alesandro formed an insurance agency partnership with Mr. Robert McCullough, now deceased, in Baltimore, Maryland. This firm was dissolved in 1956. Since that time, he has been engaged in the insurance business in Baltimore, Maryland, with [REDACTED] Mr. D'Alesandro has a lifetime license to sell insurance in the State of Maryland.

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Throughout his life, Mr. D'Alesandro has been actively engaged in politics in the State of Maryland. During the periods that he held political office, his insurance interests were handled by his associates.

Mr. D'Alesandro has held the following political offices:

1926	Elected to Maryland House of Delegates for four-year terms, ending in 1934.
1935	Elected to Baltimore City Council for four-year term.
1938	Elected to Congress of United States, Third Congressional District (five two-year terms until 1948).
May 20, 1947	Sworn in as Mayor of Baltimore; re-elected in 1951 and 1955.
May 21, 1959	Left office of Mayor - end of term.

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Marital Status

Mr. D'Alesandro is married to Annunciata (Nancy) D'Alesandro. They reside in Baltimore, Maryland. The D'Alesandros have the following children:

Hector D'Alesandro; Joseph D'Alesandro;

Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro; and

All of Mr. D'Alesandro's children reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

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**II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION**

Interviews

John Marshall Butler, United States Senator from Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for twenty years, primarily politically. Senator Butler commented favorably concerning Mr. D'Alesandro's character, loyalty, associates and reputation. He described him as a capable, dependable and trustworthy person. Senator Butler stated, however, that he would hesitate to recommend Mr. D'Alesandro unqualifiedly without first knowing the position for which he is being considered.

James Glenn Beall, United States Senator from Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for twenty-five years and had served with him both in the United States House of Representatives and the Maryland State Legislature. Senator Beall stated that he is also acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro socially. He commented favorably concerning Mr. D'Alesandro's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. Senator Beall recommended Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence, describing him as a capable and efficient person.

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W. E. Dackson, Supervisor, License Bureau, Maryland State Insurance Department, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for over thirty-five years and has followed his political career. Mr. Dackson stated that Mr. D'Alesandro has been a very hard worker and has achieved many benefits for the people he represented in office. Mr. Dackson stated that Mr. D'Alesandro has been the target of many accusations in the press. He stated that the criticism actually pertained to various measures and ordinances adopted or rejected during Mr. D'Alesandro's tenure in the Mayor's office and came from persons who disagreed politically with Mr. D'Alesandro's position. Mr. Dackson stated that he believes that Mr. D'Alesandro's terms in office had been generally good and speculated that if Mr. D'Alesandro was to run for office in Baltimore he would be successful. Mr. Dackson commented favorably concerning Mr. D'Alesandro's character, reputation, associates and loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

John H. Coppage, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Maryland State Insurance Department, advised that he has been acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro for a number of years. Mr. Coppage stated that Mr. D'Alesandro is an extremely active man in politics, having started in the House of Delegates in Maryland in 1926 and having served successively in the Baltimore City Council, Congress of the United States and as Mayor of the city of Baltimore. Mr. Coppage stated that Mr. D'Alesandro was defeated in the general election for United States Senator in 1958 and that this was his first defeat in over thirty years of political activity. Mr. Coppage recalled that Mr. D'Alesandro was subject to criticism and accused of many dealings during his service as Mayor. However, Mr. Coppage stated that he believed this to be the voice of the political opposition. Mr. Coppage stated that he knew of nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon Mr. D'Alesandro and added that he considered him to be a loyal American of good character, reputation and associates. Mr. Coppage concluded by recommending Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.



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Walter E. Beuchelt, Special Assistant on Legislation to the Mayor, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has served in that office since 1920 and has been acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro, both professionally and socially, although they are members of different political parties. Mr. Beuchelt stated that he could recall nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon Mr. D'Alesandro. He pointed out that there were those who opposed some of Mr. D'Alesandro's programs but the opposition was based primarily upon party affiliation. He described Mr. D'Alesandro as a man of tremendous energy and of good character and reputation. He stated that he considers him to be loyal to the United States, to have good associates and to be genuinely interested in the welfare of the people. Mr. Beuchelt highly recommended Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.

Michael F. Delea, attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for approximately thirty-three years and considers him to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates who is loyal to the United States. He stated that he is also acquainted with his family and commented favorably concerning them. Mr. Delea stated that he would gladly recommend Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.

Mrs. Leroy Kidwell, housewife, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that she has known Mr. D'Alesandro, both socially and as a neighbor, for approximately forty-three years. She stated that she considers him to be a man of excellent character, reputation and a loyal American citizen. She advised that she has never heard of anything which would reflect unfavorably upon Mr. D'Alesandro and highly recommended him for a position with the United States Government.

J. Harold Grady, Mayor of the city of Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro professionally and socially since approximately 1946. Mayor Grady commented that he has always considered Mr. D'Alesandro to be an outstanding public figure and a person of the highest integrity who is sincere and completely honest in all his dealings and loyal to the United States.



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Mayor Grady stated that he was formerly States Attorney in 1954 and handled the prosecution of Dominic Piracci, a Baltimore building contractor who was charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice by altering certain of his ledgers during a Grand Jury probe of off-street parking matters. Mayor Grady recalled that during the trial evidence was introduced which indicated that the names Thomas and Nancy D'Alesandro had been erased from Mr. Piracci's ledgers. According to Mayor Grady, these erasures were admittedly done by Mr. Piracci. He recalled that evidence indicated that the D'Alesandros had actually paid Mr. Piracci money for alterations to their home and that Mrs. D'Alesandro, during the trial, further testified that she had obtained loans from Mr. Piracci to cover personal debts contracted in business ventures and that all loans were legitimate. Mayor Grady pointed out that this situation was exploited by Mr. D'Alesandro's political opponents. Mayor Grady stated that no testimony was presented in the case which reflected adversely upon Mr. D'Alesandro and that the opinion of the court at the conclusion of the trial did not mention either Mr. D'Alesandro or his wife. Mayor Grady further stated that nothing has come to his attention concerning Mr. D'Alesandro which would reflect adversely against him. He stated that he has always found him to be a man who possesses high standards and is a devoted public servant. Mayor Grady concluded by highly recommending Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.

Ans ~~ELN~~ Sodaro, Judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for over thirty years, both professionally and socially. Judge Sodaro stated that he was also one of the States Attorneys who handled the off-street parking case in 1954. Judge Sodaro stated that no evidence was presented by either the prosecution or the defense which in any way involved Mr. D'Alesandro or his administration. Judge Sodaro advised that he considers Mr. D'Alesandro to be a man of the highest integrity and knows him to be honest and trustworthy and a devoted public servant. Judge Sodaro stated that he would highly recommend Mr. D'Alesandro for any position for which he is qualified.

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Hugo Ricciuti, attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has been closely acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro, both socially and professionally, for twenty-three years and pointed out that he was formerly the Assistant City Solicitor during Mr. D'Alesandro's tenure as Mayor of the city of Baltimore. Mr. Ricciuti added that he considers Mr. D'Alesandro to be honest and trustworthy and a man of the highest caliber, reputation and conduct. He concluded by recommending Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.

Leon H. A. Pierson, United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for many years and considers him to be a loyal American citizen. Mr. Pierson stated that he knew of nothing which would reflect adversely upon Mr. D'Alesandro's character, reputation or moral conduct and advised that while serving as mayor he did a worthwhile job. He added that Mr. D'Alesandro possesses the capabilities necessary to function as an executive and recommended him for a position of responsibility. Mr. Pierson further stated that although he had no knowledge of Mr. D'Alesandro's favoring friends while in political office he would be hesitant in recommending him for an office where he would be in a position to award contracts without first having the approval of another supervisor.

Samuel N. Friedel, United States Congressman from Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for over thirty years and has been closely associated with him for the last twenty years. He stated that Mr. D'Alesandro has compiled an excellent record in the Maryland Legislature, the Baltimore City Council, the Congress of the United States and as Mayor of the city of Baltimore. He described Mr. D'Alesandro as an outstanding administrator who can handle, with good judgment and tact, positions of the utmost importance. He advised that Mr. D'Alesandro is a self-made man who is an honest and upright person and added that Mr. D'Alesandro has always placed the good of the people first in his decisions as a public official. Congressman Friedel concluded by highly recommending Mr. D'Alesandro without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

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David Mandel, Executive Secretary to United States Congressman Samuel N. Friedel, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for approximately twenty years. Mr. Mandel described Mr. D'Alesandro as an energetic person, a loyal American and a devoted family man. He stated that he has had numerous occasions to discuss matters with Mr. D'Alesandro and added that he is well acquainted with him. Mr. Mandel stated that Mr. D'Alesandro, as a result of being a public figure, had been the target of much criticism. Mr. Mandel described this criticism as being along political lines and concluded by stating that he did not believe that Mr. D'Alesandro had ever been involved in anything which reflected unfavorably upon him. Mr. Mandel recommended Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.

Arthur B. Price, Jr., Randallstown, Maryland, advised that he has been acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro for the past twenty-five years and has attended many political and social functions with him. He stated that his association with Mr. D'Alesandro has been more of a casual nature inasmuch as his father, Arthur B. Price, Sr., now deceased, had associated very closely with Mr. D'Alesandro as a political ally for over thirty years. Mr. Price stated that he personally has never known of any unfavorable or derogatory information concerning Mr. D'Alesandro, although, he pointed out, that since Mr. D'Alesandro was a politician many charges and countercharges by his opponents were made during the heat of political campaigns. He stated that he would give Mr. D'Alesandro an unqualified recommendation for any position of trust and confidence with the United States Government, pointing out that he considers him to be an honest, capable man of integrity.

