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The Attorney General was contacted and orally furnished the information which was received from a former informant, who is said to have received allegations from one ELLEN ROMETSCH to the effect that she has had illicit relations with highly placed governmental officials. It was stressed that the informant is of questionable reliability, but that Rometsch is alleged to be from Tast Germany and to have formerly worked for falter Ulbricht.

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The AG said he was appreciative of the Director's sending this information to him on a confidential basis, and that there always are allegations about prominent people that they are either homosexuals or promiscuous. It was noted the AG made particular note of Rometsch's name. The AG was told that we propose to pursue this matter vigorously and he indicated his agreement with this course of action.

I also mentioned to the AG the information we had received from Los Angeles yesterday about Irving Mink and Kathy Brown, plus the alleged involvement of Angie Dickerson and Judy McCarthy. The AG said he had always thought that Dickerson was a motion picture actress, rather than a prostitute. I told him that, on the basis of Hollywood's moral reputation, this might be a questio of semantics. He made note of the names and was informed that if we were able to secure any further information he would, of course be advised.

The AG once again expressed his appreciation for the discreet manner in which this information was handled.

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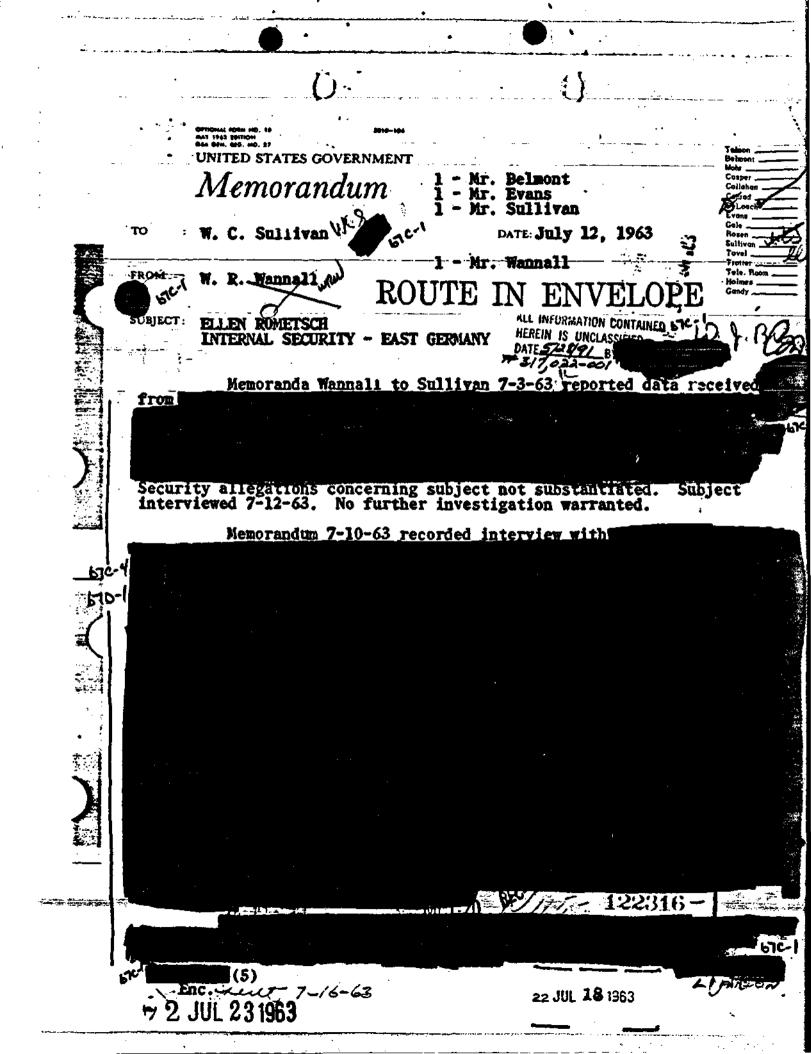
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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan Re: ELLEN ROWETSCH 676-4-670-1 When interviewed 7-12-63 subject admitted 676-3 54.5 8 a. 1 She does not know AG. 676-3 Washington Field 610-31 Uffice (WFO) recommends no further investigation be conducted in this matter. RECOMMENDATIONS: