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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

This report covers employment with Durst Industries, New York, New York, from about 1950 to present; and concurrent employment with New York University, New York, from February 1, 1958 to present; education at New York University, New York, New York, from about October, 1951 to about January, 1957; neighborhood investigation at New York, New York where subject has resided from June, 1956 to present. Subject described as problem tenant because of aggressive attitude toward management. Another witness had reservations about recommending subject because he

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felt that subject had reneged on a personal promise. Several witnesses described subject as "liberal", "left of center", "reformer", and "fighter for unpopular causes". But all these witnesses felt he could not be regarded as radical or subversive or a political extremist. A confidential investigative source furnished documents indicating subject's membership in an organization designated by the House Un-American Activities Committee as subversive, and indicating that he has denounced the conduct of security clearances by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and has actively advocated abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Subject's date and place of birth were corroborated.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Employment

DURST INDUSTRIES, 409 Lafayette Street, Second Floor. Information furnished by Mrs. Yetta K. Silverstein, Bookkeeper.

Mr. Norman Redlich was already an officer of this company when I came to work here in January, 1963. This is a firm operated by several members of his immediate family and his mother is the President of the corporation. We are a somewhat small, friendly group and we do not have formal personnel folders. We do not have applicants for positions fill out application forms, because most of the people working here are either members of the family or very close friends.

However, our records indicate that the social security number of Mr. Norman Redlich is 101-22-9595 and his home address is 29 Washington Square North. He holds two different positions in the firm, he is Secretary to Durst and is President of our Wholely owned subsidiary, Lafayette Brass Company.

MRS. YETTA K. SILVERSTEIN, Care of Durst Industries.

My affiliation with Mr. Redlich is in a business capacity only. I regard him as a very fine person, altogether upstanding and honorable. He is also a very level headed and stable individual who makes a very nice personal appearance. He seems to enjoy good health. I have never observed anything of an adverse, derogatoryor unfavorable nature about any aspect of his personal life.

There is not the slightest doubt in my mind about his loyalty and patriotism. To the best of my knowledge, he would not affiliate with any radical or subversive individuals or organizations. I am sure he is a discreet person in handling the most sensitive, important kind of information. I certainly would recommend him for a position involving access to very sensitive information.

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JULES ROSENKRANZ, General Manager, Durst Industries.

Norman Redlich, who is President of Lafayette Brass and Secretary of Durst Industries, is my cousin. This business is almost strictly a family affair. Of course, I have had the very closest social contact with him and have known him all his life, since his birth. He has been with our firm since the time he graduated from Yale University Law School. Before that time, he worked for us on a part-time basis during vacations and so on. We do not maintain exact personnel folders and it is not possible to give you the specific dates he worked for us. However, he possibly worked during summers in 1947, 1948 and 1949. Then when he graduated from Yale University Law School, he came to work for us as an Officer of the company. Since he became concurrently employed by New York University, he has devoted less and less time to this firm.

I must say that he is a person of supreme qualifications and qualities as far as his character and integrity are concerned. He is an unusually bright individual and a very patient man. I could only say the most favorable things about my cousin.

I would rate him as the very best as far as his status as a security risk is concerned. I would personally give him an absolute recommendation for the most sensitive kind of assignment. At no time does he ever repeat any confidential information he has learned on the very sensitive assignment he has recently had. He is far too discreet to go about divulging information which should only go to the public through official channels.

MRS. EVE VAN DYKE, Office Manager, Durst Industries.

I have known Norman since just after he was born. My acquaintance with his family goes all the way back to his grandparents. He has a wonderful family background. Everything I ever heard about anybody related to him is the very best.

I admire the fact that he came into the firm and worked up from the very bottom. When he was going to law school, he worked here as just a File Clerk and Messenger and even worked in the Shipping Department to learn the business from the ground floor up. After he graduated from Yale University in 1950, he came here on a full-time period. Although I know his wife and children, my acquaintance with him is really on the job only. His wife, Evelyn, is a medical doctor and they have two girls and one boy.

His personal character and integrity are quite outstanding. In fact, I would be happy to have a son just like him. He is a man of wonderful personal habits, conduct, morals and behavior and in general, can be described as a model person. He also enjoys a nice personality and is very well liked. He has a wonderful sense of humor. He appears to

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enjoy good health and makes an unusually nice personal appearance. He not only is emotionally stable, but is a very calm individual and this is largely responsible for him being so well liked by other people. His mother is the President of this firm which was founded by his grandfather. The only outside interest I know that Norman has is skiing. He also writes papers for a law journal. He is a remarkable individual with a great deal of ability for his age. He possesses an unusual amount of energy. I know nothing of an unfavorable nature about him.

