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TO JOHN DEAN  
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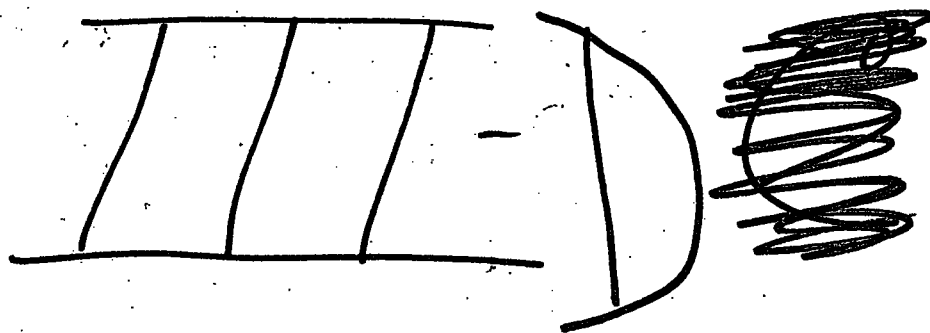
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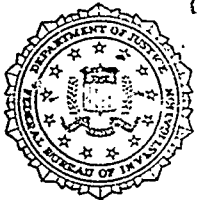
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(SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER)

Reference is made to my letter of January 30, 1975, setting forth information in the "Sullivan memoranda." Your attention is invited to specifically Item 8 of this letter. This item is made up of two paragraphs. The first paragraph states that President Johnson asked the FBI to look into members of Senator Goldwater's staff and give him the results. A review was made and results furnished some of which contains derogatory information. We have located a work copy of a memorandum to Mr. DeLoach dated October 26, 1964, captioned "NAME CHECK REQUEST FOR WHITE HOUSE." This copy states that Bill Moyers, Special Assistant to the President, requested a special check of the Bureau's files concerning persons employed in Senator Goldwater's office. Using the United States Senate telephone directory, 15 individuals were listed and a memorandum was attached reflecting the results of the check. The recommendation was that Mr. DeLoach furnish the memorandum to Mr. Moyers.

We are unable to locate a record copy of the above-described memoranda.

A record copy of a letter to Mr. Moyers dated October 27, 1964, is in file and was hand delivered by Mr. DeLoach on October 28, 1964. This letter advised that there was no derogatory information in our files on 13 of the individuals mentioned. However, concerning Edward Kenneth Nelior who "has been . . . his traveling press secretary, the FBI received information ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ The informant stated ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ . . . she also alleged that on one occasion . . . ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. She said she had avoided him since that time." Also furnished was an Identification Record for William Randall Seward who was apparently identical with Senator Goldwater's legislative assistant. This Identification Record showed a traffic violation on August 10, 1956, in California.

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