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SUBJECT: CARYL CHESSMAN
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Re Bonn Legat letter to Bureau, 11/3/59.

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One copy of statement of [redacted] was furnished to CHARLES A. O'BRIEN, Chief Assistant - Criminal Law to the Attorney General of California, State Building, San Francisco, on 11/19/59.

Mr. O'BRIEN, after reviewing the statement, requested he be furnished a copy of the photograph referred to in the statement.

It is suggested that the Bureau obtain and furnish copy of this photograph to the San Francisco Office for transmittal to Mr. O'BRIEN.

An additional copy of this airtel is submitted to be furnished the Legat at Bonn for the information of that office.

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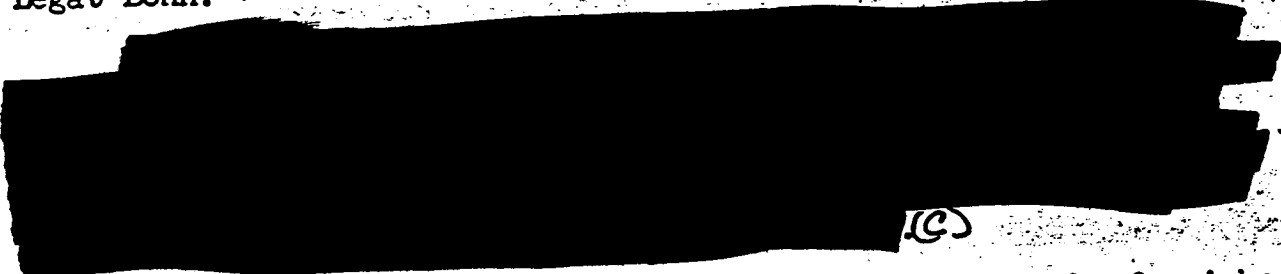
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Re Bureau Form 07, dated 11/30/59, with enclosures from the
Legat Bonn.



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TO : Mr. McGuire

DATE: 2-4-60

FROM : W. G. Eames

SUBJECT:

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EDITORIAL

'116' Years in Death Row Should be Enough for Chessman?

Typographical errors are the bane of every newspaperman's

life. They happen in the best of publications, even in good books, but more often in newspapers which must beat deadlines.

Sometimes I wonder if it is always a mistake. When I was a cub reporter, we had a jovial linotyper named Job, and like the Biblical Job, he too, had patience-- with my often dashed off copy, and of course he corrected it.

But I remember once when I caught a slip in print, I asked him how it ever got past his machine. He merely said "I dunno", with a twinkle in his eye. I guess sometimes they let their humor get the best of efficiency-- with a laugh for all.

Recently in the SD Union was one that struck me as being correct although it was an error! The story told of Caryl Chessman's new petition on his stay of execution: "It was the 13th time the highest court has turned Chessman down during the 116 years he has been in San Quentin Prison's condemned row".

Factually he has lived 1 1/2 years in death row, been condemned seven times to die a horrible death in civilization's grisly gas chamber for a crime many are not sure he committed, and which he stoutly denies. He has been refused a lie-detector test. California prosecutors are in a dither to get him under ground.

But he has a good point of law-- the transcript of his trial is clouded as the court reporter died before he could make a transcription, according to law. An alcoholic nepotist stenographer was paid a high sum to do it, proved to have over 2000 errors. (See story in Union's

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Parade for Dec. 27). Or better,
read Chessman's two best sellers,
'Cell 2455, Death Row' and 'Face
of Justice', which opened my
eyes to this gross miscarriage
of justice; due process of law.
That is why he has legitimately
evaded death these many years.

Perhaps his attorney should
contend that, having been in for
'116 years', he has served more
than a life sentence already.
At least we feel that 11½ years
under such a penalty, would feel
like 116 years.

Many all over the world believe
that this man has been punished
enough. Anyhow the death penalty
for the crime (he killed none),
has since been lifted. If there
is any shadow of a doubt as to
his guilt, his life should be
spared, for none can replace
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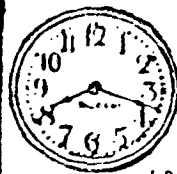
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UPI-94

(CHESSMAN)

AN ATTORNEY FOR CARYL CHESSMAN MADE A 15TH APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE THE CONVICT-AUTHOR FROM EXECUTION FRIDAY MORNING IN CALIFORNIA'S GAS CHAMBER.

MISS ROSALIE ASHER OF SACRAMENTO TOLD REPORTERS HER PAPERS HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY THE SUPREME COURT CLERK TO JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER "AS THE SENIOR JUSTICE AVAILABLE."

THE ATTORNEY, WHO SAID SHE MUST RETURN TO THE WEST COAST TOMORROW AFTERNOON, SAID SHE WILL NOT TRY TO CONTACT OTHER JUSTICES IF FRANKFURTER TURNS HER DOWN.

TODAY, MISS ASHER SOUGHT AN ORIGINAL WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FROM FRANKFURTER. SHE CONCEDED THAT SUCH ACTION BY A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS A "VERY, VERY RARE OCCURENCE."

THE LEGAL POINTS ADVANCED TO FRANKFURTER INCLUDED THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES OF "CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT," WHICH CHESSMAN HAS BROUGHT UP IN RECENT APPEALS. HE HAS BEEN CONFINED IN DEATH ROW AT SAN QUENTIN FOR 11 AND ONE HALF YEARS.

MISS ASHER TOLD REPORTERS SHE ALSO INCLUDED AN AFFIDAVIT BY AN OAKLAND, CALIF., HANDWRITING EXPERT J. I. STERNITZKY, WHO SAID A SUBSTITUTE SHORTHAND REPORTER WHO TRANSCRIBED THE TRIAL FORGED SOME OF HIS NOTES.