I would say that his loyalty and patriotism are definitely the very best. He is not only not a political extremist, but I would describe him as just the contrary. He is a person who is very good in handling confidential information. I would not hesitate to recommend him for any kind of a sensitive assignment involving our country.

BEN COHEN, Buyer, Durst Industries.

I have been working for this firm since 1933 and am not in any way related to Norman. I come in contact with him on the job only and have no social acquaintance with him.

I can assure you he is a man of the highest character and personal integrity. Whatever I have observed or heard about his personal behavior, morals, conduct or habits is good. I think he is a non-drinker. He enjoys good health and is always neat and clean in his personal appearance. There is no doubt about his emotional stability, in fact, he is "like the Rock of Gibraltar". I know he loves to go skiing. I can say he is one of the finest people I know and it is always a pleasure to work for him because he is really a gentleman.

I would say that as far as his patriotism and loyalty are concerned, he is first rate. He is not a person who would affiliate with any subversive or radical individual or organizations, to the best of my knowledge. When he got an assignment in Washington and returned here, as he does about once a week, I once tried to ask him how things were going and he absolutely would not talk about what he considered to be classified information. I certainly would recommend him for the sensitive position I know he is in, because he is an unusually capable young man.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Office of Vice-President and Secretary, Room 434 Vanderbilt Hall. Information furnished by Mrs. Lydia Usalj, Personnel Clerk.

All I have is an Employment Record Card concerning Norman Redlich who resides at 29 Washington Square North. His social security number is shown as 101-22-9595. The record indicates that he was admitted as a member of the Bar of the State of New York in 1951.

He was first appointed on March 24, 1958, (effective February 1, 1958). He served from February 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959 as an Instructor; he again served in this capacity from February 1, 1959 to August 31, 1959;

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He held the position of Lecturer from September 1, 1959 to August 31, 1960; he held the position of Associate Professor from September 1, 1960 to August 31, 1962; he has held the position of Full Professor from September 1, 1962 to the present time. All of his employment has been at the New York University School of Law.

The record shows that he was born on November 12, 1925 in New York City. There is nothing of a derogatory or adverse nature in the brief employment Record I have.

RUSSELL D. NILES, Chancellor and Executive Vice-President, New York University, Vanderbilt Hall, Room 440.

I have personally known Norman Redlich since about 1956 or thereabouts. I not only know him as a Professor in our Law School, an Editor of our Law Pax Review, but I have also had casual social acquaintance with him.

I think he is a good family man, concerning whose personal conduct, behavior, habits and morals I have no questions. He is an unusually bright person and I am sure that he possesses the highest professional integrity. He is a man who is interested in liberal causes. For instance, he is very keenly interested in the abolition of capital punishment. He defends indigent persons at his own expense and time. In this activity, he is somewhat aggressive, but his intentions and methods of operation are most honorable. Although he is a person who is devoted to advancing social causes, I do not feel that he is an any sense radical or subversive. He is a person who is interested in social justice in the very best sense of that word. In doing this, he is a very courageous individual and does not hesitate to defend unpopular causes.

I have no doubt whatever of his loyalty and patriotism. He would never undertake any action that would in any way be harmful or detrimental to the United States Government. He is not a careless talker, nor does he tend to be a name—dropper.

As Chancellor of the University and formerly Dean of the Law School, I was consulted by the Chief Justice of the United States when Mr. Redlich's appointment a few months ago was being considered for the very sensitive position he holds, and I did not hesitate at that time to recommend him. I still feel the same way and believe that he is a good man for the job. He is a very hard worker and a devoted, conscientious man. He enjoys excellent health and is most stable emotionally.

MIGUEL DE CAPRILES, Acting Dean of School of Law, New York University, Vanderbilt Hall, Room 302.

I have known Professor Norman Redlich since February, 1958 or thereabouts. He is the Editor of the Pax Law Review put out by this University and is indeed a distinguished scholar. In addition to my professional

contacts with him, I have occasionally made social visits to his home, or he has visited my home occasionally.

I can best describe him as an extra ordinarily fine man of the highest principles. He is a keen fighter for civil liberties and the Bill of Rights. He is much respected in academic circles. I have no questions about his personal habits, conduct, morals and behavior. I know that he is emotionally stable. I have met his wife who is a Medical Doctor. I know nothing of a derogatory nature about any aspect of his personal life, character or personality.

I am sure he is a loyal and patriotic citizen. He is a man of very strong moral convictions. He is a sincere believer that capital punishment is morally wrong and he devotes a great deal of his time to bringing about it's abolition. However, I feel that he is not at all a person of radical or subversive inclinations. I think he is just the opposite of someone who should be called a political extremist. I would not hesitate to recommend him for the important position he holds. In fact, I did personally recommend him to Professor J. Lee Rankin, who is still a part-time Professor on our staff. I still believe that he is a man who is outstandingly suited for an important position on what is commonly known as the "Warren Commission".