Investigation has not substantiated the security allegations against subject nor does she apparently have the high-level sex contacts originally boasted of. In absence of such contacts additional investigation does not appear warranted and will not be conducted. However, with your approval, in view of subject's diplomatic status in United States as wife of German Government employee, letter is attached for delivery by liaison to State Department containing allegations concerning subject and investigative results. Of course, no mention will be made of the President and the AG. Since we have orally advised AG of original allegations it is recommended, with your approval, that AG be orally advised of the results of investigation. 16-63 676-1 

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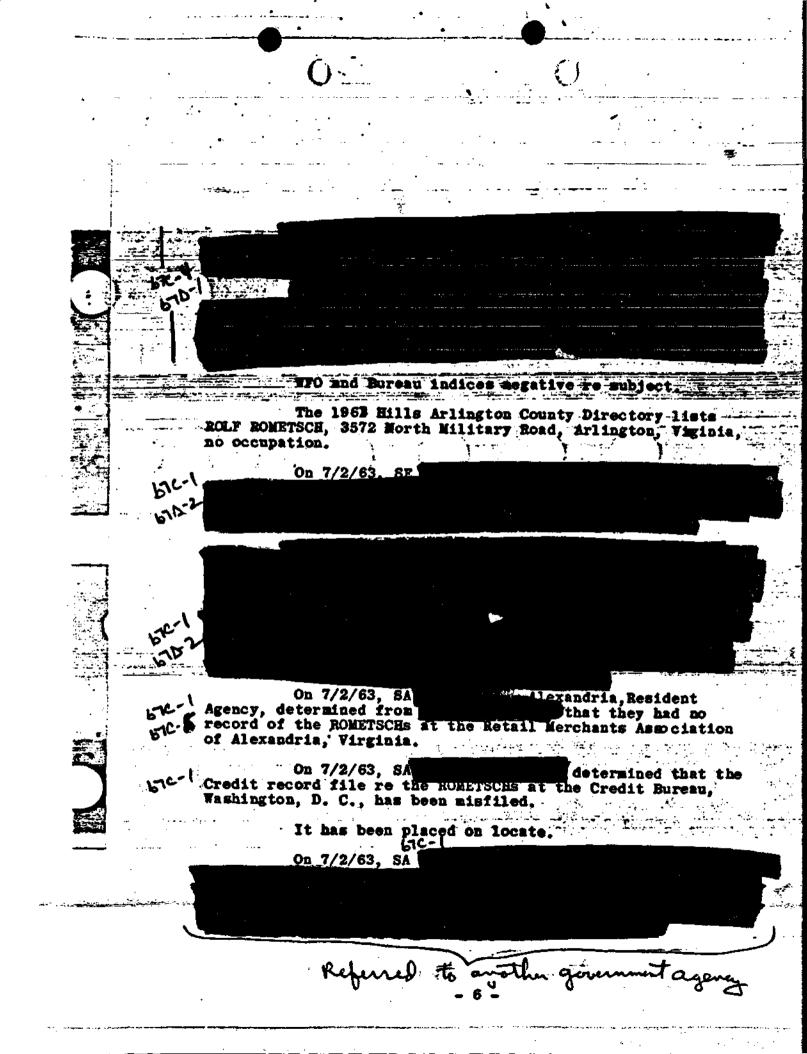
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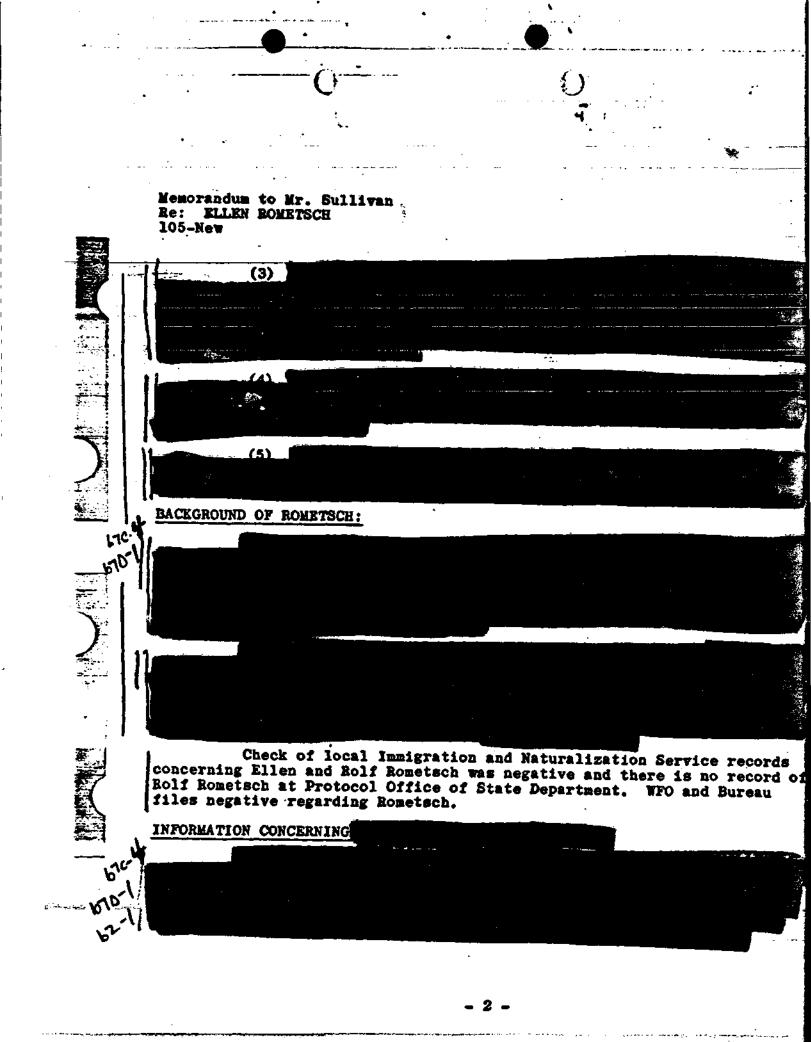
The security allogation against the captioned subject. In this connection, it should be noted that the allegation is of such a nature that the FBI has a definite responsibility to investigate it and endeavor to resolve it.

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We will continue to press this matter and keep you advised of developments.

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#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

Despite questionable background and reliability and and sensational nature of these allegations (which in some ways parallel the highly publicized Profumo case in England), we should take prompt action to nail charges down. WFO has been instructed to immediately develop full identifying data regarding Rometsch and her associates, and we have stressed the need for utmost discretion during these inquiries. As soon as we have checked out background of subject and other facets we will afford him a polygraph examination. In the event allegations are still unresolved, we will consider early interview of Rometsch.

