

JEH O & C # 159

White House Employees - homosexuals

4-19-1957

TO:

___ Director	___ Mr. Moore
___ Mr. Tolson	___ Mr. Sizoo
___ Mr. Nichols	___ Mr. Cleveland
___ Mr. Boardman	___ Mr. Baumgardner
___ Mr. Belmont	___ Mr. Bland
___ Mr. Mohr	___ Mr. Branigan
___ Mr. Parsons	___ Mr. Roach
___ Mr. Rosen	___ Mr. W. C. Sullivan
___ Mr. Tamm	
___ Mr. Trotter	___ Mr. Ferris
___ Miss Gandy - 5633	Foreign Liaison
___ Mr. Holloman	Desk
___ Mr. Nease	___ Mr. Tolson
	___ Mr. Nichols
	___ Mr. Boardman
	___ Mr. Belmont
___ Miss Lewis	___ Mr. Linn
___ Mrs. Dorset	___ Mr. Parsons
___ Miss Novotny	___ See Me
___ Mr. Domzalski	___ Call Me
___ Mrs. Sink	___ Appropriate
___ Miss Baker	Action
___ Mr. Martin	___ Note & Return
___ Mr. Mooney	___ Correct
___ Reading Room	___ Please initial
___ Records Section	and Return
	___ Place on record
	and return

Report furnished by Secret Service to Bureau 4-18-57 returned to Mr. McPhee of White House at request of General Goodpaster by Agent Bartlett at 10:50 AM today. 3 photostats of this report were made. One photostat, which had been given to WFO, has been picked up and destroyed. One photostat is being retained by Belmont. Attached is the remaining photostat.

Place in Confidential
Special File
 A. H. BELMONT
 Room 1742 - Ext. 2121
Office. K.

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA
DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

5

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552

Section 552a

(b)(1)

(b)(7)(A)

(d)(5)

(b)(2)

(b)(7)(B)

(j)(2)

(b)(3)

(b)(7)(C)

(k)(1)

(b)(7)(D)

(k)(2)

(b)(7)(E)

(k)(3)

(b)(7)(F)

(k)(4)

(b)(4)

(b)(8)

(k)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(9)

(k)(6)

(b)(6)

(k)(7)

- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to the subject of your request or the subject of your request is listed in the title only.
- Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld inasmuch as a final release determination has not been made. You will be advised as to the disposition at a later date.

Pages were not considered for release as they are duplicative of _____

5 Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): per Secret Service

- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

OC 159

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X Deleted Page(s) X
X No Duplication Fee X
X for this page X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

O.C.

April 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT

This afternoon at the request of Governor Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, I called at the White House and participated in a conference with Governor Adams, General Andrew Goodpaster, Mr. Henry R. McPhee and Mr. Orrin Bartlett, of the FBI.

General Goodpaster stated that last Friday the Vice Squad of the District of Columbia had arrested at George Washington University a man by the name of [redacted] who had made an improper approach to a member of the Vice Squad and was taken into custody by the Vice Squad. While in custody, a man by the name of [redacted] called by telephone to inquire about [redacted]. The Vice Squad turned [redacted] over to the Secret Service, together with the information that [redacted] had called. The Secret Service initiated an investigation and ascertained that [redacted] and another man by the name of [redacted] were all employed in the Executive Offices and apparently had been involved in homosexual activities. These men have been employed in the Correspondence Section of the Executive Offices.

In the questioning of the three, [redacted] admitted their activities, while [redacted] denied them, but through polygraph tests, [redacted] was found to be positive, [redacted] was found to be positive, and [redacted] was somewhat cloudy. The resignations of all three were requested and immediately accepted.

General Goodpaster stated that [redacted] have subsequently been questioned by the Secret Service to ascertain whether any other employees of the White House have been involved in such activities and also whether the broad field of security has been breached. [redacted] admitted that he had seen a confidential report on [redacted] indicating similar activities on the part of [redacted] and that he had told [redacted] about this.

White House Employees
b6

JEH:TLC
(6)

278 162
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1/11/81 BY SP7 [redacted]
11/26/96 SP3 BTG (Baw) 279555

May 10, 1957

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS**

On May 9, 1957, I had an extended conference with the Attorney General in his office at which various matters were gone over by the Attorney General and myself pertaining to Departmental and Bureau operations.

I briefed the Attorney General as to the developments in the investigation, which we were requested to make and have now concluded, of certain homosexual employees in the Executive Offices whose resignations have been requested and accepted.