Eighty-three other persons, including social acquaintances, political associates, professional associates and neighbors, were interviewed concerning Mr. D'Alesandro. They all commented most favorably concerning his character, reputation, loyalty, associates and ability and recommended him for a position of trust.

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Close Relatives

Mr. D'Alesandro's mother, Mary D'Alesandro, and his father, Thomas D'Alesandro, are deceased. He has three sisters, Katie Constantini, Mary Cardegna, Jesse Granese, and a brother, Anthony D'Alesandro, who reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mr. D'Alesandro with the following exceptions:

The files of the Baltimore, Maryland, Police Department indicate that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was one of several individuals arrested on August 5, 1953, on a rape complaint.

The files of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Criminal Court, Baltimore City Courthouse, indicate that a true bill was returned on August 14, 1953, charging Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro with the crime of rape of a fourteen-year old girl. Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro entered a plea of not guilty and through his attorney requested a jury trial. The attorney, by motion, requested that his client be given an early trial in view of the fact that he was the son of the Mayor of Baltimore and because of the publicity given to the case in the newspapers, on the radio and on television. This motion was granted. On November 5, 1953, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

On December 11, 1953, Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was indicted for perjury, charging that he unlawfully committed perjury by falsely swearing to matters then and there being material and by giving testimony which was willfully and corruptly false. This indictment resulted from instructions given by Judge W. Conwell Smith (now deceased) that the Grand Jury should consider statements made by

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Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro in his trial of November, 1953, and the conflicting testimony of others. Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro's attorney then filed a motion citing the large amount of publicity involved and requested that the trial be conducted in another county. The files of the Wicomico County Courthouse, Salisbury, Maryland, indicate that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was found not guilty of perjury on May 21, 1954.

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An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he recalled that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro and a number of other young individuals were arrested in 1953 on a rape charge. He further recalled that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was found not guilty; however, some of the other defendants were found guilty. The informant stated that it was the consensus of opinion among persons connected with law and law enforcement in Maryland that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was found not guilty because his case was handled in brilliant fashion by one of Maryland's outstanding attorneys. The informant advised that after the trial there were rumors that "some sort of pressure had been exerted" to acquit Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro. However, the informant stated he had no knowledge of such pressure being exerted. The informant recalled a conversation that he had had with one of the State's Attorneys who prosecuted Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro. According to the informant, the attorney told him at that time that he did not believe there had been "a fix."

#### Miscellaneous

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A letterhead of the "National 'Americans All' Week," October 21 through October 28, 1941, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born listed Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, Maryland, as one of the sponsors of this observance. It was reported that this observance was held in honor of the contributions made by foreign born individuals to the building of America and their important role in national defense.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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An undated mimeographed press release of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 79 Fifth Avenue, New York City, announced the Sixth National Conference of that organization to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from May 9 to May 10, 1942. This release listed Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro as one of a large group of sponsors of this national conference.

A confidential source<sup>\*\*</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the climax of the American-Soviet Friendship Week was a rally held at the Lyric Theater in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 18, 1943, under the auspices of the Baltimore Chapter of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated. The source advised that present on the stage on the occasion of this rally were Baltimore Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, United States Senator George L. Radcliffe and Congressmen Daniel Ellison and Thomas D'Alesandro.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Baltimore Sun," newspaper, dated August 25, 1944, contained an item which reflected that a celebration sponsored by the Garibaldi American Fraternal Society, International Workers Order, Incorporated, was scheduled to be held in the Finnish Hall, 703 South Ponca Street, Baltimore, Maryland. One of the speakers at the affair was indicated to be Representative Thomas D'Alesandro.

The International Workers Order has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

An informant<sup>\*\*\*</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on March 31, 1939, Lodges 2502 and 2517 of the International Workers Order scheduled a testimonial dinner for Honorable Thomas D'Alessandro, Jr., at the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

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In September, 1944, an informant\* who has furnished reliable information in the past, who was associated with the Provisional Committee of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers, made available a mimeographed letter bearing the letterhead "Provisional Committee of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers, Post Office Box 23, Baltimore 3, Maryland." This letter was dated August 19, 1944, and stated in part, "Plans are well under way for the White Collar Conference, scheduled for the latter part of September. We hope to have received our statement of purpose and program and that you are prepared to give favorable consideration to our request for your sponsorship." The letter also listed sixteen persons who were said to be among those who had generously given their endorsement and the name of "Hon. Thos. D'Alesandro, Jr.," appeared on the list of names.

Concerning the above-mentioned organization, during 1948 a confidential source advised that the stated purpose of the White Collar and Provisional Council of Maryland, also known as the Provisional Committee of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers, White Collar Conference, which existed during the period June, 1944, to April, 1946, was the advocacy of legislative proposals to remedy the economic plight of fixed income workers, job security, re-employment, rights of veterans and the employment of women and Negroes by professionals and Government services after the war. The source advised that names of prominent legislators, clergymen, trade union leaders, social workers and teachers in Maryland were listed as sponsors. However, the majority of the members of the planning committee of the organizations, which guide its policies and activities, have been identified by another confidential source who was familiar with certain phases of communist activity in the Baltimore area as members of District 4 of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association of Maryland and Washington, D. C.



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The Communist Party, U.S.A., and the Communist Political Association have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Baltimore Sun," newspaper, on March 10, 1945, contained a story bearing the heading "3 Congressmen Shun Gathering." This news story reflected that, "Representatives (Thomas) D'Alesandro, (George H.) Fallon and (H. Street) Baldwin, yesterday said they would not attend a meeting tomorrow of which they have been announced as sponsors because the political views of certain other persons listed as sponsors 'are absolutely abhorrent' to them."

"The meeting and afternoon and evening conference on problems of White Collar and Fixed Income Workers will be held in the FWCA."

The article went on to state that Representative D'Alesandro, who also spoke for Representatives Fallon and Baldwin, announced in a radio address in Washington, D. C., that the three Congressmen would not attend the meeting. He said that some of the persons listed as sponsors of the meeting "are politically known as communist sympathizers and speakers."

In 1944 Dwight L. Holmes, Manager, Baltimore Branch of the Better Business Bureau, advised that William Curran, reputed Democratic Boss in that city, and Thomas D'Alesandro, the United States Congressman from Maryland's Third Congressional District, had used their influence with the Baltimore Police Department and local magistrates to hinder investigation and prosecution of crimes. He alleged that in one case, William J. Orsotti, promoter of fraudulent schemes throughout the United States, had initiated activities in Baltimore, Maryland. He alleged that investigation of Orsotti by the local police department was obstructed by Mr. D'Alesandro. He also alleged that numerous weight shortages in Baltimore coal deliveries in violation of the Coal Ordinance were not prosecuted because of the influence of various coal dealers in East Baltimore who were said to be heavy contributors to Mr. D'Alesandro's political fund.

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Mr. Edwin M. Lockard, General Manager, Better Business Bureau, Baltimore, Maryland, during the current investigation advised that Dwight L. Holmes is now deceased. Mr. Lockard stated that he was unable to find any reference to Mr. D'Alesandro in the files of the Better Business Bureau.

In 1945 John R. Rollman, Captain, Western District, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland, stated that Charles F. Cammarata, who until a short time previously had operated a tavern in Baltimore, Maryland, had "gotten away with all sorts of criminal activities" in the Western District due to the protection of Maryland United States Representative Thomas D'Alesandro. Captain Rollman stated that Cammarata was alleged to be "gambling in various crap and card games in Baltimore."

Captain Rollman is now deceased.

In 1946 Isadore Deck, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that Abe Berman, who was engaged in the insurance business and who maintained an office in the building in which Mr. D'Alesandro also maintained an office, was the owner of a building in which Bunny Ligner "operated his crap game." Mr. Deck stated that Mr. Berman, because of his close connection with Mr. D'Alesandro, was able "to act as a fixer for Bunny Ligner and others."

Mr. Isadore Deck advised during the current investigation that he did not have any information of a firsthand nature to justify the statement that Mr. D'Alesandro had used his influence with the police or anyone else in authority to assist the illegal operations of Bunny Ligner and that his previous statements were merely based on rumor and were conclusions as a result of the fact that Mr. D'Alesandro and Mr. Berman maintained offices in the same building. Mr. Deck stated that he could furnish no information to justify the inference that Mr. D'Alesandro had engaged in any improper activity on behalf of Mr. Abe Berman or any other person.

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In 1947 Mrs. William H. Bauernschmidt, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that she had been told by a minor politician, whose name she could not recall but whom she described as reliable, that Thomas D'Alesandro had an [redacted] of Baltimore.

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Mrs. Bauernschmidt further stated that she had also received an anonymous telephone call furnishing her the same information concerning Mr. D'Alesandro.

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In 1947 Peter C. Galiano, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that Thomas D'Alesandro was a constant companion of John Cataneo [redacted]

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[redacted], who were described as "local big-time gamblers." Mr. Galiano stated that these individuals had worked hard for Thomas D'Alesandro's re-election to Congress and in his campaign at that time to become Mayor of Baltimore.

Peter C. Galiano, Baltimore, Maryland, advised during the current investigation that his previous statements were based only on rumor and hearsay. He stated that he could not recall who gave him this information or whether or not there was any truth to the allegations. He further explained that he was never well acquainted with any of the men he had mentioned and had no personal knowledge of their affairs.