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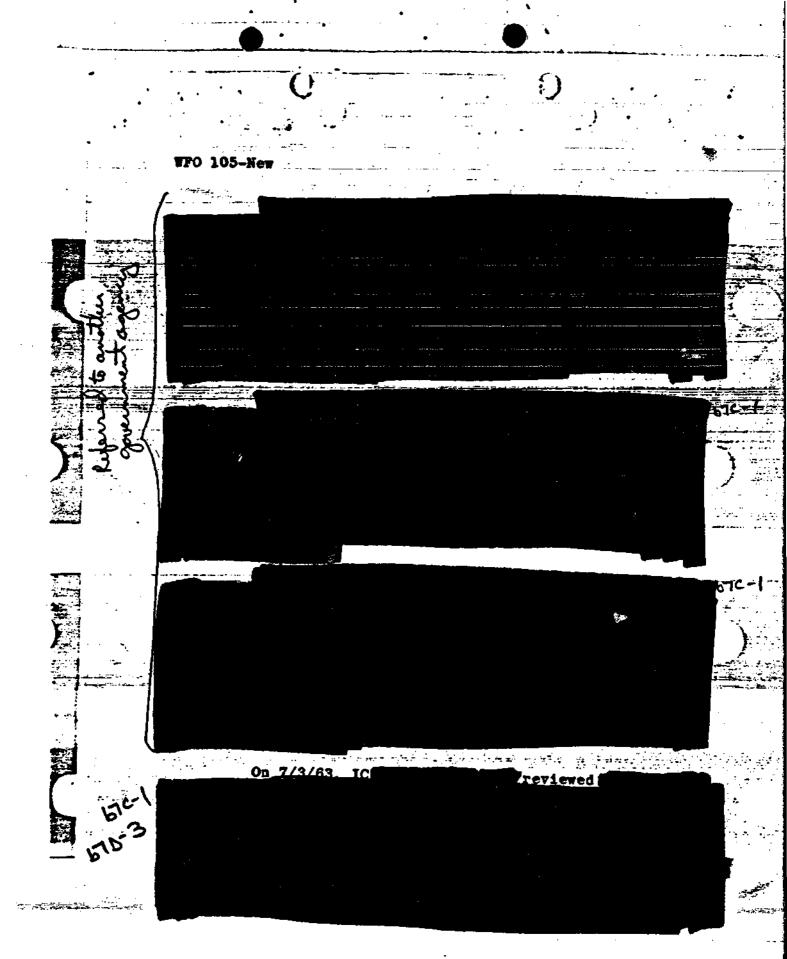
This matter is receiving preferred and continuous attention and you will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