I also advised the Attorney General of the aspect in this matter in which the name of [REDACTED] had been mentioned and pointed out that our investigation had not in any way substantiated the original allegations against [REDACTED] and that all this information had been brought to the attention of Mr. R. H. McPhee, Special Counsel to the President.

I also briefed the Attorney General about the visit recently paid to me by Mr. Loyd Wright, Chairman of the Commission on Government Security, at which time he endeavored to have me appear before that Commission on May 20, when certain so-called advisers to the Commission will meet for the purpose of reviewing the proposed report of the Commission. I told the Attorney General I had informed Mr. Wright that I did not believe it would be proper for me to appear and speak upon this occasion, as it would deal largely with matters of policy and that I felt if anyone from the Department of Justice should appear, it should be the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, or Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. I told the Attorney General that Mr. Wright was not pleased with the position I had taken and had indicated to me that he would talk with the Attorney General in an effort to have the Attorney General instruct me to

*Relate views to Tolson
on 5/10/57
A. J. [unclear]*

b6

JEH:TLC

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED**

DATE 11/26/96 BY SP3 BTJ/ [initials]
279555

Messrs. Tolson, Boardman, Belmont

April 17, 1957

b6 [REDACTED] General Goodpaster stated that General Cutler and other assistants of his in his office have checked and have been unable to find any such report on [REDACTED] and they believe that if, in fact, [REDACTED] did see such a report, it possibly was one passing through his office from CIA or the FBI.

[REDACTED] has not been subsequently questioned by the Secret Service because they have not been able to find him and it is believed he may have returned to his home which is out of the city.

General Goodpaster stated that all three of these individuals had been investigated by the FBI.

It was the desire of the White House that the case now be turned over to the FBI in view of the possible breach of security that might indicate associates of these three or others of the same propensities in other branches of the Government.

Upon the conclusion of the conference, I asked Mr. Bartlett to procure from the Secret Service all reports of their investigation in this matter.

Upon my return to the office, I orally briefed Mr. Belmont about the above and asked him to take immediate action as soon as the reports were received from the Secret Service so as to exhaust all possible leads.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **8:40PM**

April 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR **MR. TOLSON**
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I called Deputy Attorney General Rogers to advise him of my conference with Sherman Adams this afternoon. I stated Governor Adams had asked me to come to his office today and had turned over to me for investigation by the Bureau a matter involving three homosexuals who had been employed in the Executive Offices. I stated one of these individuals had been picked up on the street and the other two had been uncovered when Secret Service gave the first individual a polygraph examination. Mr. Rogers was advised that General Andrew Goodpaster and Mr. Henry R. McPhee were also in attendance at this conference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

JEH:EH:mga (7)

Re: the above employees

W.C.

5:40 PM

April 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

During the course of my conversation with Deputy Attorney General Rogers on another matter I advised him that after the conference with Governor Sherman Adams today I asked to see the Governor alone and then advised him of the Joseph Alsop matter. I stated the Governor had not heard of this and he was advised that only the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General in the Department were aware of this matter. I told Mr. Rogers that I had told Governor Adams I felt he, Adams, should be advised of this as one of the employees in the White House who was involved in homosexual acts admitted he had seen a report in the Executive Offices referring to [redacted] being in the same category. I stated in the Alsop matter, both the Alsop brothers were intimately acquainted with [redacted] though there was no indication of impropriety. In view of this I told Mr. Rogers I felt the Governor should be aware of the Alsop matter.

White House employees + House employees

b6

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

JEH:EH (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 1/1/81 BY *[Signature]*

11/26/97

SP3BTJ/Baw
279555

O.C.

4:07 PM

April 18, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I called General Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, concerning my conference at the White House yesterday with Governor Adams and General Goodpaster regarding those persons employed in the Executive Offices who had been involved in homosexual acts. In the discussion at the conference mention had been made of a letter concerning [redacted] which letter the White House had been unable to locate. I stated in checking our files we had found the letter which was addressed to him, Cutler, dated September 16, 1953, and which dealt with [redacted] and [redacted] and also referred to [redacted] all of whom were known to be in the above category. I stated this information was only disseminated to the White House as the source of our information was of unknown reliability.

b6

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

JEH:EH (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/11/83 BY SP3 BTJ/Baw
11/26/97 279555

*White House Employees
Homosexual*

o.c.

