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July 27, 1977

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Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with a request received from you on June 28, 1977, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Palmer. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Palmer, former secretary with Department of Housing and Urban Development and Office of Management and Budget, is a recently hired researcher with the requesting committee. She was charged with drunk driving in Virginia, which was reduced to reckless driving. Investigation otherwise favorable and complete.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 27, 1977

ELIZABETH JANE PALMER

THE INVESTIGATION OF MRS. PALMER COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HER CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HER INCOME.

Birth

Mrs. Palmer was born on May 30, 1928, in Falls City, Nebraska, as Elizabeth Jane Yoder.

Education

Mrs. Palmer attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, from September, 1946, to January, 1950, receiving a B.S. degree.

She also attended the University of Omaha, now known as the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Nebraska, from September, 1961, to January, 1962, and June, 1962, to August, 1962, as a part-time student, receiving no degree, but satisfactorily completing her course of study.

Employment

June, 1948, to
August, 1948

Department of the Air Force,
Washington, D. C., as a
clerk-typist

January, 1950, to
January, 1952

Nebraska Board of Examiners
for Architects and Engineers,
Lincoln, Nebraska, as a secre-
tary

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Elizabeth Jane Palmer

Sister

**Sally Yoder Frank
San Bernardino, California**

Persons interviewed during this inquiry who are acquainted with Mrs. Palmer's close relatives advised they are reputable individuals.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mrs. Palmer.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mrs. Palmer or her close relatives, except the following:

The files of the Commonwealth of Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, reveal Mrs. Palmer was charged on January 17, 1975, with "driving while under the influence of alcohol." On November 26, 1975, she was judged guilty of a reduced charge of "reckless driving" and she paid a fine of \$50 concerning this violation.

Security Clearances

Mrs. Palmer was granted a secret clearance on February 12, 1973, by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This clearance terminated at the cessation of her employment with this agency on May 10, 1975.

Mrs. Palmer was also granted a top secret clearance in May, 1975, by the Office of Management and Budget, which clearance was terminated on February 19, 1977.

1 - Mr. Fehl
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May 27, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with a request received from you on April 28, 1977, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ponder. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Mrs. Ponder is a secretary for House Select Committee on Assassinations. Investigation complete and favorable except for arrest record on some of her relatives.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 27, 1977

MARY ELIZABETH PONDER

THE INVESTIGATION OF MRS. PONDER COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HER CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HER INCOME.

Birth

Mrs. Ponder was born on December 24, 1942, in Austin, Texas, as Mary Elizabeth Craft.

Education

Mrs. Ponder graduated from the L.C. Anderson High School, Austin, Texas, in June, 1961.

She attended the Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View, Texas, from September, 1961, to June, 1963, but did not receive a degree.

Mrs. Ponder has indicated she also attended the San Antonio Commerical and Technical College, San Antonio, Texas, from September, 1963, to an unspecified time in 1964. This college is no longer in business and its records are not available.

Employment

March, 1964, to
March, 1970

City of Austin, Texas,
as a secretary

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Close Relatives

Mrs. Wolf's sister, Bobbie Jean Craft, is deceased. In addition to her husband, mentioned previously, Mrs. Wolf has the following living close relatives, all of whom reside in Austin, Texas:

Father	Otis Craft
Mother	Beulah Mae Craft
Sister	Emma Jean Craft

Those acquainted with her close relatives advised they are reputable individuals.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mrs. Wolf.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mrs. Wolf or her close relatives, except the following:

Records of the Austin, Texas, Police Department disclose Otis Craft, Mrs. Ponder's father, was arrested for "investigation" in December 13, 1940, and was released on December 15, 1940.

He was also arrested for felony theft on April 2, 1950. The disposition or status of this charge is not available.

Records of the Travis County Sheriff's Office, Austin, Texas, disclose Otis Craft was charged with "swindling with a worthless check" on April 30, 1973. No disposition is available concerning this charge.

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Records of Austin, Texas, Police Department, also disclose Beulah Mae Craft, Mrs. Ponder's mother, was arrested on February 5, 1944, for investigation of prostitution after being found in bed with a soldier during a police raid on a house of prostitution. The disposition for this charge is listed as "held for clinic for VD check."

These records also disclose Beulah Mae Craft was fined \$12 for a drunk charge on June 19, 1951.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, indicating its files contain no record concerning Mrs. Ponder.

Information has been received from the Central Intelligence Agency indicating its files contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning Mrs. Ponder.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mrs. Ponder.

