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WALTER WILSON JENKINS
SPL

(S) [WF 1409-S*] on 10/16/64, learned that WALTER TROHAN, Chicago Tribune, while at the Mexican Embassy, discussed with RUSS (ph) a story which he, TROHAN, had written concerning Secret Service action with respect to the FBI record of JENKINS' arrest. The discussion was prompted by a report received by RUSS to the effect that the New York Times will publish an account which differs with that reported by TROHAN.

The Times, according to RUSS, will say that the Secret Service admitted they did not send on to the White House the arrest of JENKINS because they did not think it was important. For that reason, he wanted to know whether any change was necessary in TROHAN's account. TROHAN, in reply, stated RUSS could tell them that ROWLEY, a great friend of his, told him as a routine matter it was sent there, it could be assumed it was sent there if it concerned the President or Vice President of the U. S. However, TROHAN continued, "they wouldn't say that on the record, nor when the investigation comes through, being under the control of the President are they going to put the heat under the White House." TROHAN added that he has known ROWLEY since the day he joined the Secret Service. Last week, ROWLEY wrote a note to TROHAN thanking him for the column defending the Secret Service after the Warren report. Consequently, he would tell TROHAN the truth but cannot on the record.

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They agreed to leave TROHAN's story as it is, TROHAN suggesting that RUSS can tell WES (ph) to change the story if he wants to because undoubtedly ROWLEY is under orders and is going to have to change it, he will have to do what JOHNSON tells him.

(S) [WF 1409-S*] received the foregoing information at 10:36 p.m.

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