10:10 am

April 19, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT

X
General Andrew J. Goodpaster, a Deputy Assistant to the President, called this morning regarding the Secret Service investigative report which had been sent to the Bureau yesterday. General Goodpaster stated this report pertained to the three individuals whose resignations were accepted by the White House due to discovery of their involvement in homosexual activity. He stated that there were some passages in this report which he felt might better have been reported orally and he was wondering if we had already gotten the report into our distribution process, or if I might possibly still have it in my possession.

I told General Goodpaster that we had received the report late yesterday and I had sent it on to our Agents who are under instructions to make the investigation, but I believed I could catch it before any action was taken. He stated they would like to consider one piece of the information in the report orally until they have been able to get into it a little further; that he was certain I would know to what item he was referring. I told General Goodpaster I understood this and would be glad to withdraw the report and return it to him. He stated this would be fine and they would write up a new page for the report and pursue the further inquiry which is very definitely necessary on the basis of oral exchange.

I also told General Goodpaster that we had been able to locate in our files a copy of the letter we sent to General Cutler in 1953, dealing with the [redacted] matter and that also pertained to [redacted] and [redacted] all three of whom were reported as being in the same category. I indicated that the source had indicated that the [redacted] had brought about the appointment of [redacted] because of the relationship referred to. I stated that this was reported to us by an informant whose reliability was unknown and that we had given this information no dissemination other than to General Cutler. I also advised General Goodpaster that I had called General Cutler yesterday to bring this information to his attention because he had previously stated they could not find anything along these lines in their files.

White House Complied
X Homosexuals

b6

JEH:TLC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11/26/97 BY SP3BTJ/Baw

Messrs. Telson, Boardman, Belmont

April 19, 1957

General Goodpaster then mentioned that there were two or three other items of quite some significance which had not been included in the Secret Service report and he would want to have these added to it.

I told General Goodpaster I would get hold of the report and have Mr. Bartlett deliver it to him within the hour. General Goodpaster expressed his appreciation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

May 10, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

On May 9, 1957, I had an extended conference with the Attorney General in his office at which various matters were gone over by the Attorney General and myself pertaining to Departmental and Bureau operations.

I briefed the Attorney General as to the developments in the investigation, which we were requested to make and have now concluded, of certain homosexual employees in the Executive Offices whose resignations have been requested and accepted.

I also advised the Attorney General of the aspect in this matter in which the name of [REDACTED] had been mentioned and pointed out that our investigation had not in any way substantiated the original allegations against [REDACTED] and that all this information had been brought to the attention of Mr. R. H. McPhee, Special Counsel to the President. b6

I also briefed the Attorney General about the visit recently paid to me by Mr. Loyd Wright, Chairman of the Commission on Government Security, at which time he endeavored to have me appear before that Commission on May 20, when certain so-called advisers to the Commission will meet for the purpose of reviewing the proposed report of the Commission. I told the Attorney General I had informed Mr. Wright that I did not believe it would be proper for me to appear and speak upon this occasion, as it would deal largely with matters of policy and that I felt if anyone from the Department of Justice should appear, it should be the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, or Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. I told the Attorney General that Mr. Wright was not pleased with the position I had taken and had indicated to me that he would talk with the Attorney General in an effort to have the Attorney General instruct me to

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11/26/96 BY SP3 BTJ/Baw
279555

JEH:TLC

Handwritten notes in left margin:
All this information is contained in...
...
...

10:34 AM

April 19, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I called General Andrew Goodpaster at the White House concerning the homosexuals who had been uncovered in the Executive Offices and advised him that the report which had been sent to us last evening and which he desired be returned to him was presently enroute to his office.

I then mentioned to General Goodpaster that I did not know whether or not he had personally gone over the original investigative reports of these three individuals, but he might be interested in knowing with reference to [redacted] the investigation disclosed that his mother's name had appeared on a Communist Party Nominating Petition in 1946 in New Hampshire. In the case of [redacted] I stated our report showed [redacted] had been described as shy, blushing and bashful and a "muddleheaded type of idealist" and a "soft ideological thinker" who could never be classed as a conservative. I said it had been stated [redacted] would not be recommended for work involving formulation of correspondence or general contact with public due to lack of maturity, responsibility and political judgment. With reference to [redacted] I stated the investigation developed that he had been suspended from George Washington University for failure to meet scholastic requirements. He had been hospitalized for ten months while in the army due to psychoneurosis and had been characterized as egotistical. I stated [redacted] father and brothers have arrest records which include arrests for nonsupport, reckless driving, drunk and disorderly and assault and battery of a minor, and the investigation also disclosed that his sister has two illegitimate children.

b6

Handwritten note on left margin: K. L. ...