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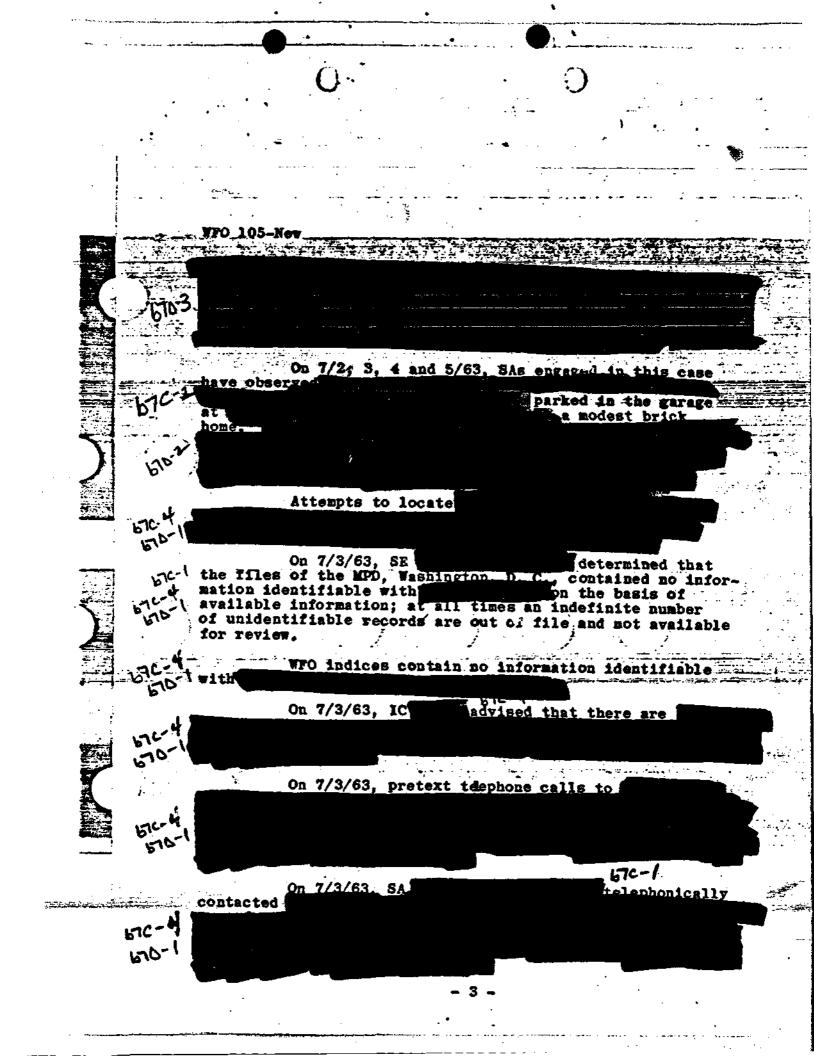
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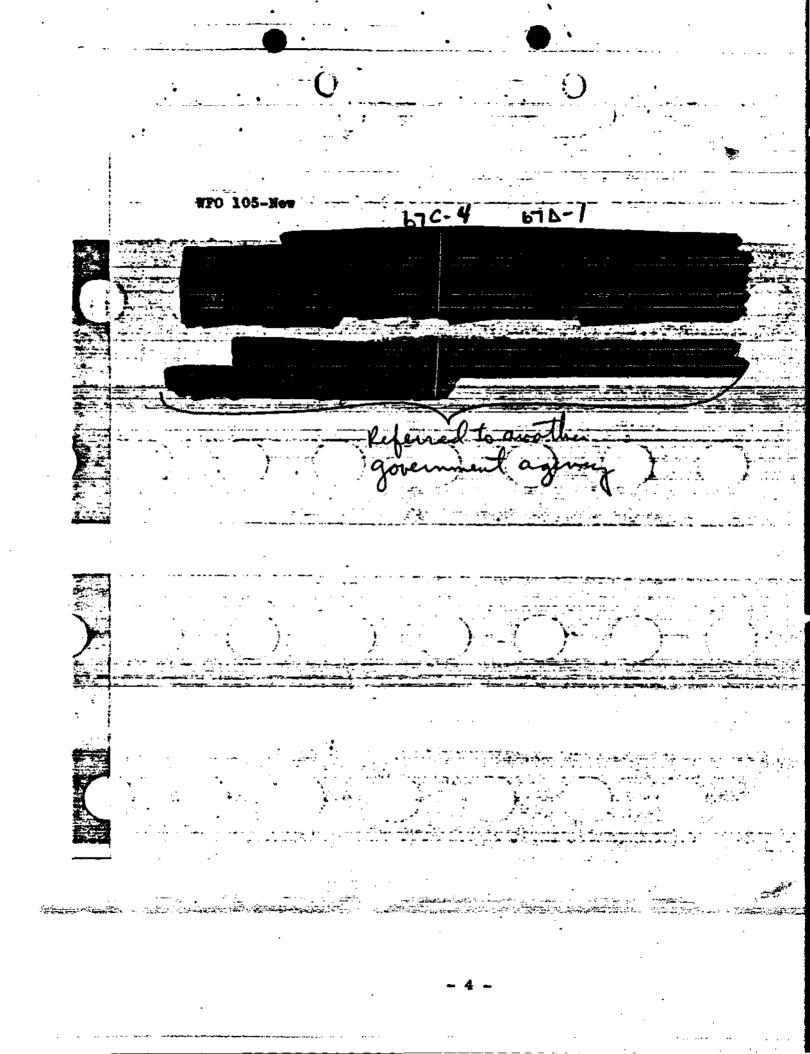