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What do we know of him?

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MISS ASHER SAID AN APPEAL TO GOV. PAT BROWN OF CALIFORNIA FOR
CLEMENCY SEEMED LIKELY BEFORE THE EXECUTION DEADLINE.
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 Mr. Callahan
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION W. B. GRIFFITH, FBI LABORATORY

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 2 PGS

RE CHESSMAN CASE REUR CALL TODAY CONCERNING IDENTITY OF J. L. STERNITZKY, ALLEGED OAKLAND HANDWRITING EXPERT. STERNITZKY IS EIGHTY YEAR OLD RETIRED HEAD OF CHECK DETAIL, OAKLAND PD. FULL NAME IS JEWEL OR JULES L. STERNITZKY. RETIRED FROM PD ONE NINE FOUR NINE AFTER TWO EIGHT YEARS AS HEAD OF DETAIL. WAS QUALIFIED ON STAND AS EXPERT ON HANDWRITING CONFINED TO CHECKS ONLY IN SUPERIOR COURT, ALAMEDA COUNTY. BOASTS THAT HE HAS ONLY BEEN QUOTE ^{BETEN} "BETEN ONCE" UNQUOTE WHEN HE TESTIFIED THAT THE HANDWRITING ON A CHECK WAS THAT OF A DEFENDANT WHOM THE DEFENSE PROVED WAS IN JAIL WHEN IT WAS MADE OUT. HE IS CONSIDERED AS HONEST BUT NOW HAS A QUOTE "FADING MIND" UNQUOTE DUE TO AGE. LIVES QUIETLY IN OAKLAND AND DOES A LITTLE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE WORK ON THE SIDE WHEN ANY INDIVIDUAL COMES TO HIM CONCERNING IT. SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION FILES REFLECT HE IS AUTHOR OF BOOK QUOTE "FORGERY AND FICTITIOUS CHECKS" UNQUOTE PUBLISHED BY THOMAS, ONE NAUGHT ONE PAGES, FOUR DOLLARS SEVEN FIVE CENTS, NOVEMBER ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. THE SUBJECT OF THE BOOK IS A GENERAL STORY

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DEFINING METHODS USED BY SOME OF COUNTRY-S TOP FORGERS POINTING
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CONSIDERED LIGHT BOOK MORE THAN DEEP SERIOUS WORK. BOOK ALONE
HAS SOME FIVE NAUGHT ILLUSTRATIONS OF SPURIOUS CHECKS WITH
DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF CASES AND FLAWS ENABLING PD TO APPREHEND
ISSUER. SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER TODAY STATES QUOTE "MOST OF THE
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND REJECTED BY STATE
OR FEDERAL COURTS.. AN EXAMPLE IS AN AFFIDAVIT FROM A FORMER
OAKLAND POLICEMAN, J. L. STERNITZKY, WHO SAYS HE IS A HANDWRITING
EXPERT AND THAT SOME OF THE SHORTHAND NOTES OF CHESSMAN-S ORIGINAL
LOS ANGELES TRIAL ARE FORGED." UNQUOTE.

END AND ACK PLS

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*cc: Mr. Tamm and
Mr. Griffith*

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TO : Mr. Tamm

DATE: 2/17/60

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: APPEAL OF CARYL CHESSMAN
 REFERENCE TO OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
 HANDWRITING EXPERT J. L. STERNITZKY

On February 16, 1960, the Washington Capital News Service carries an item concerning a final appeal in behalf of Chessman to Justice Felix Frankfurter (Chessman is to be executed Friday morning in California's gas chamber.) The news item states Chessman's appeal "included an affidavit by an Oakland, Calif., handwriting expert J. L. Sternitzky, who said a substitute shorthand reporter who transcribed the trial forged some of his notes." The Director has asked "What do we know of him?"

There is no record in Bureau files definitely identifiable with this individual.

San Francisco advised by teletype today that Sternitzky is eighty years old and retired head of Oakland Police Department Check Detail. Sternitzky retired from Police Department in 1949, after twenty-eight years service. During his service with the Police Department Sternitzky qualified in court as an expert on handwriting with respect to fraudulent checks only. Sternitzky now does a little general investigative work, is considered honest although due to his age it is considered he has a "fading mind."

San Francisco teletype quotes an item appearing this morning in the San Francisco papers concerning this matter which is pertinent to Sternitzky's affidavit

"Most of the documentary evidence has been considered and rejected by state or Federal courts. An example is an affidavit from a former Oakland Policeman, J. L. Sternitzky, who says he is a handwriting expert and that some of the shorthand notes of Chessman's original Los Angeles trial are forged."

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RECOMMENDATION: None. For your information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach, Room 5640