I commented in view of the above information he might be interested in looking into the background of these three cases since they had gotten appointed, and this might be something to keep in mind in future cases.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

JEH:EH (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/26/96 BY SP3 BTJ/Baw



Date: 2/16/75

Aides Initial: JCM

Caption on Folder or File: (Print)

White House Employees - Homosexuals

Cabinet 6 Drawer 2

Folder X File _____ (check one)

First Communication Dated 4/17/57

Last Communication Dated 5/10/57

Approximate Pages 14

Derogatory Information: Yes X No _____ (check one)

Describe Category: i.e. investigative, congressional, prominent persons, administrative, information, policy, personnel, information from other agency, (use miscellaneous category as little as possible): Investigative

Ticklers Only _____ Originals Only both X

Describe General Content of File or Folder: (use separate page if necessary)

Folder captioned White House Employees - Homosexuals Folder contains memoranda and report re investigation by FBI re 2 employees at White House who who are homosexuals. This investigation referred to the FBI by Personnel Admin in view of possibility of breach of security concerning these individuals.

159

FBI

Series 16: House REC

Box 2
White House Employees - Homosexuals

JFH O & C # 159

[Can be these employees - JFH]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA
DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552

Section 552a

- (b)(1) (b)(7)(A) (b)(5)
- (b)(2) (b)(7)(B) (b)(2)
- (b)(3) (b)(7)(C) (b)(1)
- (b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(E) (b)(2)
- (b)(4) (b)(7)(F) (b)(4)
- (b)(5) (b)(8) (b)(5)
- (b)(6) (b)(9) (b)(6)
- (b)(7) (b)(7) (b)(7)

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to the subject of your request or the subject of your request is listed in the title only.

Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld inasmuch as a final release determination has not been made. You will be advised as to the disposition at a later date.

Pages were not considered for release as they are duplicative of _____

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
OC 159

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X Deleted Page(s) X
 X No Duplication Fee X
 X for this page X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 XXXXXXX

5-9 (Rev. 1-1-57)
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE - VISION - FBI

4-19-1957

TO:

Director _____
 Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Boardman _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Mr. Moore _____
 Mr. Sizoo _____
 Mr. Cleveland _____
 Mr. Baumgardner _____
 Mr. Bland _____
 Mr. Branigan _____
 Mr. Rouch _____
 Mr. W. C. Sullivan _____

Mr. Felt _____
 Foreign Liaison _____
 Desk _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Lewis _____
 Miss Darnet _____
 Miss Novotny _____
 Mr. Donzalski _____
 Mrs. Sink _____
 Miss Baker _____
 Mr. Martin _____
 Mr. Mooney _____
 Reading Room _____
 Records Section _____

and return

Report furnished by Secret Service to Bureau 4-18-57 returned to Mr. McPhie of White House at request of General Goodaster by Agent Bartlett at 10:50 AM today. 3 photographs of this report were made. One photo by Mr. [Name] was given to Mr. [Name] and destroyed. One photo was destroyed and destroyed. One photo is being retained by Belmont. Attached is the remaining photograph.

Plastic Confidential
Miss K. [Name]
Room 1742 - Ext. 2121

April 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT

This afternoon at the request of Governor Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, I called at the White House and participated in a conference with Governor Adams, General Andrew Goodpastor, Mr. Henry R. McPhee and Mr. Orrin Earllett, of the FBI.

General Goodpastor stated that last Friday the Vice Squad of the District of Columbia had arrested at George Washington University a man by the name of [redacted] who had made an improper approach to a member of the Vice Squad and was taken into custody by the Vice Squad. While in custody, a man by the name of [redacted] called by telephone to inquire about [redacted]. The Vice Squad turned [redacted] over to the Secret Service, together with the information that [redacted] had called. The Secret Service initiated an investigation and ascertained that [redacted] and another man by the name of [redacted] were all employed in the Executive Offices and apparently had been involved in homosexual activities. These men have been employed in the Correspondence Section of the Executive Offices.

In the questioning of the three, [redacted] admitted their activities, while [redacted] denied them, but through polygraph tests, [redacted] was found to be positive, [redacted] was found to be positive, and [redacted] was somewhat cloudy. The resignations of all three were requested and immediately accepted.