ROBERT B. MC KAY, Associate Dean, New York University School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall, 327.

I had Norman Redlich in class about 1956 when he was a graduate student. Since that time, I have known him as a member of our faculty from about 1958 to the present time. I am also a rather close social and personal friend of his and regard his friendship very highly.

I feel he is a person of very good character and integrity. This applies to his reputation at this school and on the outside. His personal attributes are excellent. I am also a rather close neighbor of his, as I live in the next apartment house.

I know that he is very active in the New York Committee to Abolish Capital Punishment. In this activity, I am in complete agreement with him, as I am in agreement with his other interests in civil liberties area. I have no doubt that he is a loyal and patriotic person. I know he is a member of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, but I do not regard this as a radical or subversive organization. I am absolutely sure of the fact that he is a person who would do nothing detrimental to the interests of the United States Government. I would recommend him highly for a sensitive position because I believe that all of the activities in which he takes place are beneficial to our country. In fact, what we need is a great many more people like him, and a great more organizations like those in which he is interested.

I believe he is emotionally stable and enjoys good physical health.

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Everything that I know about his personal life is favorable.

PROFESSOR FRANCIS J. PUTMAN, School of Law, New York University.

I was the Director of the Graduate School when Norman Redlich was a student here. I have also known him as a colleague since he became an instructor and eventually a professor at the school. We often have lunch together and I consider myself a casual social acquaintance of his.

As a person, I regard him very highly and have no doubt about his good morals and behavior. He is a conscientious person who fulfills any commitment which is assigned to him. One of his outstanding interests is the abolition of capital punishment. I know nothing of a derogatory nature about anything concerning his personal life, and I consider him to be emotionally stable and physically healthy.

I regard him as a loyal and patriotic citizen. He is keenly interested in furthering civil liberties, but I do not believe that this is in any radical or subversive sense. He is a discreet person who does not talk loosely or boastfully. Based upon a somewhat limited knowledge, I would recommend him without hesitation for an important, sensitive position involving serious interests of our country.

JAMES S. EUSTICE, Associate Professor of Law, New York University, Vanderbilt Hall, Room 317.

I have known Professor Redlich since 1960 when I joined the faculty of this school. In addition to our professional contacts, I am a very close, social and good personal friend of his.

I can only sum up what I would have to say in the statement that I could not find anybody about whom I would speak morehighly. This refers to his personal morals, behavior and conduct. He is a person that I value very highly both as a colleague and an individual. There is absolutely nothing of an unfavorable nature that I could say about him.

Furthermore, I regard him as a good security risk and have no doubt whatsoever that he is a loyal and patriotic American citizen. He is a man
who is very active in the field of civil rights, but not in a subversive
or radical sense. I would not describe any of his ideas or activities
as being politically extreme. He is a man of the utmost discretion.
I recommend him very strongly for the important position he now holds
with the Federal Government, because I could not think of a better
qualified person for having access to the most highly sensitive kind of
information concerning the interest of our country.

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NORMAN DORSEN, Associate Professor of Law, New York University.

I met Professor Redlich three years ago when I joined the faculty of the university. We both teach in the same field of Constitutional Law. I am not a social or personal friend of his, except in a casual way.

However, we do have a common interest in that I am the Director of the Hays Civil Liberties Program. I believe that anybody should be free to join any organization in which he sincerely believes. I feel strongly that all civil liberty organizations are in the best interest of our country, and there is no such thing as a subversive or radical civil liberties group. I know that Professor Redlich shares my interest in strongly furthering the cause of civil liberties. He is also very strongly interested in the abolition of capital punishment. I firmly believe that he would not do anything that in any way would be harmful or detrimental to the United States Government. He is a discreet person and I would be shocked if he was ever engaged in anything that is in any sense unfavorable to our country. I would recommend him for an assignment important to the interest of our country, in spite of the fact that we have had some personal differences. Although I would generally regard him as a straightforward person, I was quite disappointed in the fact that he disappointed me in a certain matter involving internal university affairs here. I do not care to say just what it was, except that it was an academic matter involving the university and it's faculty. He promised me he would take a certain course of action, and then he did just the opposite without notifying me. Consequently, I have quite some reservation about his personal dependability. However, this would not cause me to hesitate to recommend him from a national security point of view. Although we teach in the very same department, I have never been able to get as close and friendly to him as I would like, because he tends to be a rather reserved person. Yet, I regard him as emotional stable. I must say that he is a very conscientious, hard worker, who devotes himself wholeheartedly to anything in which he is engaged.