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DATE: February 19, 1960

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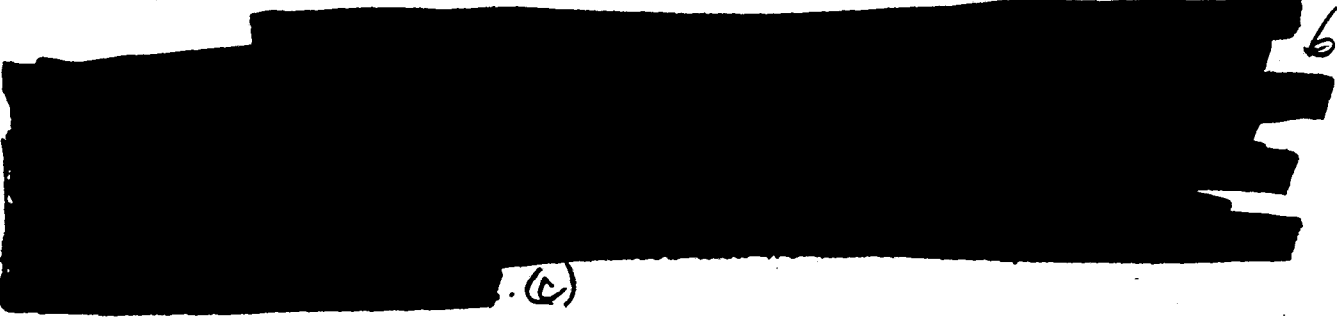
TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: CARYL CHESSMAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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This memorandum is being submitted in accordance with your request concerning the manner in which the cablegram from Legal Attache Charles Bates in London regarding the Chessman case was handled. The cablegram in question was received in the Bureau sometime last evening and was first called to my attention around 11:35 p. m. by Mr. Wick in Mr. DeLoach's Office. He read the cablegram to me in toto and told me that he had been in contact with Mr. Parsons who felt that the contents of the communication should be furnished to appropriate California authorities without comment from the Bureau.



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Since it was realized that there was a possibility of a leak from the Governor's office, Mr. Auerbach was instructed that if any inquiry was received from the press concerning the communication, he was to advise the press that we had received such a communication, that he should refer callers to the appropriate California authorities for any further information and to make no comment of any kind. He was told to have no discussion whatsoever concerning it with the press. In other words, his instructions were to merely confirm that we had delivered a message of that kind to the Governor and any further comment was to come from the Governor's office.

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Mohr to Tolson memo
Re: CARYL CHESSMAN

Auerbach had one inquiry from United Press International (UPI) this afternoon. He handled it in accordance with Bureau instructions. We had an inquiry today from UPI in Washington at 5:25 p. m. which was no commented.

In accordance with your instructions, Messrs. Auerbach and Wick have been specifically instructed they are to no comment any further inquiries received from the press in connection with this communication.

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You can be sure the Director will be consulted in future in situations of this type.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 19, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: CARYL CHESSMAN
Information concerning

At 5:25 p. m., Sue Wagner of the United Press International called at my office and talked to Kemper.

California
She stated that a source close "to Governor Brown" had indicated that information had been furnished him by the FBI which had come from London, England, which involved the Chessman case. He stated further that the information had been delivered to the Governor by a courier of the FBI.

She asked what comment we desired to make. Kemper told her the FBI had no comment to make in connection with this matter, and any comment would have to come from the Governor.

As you know, the data from the Legat, London, stating the service man used the same modus operandi as Chessman was delivered by SAC Auerbach of San Francisco to the Governor's mansion, February 19, 1960.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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ADDENDUM: (REW:geg) 2-19-60

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Pursuant to your instructions, SAC Auerbach of the San Francisco Office, at 8:20 p. m. today, was instructed by Wick to answer all inquiries in above matter with a strict "no comment" henceforth. Auerbach said he understood and stated he has only received the one inquiry from United Press International thus far.

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Sent to ----- February 19, 1960:

Edmund G. Brown, Gov., Sacramento, Calif.

Mr. Brown:

....In equity you will, of course, now reprieve the
women Chessman deliberately sent hideously into
eternity.

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Thonotosassa, Florida.

...Copy to Hoover-Rogers-et al.

"Juvenile" delinquency? Trial by jury?

Eccl. 8.11; 10.19

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
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URGENT 2-19-60 5-33 PM PST RLW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 2 P

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J.W. Brown

.....IMMEDIATE ATTENTION - NIGHT SUPERVISOR [REDACTED].....

W. W.
CARYL
CHESSMAN CASE. IN RESPONSE YOUR INQUIRY, ATTORNEY GEORGE T. DAVIS LISTED MARTINDALE AND HUBBARD WITH OFFICES ONE ONE ONE SUTTER STREET. IS IDENTICAL WITH SENIOR ATTORNEY GEORGE T. DAVIS REPRESENTING CHESSMAN. PRETEXT TELEPHONE CALL TO DAVIS OFFICE REFLECTS HIM IN THIS CAPACITY AS REPRESENTING CHESSMAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS COMPARED WITH MARTINDALE AND HUBBARD REFLECTS SUBJECT HAS SAME BIRTHDATE, COLLEGE AFFILIATIONS AND ADMISSION TO BAR AS CHESSMAN ATTORNEY. [REDACTED] PRETEXT INQUIRY WITH [REDACTED] REFLECTS [REDACTED] OPINION THAT DAVIS IS AN ADVENTUROUS OPPORTUNIST AND NOT OF TOP NOTCH REPUTATION. [REDACTED] STATES DAVIS MADE HIS FIRST BIG IMPRESSION IN AREA IN MOONEY CASE. REFERENCE FILE REFLECTS SUBJECT WAS ATTORNEY FOR MOONEY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL BY THIS NAME CONTAINED SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE BOOK OR MARTINDALE AND HUBBARD DIRECTORY. SAN FRANCISCO CONSEQUENTLY FEELS NO QUESTION CHESSMAN

END PAGE ONE

Mr. Belmont

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ATTORNEY IS IDENTICAL WITH SAN FRANCISCO REFERENCE FILE. BUREAU REFER
SAN FRANCISCO CRIME SURVEY REPORT JANUARY FIFTEEN, FIFTYONE. PAGES
FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN CONTAIN DATA AS TO ATTORNEY GEORGE T. DAVIS IN WHICH
DAVIS WAS IMPLICATED IN A CHINESE PASSPORT FRAUD SITUATION. FURTHER,
HE IS IDENTIFIED AS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR IN LAST
ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND AS SAN FRANCISCO MANAGER FOR JAMES
ROOSEVELT AS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