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[REDACTED] advised that during the approximate period of 1952 to 1953 it was his understanding that

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[REDACTED] stated that at that time Mrs. D'Alesandro was involved in the trial of Dominic Piracci, a Baltimore contractor who was accused of financial irregularities.

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[REDACTED] stated that Mrs. D'Alesandro admitted borrowing money from Mr. Piracci but stated that the money was borrowed for business ventures. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. D'Alesandro had informed him that she was engaged in the business of selling cosmetics at that time.

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mentioned that at about this same time Mr. D'Alesandro's son, Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro, was being tried for a morals and perjury charge and that because of this Mr. D'Alesandro

Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.

was confined to a Baltimore hospital [redacted]

[redacted] remarked that he was not in a position to give a professional opinion as to whether Mr. D'Alesandro required hospital treatment but stated that he believed he played the role of "Pontius Pilate" in view of the trial of his son which was going on at that time. He explained this remark by stating that Mr. D'Alesandro could have taken the position that he was not responsible for his son's activities and did not want to become involved.

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[redacted] stated that he does not feel antagonistic towards Mr. D'Alesandro at this time for any previous actions. [redacted] recalled that at one time Mr. D'Alesandro had remarked to him that he wanted his son, who was being tried on a morals charge, to plead guilty and stated that he "should take his medicine."

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[redacted] concluded, stating that he holds no animosity towards Mr. D'Alesandro and, in fact, has admired him and the various political positions he has held. He further said that Mr. D'Alesandro would be the Governor of Maryland today [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that at no time did he ever question Mr. D'Alesandro's integrity and has no reason whatsoever to believe [redacted]

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Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.

[redacted] remarked that he believed Mr. D'Alesandro deserved a responsible governmental position in view of his good record as a political leader and he considered him well qualified for such a position [redacted]

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Mr. James P. Lazzati, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he has known Mr. D'Alesandro and members of his family since 1947 and he, Mr. Lazzati, had served as the Executive Director of the Maryland Veterans Housing Commission for Baltimore City and also as Personal Secretary to Mr. D'Alesandro during his tenure as mayor.

Mr. Lazzati stated that he has heard [redacted]

[redacted] but he considered such stories to be politically inspired. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Lazzati further stated that he has the highest regard for Mr. and Mrs. D'Alesandro and commented favorably concerning their character, reputation, associates and loyalty. He concluded by highly recommending Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Mother Athanasius, Administrator of Bon Secours Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that Thomas D'Alesandro was admitted to that hospital in March, 1954, [redacted] and was released after recovery in [redacted]

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Thomas D'Alesandro

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advised that Mr. D'Alesandro made a good recovery and  
appeared to him to be very personable and capable  
individual.

Informants who are familiar with some phases of  
Communist Party activity and criminal activities in the  
Baltimore area advised that they were either not acquainted  
with Mr. D'Alesandro or had no additional pertinent information  
concerning him.

#### Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following  
governmental agencies indicating that their files contain  
either no record or no additional pertinent information  
concerning Mr. D'Alesandro:

Passport Office, Department of State;  
Investigations Division, Civil Service  
Commission; House Committee on Un-American  
Activities; and United States Secret Service.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation contain no additional pertinent information  
concerning Mr. D'Alesandro.



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WASHINGTON--THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, FORMER MAYOR OF BALTIMORE AND ONE TIME MARYLAND CONGRESSMAN, WILL BE NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO THE FEDERAL RENEGOTIATION BOARD, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

D-ALESANDRO, 57, A VETERAN OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS SINCE THE AGE OF 23 WHEN HE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE, WILL BE NOMINATED TO SUCCEED ARTHUR CAMPBELL.

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## (CONFIRMATIONS)

WASHINGTON--THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATION OF FORMER BALTIMORE MAYOR THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO JR. AS A MEMBER OF THE RENEGOTIATION BOARD.

AT THE SAME TIME IT GAVE ITS APPROVAL TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF BOISFEUILLET JONES, OF GEORGIA, AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE; JOHN M. LEDDY, OF VIRGINIA, AS ASSISTANT TREASURY SECRETARY, AND ROBERT H. KNIGHT, OF CONNECTICUT, AS GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE TREASURY.

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WHITE HOUSE CHAT—Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., former Baltimore mayor who was sworn in today as a member of the Federal Renegotiation Board, talks with President Kennedy ~~after the~~ swearing-in ceremony. In the background are Mrs. D'Alesandro and their daughter, Nancy.

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## D'Alesandro Is. Sworn in

WASHINGTON, March 28—(UPI)—Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., former Mayor of Baltimore, was sworn in today as a member of the U. S. Renegotiation Board.

The oath was administered at a White House ceremony attended by President Kennedy, Mrs. D'Alesandro and the D'Alesandro's daughter, Nancy.

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# **O'Donnell Aide To D'Alesandro**

Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., former Mayor of Baltimore and newly-appointed member of the United States Renegotiation Board, said yesterday his administrative assistant will be Thomas J. O'Donnell.

Mr. O'Donnell was public relations director for the city from 1949 to 1959, a decade that fell within the twelve years of Mr. D'Alesandro's mayoralty.

Mr. O'Donnell's salary will be \$13,500, Mr. D'Alesandro said.

## **Kennedy Approves**

The former Mayor also said he had discussed Mr. O'Donnell's appointment with President Kennedy and the President had approved.

Mr. O'Donnell had been a newspaper man for sixteen years before taking the public relations post with the city.

For the past year Mr. O'Donnell has been manager of the public relations department of a Baltimore advertising firm. He also served for five years as a member of the Baltimore Civic Center Commission.

## **D'Alesandro Takes Oath**

[Washington Bureau of The Sun]

Washington, March 28—Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., former Mayor of Baltimore, was sworn in today at the White House as a member of the United States Renegotiation Board.

The job carries a salary of \$20,000 a year.

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(D'ALESSANDRO)

WASHINGTON--THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO JR., FORMER MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, WAS SWORN IN TODAY AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. RENEGOTIATION BOARD. THE OATH WAS ADMINISTERED AT A WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MRS. D'ALESSANDRO AND MR. AND MRS. D'ALESSANDRO'S DAUGHTER, NANCY.

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(NOMINATIONS)

WASHINGTON--THE SENATE LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE TODAY APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN W. KENNEDY, OF UTAH, FOR COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO CLEARED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CHOICE OF WILLIAM F. SIMKIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, AS DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE.

KENNEDY, 47, THE AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS ARTICLES AND SEVERAL BOOKS ON PHILOSOPHY, IS ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.

HE WILL HEAD UP THE EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

SIMKIN, 54, HAS LONG LABOR EXPERIENCE AS AN ARBITRATOR OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES AND IN 1950 WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARBITRATORS.

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From: Director, FBI (161-277)

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During the interview of John Marshall Butler in this matter, Butler stated he would hesitate to recommend the appointee until he knew the position for which he was being considered. You should ascertain further particulars concerning this qualified endorsement. It should be ascertained whether Senator Butler's hesitancy is based on a question of the appointee's ability or character traits with specific explanations for whatever reason is advanced.

Allegations have been made that undesirable elements in Baltimore contributed to D'Alessandro's campaign as a result of which patronages accrued to them. Since D'Alessandro has served as a Congressman, a check should be made with the Clerk of the House of Representatives for any accounting of contributions to D'Alessandro's campaign fund.

Bureau files disclose that on Drew Fearson's "Staff" telecast on 5-30-53

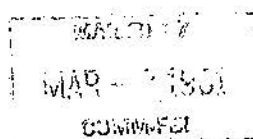
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This matter must be afforded expeditious handling and results furnished in the form of a supplemental report. Supplemental report should reach Bureau by 3-16-61. This matter should be assigned to an experienced Agent and proper discretion and sound judgment utilized.

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Rereps of SA Thomas G. Ryan dated 2-27-61, 2-21-61  
and 2-10-61.

Page 6 of the latter referenced report contains information furnished by W. E. Dackson, License Bureau, Maryland State Insurance Department, to the effect that although D'Alesandro had been the target of many accusations in the press, Dackson felt that political opponents were responsible for many of the statements.

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On the same/ of this report there is information furnished by John H. Coppage, Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Coppage stated that the appointee was subject to criticism and accused of many dealings. Coppage believed this to be the voice of political opposition. In your letter of 2-16-61, the above statement of Coppage is explained as referring to various measures and ordinances adopted or rejected during the appointee's tenure in office.

On page 28 of the report David Mandel, Executive Secretary to Congressman Samuel N. Friedel, stated that the appointee, as a result of being a public figure, had been the target of much criticism. Your letter of 2-16-60, mentioned above, explains that Mandel had also explained his remarks by stating that he was referring to criticism aimed at D'Alesandro because of various measures and ordinances adopted or rejected during his tenure as Mayor of Baltimore.

On page 31 Arthur B. Price, Jr., is reported as having stated that since D'Alesandro was a politician, many charges and counter charges were made by his opponents during the heat of the campaign. On page 34 Mrs. Mildred B. Otenasek is reported as having stated that she knew of nothing unfavorable

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or derogatory concerning D'Alessandro other than the usual charges and counter charges one might expect during the heat of a political campaign.