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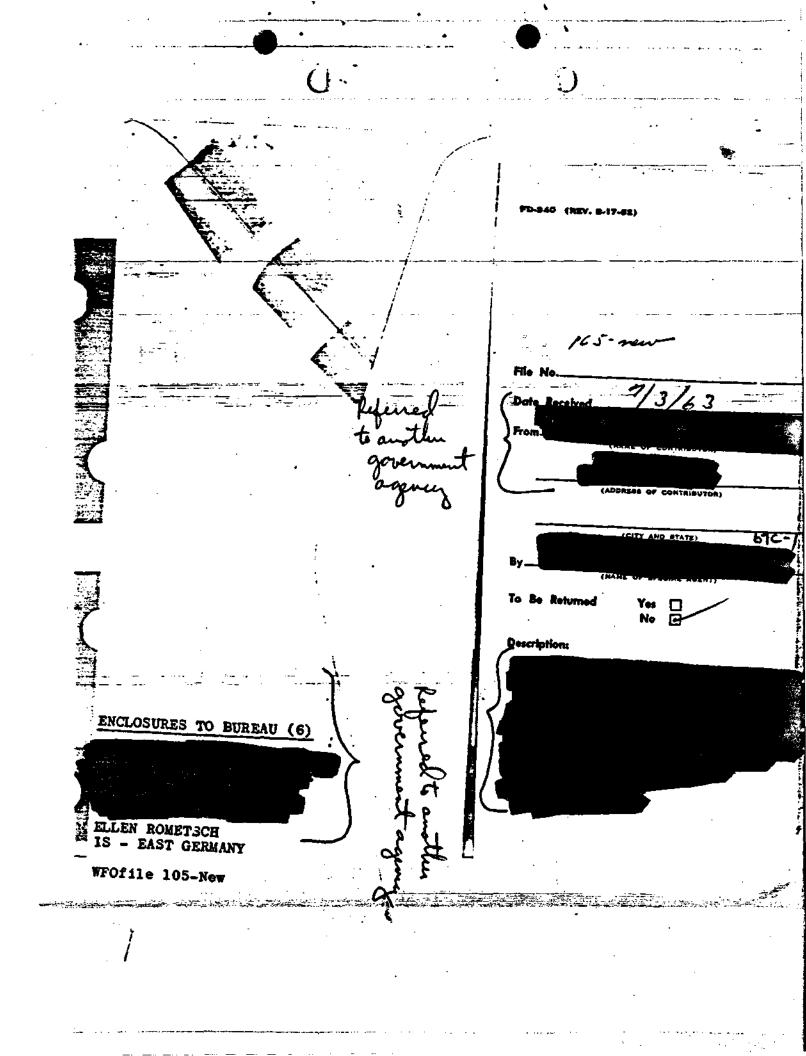




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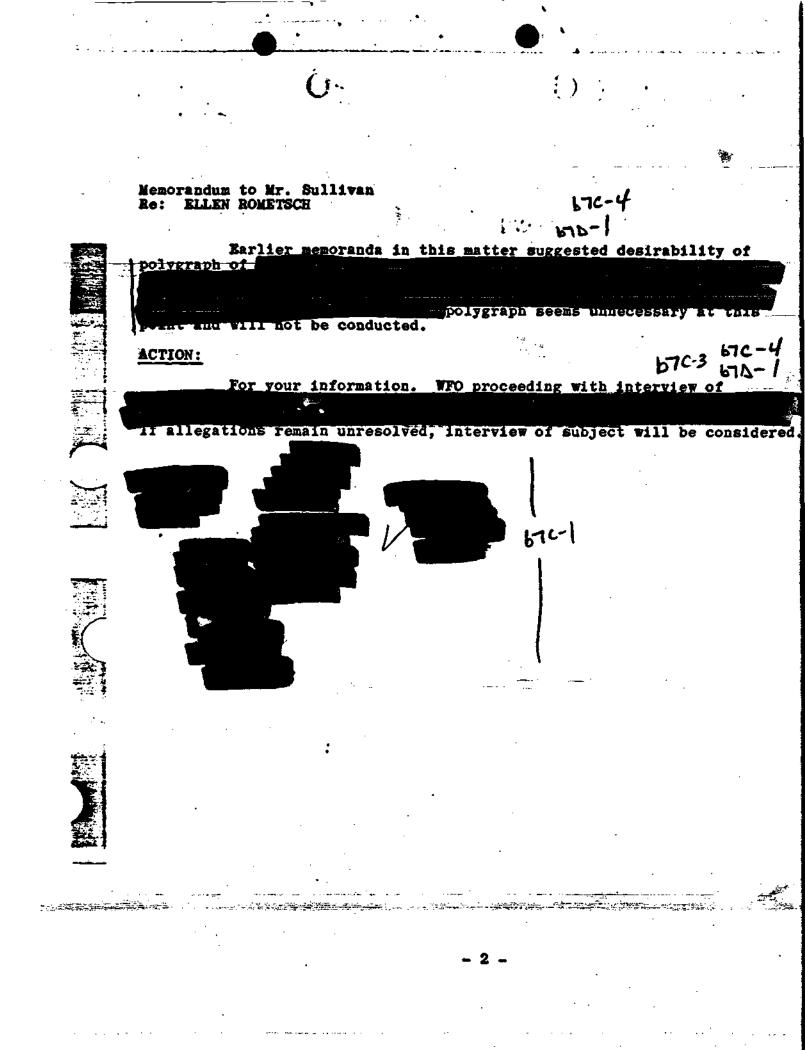
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