END AND ACK PLS

WA 8-39 PM OK FBI WA JG

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CC-MR. BUREAU

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TO : F. A. FROHBOSE

DATE: February 29, 1960

FROM : P. H. FIELDS *pkf*

- 1-Sizoo
- 1-Mooney *E*
- 1-Jahn *E*
- 1-Liaison
- 1-Fields

SUBJECT: CARYL CHESSMAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Major James Ratterree, Office of Special Investigations, (OSI), Air Force, called Liaison on 2-26-60. Ratterree referred to information concerning captioned matter which was orally furnished to OSI by the Bureau Duty Agent on 2-19-60 indicating possibility that a former Air Force member may have been connected in some way with crimes attributed to Chessman. Ratterree noted that it was indicated in regard to above information that it was being given to California authorities by the Bureau. He desired to know whether the Bureau is taking any further action in this matter and whether the information furnished to OSI would be confirmed.

Ratterree was advised that we are not taking any further action in this matter; that the information referred to will not be confirmed since it was received by the Bureau from OSI in London; and that OSI might obtain any additional details from OSI, London.

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For information and record purposes.

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TO : Mr. Parsons *J.*

DATE: February 20, 1960

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *J.*

SUBJECT: CARYL CHESSMAN

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At 4:30 p.m., Special Agent [redacted] called from Phoenix referring to the Associated Press article in Phoenix papers about the reprieve of Chessman for 60 days by Governor Brown of California. These articles reflect that the reprieve was brought about in good part by protests from Latin American countries.

[redacted] said that the Phoenix Office had received an anonymous call from a man who said that one [redacted], a public stenographer in Phoenix, had told him recently that she was contacted by a man who had been a cell mate of Chessman, and who is now working for Chessman on the outside. This man dictated several letters et cetera, to her. She indicated that these letters were being sent down to South America for remailing to the United States, thus making it appear that there was a great deal of sentiment in the South American countries for leniency to Chessman.

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The caller to the Phoenix Office said that in view of this scheme, it may be that the alleged concern of the South American countries is fictitious.

[redacted] wanted to know whether the Bureau desires the stenographer, [redacted] be interviewed. I told him he should take no action other than to send in a teletype to the Bureau with the details of the call, and state in the teletype that Phoenix was taking no action unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, PHOENIX

CARYL CHESSMAN, PRESIDENTS TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA DASH
NINETEEN SIXTY. RE PHOENIX TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

AN ANNONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONED PHOENIX OFFICE TODAY RE
FRONT PAGE NEWS ITEM IN THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC THIS AM CONCERNING
CARYL CHESSMAN AND THE REPRIEVE HE RECEIVED THROUGH GOVERNOR
OF CALIFORNIA. AP RELEASE. SOURCE STATED HE HAD CONVERSATIONS
WITH ONE [REDACTED] PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, [REDACTED]
IN PHOENIX, WHO STATES SHE WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY A LARGE
MAN WHO IS FORMER CELL MATE OF CHESSMAN AND WHO IS QUOTE WORKING
ON THE OUTSIDE FOR CHESSMAN UNQUOTE. THAT HE ENGAGED HER TO WRITE
A NUMBER OF LETTERS FOR HIM FOR MAILING TO ADDRESSES IN SOUTH
AMERICA FOR RE-MAILING TO GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN OF CALIFORNIA.
THE INTENT REPORTEDLY WAS TO PLACE PRESSURE ON GOV. BROWN TO GRANT
CHESSMAN A REPRIEVE FROM GAS CHAMBER. SOURCE CONJECTURED THIS
MAY BE THE BACKGROUND OF NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT
INTERVENED IN CHESSMAN MATTER TO AVOID DISTURBANCES IN URUGUAY
INCIDENTAL TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWERS VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY.

[REDACTED] NOT BEING INTERVIEWED. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN UACB.

END AND ACK

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Mr. Belmont

CC-MR. BELMONT

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URGENT 2-19-60 5-9111 5-08 AM PST WLC

TO DIRECTOR FBI CARYL CHESSMAN
FROM SAC SAN FRANCISCO 1P

ATTN-- ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR JOHN P. MOHR. -----

RE CHESSMAN CASE.. DATA CONTAINED BUREAU TELETYPE TODAY DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR-S MANSION AT TWO ZERO ZERO A. M. THIS DATE BY ME PERSONALLY, TO RICHARD TUCK THE GOVERNOR-S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

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Centerville, Indiana

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Tele. Room	
Mr. Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

February 19, 1960

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was with extreme gratification that I heard this morning of the State Department's intervention in the Caryl Chessman case in California.

In one of Chessman's books he states that he knows the identity of the "Red Light Bandit" and has left such information with one of his attorneys, Miss Rosalie Asher. There is strong conviction among hundreds of people in the Scandinavian countries in most of Western Europe and in England, that Chessman is frankly not guilty as charged. The whole affaire is extremely unsavory and needs much clarification.

|| Could this case possibly come under your jurisdiction?

Respectfully yours,

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[Redacted address line]

Centerville, Indiana

Dear [Redacted name]

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Your letter of February 19, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate your giving me the benefit of your observations concerning the Caryl Chessman case.