Specific details should be secured concerning the allegations made by the five persons mentioned above. In this regard it should be ascertained whether the charges referred to in any way relate to the appointee's association with undesirable elements. If such information is secured, you should ascertain the identities of these associates and the degree of association. Unverified rumors have been received that D'Alessandro had used his political office to show favoritism towards some of his acquaintances of questionable background. You should ascertain whether any of the above persons were alluding to this practice and if so the identities of such individuals referred to and specific instances of such favoritism. You should also ascertain whether any of the charges made related to pressures the appointee allegedly may have exerted on the Police Department, courts, fixes for which he may have been responsible, or any indication that he used his position to protect the gambling element. If any answer to the above questions, which are not all inclusive, is in the affirmative you should ascertain who made such charges and that source should be interviewed provided no reason exists for not conducting such an interview.

Newspaper morgues should be thoroughly reviewed for any information pertinent to this investigation. If this review discloses pertinent information and the sources of the information can be identified, they should be interviewed provided no reasons exist precluding such interviews. Pertinent news articles should either be incorporated in the supplemental report to be submitted by you or furnished as exhibits to the report.

During the review of newspaper morgues you should be alert for any additional pertinent information concerning the Piracci case and the rape and perjury cases of Franklin Roosevelt D'Alessandro.

In the interview of U. S. Attorney Leon H. A. Pierson set forth on page 28 of the report it is stated that Pierson would hesitate to recommend the appointee to an office where he would be in a position to award contracts unless such contracts were approved by a superior. The basis for Mr. Pierson's qualified statement should be ascertained.

Page 43 of the report states that John Cataneo had furnished large sums of money to the appointee's campaign fund and did not hesitate to state that in the event D'Alessandro was elected he would receive the sanitation contracts for the city. You should ascertain

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if in fact such contracts were awarded to Cataneo. Since the appointee has held both state and local offices you should ascertain whether there is any accounting files maintained for campaign contributions. If such a record is located and the identities of the contributors is pertinent to this investigation they should be appropriately characterized.

Page 45 of the report contains information furnished in 1944 by Mr. Dwight L. Holmes, now deceased, concerning his alleged referral of a matter to the Baltimore Police Department for investigation. According to Holmes, D'Alessandro's influence had successfully prevented investigation. Page 15 of your memorandum dated 10-28-44, captioned "Semiannual Crime Survey within the Baltimore Field Division," (your file 62-319) Bureau file 62-75147-3-3, in referring to the allegation made by Holmes discloses that Holmes had discussed his allegation with Sergeant Philip Germack of the Baltimore Police Department. Files of the Baltimore Police Department should be reviewed for any information furnished by Holmes and the disposition of such information. If Sergeant Germack is available he should be interviewed in this matter.

Page 46 of the report contains information furnished in 1945 by Captain John R. Rollman, Western District, Baltimore Police Department, now deceased, concerning protection afforded Charles F. Cammarata by D'Alessandro. If feasible, the Police Department files should be checked regarding Cammarata for any information furnished by Rollman.

Page 47 of the report contains information from "The Morning Sun" re the friendship between the appointee and James H. Pollack. In addition to information on pages 48 and 49 regarding Pollack's criminal record, Police Department files should be checked for a current record of him.

The Administration is cognizant of the various allegations appearing in your Crime Survey regarding D'Alessandro's association with some of the undesirable elements in Baltimore and the allegation of patronage and protection afforded them. You should be alert to determine the source of such allegations in an attempt to resolve their veracity. Political opponents of D'Alessandro should be considered as excellent sources in this regard.

You should afford the above immediate and continuous attention and expedite the submission of a supplemental report in this matter. The report should be submitted by 3-16-61. This matter should be assigned to experienced Agents who should utilize the necessary discretion and sound judgment.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS:

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See "Who's Who" for additional background. Additional information in "Who's Who" on Dr. CLARENCE D. LONG, Dr. MALCOLM C. MOOS, and Judge SIMON E. SOBELOFF, who are mentioned in report.

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Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Re-interviews with DACKSON, COPPAGE, MANDEL, PRICE, Jr., OTENASEK, and PIERSON set out. Baltimore City Police Department record on one JAMES H. POLLACK set out. Dr. CLARENCE D. LONG, Johns Hopkins University, Research Economist, who opposed appointee in Senatorial primary in Maryland in 1958, says he did considerable research into appointee's background and unable to "get anything" that would reflect on character, integrity or honesty of appointee.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

MISCELLANEOUS INTERVIEWS

The following inquiry was conducted by SA

On March 10, 1961, Mr. DAVID MANDEL, Executive Secretary to U. S. Congressman SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL, advised he has never known appointee to associate with undesirable persons at any time. He noted appointee had served in public office for many years, and during that time, Mr. MANDEL thought appointee had conducted himself in a very proper manner for a public official. He had no knowledge of appointee exerting pressure on the Police Department, being responsible for any court fixes, or being in any way associated with the gambling element.

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Mr. MANDEL said he has never known appointee to have used any of his public offices to appoint any undesirable person to any position. Rather, he thought appointee had appointed those persons who he thought were the best qualified for a position. And he has never heard or known of the appointee to have used his political office to show favoritism to people of questionable background. Mr. MANDEL commented it was his personal opinion that appointee had served the people of Baltimore well during his tenure in public office and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On March 10, 1961, Mr. W. E. DACKSON, License Bureau, Maryland State Insurance Department, advised he has never heard or known of the appointee's association with undesirable persons or of any such person being appointed to a position by the appointee. He said appointee had never, to his knowledge, used his position in public office to show favoritism to persons of questionable background, nor did he have any information which would indicate appointee had used his position to exert pressure on the Police Department or courts of the city in favor of any persons of undesirable character or reputation. He considered appointee to have been too popular a public figure during his tenure in public office to risk association with such people. Mr. DACKSON said he could furnish no derogatory information concerning appointee, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On March 13, 1961, Mr. JOHN H. COPPAGE, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Maryland State Insurance Department, advised he has never known or heard anything which would indicate appointee has associated with undesirable people or used his position in public office to appoint any such person to a position of influence. He did not know of any occasion when appointee had used his position to show favoritism to people of questionable background, either through the Police Department or through any pressure exerted upon any courts. Mr. COPPAGE noted appointee had been in public office for such a long period of time that if he had been associated with undesirable persons, such association would have been detrimental to his career. Mr. COPPAGE could furnish no derogatory information as to appointee's associations or appointments while in public office.



The following inquiry was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On March 13, 1961, Mrs. MILDRED B. OTENASEK was recontacted at her residence, 219 Northway, Baltimore, and said she knew of no specific details concerning any charges or counter-charges which she had mentioned as having been said during the heat of a political campaign. She said she did not make reference to any particular individual or action because she knew of none. She advised she knew of no undesirable associates nor any information which would reflect adversely upon him. She reiterated that she considered D'ALESSANDRO to be an industrious, energetic, and capable individual, extremely patriotic and a loyal and dedicated American. She stated she would recommend him highly for any position of trust with the Federal Government.

On March 13, 1961, ARTHUR B. PRICE, JR., was recontacted at his residence at Randallstown, Maryland, and stated that the charges and counter-charges to which he referred concerning D'ALESSANDRO campaigns for election were non-specific in nature and that he knew nothing derogatory or adversely reflecting upon the character and reputation of D'ALESSANDRO. He stated that any charges he may have referred to were simply campaign oratory, "scuttlebut" or unsubstantiated rumors. He again stated that on the basis of his acquaintance with D'ALESSANDRO he would recommend him highly for a position with the Federal Government.

The following inquiry was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

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On March 11, 1961, United States Attorney LEON H. A. PIERSON was re-interviewed concerning the information he furnished during interview of February 8, 1961. Mr. PIERSON again emphasized that his qualified statement concerning a recommendation for the appointee to an office where he would be in a position to award contracts is purely conjectural and that he possesses no specific factual information concerning any indiscretions on the part of the appointee while either in or out of public office. He said that his feeling concerning the appointee is entirely opinion and could not be backed up under any circumstances.

NEWSPAPER MORGUES

On March 13, 1961, a thorough review of the Baltimore Sun Papers newspaper morgues by SA [redacted] failed to disclose any additional relevant information pertinent to this investigation, other than that information previously reported.

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CIRCUIT COURT #1 AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT INQUIRY

[redacted] Circuit Court #1, Baltimore City, advised SAs [redacted] and THOMAS LEACH, JR., on March 10, 1961, that records of political campaign funds are filed in this office and retained for a period of three years after which they are destroyed. He stated that no records of local elections held prior to three years ago are still in existence.

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On March 10, 1961, Baltimore Confidential Informant T-5 advised SA [redacted] that the City of Baltimore let contracts for sanitation collection and disposal up until 1938 at which time this city started its own sanitation department. He stated that the city has since handled exclusively its sanitation work with the exception of the year 1942 when a few contracts were awarded to unrecalled individuals. He stated that these contracts were terminated within the year 1942 and that the name of JOHN CATANEO is unknown to him as a contractor for the City of Baltimore. Informant advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] and that he knows of no instance where any questionable dealings have arisen in this regard.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INQUIRY

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. STANLEY ROTZ:

On March 13, 1961, Lieutenant PHILIP GERMACK, Detective Bureau, Baltimore Police Department, advised that he recalled discussing the case of WILLIAM J. ORSATTI with DWIGHT L. HOLMES, Manager of the Baltimore Better Business Bureau in the 1940's, when he himself was a Sergeant in the police department. He stated that he recalled ORSATTI had claimed to be some sort of doctor and that he was conducting fund-raising campaigns for various organizations in Baltimore. ORSATTI had arranged that he would be paid a percentage of the profits from these campaigns. Questions were raised concerning ORSATTI's tactics, but as far as Lieutenant GERMACK could recall, no substantial complaint was ever received concerning him. Lieutenant GERMACK stated that he is certain that if a legitimate complaint against ORSATTI had ever been received by the police department, the department would not have withheld investigation or action for anybody, even the Governor of Maryland.