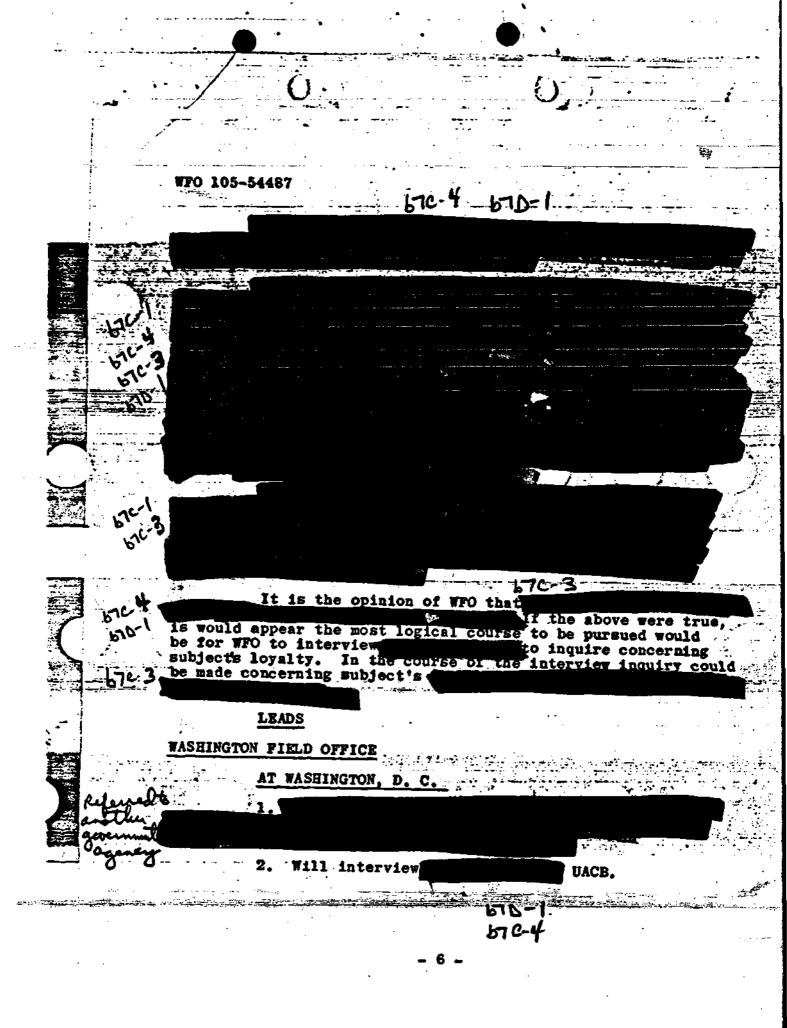
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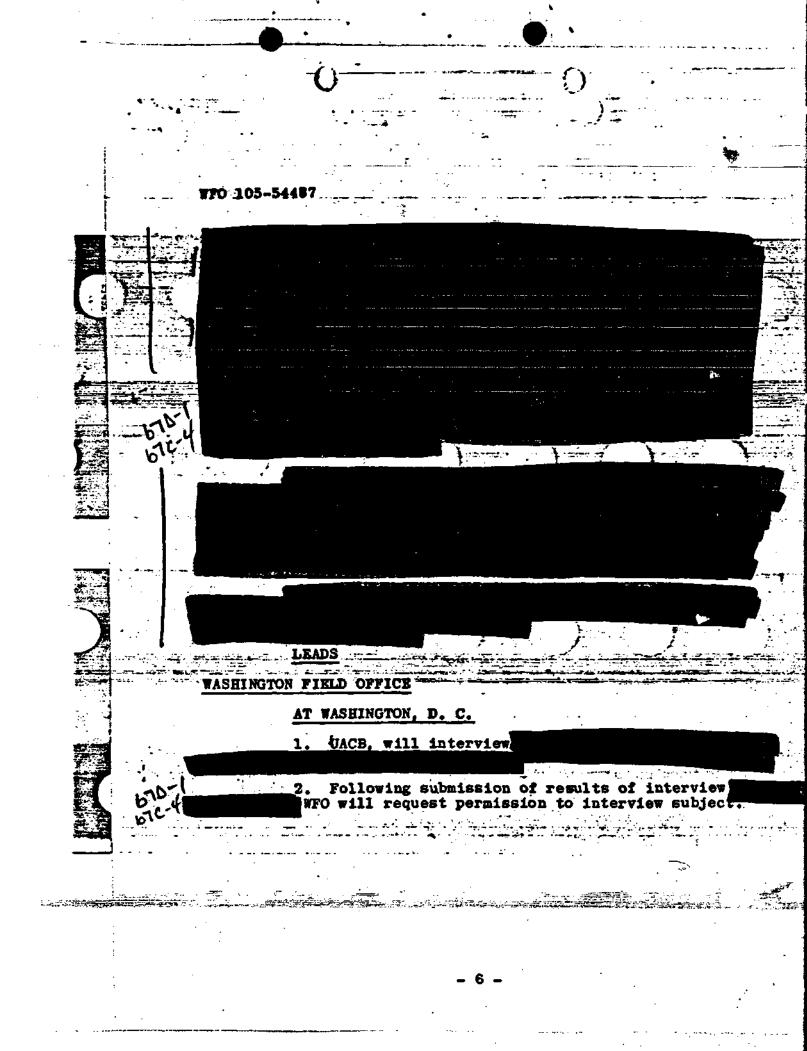
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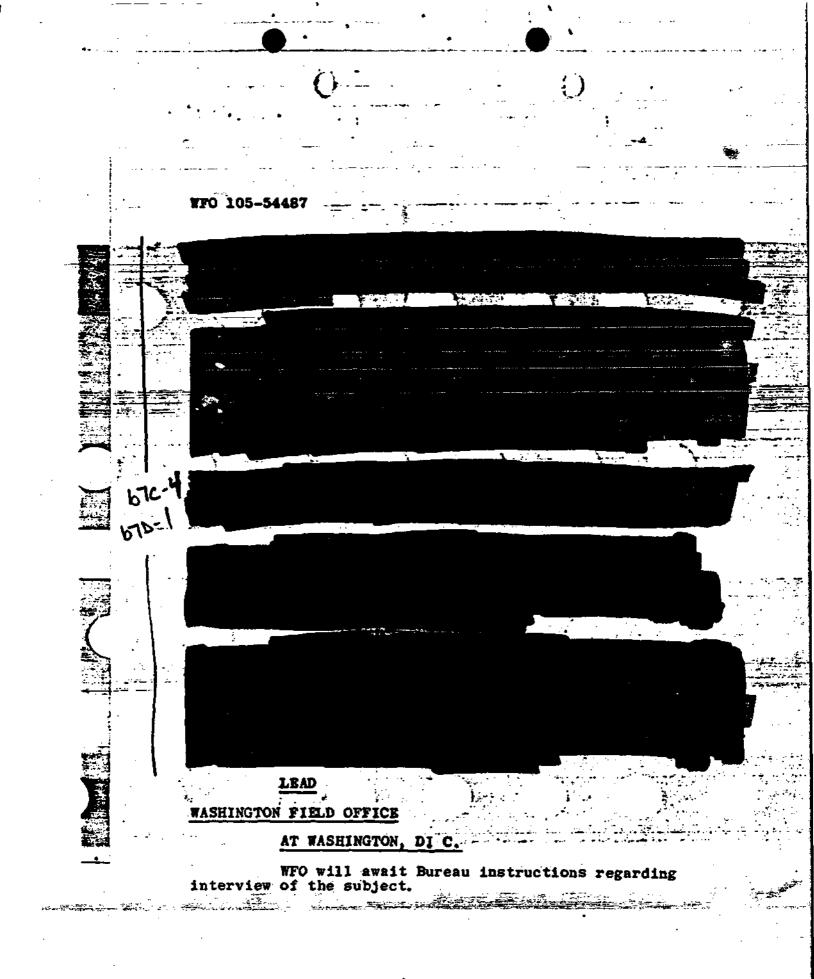