I must advise you that this matter does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. This case was handled by the California local authorities, and you might wish to write them.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [Redacted] and we have had no recent correspondence with him. The Caryl Chessman case was handled by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

February 25, 1960

BY COURIER SERVICE

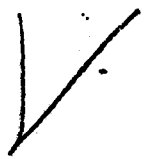
Miss Rose Mary Woods
Executive Secretary to the Vice President
T-6, The Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose Mary:

I am enclosing a letter concerning
Caryl Chessman which I hope you will bring to the
Vice President's attention.

Sincerely,

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February 25, 1960

PERSONAL

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

In view of the recent demonstrations, pleas for leniency, and other widely publicized activities on behalf of Caryl Chessman, I thought you might be interested in some vital facts concerning this criminal and his debt to society.

Chessman's known record dates back to 1937 when, at the age of 16, he was arrested in Los Angeles for suspicion of auto-theft and burglary. This was to mark the beginning of a career as a teen-age hoodlum which saw him committed one time after another to reform schools--only to be repeatedly released to resume a life of crime.

In 1941, Chessman was received at San Quentin to serve a series of sentences for robbery and assault. Following his transfer to the California Institution for Men at Chino, he escaped in August, 1943, but was apprehended the following month and returned to the penitentiary.

Granted a parole in December, 1947, he launched on a crime spree which was to include such brutally atrocious acts that one of his victims, a girl against whom he

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perpetrated acts of sex perversion, is now reported to be in a mental institution. During the reign of terror which preceded his capture early in 1948, he committed robberies, kidnappings, sex offenses and other acts of terrorism.

Nowhere in Chessman's record is there the slightest mitigating circumstance which might serve as an excuse for leniency. Yet, he has succeeded in thwarting all efforts to carry out the death sentence which was handed down 12 years ago.

It is very interesting to examine the backgrounds of the persons who are spearheading Chessman's latest attempt to defeat the interests of justice. One of these men, Abraham Lincoln Wirin, a practicing attorney in Los Angeles, was born in Russia in 1900.

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Wirin still continues to act as counsel for and has supported numerous subversive persons and organizations. For example, in the early 1950's he served as counsel for Smith Act defendants in Los Angeles, Honolulu and New York. As recently as 1958, he was on the Executive Board of the National Lawyers Guild, and he has even claimed to have obtained evidence indicating that the United States used germ warfare in Korea.

George T. Davis, who is another of Chessman's attorneys, also has a long record of association with questionable activities in California. As early as 1937, he was reported to be Vice President of the National Lawyers Guild at San Francisco. In 1936, he served as an attorney for Thomas J. Mooney, who-- due to his conviction for the murder of several people in the

Honorable Richard M. Nixon

Preparedness Day bombing at San Francisco in 1917--became a rallying cause for communists and others of their ilk.

One Federal Judge in California has expressed the opinion that Davis is basically an adventurous opportunist. His connection with Chessman dates back at least as far as 1958 for, in December of that year, he was indicted by the Marin County Grand Jury in connection with the smuggling of the manuscript for a second book by Chessman from San Quentin.

I have long held the view that, when there is no shadow of a doubt concerning the guilt of the defendant, the public interest demands that capital punishment be invoked where the law so provides. Based upon all available facts, these conditions most definitely appear to apply to the case of Caryl Chessman.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

DATE: 2-20-60

FROM : Mr. G. H. Scatterday *gms*

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Name Check
- 1 - Mr. Brown

SUBJECT: GEORGE T. DAVIS

A Washington Capital News Service release of 2-19-60 indicated that Governor Edmund Brown granted Caryl Chessman, condemned convict, another 60-day reprieve "today." Davis was listed as one of Chessman's attorneys. The Director inquired what we know of Davis.

Martindale Hubbell Law Directory lists George T. Davis as an attorney at 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California. His birth date is given as 1906 and graduate of the University of California with an LL.B. degree in 1931.

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_____ revealed that Davis was an attorney in 1936 for Thomas J. Mooney, convicted for the murder of several people in the Preparedness Day bombing in San Francisco in 1917. The freeing of Mooney from San Quentin Penitentiary was sponsored primarily by radical labor and communist groups. Davis was otherwise active in Mooney mass meetings and efforts to free from prison, and was a speaker and honorary pallbearer at Mooney's funeral.

In 1936, Davis allegedly member of executive committee of the Northern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union; presided over meetings of the Progressive National Committee in Fresno; spoke at meetings of the Inter-Professional Association and "Co-operative Californians" (nature of these groups unknown); was a member of advisory board of the Bonanza Springs Camp, a summer camp for children of the International Longshoremen Association members. A number of the children attending this camp came from families connected with labor unions and were known radical and Communist Party members in the San Francisco area. (100-32262) In 1937, Davis reportedly was vice president of the National Lawyers Guild, (cited) in San Francisco.

A news release in December, 1950, indicated that George T. Davis, prominent San Francisco attorney and Democrat who served as President Truman's Northern California campaign manager in 1948, had been freed of charges that he had conspired to help alien Chinese obtain U. S. passports. He had originally been charged as being involved in the false passport racket with Chinese in the San Francisco

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: GEORGE T. DAVIS

area, and it was alleged that he had furnished delayed birth certificates to Chinese residents in the U. S. who were desirous of returning to China for a visit.

On 12-2-58, the district attorney of San Rafael, California, advised that the Marin County Grand Jury had returned an indictment against George T. Davis, prominent San Francisco criminal attorney, in connection with the smuggling of convict-author Caryl Chessman's latest book manuscript from San Quentin. It was indicated that this was the second Chessman book manuscript smuggled out.

[REDACTED] of San Francisco has expressed the opinion that Davis is an adventurous opportunist and not of top-notch reputation who made his first big impression in the area in the Mooney case.