Lieutenant GERMACK stated that to his knowledge, the name of THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO was never mentioned in connection with ORSATTI. There was never any indication that outside influence of any sort, which could have come from Mr. D'ALESSANDRO, had been brought to bear in this case.

Lieutenant GERMACK advised that the only existing files relating to ORSATTI in the possession of the Baltimore Police Department are microfilmed files, bearing the numbers 215581 and 219933.

On March 13, 1961, [REDACTED] Central Records Bureau, Baltimore Police Department, made available for examination the foregoing microfilmed files. Examination of this material reflected no reference to THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO or to any outside individual, who could have been identical with Mr. D'ALESSANDRO. The files contained correspondence with the Baltimore Better Business Bureau and a letter dated February 2, 1944, to the Baltimore Police Department from WILLIAM J. ORSATTI saying that some of the Policemen had called to see him, but that he was busy with a dance which was being held at the Alcazar on February 13, 1944, by the Italian - American Goodwill Aid Society and could not come to the Police Department for an interview prior to that date. No additional information or action appeared subsequent to this time.

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Lieutenant PHILIP GERMACK, Baltimore Police Department, advised that he recalled the investigations concerning coal dealers which were conducted by that department in the 1940's. He stated that he had searched, but was unable to locate any current record of these investigations. He felt that in the event there had been any allegations of influence on the police department by THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO at that time, he would have been aware of them. No such information ever came to his attention.

On March 14, 1961, [redacted] Central Records Bureau, Baltimore Police Department, made available all existing records concerning CHARLES F. CAMMARATA, formerly of 641 West Baltimore Street and 2436 West Baltimore Street. These records reflected six arrests of CAMMARATA for disorderly conduct, two for malicious destruction of property, two for assault and striking, and two for allowing female sitters in his tavern during the period 1938-1943. The records also reflected CAMMARATA had been received at the Maryland House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, on October 8, 1951, on a six month sentence for larceny, and that he was released on February 20, 1952, at the expiration of his sentence. He was last heard from on August 20, 1952, when the Sheriff's Office at Kankakee, Illinois, informed the police department that CAMMARATA was under observation in that city.

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No information appeared in any file showing any possible association or reference to THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO.

On March 14, 1961, Captain WADE POOLE, in charge of Western District, Baltimore Police Department, advised that he clearly recalled CHARLES F. CAMMARATA, who had operated a tavern at 641 West Baltimore Street in the early 1940's. Captain POOLE recalled specifically that he himself, as a rookie policeman, had been sent into CAMMARATA's tavern in 1940 to secure evidence on which CAMMARATA was arrested for allowing female sitters in his tavern. He recalled that these sitters solicited drinks from the customers and that although the customers paid for whiskey for them, their glasses contained only Coca Cola.

Captain POOLE stated that CAMMARATA was primarily a race horse tout and that he had been barred from race tracks in Maryland. Captain POOLE worked as a policeman in this area of Baltimore from 1940-48 and was well aware of CAMMARATA's activities. He said that the Western District, Baltimore Police Department, arrested CAMMARATA at every possible opportunity. On no occasion was there ever any mention of influence or connection of CAMMARATA

with Mr. D'ALESDANDRO. He stated that he himself is acquainted with D'ALESDANDRO and that he is certain there was positively no connection whatsoever between D'ALESDANDRO and CAMMARATA, who was thoroughly disliked by his neighbors who were of Italian descent.

Captain POOLE stated that CAMMARATA must have left Maryland shortly after his release from the Maryland House of Correction and has not been known to have returned to Maryland since that time. Captain POOLE last saw CAMMARATA in Havana, Cuba, four or five years ago, where CAMMARATA had some connection with Clark's Tropicana Night Club. CAMMARATA reportedly owned apartment houses in Miami, Florida, and was residing in Miami.

Captain POOLE stated that he never heard Captain JOHN R. ROLLMAN, formerly in charge of Western District, now deceased, ever mention THOMAS D'ALESDANDRO as being friendly with CAMMARATA. Captain ROLLMAN had no personal association with Mr. D'ALESDANDRO and did not know him, except as a public figure.

The following record is contained in the Central Records Division, Baltimore City Police Department, for one JAMES H. POLLACK, also known as JACK POLLACK. That all arrests are applicable to JAMES H. POLLACK, date of birth - October 21, 1899, is not known since the arrests are not substantiated either by fingerprints or exact date of birth. The records were reviewed by SE [REDACTED] and IC [REDACTED] on March 13, 1961 and March 14, 1961, respectively.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
8/15/21	Assault and shooting and causing death of HUGO CAPLAN, plus charge of deadly weapon and assault to rob.	Nolle pros, 5/10/23
1/16/23	Turning off lights to avoid identification	Dismissed
9/21/26	Assault and striking	\$25.00 and costs
9/3/28	Reckless driving	Dismissed



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
3/17/25	Parking	\$3.00, collateral forfeited
1/30/23	Assault with intent to rob	Dismissed
8/4/32	Reckless driving	Dismissed
3/13/23	Assault and threatening to shoot Officer [REDACTED]	Not guilty 3/27/23
8/23/24	Disorderly	Dismissed
9/1/24	Disorderly conduct	Dismissed
6/24/24	Disturbing the peace	\$1.00 and costs
3/25/33	Reckless driving	Dismissed
1/26/29	Reckless driving	Dismissed
12/--/27	Reckless driving	Dismissed
4/27/25	Assault by throwing out of an automobile [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Dismissed, 5/15/25
8/7/24	Reckless driving	\$5.00 and costs
3/3/27	Glaring headlights	Guilty - no penalty
3/31/23	Assault and striking	Guilty - 30 days in jail
1/16/23	Reckless driving	\$20.00 and costs
3/22/29	Assault and striking	Dismissed
2/23/23	Parking	\$3.00 and costs
4/13/23	Assault and striking	30 days in jail

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1/16/23	Violation of Volstead Act	Delivered to U. S. Marshal
1/1/21	Carrying deadly weapon	Dismissed
1/1/21	Unlawful discharging of firearm in city	Dismissed
2/12/23	Assault and striking	\$10.00 and costs
1/16/23	Failing to stop after an accident	Dismissed
7/8/21	Disorderly conduct	Dismissed
3/13/21	Held for investigation	Dismissed
12/31/25	Failure to have registration card	\$1.00 and costs
3/17/25	Standing, no lights	\$5.00 and costs
3/30/21	Disorderly conduct	Dismissed
10/26/36	Failure to stop at boulevard	Dismissed
3/7/21	Held violation of Volstead Act	Delivered to Prohibition Agent <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
12/25/25	Failure to answer a summons at Northeastern District Station	Dismissed
3/12/25	Failure to give right of way to pedestrian	Dismissed
3/12/25	Parking	Dismissed
9/14/24	Reckless driving	Dismissed
9/12/25	Operating recklessly	Dismissed

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
12/30/24	Failure to give right of way	\$5.00 and costs
1/7/24	Larceny of Auto and 110 gals. Alcohol (\$400.00)	Dismissed
7/2/27	Disorderly conduct	Dismissed
11/1/27	Failure to give right of way	Dismissed
1/30/30	Reckless driving	Dismissed
4/23/32	Failure to obey sign	\$1.00 and costs
6/1/32	Operating with one headlight	Dismissed
1/26/29	Failure to keep to right	Dismissed
9/5/33	Failure to give pedestrian right of way	Dismissed
6/1/32	Operating auto with only one Headlight	Dismissed
10/4/25	Failure to keep to right	Dismissed
8/18/28	Reckless driving	Dismissed

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INTERVIEWS WITH OPPONENTS IN POLITICS

The following inquiry was conducted by the writer:

Dr. CLARENCE D. LONG, Professor of Economics and Research Economist, Johns Hopkins University, on March 10, 1961, advised that he, LONG, ran against appointee in the U. S. Senatorial primary elections in Maryland, in the Spring of 1958. Dr. LONG said he lost out in the primary to the appointee, but that in the end appointee subsequently lost out to Senator J. GLENN BEALL in the general elections in 1958. Dr. LONG informed that appointee is a person of very little formal education, but an extremely intelligent individual, and appointee in LONG's opinion has a very penetrating mind.

Dr. LONG informed, in his opinion, the appointee has a "knack for getting things done" and putting things in motion so some action can be taken. In addition, Dr. LONG said in his opinion the appointee was the best Mayor Baltimore ever had.

Dr. LONG stated that during the period of time he opposed D'ALESSANDRO in the Senatorial primary in 1958, he, LONG, did considerable research into appointee's background, and that he reviewed news clippings and articles published regarding appointee, and that he would have used in his campaign anything he could get his hands on that would reflect on appointee's character, integrity, honesty or reputation. Dr. LONG informed he was unable to get anything tangible even in a general way in regard to the appointee. Dr. LONG stated nothing was brought to his attention during his campaign or at any other time that would reflect on the character or integrity or appointee because he, LONG, would surely have used anything that would have made the appointee an undesirable person to fill a public office.

Dr. LONG said the appointee has a reputation for being "dollar honest". Dr. LONG informed he has never heard of any association between the appointee and gangsters or persons of an unsavory character. Dr. LONG said he "knows of no fixes" or irregular or dishonest acts on the part of the appointee.