SHELDEN D. ELLIOTT, Professor of Law, New York University, (Retired Brigadier General, Judge Advocate General Department, U. S. Army Reserves).

I have only known Professor Redlich casually since he has been on the faculty of this university from 1958 to the present time. Since my acquaintance with him is of such a casual nature, I do not feel that I am in any position to discuss him in regards to his personal life or his status as a security risk. However, this is not because of anything derogatory I know about him.

Education

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Office of Recorder, Room 202, Vanderbilt Hall. Information furnished by Miss Betty Rome.

Our records concerning Norman Redlich of 29 Washington Square North

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indicate that he was born on November 12, 1925. He graduated from Williams College with a degree of BA in 1947; he received a degree of LLB in 1950 from Yale University Law School; he came here as a candidate for a degree of LLM in Tax Law and received a degree of LLM in Taxation on February 28, 1955. He also was a candidate for a degree of JSD, but postponed his candidacy in January, 1955. He attended here from the Fall Session in 1951 until the Fall Session in 1956, and took four credits during most semesters, except that during a few of them, he took two credits. Since the Spring of 1957, he has maintained his matriculation with the hopes of qualifying for the JSD.

In addition to our academic record, we have a personal docket which indicates that he was employed by Durst Industries of 409 Lafayette Street, New York City; he was previously Executive Editor of the Yale Law Journal; he is a member of the Bar of the State of New York since March, 1951; the record indicates that his father, Milton, died in December, 1945, at which time, the family was residing at 21 Sycamore Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York; Mr. Redlich was drafted in the Army Infantry on January 17, 1944. The file contains a transcript from Williams College indicating that he majored in Political Science and received honors for thesis on the TVA and on Central Asia. He was awarded Phi Beta Kappa in February, 1947. He was elected to Gargoile in May, 1947; he was on the Dean's List in June, 1947 and he won a Dewey Prize; He was Managing Editor of the school paper known as "The Record". He was Chairman of the Students League for World Government.

He received a final average of 4.68 out of a possible 5.0. He graduated Magne Cum Laude with a degree of AB in Political Science and earned the highest honors in Political Economy.

The file contains a transcript from Yale University Law School indicating that subject, who resided at 24 Fifth Avenue, New York City, entered Yale University on October 20, 1947 and graduated on June 12, 1950 with a degree of ILB Cum Laude. His total average for six academic terms was 81% and he was first in a class of 158. He was elected to an honor society called the Order of Coif.

There is nothing of a derogatory nature in our files concerning him.

There is considerable correspondence indicating that he submitted written papers from the Law Review Journal in lieu of examinations, but this does not appear to be a detrimental matter.

Neighborhood

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT "A".

Professor Norman Redlich is a tenant at 29 Washington Square North which is a property handled by the University. The apartment is actually leased to Evelyn Jane Grabow as the tenant of record. Occupancy began on June 1, 1956. I believe that Dr. Evelyn Grabow is Mrs. Norman Redlich.

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They previously resided at 6 Peter Cooper Road in New York City and had been living there for five years.

I have never heard of anything derogatory to the reputation of Professor Redlich as far as his personal reputation in life is concerned.

I have met him in my office and most of my dealings are of a business nature. I must say that I do not like to see him come in because it usually involves some kind of unpleasant hassling. At one time, when his lease expired, he came in for a new lease and I explained that he could have one for an increase of six per cent in rent. I am sure that he understood and agreed to this. However, a few days later, he returned with the contract and stated that he had believed that I said it would be a six per cent reducation and not an increase. I just could not believe that he mis-understood any such thing. I must admit that I rather personally dislike him because of what I consider to be a very unprofessional manner he assumes when he comes in her to deal in business matters. I consider him to be a rather difficult tenant, and certainly would not recommend him as a person in anything connected with business dealings. It seems to me that he just enjoys quibbling.

I would be very hesitant to recommend him for any important position, but this is only because of his business dealings and has nothing to do with security. I know absolutely nothing about him that would be important to his status as a security risk. I was personally quite annoyed because he created what I considered was an artificial and unreal color or integration issue in that building where he resides. It had always been the custom to have front elevators for the tenants and their guests. There were rear elevators for service people. He went over our head directly to the administration of the university and demanded that all persons, including service employees, be permitted to use the front elevator. He stated that the putting of service people in the rear elevator was de facto segregation because so many of the service people were colored. As this had nothing to do for the real reason that the two elevators had been separate during all the years of the existence of the building, I feel that he deliberately created a false issue and could not understand his motive in doing so. Consequently, I have been quite annoyed with him and frankly, must admit that I am slightly prejudiced against him in my evaluation of him as a person.