Bureau files do not reveal further subversive information concerning Davis [REDACTED]

ACTION:

This is for the Director's information.

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(CHESSMAN)

SAN QUENTIN, CALIF.--GOV. EDMUND BROWN GRANTED CONDEMNED CONVICT CARYL CHESSMAN A 60-DAY REPRIEVE EARLY TODAY BASED PARTLY ON THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER CLAMOROUS WORLD PROTEST.

THE GOVERNOR MADE HIS SURPRISE MOVE LESS THAN 10 HOURS BEFORE THE 38-YEAR-OLD ROBBER-RAPIST WAS TO DIE BY GAS IN SAN QUENTIN PRISON.

BROWN SAID HE WAS INFLUENCED BY THE ISSUE OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND A STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM EXPRESSING FEAR OF "ANTICIPATED HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS" DURING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PENDING SOUTH AMERICA TOUR.

THE GOVERNOR -- A LONG-TIME OPPONENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT -- SAID HE WOULD CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SOLVE THE "BASIC DIVISION AMONG US" REGARDING THE DEATH PENALTY.

CHESSMAN WAS INFORMED IMMEDIATELY BY WARDEN FRED DICKSON, THE SELF-TAUGHT AUTHOR-CONVICT, WHO THIS TIME CAME CLOSER TO DEATH THAN EVER BEFORE IN HIS 11-1/2 YEAR BATTLE, WAS SCHEDULED TO TALK WITH REPORTERS LATER IN THE DAY (ABOUT NOON, EST).

GEORGE T. DAVIS, ONE OF CHESSMAN'S ATTORNEYS, EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT HIS CLIENT -- WHO NOW HAS SIDESTEPED EIGHT EXECUTION DATES WOULD NEVER FACE THE NINTH.

"WE HAVE ALL BEEN THROUGH A TERRIBLE STRAIN, AND THAT INCLUDES GOV. BROWN," DAVIS SAID. "I DON'T THINK CARYL CHESSMAN WILL EVER BE EXECUTED, AND I HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT."

BROWN, IN ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION IN SACRAMENTO, SAID HE WANTED "TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA, THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE, A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ONCE MORE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT."

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE CONCURRENT WITH A SCHEDULED MARCH BUDGET SESSION TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO EXPLORE THE MATTER.

"I HOPE THE LEGISLATURE WILL ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, BUT I, OF COURSE, WILL ABIDE BY ITS DECISION -- WHATEVER THAT DECISION MAY BE," HE SAID.

THE 1959 LEGISLATURE TURNED DOWN AN ATTEMPT TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AS HAVE OTHER CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURES IN RECENT YEARS.

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2501 WEST STATE • SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

February 22, 1960

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Mr. H
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The recent clamour caused by the Chessman case against capital punishment we feel is an important subject in the minds of all Americans. I want to speak soon to my congregation concerning this important issue, because of all agencies that should be interested in the prevention of crime, the church should be the leader. I would appreciate having a personal letter from you concerning your views on capital punishment, and even more important, I need any and all information you can send me from your office concerning the recent records of conviction for capital offenses and how many of those convicted paid for these offenses with their lives.

To be very frank, we are disturbed by the clamour being caused by many clergymen who claim that the right of law enforcement to punish convicted criminals is immoral and un-Christian. We feel that it is a God-given right for civil authority to convict and punish hideous crimes, many of which are going unmanisbed in our land at the present time. I know you are a very busy man, but I urge you to send a personal letter along with the pertinent information I have asked for.

I have a very fine friend with whom I'm well acquainted, who is one of your agents by the name of [redacted]. I have known him for several years and stayed in his home during a city-wide campaign when he was stationed in North Carolina. Of all the organizations in America trying to hold the fortress of truth and right, I personally feel the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the main stay of our nation. I look forward with great anticipation to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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[redacted] Special Agent,
assigned Charlotte
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Resigned: 10/31/45
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March 2, 1960

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Bible Baptist Church
2501 West State
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bray:

Your letter of February 22, 1960, has been received, and while I cannot comment on the Chessman case, I can give you my views on capital punishment.

Experience has clearly demonstrated that the time-proven deterrents to crime are sure detection, swift apprehension, and proper punishment. Each is a necessary ingredient. Law-abiding citizens have a right to expect that the efforts of law enforcement officers in detecting and apprehending criminals will be followed by realistic punishment. The criminal fears capital punishment. Where there is no shadow of a doubt concerning the guilt of a defendant, public interest demands that capital punishment be invoked where the law so provides.

I am enclosing the latest Uniform Crime Reports bulletin, and I hope that this information will assist you in the preparation of the material you will give to your congregation. Your kind remarks concerning this Bureau are indeed appreciated, and I was glad to learn that you are acquainted with Special Agent [Redacted]

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. W. H. Belmont

DATE: February 19, 1960

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN;
 ROSALIE S. ASHER;
 GEORGE T. DAVIS
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

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Washington Capital News Service 2-19 carried comments of Abraham Lincoln Wirin, Rosalie Asher and George T. Davis, described as attorneys for Caryl Chessman, the convicted California murderer, whose death sentence was today reprieved by Governor Brown of California. The Director asked to be furnished information concerning these counsel.

Abraham Lincoln Wirin

Wirin, a practicing attorney in Los Angeles for a number of years, was born in Russia in 1900 and is a naturalized citizen. [REDACTED] has represented a considerable number of persons and organizations having Communist Party connections. (A brief summary concerning the subversive connections of Wirin is attached.)