General Goodpastor stated that [redacted] have subsequently been questioned by the Secret Service to ascertain whether any other employees of the White House have been involved in such activities and also whether the broad field of security has been breached. [redacted] admitted that he had seen a confidential report on [redacted] indicating similar activities on the part of [redacted] and that he had told [redacted] about this.

JER:TLIC
(6)

37 44
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/1/98 BY SP3 erd/lea/2195SS
11/26/98

Messrs. Tolson, Boardman, Belmont

April 17, 1957

General Goodpastor stated that General Cutler and other assistants of his in his office have checked and have been unable to find any such report on [redacted] and they believe that if, in fact, [redacted] did see such a report, it possibly was one passing through his office from CIA or the FBI.

[redacted] has not been subsequently questioned by the Secret Service because they have not been able to find him and it is believed he may have returned to his home which is out of the city.

General Goodpastor stated that all three of these individuals had been investigated by the FBI.

It was the desire of the White House that the case now be turned over to the FBI in view of the possible breach of security that might indicate associates of these three or others of the same propensities in other branches of the Government.

Upon the conclusion of the conference, I asked Mr. Earllett to procure from the Secret Service all reports of their investigation in this matter.

Upon my return to the office, I orally briefed Mr. Belmont about the above and asked him to take immediate action as soon as the reports were received from the Secret Service so as to exhaust all possible leads.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 6:30PM

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

Write Home Employees

I called Deputy Attorney General Rogers to advise him of my conference with Sherman Adams this afternoon. I stated Governor Adams had asked me to come to his office today and had turned over to me for investigation by the Bureau a matter involving three homosexuals who had been employed in the Executive Offices. I stated one of these individuals had been picked up on the street and the other two had been uncovered when Secret Service gave the first individual a polygraph examination. Mr. Rogers was advised that General Andrew Goodpaster and Mr. Henry R. McPhee were also in attendance at this conference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

JEH:EH (7)

5:40 PM

April 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

*Write Home Employees
+ Homosexuals*

During the course of my conversation with Deputy Attorney General Rogers on another matter I advised him that after the conference with Governor Sherman Adams today I asked to see the Governor alone and then advised him of the Joseph Alsop matter. I stated the Governor had not heard of this and he was advised that only the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General in the Department were aware of this matter. I told Mr. Rogers that I had told Governor Adams I felt he, Adams, should be advised of this as one of the employees in the White House who was involved in homosexual acts admitted he had seen a report in the Executive Offices referring to [redacted] being in the same category. I stated in the Alsop matter, both the Alsop brothers were intimately acquainted with [redacted] though there was no indication of impropriety. In view of this I told Mr. Rogers I felt the Governor should be aware of the Alsop matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

JEH:EH (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/14/81 BY SP3 BTJ/BWD
11/26/87 SP3 BTJ/BWD
279855

4:07 PM

April 18, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I called General Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, concerning my conference at the White House yesterday with Governor Adams and General Goodpaster regarding those persons employed in the Executive Offices who had been involved in homosexual acts. In the discussion at the conference mention had been made of a letter concerning [redacted] which letter the White House had been unable to locate. I stated in checking our files we found the letter which was addressed to him, Cutler, dated September 16, 1953, and which dealt with [redacted] and [redacted] and also referred to [redacted] all of whom were known to be in the above category. I stated this information was only disseminated to the White House as the source of our information was of unknown reliability.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman
JEH:EH (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/17/82 BY SP3STJ/BWJ
11/26/97 SP3STJ/BWJ 278555

*White House Employees
Homosexuals*

b6

10:10 AM

April 19, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT

General Andrew J. Goodpaster, a Deputy Assistant to the President, called this morning regarding the Secret Service investigation report which had been sent to the Bureau yesterday. General Goodpaster stated this report pertained to the three individuals whose resignations were accepted by the White House due to discovery of their involvement in homosexual activity. He stated that there were some passages in this report which he felt might better have been reported orally and he was wondering if we had already gotten the report into our distribution process, or if I might possibly still have it in my possession.

I told General Goodpaster that we had received the report late yesterday and I had sent it on to our Agents who are under instructions to make the investigation, but I believed I could catch it before any action was taken. He stated they would like to consider one piece of the information in the report orally until they have been able to get into it a little further; that he was certain I would know to what item he was referring. I told General Goodpaster I understood this and would be glad to withdraw the report and return it to him. He stated this would be fine and they would write up a new page for the report and pursue the further inquiry which is very definitely necessary on the basis of oral exchange.