MARTIN BRADY, Superintendent, 29 Washington Square North.

I have been here for the past two years. The Redlich family was already living here when I came. I believe that he is now in Washington, D. C.

I would say that he is a man of very fine reputation and apparent good character. He and his family are good, clean people. He impresses me as a family man of very good personal morals, behavior, conduct and

habits. I think he is not a drinking man. They seem to be completely normal, average people in all respects. I know that in addition to his apartment here, he has some kind of a summer residence in the State of Vermont where he goes skiing. He seems to be an emotionally stable person. I know he is a professor at New York University. He seems to enjoy good mental and physical health and I know nothing unfavorable about him.

I believe he was written up in Time Magazine about four or five months ago in relation to his admirable activities in the field of civil rights and minority rights.

He impresses me as a loyal, patriotic American. I know that he is a very strong believer in integration of minority groups in the country. He is not a person who would divulge important information carelessly. He is a very intelligent person and as "smart as a whip". I would definitely recommend him for an important government assignment.

TIMOTHY MC CARTHY, Doorman, 29 Washington Square North.

I have been employed here for more than eight years. I know that the Redlich family has probably been here since 1956.

I regard the Professor as a man of very good reputation, character and integrity. I know him to be a good family man and a non-drinker. He appears to be emotionally stable and to enjoy good physical health. I have never observed or heard or seen anything of a derogatory, adverse or unfavorable nature in connection with his personal life, character or reputation.

I am sure that he is a very loyal and patriotic citizen who would not affiliate with any radical or subversive organizations or persons. Actually, I do not know of any organizations with which he is affiliated. He is not a person who discusses his personal affairs around the building. I would not hesitate to recommend him for a sensitive government assignment.

MRS. JANE BISIR SEBASTIAN, Public Relations Agent. Apartment 15B, 29 Washington Square North.

I have resided in this apartment for the past 12 years. The Redlich family are in the same hall in Apartment 15A. We are the only two apartments served by the elevator on this floor. I am a social and personal friend of Professor Redlich and his wife, who is a medical doctor. They have two daughters and a son.

He is a person of impeccable reputation and I have never heard anything even mildly derogatory about him. His personal habits, conduct, morals and behavior are beyond question and he is a good family man. Drinking is no problem with him. The only hobby or interest I know that he has is skiing. He is emotionally stable and enjoys very good

health. He is a friendly person, but not a glad-hander. He is generally conservative and would live well within his means. In addition to their apartmenthere, they have some kind of a small home around Stowe, Vermont and I believe they go there in the summer.

I would have no reason to question Norman's loyalty or patriotism. He is very civic minded and belongs to the Greenwich Village Association and the Washington Square Association. He would not take part in any radical or subversive activities. He was a person I would trust with confidential information. I would also recommend him for a very sensitive federal assignment.

EDMOND N. CAHN, (Reference), Professor of Law, New York University, Room 333 Vanderbilt Hall. (Home address, 6 Washington Mews).

I have known Norman Redlich since about 1949 when he was in Yale University. I was formerly the Editor in Chief of the Tax Law Review, which he now edits. I was his Professor when he was a graduate student at N. Y. U. Since then, we have become close, social and personal friends.

I am happy to describe him as a person of excellent character and reputation. I know that his personal morals, conduct, habits and behavior are fine. He is a sober person of good mental and physical health. I have always held him in the very highest regard and know absolutely nothing of an unfavorable nature about him.

I have no reservations in my mind about his loyalty and patriotism. He is a man who speaks up for unpopular causes. For instance, he is opposed to capital punishment. However, he is not a man who would do anything detrimental to the United States Government. In fact, he is an excellent citizen. Although he is a very close friend of mine, he never divulged any important information to me which he has learned in connection to the duties he is presently performing. This is in spite of the fact that I am perhaps one of his very closest friends. He is a most discreet person. I would recommend him without reservation as one of the best citizens I know of who could be in an extremely sensitive position involving our national interests.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

CHARLES KORN, (Reference), Attorney, 530 Fifth Avenue, 26th Floor.

I have known Norman Redlich since about the time he entered Williams College and attended Yale University. I know that he is a Professor at New York University and is Editor-in-Chief of the Tax Law Review there. He is a person who has an excellent family background. In fact, I am the family lawyer.

I know that Professor Redlich is a person who enjoys a high academic standing. I am not exactly a social friend of his, as our relationship is more or

less professional. Yet, it is a professional relationship that has been more than usually friendly. I have met his wife, Evelyn, and their children. I know that he is also employed in a company firm known as Durst Industries.