Dr. LONG pointed out that in his opinion if D'ALESSANDRO was involved or at fault in any manner in the DOMINIC PIRACCI inquiry in 1954 that Mayor J. HAROLD GRADY, present mayor of Baltimore, who was in the States Attorney's Office in 1954, would have used the information in his campaign against D'ALESSANDRO for the Mayor's Office in 1959.

Dr. LONG concluded by stating GRADY made no reference to the PIRACCI inquiry in his campaign and in his opinion D'ALESSANDRO is an honest and able public servant.

Dr. MALCOLM C. MOOS, Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University and former Administrative Assistant to former President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, on March 10, 1961, said he has known appointee since about 1952 when he, MOOS, was a member of a Bipartisan group studying Baltimore City Jail conditions.

Dr. MOOS stated in his opinion D'ALESANDRO was a good mayor and did a good job as Mayor of Baltimore City. Dr. MOOS said although he is a member of an opposite political party, he, MOOS, would put D'ALESANDRO "up with the best of them" and in his opinion appointee is a "straightforward gentleman" and a person of good character and integrity. Dr. MOOS informed he has no information that appointee ever did anything irregular or dishonest and is of the opinion appointee would be a very good man in the field of urban renewal, which field Dr. MOOS believes appointee is being considered for in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

Judge SIMON E. SOBELOFF, Chief Judge, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and former Solicitor General of U. S., on March 10, 1961, advised he has known appointee and followed his career for over thirty years. He stated in his opinion appointee is an honest and upright public official and a man of unquestioned loyalty. Judge SOBELOFF said he had no information that would reflect on the character or integrity of D'ALESANDRO and that D'ALESANDRO would be an excellent appointment for a Housing or Urban Renewal Post in the Federal Government. Judge SOBELOFF advised it was his understanding appointee was being considered for some post having to do with urban renewal or housing, and in his opinion appointee is qualified for a post in that field.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-4. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Informant advised that appointee was an excellent Mayor of Baltimore and did a first-class job as Mayor. Informant said he would endorse the appointee without reservation, and that appointee in his opinion is a person of integrity. Informant volunteered information that it was his belief that over the years the appointee has accepted the support of JAMES H. POLLACK in political campaigns. Informant stated, however, that this was only an opinion and that, in fact, he knew of no specific dealings that D'ALESANDRO may have had with POLLACK or whether D'ALESANDRO solicited or received any political support from POLLACK. The informant stated that if D'ALESANDRO did accept any support from POLLACK, in his opinion, this did not

impute dishonesty or anything unethical on the part of the appointee. Informant said he would accept POLLACK's support and the present Governor of Maryland, former Governors of Maryland, and Mayors of Baltimore City have accepted the support of POLLACK. Informant said when he

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According to informant, in the State of Maryland high officials cannot operate very long without POLLACK.

Informant said that all POLLACK wants for his support is patronage and it has been informant's observation that POLLACK only recommends top flight men for jobs and never criminals or people of unsavory reputation.

In addition, informant advised appointments to city jobs (where D'ALESSANDRO in the past would have had power to make appointments) have to be confirmed by the Baltimore City Council, and consequently would be open for public scrutiny. Informant stated the facts are that POLLACK commands a good percentage of votes in Northwest Baltimore, and a Governor of Maryland or a Mayor of Baltimore City could not operate effectively without dealing with POLLACK. Informant pointed out that even though a Mayor or Governor accepts POLLACK's support and promises POLLACK patronage, which is what POLLACK wants, the Governor or Mayor is still in the "driver's seat" as he (Governor or Mayor) still has the final choice of making appointments and can reject POLLACK's suggestions. Informant related that he and appointee are in different political parties and stated if POLLACK offered to support him in a campaign, he would accept POLLACK's support as in Maryland you "must do business with POLLACK to be a winner".

Informant stated that doing business with or accepting POLLACK's support does not mean loss of self-respect or connote dishonesty or contaminate people who deal with POLLACK, inasmuch as POLLACK only wants patronage and always recommends excellent people for jobs.

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Informant stated he personally has no knowledge of any shady or unethical dealings in the political career of the appointee and would unhesitatingly recommend appointee to a position of trust and confidence.

In conclusion, informant advised [redacted]

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[redacted] informant, [redacted]

Informant

indicated [redacted]

[redacted] Informant said he had no information appointee protected any undesirable elements in Baltimore, Maryland, or anywhere else.

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THOMAS J. D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Senator BUTLER advised he has since found out the position the appointee is to be appointed to and he has written a letter of recommendation to the White House, recommending the appointee. He advised he could not recall ever being approached regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. House of Representatives, advised expenditure. Statements for candidates for Office of U. S. Representative are only open to public inspection for two years. [REDACTED] WTOP, advised no recordings were made of PEARSON's program.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.MISCELLANEOUS

On March 13, 1961, Senator JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER, Maryland, advised SA [REDACTED] that since he was last contacted by SA [REDACTED] he has since found out the position which D'ALESSANDRO is being considered for and he has written a letter of recommendation to the White House regarding the appointee for the position involved. He stated his comments were the same as previously given regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, associates, reputation, capabilities, dependability and trustworthiness. Senator BUTLER also advised

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that he did not recall ever being approached regarding a

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On March 13, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. House of Representatives, advised SA TRAHERN that contributions and expenditure statements of candidates for the Office of U.S. Representative are, by law, only open to public inspection for two years. He stated the Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives is following the provisions of statute, Title 3 of Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, Section 308. He stated Section 308 provides for the making of these records being available for two years only.

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On March 13, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WTOP Radio and Television Station, 40th and Brandywine Street, N. W., advised SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS that in 1953, DREW PEARSON had a one-half hour television show on Sunday evenings. He stated that to this knowledge, no recordings were made of these shows and if any recording had been made, it would have been destroyed due to lack of storage space. [REDACTED] could not furnish any additional information.

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THOMAS D-ALESANDRO, JR., SPI. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM BUREAU  
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CLEVELAND TO SAC, BALTIMORE, INSTANT DATE.

A REVIEW OF BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BY  
IC [REDACTED] TODAY, REFLECTS PIRACCI CONSTRUCTION CO.

PAREN DOMINIC PIRACCI, PRESIDENT END PAREN, FINED TWO  
THOUSAND DOLLARS ON DECEMBER NINE, FIFTY FOUR, ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY  
TO DEFRAUD CITY OF BALTIMORE OF FORTY TWO THOUSAND  
DOLLARS. ON SAME DATE, DOMINIC PIRACCI AS INDIVIDUAL FINED  
TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ON SAME CHARGE. CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
RECORDS ALSO SHOW ONE DOMINIC PIRACCI ON OCTOBER ONE THIRTY SIX  
AT AGE TWENTY DASH THREE, ARRESTED, CHARGE DISORDERLY CONDUCT.  
DISPOSITION, OCTOBER FIFTEEN THIRTY SIX, FINED ONE DOLLAR AND  
COSTS. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF LATTER ARREST APPLIES TO DOMINIC  
PIRACCI, PRESIDENT OF PIRACCI CONSTRUCTION CO. NO OTHER  
RECORD, CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FILES. [REDACTED] LICENSE

BUREAU, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, CITY COURTHOUSE, INSTANT  
DATE ADVISED IC [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, FORMER EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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TO APPOINTEE, WHO BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX ADVISED AS THOMAS G. RYAN THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX HE OBSERVED DOMINIC PIRACCI AND APPOINTEE WERE GOOD FRIENDS BUT WERE NOT TOO CLOSE. AFTER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LIDINSKY SAID APPOINTEE AND DOMINIC PIRACCI BECAME CLOSER FRIENDS IN THE MANNER THAT ITALIAN FAMILIES SORT OF QUOTE JELL TOGETHER END QUOTE AS A RESULT OF COMMON BACKGROUND AND CUSTOMS. LIDINSKY SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW HOWLONG APPOINTEE HAS KNOWN DOMINIC PIRACCI. CARMINE J. GRANESE, THREE ONE FOUR SOUTH ALBEMARLE STREET, BROTHER IN LAW OF APPOINTEE ADVISED TODAY PIRACCI KNOWN TO HIM, GRANESE, AS SMALL CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO THE TIME APPOINTEE ELECTED MAYOR OF BALTIMORE. GRANESE DID NOT KNOW IF APPOINTEE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH PIRACCI PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. STATES THAT AFTER APPOINTEE ELECTED MAYOR PIRACCI-S FIRM RECEIVED SEVERAL CONTRACTS. GRANESE STATED MDOES NOT BELIEVE APPOINTEE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PIRACCI AND ONLY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THEM WOULD BE RESULTS OF THE [REDACTED] REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Date: March 21, 1961

Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Title: THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Baltimore City Police Department records on DOMINIC PIRACCI set out. Degree of association between appointee and PIRACCI set out.

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DETAILS:AT BALTIMORE, MARYLANDRecords, Baltimore City Police Department

A review of the records of the Baltimore City Police Department by IC [ ] reflects that Piracci Construction Company (DOMINIC PIRACCI, President), was fined \$2,000 on December 9, 1954, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the city of Baltimore of \$42,000.00. On the same date, DOMINIC PIRACCI, as an individual, was fined \$2,000.00 on the same charge. Police Department records also show one DOMINIC PIRACCI on October 1, 1936, at age 23, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Disposition, October 15, 1936, fined \$1.00 and costs. It is not known if the latter arrest applies to DOMINIC PIRACCI, President of the Piracci Construction Company.

