

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The President discussed with me this morning the attached material concerning the enclosed column by the Alsop Brothers, which appeared in the Washington Post for February 22, 1954.

The following items, in addition to the column, are enclosed: (1) an analysis of the Alsop column made by representatives of the NSC staff, and (2) a statement made by the President at the NSC Meeting of November 23, 1953, relative to the prevention of unauthorized disclosures of classified information.

The President requested me to call to your attention the last paragraph of item (2) attached and ascertain whether in your opinion the F.B.I. should be directed to investigate this case with a view to identifying the source or sources of information which served as the basis for the aforementioned Alsop column.

If your opinion is in the affirmative, this communication may be deemed a direction by the President for the immediate conduct by the F.B.I. of such an investigation. If this office can be of assistance to you in this connection, or to the F.B.I. in connection with an investigation, please call upon us. Mr. Coyne will keep current with this matter.

Signed

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to the President

Enclosures -

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