He enjoys the highest possible reputation as a man of good character and integrity. He is a man of high ethics. I know that he has been selected to serve on what is known as the Warren Commission, and this is probably because he is such an unusually brilliant young man. In fact, I have often tried to get him to come and associate with me in my firm. He is a man who is very competent in tax work and an excellent researcher. He is also extremely imaginative.

Everything I know about his personal life is excellent. He is emotionally stable, physically healthy and a devoted family man. I could not think of a single derogatory thing about him.

I regard him as being absolutely loyal and patriotic. He would not affiliate with any radical or subversive activities or join in politically extreme movements of any kind. The only activity I know he takes part in is his activities on behalf of the abolition of capital punishment. He is an absolutely discreet person who would not divulge any details of confidential matters he is handling. I would personally recommend him for the most sensitive possible assignment. He is a man that I would be happy to hire and have associated with me tomorrow.

HARRY J. RUDICK, Partner, Lord, Day and Lord, 25 Broadway, 8th Floor.

I have known Professor Norman Redlich since about 1950. I am a Professor of Law at New York University in addition to my practice here. I have also had some casual social acquaintance with him, although I am not a close, personal friend. I have met his wife, Evelyn, and their children.

I believe he possesses a fine character and enjoys an excellent reputation. He is an awfully good teacher and he writes very well. We work together on the Tax Law Review. I am sure that he is a good family man. He makes a nice personal appearance and his mental and physical health are excellent. He is not a drinking man. There is nothing unfavorable that I know about him.

One of his great interests is in abolishing capital punishment. He is a man that I would describe as "left of center". By that, I mean he is something of a social reformer, but I am quite sure that he would not do anything that is not in the best interest of our country. I would not consider him to be a political extremist or a person that I would describe as subversive or radical. I think that anybody could repose confidence in him never to divulge any confidential information. He has never divulged to me any confidential information he has obtained on the important assignment he now holds for the Government. I would not hesitate to recommend him. He has an unusually fine mind.

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MARVIN BARASCH, Vice-President, Barco Associates, Insurance, Room 332, 405 Lexington Avenue.

I have known Norman for about 20 years. We first became friends when our mothers, here in New York City, who met socially, learned that we were both in the same hospital suffering from frost bite in our feet while in the Military Service. We served together with the 100th Infantry Division. I would say that he had a good military record. We have continued to be friends ever since and in fact, are very close chums. We also lived close to one another in Mt. Vernon, New York. Moreover, I handled the insurance business for Durst Industries.

I think that Norman is one of the finest, most reputable and honest persons I have ever met. His personal reputation is the very highest and he is a good, family man. He is something of a football fan. I could best describe him as a "solid citizen". I have always been delighted to have him as a friend and to do business with him. He is a very brilliant person concerning whom I know nothing unfavorable.

There is absolutely no question about his loyalty and patriotism to our country. He would never do anything that would be harmful in any way to the interest of the United States. He is a somewhat close mouthed person and not a bragger. I would absolutely recommend him for any important assignment.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT "B", A Municipal Investigative Agency.

Our files indicate that Norman Redlich is a member of the National Council, Executive Committee, of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and has been an active participant in that organization since 1955. The subject has advocated the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee, and has denounced the Federal Bureau of Investigation for conducting security clearances.

The files contain a copy of a letterhead of the ECLC dated February 13, 1962 which shows the subject's name among the members of the Executive Committee.

The files contain a copy of a brochure announcing a gala dinner of the ECLC held on December 15, 1962 with an attached copy of a seating arrangement showing the subject at table number 33. The subject paid \$15 donation on this occasion.

The files contain a copy of a memo from a confidential informant showing that the subject was a lecturer at ECLC meeting on February 24, 1961. His topic was "How Rediculous The FBI Security Clearances Are" and "Conflicting Decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court on the Use of the Fifth Amendment".

The file contains a copy of a report and a brochure of a meeting held by the ECLC on April 16, 1955 at which the subject was a lecturer.

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Subject was also a lecturer at a meeting sponsored by the Brooklyn Heights Committee to Save our Bill of Rights, held December 14, 1961. At this meeting, literature was disseminated by the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties", an organization designated as subversive by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The file contains an advertisement sponsored by an Ad Hoc Committee urging the abolition of the HUAC, which listed the name of the subject.

The file reflects that the subject is a member of the New York Council for the Abolition of the HUAC and is a member of the Advisory Committee of that organization; it is also indicated that he was the sponsor of a newspaper advertisement urging that HUAC cancel it's hearings concerning Women's Strike for Peace.

The files also indicate that the subject was a sponsor of an organization at New York University called "The Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students".