Rosalie S. Asher

Bureau files contain no information of pertinence concerning Rosalie Asher other than information that she is an attorney of record for Chessman. Martindale-Hubbell Directory shows her to have been born in 1919, a graduate of the McGeorge College of Law at Sacramento, California, obtaining her law degree in 1940 and presently being a practicing attorney in Sacramento.

George T. Davis

Bureau files contain a very large number of references to George T. Davis. These are being reviewed and a separate memorandum concerning him will be submitted.

ACTION:

Submitted in accordance with the Director's request.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Scatterday
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN

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He was born in 1900 in Brezna, Russia, and claims derivative citizenship through the naturalization of his father, who was naturalized in 1913. He is an attorney in the law firm of Wirin, Rissman, Okrand and Posner, with offices at 257 South Spring Street, Los Angeles. He resides at 2622 Glendower Avenue, Los Angeles. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the Boston University Law School.

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In 1959 he is reported to have stated that he is not a communist and does not advocate overthrow of the Government. This was reported in the "Los Angeles Times" of November 26, 1959.

For many years Wirin has acted as counsel for, or has otherwise supported, numerous persons and organizations with Communist Party connections. Examples of this activity are as follows:

He was among counsel for Smith Act defendants in the Los Angeles trial in 1952, in the Honolulu trial in 1952 and 1953, and in the New York trial in 1954.

He has been affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union since the 1930's and has at times been referred to as its chief counsel.

He was a member of the National Lawyers Guild as early as 1941 and has been an officer of the National Lawyers Guild at various periods. As recently as 1958 he was on its executive board.

He has appeared as counsel for numerous persons, including known Communist Party members subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This included

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representation of Frank Wilkinson, executive secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. Wilkinson was charged with contempt of Congress in connection with his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Atlanta.

He acted as counsel for John W. Powell, Sylvia Powell and Julian Schuman. These individuals were tried for sedition, being charged with having falsely accused the U. S. of utilizing germ warfare in Korea. In this connection, Wirin made a trip to China and upon his return said that he had obtained evidence indicating that the U. S. had used germ warfare in Korea. The case ended in a mistrial and a retrial date has not as yet been set.

In addition to the above, Wirin within the past year has had some affiliation with such Communist Party fronts as the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Southland Jewish Organization, and Women for Legislative Action.

Wirin has also participated as defense attorney in a number of criminal trials, including representation of Mickey Cohen, notorious west coast underworld figure.

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(CHESSMAN)

SAN FRANCISCO--ONE OF CARYL CHESSMAN'S ATTORNEYS SAID TODAY HE THOUGHT HIS CLIENT HAD ESCAPED THE SAN QUENTIN GAS CHAMBER FOREVER. "I DON'T THINK CARYL CHESSMAN WILL EVER BE EXECUTED," GEORGE T. DAVIS SAID, "AND I HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT."

ANOTHER OF HIS ATTORNEYS AGREED THAT LEGISLATIVE ACTION WAS PARAMOUNT. "NOW WE MUST CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS IN THE LEGISLATURE," SAID ROSALIE ASHER. "WE WILL KEEP ON WITH WHAT WE WERE DOING IN AN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE, THE LEGISLATURE, TOWARD ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY."

MISS ASHER WENT TO SACRAMENTO LAST NIGHT AND PRESENTED AN APPEAL TO GOV. BROWN'S CLEMENCY SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY CONFERRED WITH THE GOVERNOR AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THE REPRIEVE. MISS ASHER SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HER EFFORTS DID OR DID NOT MOVE BROWN. HE MADE NO REFERENCES TO HER APPEAL IN HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE REPRIEVE.

CHESSMAN'S ATTORNEYS, INCLUDING A. L. WIRIN OF LOS ANGELES, HAD A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO A BUSY DAY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION. EARLIER THEY WERE TURNED DOWN BY THE STATE SUPREME COURT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO DAYS, AND HAD ADDRESSED AN UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO FEDERAL JUDGE LOUIS E. GOODMAN IN LOS ANGELES.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

CARYL CHESSMAN, INFORMATION CONCERNING. REURCAB FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY OSI AS SET OUT IN RECAB APPEARS TO BE MATTER THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROPERLY HANDLED BY OSI, RATHER THAN FURNISHING SAME TO BU FOR HANDLING. IT IS TO BE NOTED BU HAS NO JURISDICTION THIS MATTER. FOR YOUR FUTURE GUIDANCE YOU SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY AWARE TO INSURE THAT YOUR OFFICE AND THE BUREAU DO NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS WHEREIN NO BU JURISDICTION IS EVIDENT OR PROPER PURPOSES SERVED. YOU SHOULD SUCAB ADVISING IN DETAIL WHY YOU ACCEPTED THIS INFORMATION FROM OSI FOR HANDLING WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROPERLY HANDLED BY THAT DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE: Information furnished by Colonel Bernard Duffy, OSI 3rd Air Force headquarters, London, concerning instant subject as furnished by London taxi driver concerning subject and his plea for stay of execution. Director noted, "I don't see why OSI wasn't told to transmit this themselves. Gov. Brown is looking for any "out" to avert Chessman execution, and I don't like FBI being injected into it."

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Dear Edgar,

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed editorial which we ran on the front page of yesterday's OAKLAND TRIBUNE.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bill
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...that no matter how
...honour his crimes, if he is
...invoking all types of techni-
...he can cheat the lawful sentence of our courts
...and the decisions of our juries and can make a mock-
...of the processes of law and justice.

From now on any condemned man has the assur-
...ance that the longer he delays his execution the easier
...it will be to claim that the very act of prolonging his
...life in prison will be considered "cruel and inhuman
...punishment" and will then be taken up by fuzzy-
...minded people all over the world as a cause celebre.