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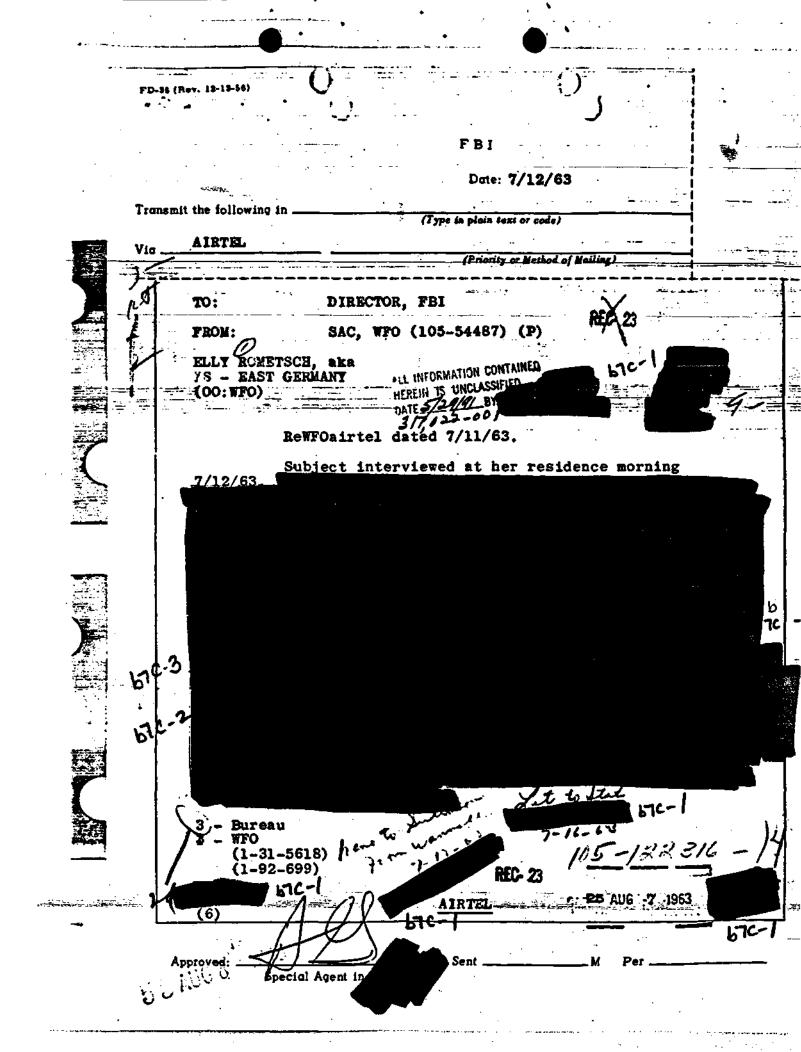
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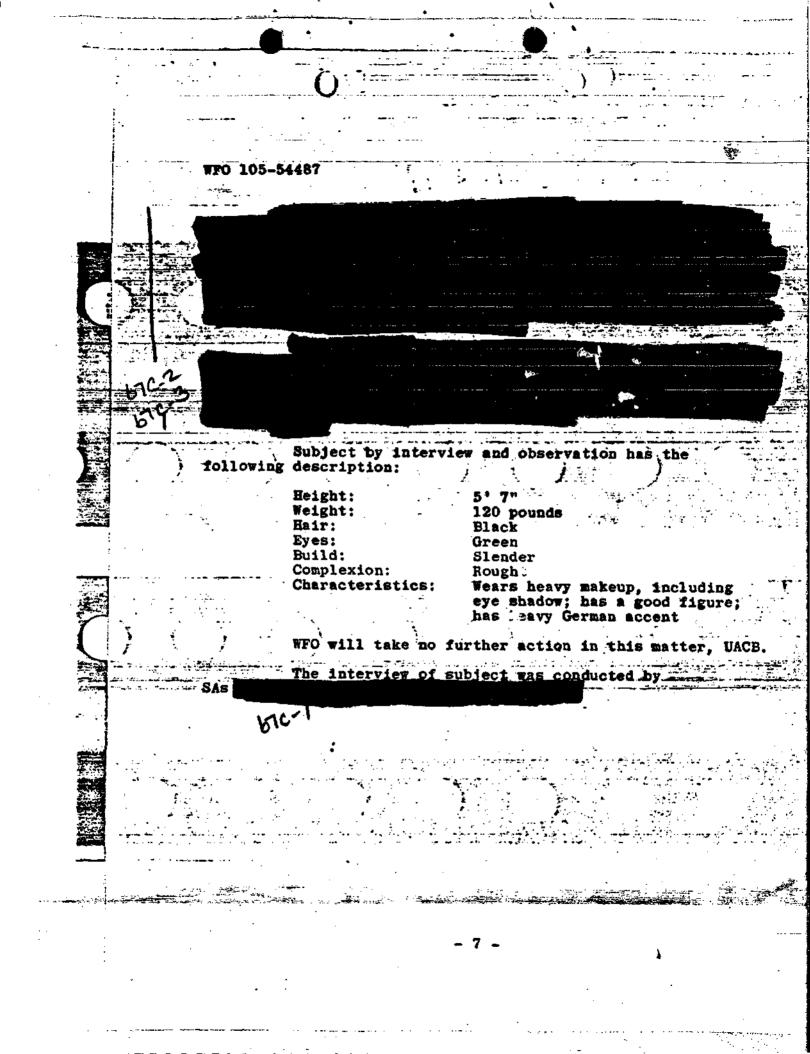