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: During the course of the investigation, it was learned that a newspaper article concerning the subject and his present position was written in the Los Angeles Times of February 19, 1964 and the headline read "Warren Commission To Check Own Legal Aide"; "New York Professor Freely Admits Membership In Group Named As Communist Front".

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

SIDNEY GREENBERG, Vice-President, Jamaica Manufacturing Company, 1209 DeKalb Avenue.

I have known Norman Redlich since about 1948. We have been fairly close business associates since 1954. I have had some occasional social contact with him, such as going to theatre parties together, but we do not visit back and forth at one another's homes.

I regard him as a man of first rate character. I also would say he is tops as far as his integrity is concerned. He is a very cleaver and witty individual. I know that he is a good family man, because he gave up his interest in playing golf to spend more time with his wife. He likes to spend some time sailing and skiing. He is a most personable individual who gets along extremely well with other people. He is a straightforward sort of person and "his word is his bond". He is very devoted to the academic life and does a great deal of reading. His personal morals, behavior, habits and conduct are the very highest and he is not a drinking man. He is always neat and clean in his personal appearance and enjoys good physical health. I know that he is conservative

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in handling his personal finances and he lives rather prudently. He is a fine person concerning whom I know absolutely nothing of an unfavorable nature.

There is absolutely no question about his loyalty and patriotism. He is what might be called a "champion of causes". He is very interested in activities to protect the Fifth Amendment; he is strongly opposed to capital punishment; he is what I would call a liberal, quite interested in civil rights. There is no doubt in my mind that some of the causes in which he is interested might possibly attract other persons who are subversive or radical in their intentions or outlook. However, this should in no way indicate that he would have such tendencies. He is only in the reform type organizations for which he works because of his idealism, and he would not do anything detrimental or harmful to the United States Government. If other people in any of those movements were of a subversive or radical nature, this should not in my opinion reflect in any way against Norman, who is a loyal, patriotic American. He is a man who is very discreet by his legal training. He is also mature and has good judgment. He is a modest sort of person and would not divulge important information in order to seem important himself. I would give him my unhesitating recommendation for a highly sensitive assignment. He is not a man who would attempt to undertake anything unless he was fully able and qualified to carry it out.

MICHAEL LIFMAN, Vice-President, Jamaica Manufacturing Company.

I have known Norman for about five or six years. I know that he has been affiliated with Durst Industries for about 14 or 15 years. My association with him is of a business nature only. I have had some rather casual social contact, but I am not a personal friend.

His personal reputation is the very highest. He is a most honorable and forthright kind of individual. Everything about his business dealings are open and above board. His firm are both customers and competitors of ours. I have always found him to be a man most honorable in his business dealings. Never have I heard or seen anything that would reflect adversely upon him.

I am sure he is a loyal, patriotic citizen and I would not expect him to affiliate with any subversive or radical groups. He never discusses politics with me. He is a very intelligent person and I would expect him to show discretion in handling important information of a confidential nature. I would very highly recommend him for a sensitive assignment with our government.

APPELLATE DIVISION, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department. Record information furnished by George Mack.

The Admissions File, completed when Norman Redlich became a member of the New York State Bar, indicated that he was living with his mother,

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Pauline Durst Redlich at 24 Fifth Avenue in New York City. He had been born on November 12, 1925 in the Bronx, New York City.

He was recommended by Marvin S. Machson, an Attorney of New York City who knew him for one year; Joseph Kauffman, an Accountant of Mt. Vernon, New York, who knew him for 13 years; Harry Epstein, a Physician of Bronx, New York City who had known him since birth; Stephen A. Liber, a Stock Broker of New York City who had known him for 13 years; Friedrich Kessler, a Professor of Law of New Haven, Connecticut who had known him for three and one half years; he was personally sponsored by an Attorney named Charles Korn. The file contains highly laudatory replies by each of these persons concerning the subject.

The file contains information that subject had service in the United States Army from June, 1943 to August, 1945 and received an Honorable Discharge. The file contains a clearance by the Police Department of Mt. Vernon, New York dated March 12, 1951; it contains clear police records from the City of New York dated March 17, 1951. The file indicated that the subject swore that he never used any other name except Norman Redlich. In 1951, he was not married.

He indicated that he had resided from November, 1925 to September, 1938 at 2447 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York City; from September, 1938 to November, 1950 at 21 Sycamore Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York; from November, 1950 to March, 1951 at 24 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Under Military Service, he indicated that from October, 1943 to January, 1944, he was in the Army Specialized Training Unit at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; in January, 1944, he reported to Fort Dix, New Jersey; from January, 1944 to March, 1944, he was at Fort Benning, Georgia; from March, 1944 to October, 1944, he was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; from October, 1944 to March, 1945, he was overseas with the 100th Infantry; from March, 1945 to August, 1945 he was at Camp Butner, North Carolina.