License Bureau, Court of Common Pleas

[ ] License Bureau, Court of Common Pleas, City

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Courthouse. advised IC [ ] that [ ]

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Association Between Appointee and DOMINIC PIRACCI

RICHARD A. LIDINSKY, Former Executive Secretary to Appointee, who became associated with the appointee in 1946, advised SA THOMAS G. RYAN that in 1946, he observed DOMINIC PIRACCI and appointee were good friends, but were not too close.

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LIDINSKY said appointee and DOMINIC PIRACCI became closer friends in the manner that Italian families sort of "jell together" as a result of common background and customs. LIDINSKY said he does not know how long appointee has known DOMINIC PIRACCI.

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CARMINE J. GRANESE, 314 South Albemarle Street, brother-in-law of appointee, advised SA [ ] that PIRACCI, known to him, GRANESE, as a small contractor, prior to the time appointee was elected mayor of Baltimore. GRANESE did not know if appointee was acquainted with PIRACCI prior to 1947. He advised that after the appointee was elected mayor, PIRACCI's firm received several contracts. GRANESE stated he does not believe appointee is closely associated with PIRACCI and the only association between them would be as a result of the

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /161-277/

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April 3, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 6, 1961, enclosing a memorandum summarizing the results of an investigation concerning Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of additional inquiries concerning Mr. D'Alesandro.

This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

BY COURIER SVC.

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**NOTE:** Supplemental investigation dealt with D'Alesandro's alleged association with hoodlums; interference with police prosecutions and alleged political pressure resulting in not guilty verdict concerning his son who was charged with rape in 1953. Inquiries reveal association with hoodlums was matter of political expediency; no interference with police prosecutions or pressure in connection with trial of son. All persons interviewed furnished favorable information. According to the press D'Alesandro has been appointed to a position on the Federal Renegotiation Board.

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Summary

THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.

This summary memorandum supplements information contained in a memorandum dated March 6, 1961, which reported the results of an investigation concerning Mr. D'Alessandro.

#### Interviews

Malcolm C. Moos, Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, and former Administrative Assistant to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alessandro since approximately 1952 when he, Dr. Moos, was a member of a bipartisan group studying Baltimore city jail conditions. Dr. Moos stated that, in his opinion, Mr. D'Alessandro did a good job as Mayor of the City of Baltimore. Dr. Moos stated that although he is a member of an opposing political party, he would "put D'Alessandro up with the best of them" as a "straightforward gentleman" and a person of good character and integrity. Dr. Moos recommended Mr. D'Alessandro for a position of trust and confidence.

Simon E. Sobeloff, Chief Judge, United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and former Solicitor General of the United States, who was interviewed in Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alessandro and has followed his career for over thirty years. Judge Sobeloff described Mr. D'Alessandro as an honest and upright public official of unquestioned loyalty. Judge Sobeloff stated that he would recommend Mr. D'Alessandro for a position of trust and confidence.

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**Joseph C. Deegan, Sheriff of the City of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has been personally acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro since approximately 1925, both socially and politically. He described Mr. D'Alesandro as a man of the utmost integrity who is upright, honest and a devoted family man. He expressed the opinion that Mr. D'Alesandro is one of the finest persons in public life that he has ever known. He stated that he considers Mr. D'Alesandro a broad-minded person, a fair person and a man who has always conducted both his business and political affairs in an honest manner. He stated Mr. D'Alesandro has made a few political enemies, but advised that, in his opinion, Mr. D'Alesandro is loyal to his friends and associates and is unquestionably loyal to the United States. He recommended Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.**

**R. Dorsey Watkins, Judge, United States District Court, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for approximately fourteen years through limited social and business engagements. Judge Watkins stated that he has a great admiration for Mr. D'Alesandro and considers him an intelligent and diplomatic man. Judge Watkins stated that he has always found Mr. D'Alesandro to be completely reliable. He added that Mr. D'Alesandro has exhibited a real interest in community affairs and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.**

**Louis N. Phipps, Maryland State Senator, interviewed in Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for over thirty years and has served on numerous committees and commissions with him. Senator Phipps stated that he has found Mr. D'Alesandro to be intelligent, honest and straightforward. He pointed out that Mr. D'Alesandro is able to get along with people, "both friend and foe." Senator Phipps concluded by highly recommending Mr. D'Alesandro for a position of trust and confidence.**

**Louis L. Goldstein, Maryland State Comptroller, interviewed in Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for over twenty years, and as floor leader of the Maryland State Senate and as a member of the Legislative Council, he worked very closely with him when**

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Mr. D'Alesandro was Mayor of Baltimore. Mr. Goldstein stated that Mr. D'Alesandro was a very dedicated public official who had the "people's interest at heart." Mr. Goldstein stated that he would highly recommend Mr. D'Alesandro for any public service because of his wide experience in national, state and municipal government.

**Information Concerning Alleged Association With James H. Pollack**

In 1947 Mrs. William H. Baurenschmidt in a radio talk on the night before the primary election in Baltimore, Maryland, during that year pointed out that she was opposed to Thomas D'Alesandro, candidate for Mayor, because of his close association with James H. Pollack. She stated that Mr. Pollack had a record consisting of fifty-four appearances in court and eighteen convictions. She recalled an untried murder case against Mr. Pollack, which had been postponed from time to time and was finally nol-prossed by the State's Attorney.

"The Morning Sun," a Baltimore newspaper, on December 12, 1953, contained an article stating that political storms had been blowing around James H. Pollack during the twenty-five years he had been a factor in the affairs of the Democrats and sometimes of the Republicans. According to the article, Mr. Pollack was the acknowledged boss of the "Fourth District." The article indicated that Mr. Pollack was born on October 21, 1899, in Baltimore, and in the past had been an insurance broker, real estate operator, theater owner and, at one time, a pugilist. The article stated that during his early childhood Mr. Pollack and "Tommy D'Alesandro, Mayor of Baltimore," allegedly sold newspapers together and had been friends ever since except for a few short-lived political spats.

The files of the Central Records Division, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland, indicate that James H. Pollack had a record of fifty-one arrests during the period August, 1921, to October, 1936. These arrests were for various charges, ranging from "assault and shooting and causing death," "assault with intent to rob," "carrying deadly weapon," "larceny of auto and 110 gals. alcohol" to traffic



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citations. The "assault and shooting and causing death" charge was nol-prossed. Mr. Pollack was found guilty on some of the other charges, some were dismissed, in some cases he was fined, and in one case he was found not guilty.

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An individual, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he has known Mr. D'Alesandro for over twenty-five years and recalled that he was an excellent Mayor of Baltimore. He stated that he would endorse Mr. D'Alesandro without reservation as a man of integrity. This individual volunteered information that it is his belief that over the years Mr. D'Alesandro accepted the support of James H. Pollack in political campaigns. He stated, however, that this is only an opinion and he pointed out that, in fact, he had no knowledge of any specific dealings that Mr. D'Alesandro may have had with Mr. Pollack and did not know whether Mr. D'Alesandro had solicited or received any political support from Mr. Pollack. He stated if Mr. D'Alesandro had accepted any support from Mr. Pollack, that, in his opinion, this would not imply dishonesty or anything unethical on the part of Mr. D'Alesandro. He advised that he would accept Mr. Pollack's support, and added that the present Governor of Maryland, former Governors of Maryland and Mayors of Baltimore have accepted the support of Mr. Pollack.

[redacted] He stated that in the State of Maryland high officials could not operate very long without Mr. Pollack.

He further stated that "all Pollack wants for his support is patronage" and it has been his observation that Mr. Pollack only recommends topflight men for jobs, never criminals or people of unsavory reputation.

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In addition, he pointed out that appointments to city jobs have to be confirmed by the Baltimore City Council and, consequently, would be open for public scrutiny. He stated that "the facts are that Pollack commands a good percentage of votes in northwest Baltimore" and a Governor of Maryland or a Mayor of Baltimore could not operate effectively without dealings with Mr. Pollack. He pointed out that even though a Mayor or Governor accepts Mr. Pollack's support and promises him patronage, the Governor or Mayor still is "in the driver's seat" as he, the Governor or Mayor, still has the final choice in making appointments and can reject Mr. Pollack's suggestions. This individual related that he and Mr. D'Alesandro are members of opposite political parties and pointed out that if Mr. Pollack offered to support him in a campaign he would accept his support as in Maryland "you must do business with Pollack to be a winner." This individual stated that "doing business with or accepting Pollack's support" does not mean loss of self-respect, does not connote dishonesty, nor does it contaminate people who deal with Mr. Pollack inasmuch as "Pollack only wants patronage and always recommends excellent people for jobs."

This individual stated that he personally has no knowledge of any "shady or unethical dealings" in the political career of Mr. D'Alesandro and he would unhesitatingly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

Information Concerning Alleged Association With Dominic Piracci

The April 10, 1954, edition of "The Morning Sun," a Baltimore, Maryland, newspaper, contained an article indicating that Nancy D'Alesandro (Mr. D'Alesandro's wife) testified at the trial of Dominic Piracci, of the Piracci Construction Company, who was charged with conspiring to defraud the City of Baltimore and attempting to obstruct justice by falsifying and altering his company records. The article reported that Mrs. D'Alesandro was questioned concerning six Piracci Construction Company checks totaling over \$11,000 which bore

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her endorsement, all but one of the checks being payable to her. The article stated that Mrs. D'Alesandro testified that the checks were for loans obtained from Mr. Piracci to cover personal debts contracted in business ventures. She admitted borrowing \$4,500 from Mr. Piracci on October 23, 1952, contending that she repaid it within five days. Other borrowing transactions referred to were in the amounts of \$1,600, \$1,500, \$2,030.78, \$700 and \$800. According to the article, Mrs. D'Alesandro stated that the \$700 and \$800 checks were cashed by her, but that she turned the \$1,500 in cash over to [REDACTED]

The April 12, 1954, edition of "The Morning Sun" contained an article indicating that Mr. Dominic Piracci testified that all loans made to Mrs. D'Alesandro were legitimate and repaid.