To be sure there are many sincere people who be-
...lieve that due to the circumstances of the Chessman
...case and the prolonged delay in carrying out the judg-
...ment of the trial court a basis existed for judicial re-
...versal of the judgment or for executive clemency. But
...certainly not for the reasons given by the Gover-
...nor's office nor in the way it was done.

Is the criteria for justice or clemency in California
...now to be determined by the threat of mob violence in
...foreign lands?

Each time that an American President, Vice Presi-
...dent or Secretary of State makes a good will trip is he
...to be subjected to blackmail? Are we in the position
...that unless one of the 50 American sovereign states
...commutes a death penalty or frees a prisoner that ill
...will and perhaps violence will be directed against our
...officials?

Far better that all such trips be cancelled than
...that the prestige of our Nation and the dignity of our
...states be reduced to this sad condition.

Instead of wiring the Governor of California, Assis-
...tant Secretary of State Roy Rubottom should have
...cabled the government of Uruguay that if their
...country was not prepared to give the President of our
...Nation a friendly welcome the visit to that nation
...would be forthwith cancelled but that our federal
...system of government would not be compromised.

Then, to cap the climax and to remove the last
...shred of dignity from legal procedures in California,
...Governor Brown announced that he is going to pass
...the buck to the State Legislature and throw the whole
...question into the political arena.

This ignores the fact that the Legislature had the
...chance last April to repeal the death penalty and
...refused to do so.

Now instead of the issue being determined on its
...merits, by dragging it into a special session within the
...30-day stay of execution period, he involves it in sort
...of a popularity contest on Carl Chessman! Probably
...bank-side demonstrations will be held depending the
...legislators vote for repeal of the death penalty and
...our embassies will be broken if they don't

Is that how the protection of law-abiding citizens
...of California is to be determined? Because of violence
...abroad are gunmen to escape their crimes of shoot-
...down bank tellers and policemen sworn to uphold the
...law? Are kidnap-perverts practicing their crimes of
...violence against women and children to be freed of
...the full penalty for their crimes along with murderers
...who plot the death of innocent victims?

If 60 days pass and the Legislature has not re-
...pealed the death penalty, what then? As violence adds
...to violence abroad has the Governor opened a Pen-
...dora's Box when those mobs and not he will become
...the custodian of the constitutional power of clemency
...in California? Having yielded to international extor-
...tion once, will he not be expected to yield again?

The Governor's action and his reasons for the
...same have stripped dignity from California's legal
...processes and left us naked before the world.

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Oakland Tribune
Oakland, California

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of
the editorial, "A Night to Remember."

While the FBI is not involved in the
Chesaman case, I have closely followed the develop-
ments, and I certainly was appalled at the wave of
sentiment and pressure brought to bear on the courts
and interested officials. Capital punishment must,
of course, necessarily fit the crime, but in my opinion
when there is no shadow of a doubt relative to the guilt
of a defendant, the public interest demands capital
punishment be invoked where the law so provides.

It was good to hear from you, and
I appreciate your courtesy in sending me the editorial.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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NOTE: [Redacted] is a former U. S. Senator from California and is
known to the Director.

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(CHESSMAN)

THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT BOTH FIRMLY DENIED TODAY THAT CONVICT-AUTHOR CARYL CHESSMAN'S LAST-MINUTE REPRIEVE FROM THE GAS CHAMBER STEMMED FROM ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THEIR PART. PRESS SECRETARY HAGERTY SAID IT WAS "AUTOMATIC" FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SEND CALIFORNIA'S GOV. EDMUND BROWN A MESSAGE REPORTING THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S FEAR OF HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S VISIT MARCH 2.

BROWN, IN GRANTING CHESSMAN A 60-DAY REPRIEVE, CITED THE URUGUAYAN CONCERN OVER REACTION BY "STUDENT ELEMENTS AND OTHERS" IF THE EXECUTION PROCEEDED.

HAGERTY SAID THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S RELAY OF THE MESSAGE TO BROWN DID NOT CONSTITUTE A RECOMMENDATION. HE STRESSED THAT "THIS IS A STATE OF CALIFORNIA CASE" AND BROWN IS "THE ULTIMATE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL" IN DEALING WITH IT.

THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF WAS ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT THE MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT TO BROWN, HAGERTY SAID, AND EISENHOWER LEARNED OF IT THIS MORNING. ASKED ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FEELING TOWARD THE CASE, HE SAID THEY HAD NOT DISCUSSED IT.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN LINCOLN WHITE TOOK PAINS TO EMPHASIZE TO NEWSMEN THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD "NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING IN ANY WAY" WITH CALIFORNIA'S JURISDICTION WHEN IT SENT BROWN THE TELEGRAM.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS SAID THE ACTION BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ROY R. RUBOTTOM FOLLOWED "NORMAL PROCEDURE" IN RESPONSE TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT'S MESSAGE OF CONCERN.

IT WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAD HAPPENED. IN SEPTEMBER, 1958, THE LATE SECRETARY JOHN FOSTER DULLES SENT A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO GOV. JAMES FOLSOM OF ALABAMA CONCERNING JIMMY WILSON, A NEGRO SENTENCED TO DIE FOR STEALING \$1 REC. 46/11-11-60 43

DULLES ADVISED FOLSOM ABOUT THOUSANDS OF PROTESTS ABOUT THE WILSON CASE FROM BRITAIN, THE WEST INDIES AND AFRICA. FOLSOM COMMUTED THE DEATH SENTENCE.

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As I anticipated this is now back firing on State Dept. I have been assigned re our action in terms of letting known information on Brown's case from Brit. The next move...

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