The record reflects that his father, Milton, who had been born in Austria, had died on December 11, 1945.

From September, 1930 to January, 1934, he attended Public School 33, Bronx, New York; from January, 1934 to September, 1935 he attended P. S. 85, Bronx, New York City; from September, 1935 to September, 1938, he attended Fieldston School, Bronx, New York City; from September, 1938 until June, 1940, he attended Willson Junior High School, Mt. Vernon, New York; from September, 1940 to January, 1943, he attended A. B. Davis High School, Mt. Vernon, New York.

In reply to questions concerning his draft status, he indicated that he enlisted before the age of 18. He stated that he received a disability discharge due to trench foot. He stated that he had advised local Draft Board No. 10 at Mt. Vernon, New York that he had never been inducted, commissioned or enlisted under the Selective Service Act of 1948 because he had a Draft Status of 4A due to previous

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Military Service.

The file indicates that he was employed by Durst Manufacturing Company of 409 Lafayette Street, New York City from August, 1945 to November, 1945; from June, 1948 to September, 1948; from June, 1949 to July, 1949; from July, 1950 to March, 1951.

The file reflects that prior to being drafted for Military Service in January, 1945, he served as a Cadet from October, 1943 to January, 1944.

The file contains information furnished by the subject that he testified in Williamstown, Massachusetts as a witness on behalf of a Negro who had been refused a haircut in a local barber shop. The plaintiff won the case with the aid of Mr. Redlich.

Subject states that in May, 1950, he wrote a paper entitled "Corporate Liquidation and Income Tax" which appeared in the Tax Law Review.

He also wrote a paper entitled "Private Attorneys - General; Group Action in the Fight for Civil Liberties," an unsigned comment 58 Yale LJ 574-598, (1949).

He stated that he also wrote "Trial Judges Duty to Call Witnesses in Res Ipsa Loquitur Cases", an unsigned article 58 Yale LJ 1, (December, 1948).

In response to a question whether the subject believed in our basic form of government, he replied "Yes, I believe the basic principle underlying our form of government in my opinion, is the principal of free elections made real by the guarantees of free expression and free worship. Given this framework, it becomes possible for our government to meet changing economic and social problems without causing any breakdown in our political structure. Only a government such as ours, which is ready to adapt itself to the needs of the nation, can retain the blessings which free and orderly government provides. While other nations are forced to resort to ruthless tyrannies of the left or right, ours can still serve and preserve our liberties. I believe in the principles underlying our form of government because they offer the best possible hope for achieving a society in which we can be politically free and economically secure".

In answer to the question "Are you pledged to aid in effecting changes in our form of government", the subject answered "No".

In answer to a question "Are you a member of any party or organization created for such purpose or the propagandizing thereof", the subject answered " No".

The subject listed the following organization to which he belonged; Phi Beta Kappa, 1947 to date.

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Gargoyle Society of Williams College, (for extra curricular activities), 1947 to date.

Order of Coif, (Legal Scholastic Honors), 1950 to date.

New Haven Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, (devoted to protecting individual rights), February, 1950 to June, 1950.

National Association For the Advancement of Colored People, 1940 to 1949 and 1950 to date, (a national organization to protect the rights of Negroes).

In answer to a question "Can you conscientiously and do you affirm you are, without any mental reservation, loyal to the Government of the United States of America", the subject answered "Yes".

The file contains a copy of Certificate of Birth Record No. 14128 issued at Bronx, New York City, indicating that he was born on November 12, 1925.

The file contains many letters by the persons given as reference which very highly praise the subject. Among the persons sending those letters was Irving Kapling, 120 Lorrain Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York who stated that they knew the subject from 1940 to 1951; Professor Emile Despres, of Williams College, Massachusetts, who knew the subject from 1945 to 1950.

The file contains a photostatic copy of an Honorable Discharge concerning the subject, Army Serial Number 12225769 from Company I, 347 Infantry, Issued at the Station Hospital, Camp Butner, North Carolina and dated August 15, 1945.

The file indicates that subject received educational benefits under Public Law 16.

The file contains favorable replies to inquiries sent to the principals of Willson Junior High School and A. B. Davis Junior High School, Mt. Vernon, New York; from the Registrars of Williams College and Yale University.

The file finally indicates that Certificate No. A 15298 was issued by the State Board of Law Examiners of the State of New York on January 8, 1951 indicating that the subject was qualified by examination for the practice of law in the State of New York.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Investigation was discontinued at this point as a result of teletype dated March 19, 1964.

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