The December 10, 1954, edition of "The Morning Sun" contained an article indicating that Dominic Piracci, a parking-garage builder, was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the City of Baltimore of \$42,000 and attempting to obstruct justice by altering his company records. According to the article, he received a sentence of two years in jail, which was suspended, and he was fined a total of \$4,000.

The files of the Central Records Division, Baltimore City Police Department, indicate that the Piracci Construction Company (Dominic Piracci, President) was fined \$2,000 on December 9, 1954, on a charge of conspiring to defraud the city of Baltimore of \$42,000. On the same date Dominic Piracci, as an individual, was fined \$2,000 on the same charge. The files of the Baltimore Police Department further indicate that one Dominic Piracci was fined \$1 and costs on October 15, 1938, on a disorderly conduct charge.

Clarence D. Long, Professor of Economics and Research Economist, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he ran against Mr. D'Alesandro in the United States senatorial, Maryland primary election

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in the Spring of 1958. Dr. Long stated that he was defeated in the primary by Mr. D'Alesandro, but, continued Dr. Long, Mr. D'Alesandro subsequently was defeated by Senator J. Glenn Beall in the January election of 1958. Dr. Long stated that Mr. D'Alesandro is a person of very little formal education, but is, nevertheless, an extremely intelligent individual, who has a very penetrating mind. Dr. Long advised that Mr. D'Alesandro has a "knack" for getting things done and, in his opinion, was the best mayor the City of Baltimore ever had.

Dr. Long stated that during the period of time he opposed Mr. D'Alesandro in the senatorial campaign, he did considerable research into his background and reviewed newspaper clippings and articles published concerning Mr. D'Alesandro. Dr. Long explained that he would have used any information in his campaign that would have been critical of Mr. D'Alesandro's character, integrity, honesty or reputation. Dr. Long advised that he was unable to obtain anything tangible of an adverse nature, even in a general way, in regard to Mr. D'Alesandro. Dr. Long stated that nothing was brought to his attention during his campaign or at any other time which would be critical of Mr. D'Alesandro's character or integrity. He advised that he surely would have used anything which would have made Mr. D'Alesandro appear to be an undesirable person to fill a public office.

Dr. Long stated that Mr. D'Alesandro has the reputation of being "dollar honest." He stated that he has never heard of any association between Mr. D'Alesandro and gangsters or persons of unsavory character. Dr. Long stated that he has no knowledge of "fixes" or irregular or dishonest actions on the part of Mr. D'Alesandro.

Dr. Long pointed out that if Mr. D'Alesandro had been involved, or at fault, in any manner in the Dominic Piracci inquiry in 1954, J. . Harold Grady, present Mayor of Baltimore who was State's Attorney at that time, would have used the information in his campaign against Mr. D'Alesandro for the Mayor's Office in 1959.

Richard A. Lidinsky, former Executive Secretary to Mr. D'Alesandro, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that in 1946 Mr. Dominic Piracci and Thomas D'Alesandro were good friends, but were "not too close." Mr. Lidinsky stated that

[REDACTED] and since that time Mr. D'Alesandro and Mr. Piracci have become "closer friends in the manner that Italian families sort of jell together" as a result of common background and customs.

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Carmin J. Granese, Baltimore, Maryland, who advised that he is married to Mr. D'Alesandro's sister, stated that he did not believe Mr. D'Alesandro was closely associated with Mr. Piracci. He advised that, to the best of his knowledge, the only association between Mr. Piracci and Mr. D'Alesandro is because of [redacted]

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Information Concerning [redacted]

In 1953 [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, who is [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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Information Concerning Mr. D'Alesandro's Alleged Interference with Police Investigations and Prosecutions

With regard to the information received from Dwight L. Holmes (deceased), former Manager of the Baltimore branch of the Better Business Bureau, and John R. Rollman (deceased), former Captain, Western District, Baltimore Police Department, as set forth in the previous summary memorandum, the following information has been received:

Lieutenant Philip Germack, Detective Bureau, Baltimore Police Department, advised that he recalled discussing the case of William J. Orsotti with Dwight L. Holmes in the 1940's. He stated that he recalled that Mr. Orsotti had claimed to be some sort of doctor and was conducting fund-raising campaigns for organizations in Baltimore. Lieutenant Germack stated that to the best of his recollection no formal complaint was ever received concerning Mr. Orsotti. Lieutenant Germack stated that he is certain if a legitimate complaint against Mr. Orsotti had ever been received by the police department, the police department would not have withheld investigation or action for anybody, even the Governor of Maryland.

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Lieutenant Germack further stated that to the best of his knowledge the name of Thomas D'Alesandro was never mentioned in connection with Mr. Orsotti. He further stated that there has never been any indication that Mr. D'Alesandro exerted influence of any sort in connection with the Orsotti case. Lieutenant Germack concluded by stating that to the best of his knowledge Mr. D'Alesandro has never exerted any influence or interference in connection with police investigations.

Captain Wade Poole, Western District, Baltimore Police Department, advised that he clearly recalled Charles F. Cammarata, who had operated a tavern in Baltimore in the early 1940's. Captain Poole recalled specifically that he, himself, as a rookie policeman had been sent to Cammarata's tavern to secure evidence on which to arrest him for allowing "female sitters in his tavern." Captain Poole stated that Mr. Cammarata was primarily a "race horse tout" and that he had been barred from race tracks in Maryland. Captain Poole stated that he was well aware of Mr. Cammarata's activities in Baltimore and personally had arrested him at every possible opportunity. Captain Poole stated that on no occasion was there ever any mention of influence or connection of Mr. Cammarata with Mr. D'Alesandro. Captain Poole advised that he is acquainted with Mr. D'Alesandro and is certain that there was positively no connection whatever between Mr. D'Alesandro and Mr. Cammarata.

Captain Poole stated that he had never heard the late John R. Rollman mention any connection between Mr. Cammarata and Mr. D'Alesandro.

Information Concerning the Arrest of Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro, Mr. D'Alesandro's Son

The August 6, 1953, edition of "The Evening Sun," a Baltimore newspaper, contained an article indicating that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro, son of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, was accused with three other young men of raping a thirteen-year-old girl. According to the article, Mr. Franklin D'Alesandro was arrested on a "John Doe" warrant issued after two girls

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told police they had stayed in a West Preston Street (Baltimore) apartment house and had been repeatedly assaulted by a group of young men between July 20-AND 28, 1953. The article stated that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was acquitted in November, 1953.

A review of Criminal Court records, Baltimore, Maryland, for the May term of 1953 reveals the following information:

<u>Indictment Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Victim</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
3240	Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro	Rape		Not guilty

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[redacted] Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission, Incorporated, advised that organization, which was founded in 1922, has for one of its aims the securing and promoting of an intelligent administration of criminal justice. [redacted] stated that the organization lends assistance to police agencies, State's Attorney's offices and cooperates with Maryland courts. [redacted] advised that his files contain no information showing that any political pressures were exerted by any interested parties in the rape and perjury charges brought against Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro.

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Miscellaneous

On his May 31, 1953, radio broadcast, news commentator Drew Pearson stated that Mayor D'Alesandro

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John Marshall Butler, United States Senator from Maryland, interviewed at Washington, D. C., advised that, since he was last contacted, he has learned of the position for which Mr. D'Alesandro is being considered and has written a letter of recommendation to the White House regarding Mr. D'Alesandro. Senator Butler stated that he did not recall ever having been approached regarding [redacted]

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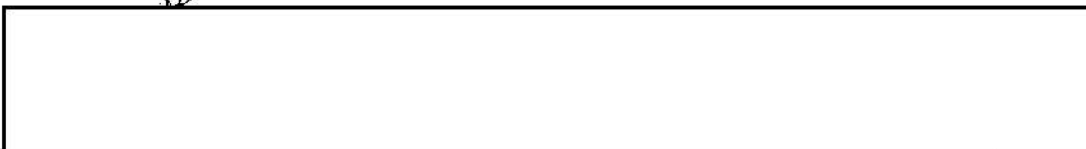
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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May 7, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. MILDRED STEGALL  
The White House



The F. B. I. has advised that an applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning [redacted] Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., during 1961, the results of which were furnished to the White House.

It would be appreciated if you would authorize the F. B. I. to release the results of the investigation to this office.

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Your cooperation is appreciated.



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RE: [REDACTED]

A racial source has advised that on May 21, 1968, [REDACTED] was heard to remark that if he could get a silencer he would kill D'Alesandro. Thomas D'Alesandro, III is Mayor of Baltimore.

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[REDACTED] a self-styled white supremacist, who resides at [REDACTED] is well known to the Intelligence Unit of the Baltimore City Police Department and other officers in that department as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and has been associated with members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

A characterization of the NSRP and UKA is appended hereto.

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Major [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Baltimore Police Department, was advised concerning [REDACTED] remark.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
(NSRP)

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On November 26, 1967, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont", a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party". According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals".

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party", with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 154, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue No. 83, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia, 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that Edward R. Fields, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of

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(NSRP)

"The Thunderbolt", is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 72, dated November, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt", reflects Dr. Edward R. Fields to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt".

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated, would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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