I also told General Goodpaster that we had been able to locate in our files a copy of the letter we sent to General Cutler in 1953, dealing with the [redacted] matter and that also pertained to [redacted] and [redacted] all three of whom were reported as being in the same category. I indicated that the source had indicated that the [redacted] had brought about the appointment of [redacted] because of the relationship referred to. I stated that this was reported to us by an informant whose reliability was unknown and that we had given this information no dissemination other than to General Cutler. I also advised General Goodpaster that I had called General Cutler yesterday to bring this information to his attention because he had previously stated they could not find anything along these lines in their files.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/26/97 BY SP3STJ/BWJ

JEH:TLC

*White House Employees
Homosexuals*

b6

Messrs. Tolson, Boardman, Belmont

April 19, 1957

General Goodpaster then mentioned that there were two or three other items of quite some significance which had not been included in the Secret Service report and he would want to have these added to it.

I told General Goodpaster I would get hold of the report and have Mr. Bartlett deliver it to him within the hour. General Goodpaster expressed his appreciation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

10:34 AM

April 19, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I called General Andrew Goodpaster at the White House concerning the homosexuals who had been uncovered in the Executive Offices and advised him that the report which had been sent to us last evening and which he desired be returned to him was presently enroute to his office.

x Homosexuals

I then mentioned to General Goodpaster that I did not know whether or not he had personally gone over the original investigative reports of these three individuals, but he might be interested in knowing with reference to [redacted] the investigation disclosed that his mother's name had appeared on a Communist Party Nominating Petition in 1948 in New Hampshire. In the case of [redacted] I stated our report showed [redacted] had been described as shy, blushing and bashful and a "muddled-headed type of idealist" and a "soft ideological thinker" who could never be classed as a conservative. I said it had been stated [redacted] would not be recommended for work involving formulation of correspondence or general contact with public due to lack of maturity, responsibility and political judgment. With reference to [redacted] I stated the investigation developed that he had been suspended from George Washington University for failure to meet scholastic requirements. He had been hospitalized for ten months while in the army due to psychoneurosis and had been characterized as egotistical. I stated [redacted] father and brothers have arrest records which include arrests for non-support, reckless driving, drunk and disorderly and assault and battery of a minor, and the investigation also disclosed that his sister has two illegitimate children.

I commented in view of the above information he might be interested in looking into the background of these three cases since they had gotten appointed, and there might be something to keep in mind in future cases.

Very truly yours,

cc-Mr. Holloman

John Edgar Hoover
Director

JER:EB (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/21/96 BY SP3RTA/Baw

b6

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN, BELMONT

April 19, 1957

General Goodpaster then mentioned that there were two or three other items of quite some significance which had not been included in the Secret Service report and he would want to have these added to it.

I told General Goodpaster I would get hold of the report and have Mr. Bartlett deliver it to him within the hour. General Goodpaster expressed his appreciation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

10:34 AM

April 19, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I called General Andrew Goodpaster at the White House concerning the homosexuals who had been uncovered in the Executive Offices and advised him that the report which had been sent to us last evening and which he desired be returned to him was presently enroute to his office.

I then mentioned to General Goodpaster that I did not know whether or not he had personally gone over the original investigative reports of these three individuals, but he might be interested in knowing with reference to [redacted] the investigation disclosed that his mother's name had appeared on a Communist Party Nominating Petition in 1946 in New Hampshire. In the case of [redacted] I stated our report showed [redacted] had been described as shy, blushing and bearded and a "muddled-headed type of idealist". I said it had been stated [redacted] would not be recommended for work involving formulation of correspondence or general contact with public due to lack of maturity, responsibility and political judgment. With reference to [redacted] I stated the investigation developed that he had been suspended from George Washington University for failure to meet scholastic requirements. He had been hospitalized for ten months while in the army due to psychoneurosis and had been characterized as egotistical. I stated [redacted] father and brothers drunk and disorderly and assault and battery of a minor, and the investigation also disclosed that his sister has two illegitimate children.

I commented in view of the above information he might be interested in looking into the background of these three cases since they had gotten appointed, and this might be something to keep in mind in future cases.

Very truly yours,

cc-Mr. Holloman

John Edgar Hoover
Director

JEB:EE (7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/21/96 BY SP3BTD/BAW

b6