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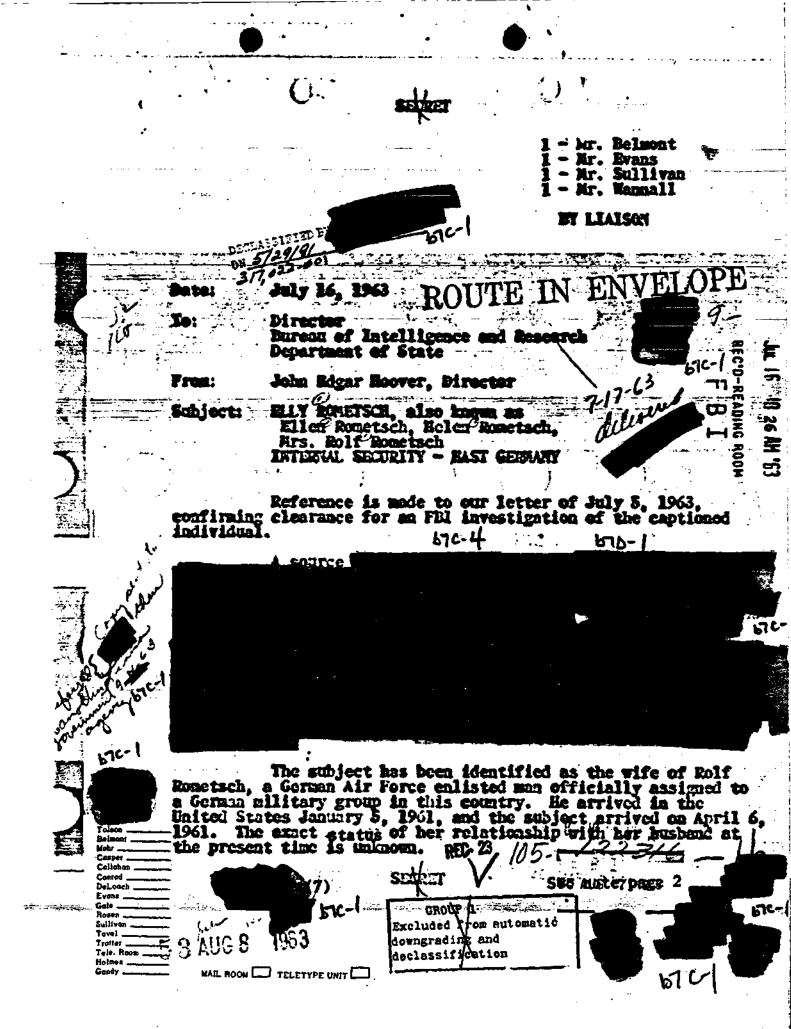
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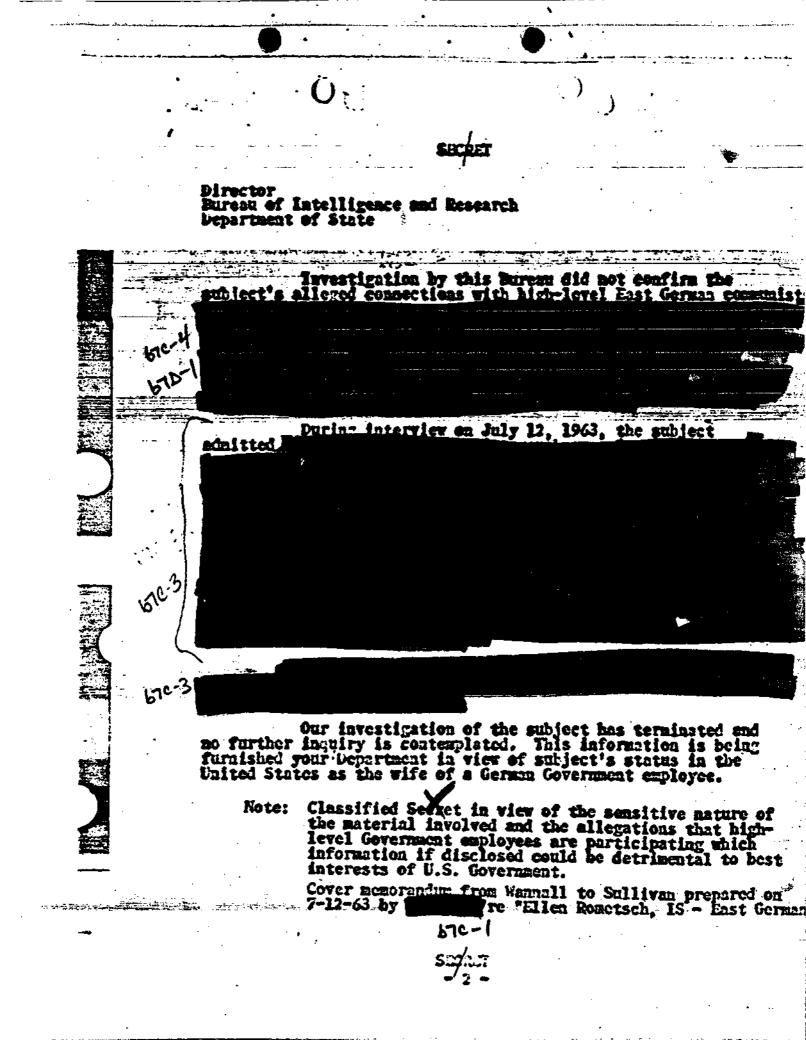
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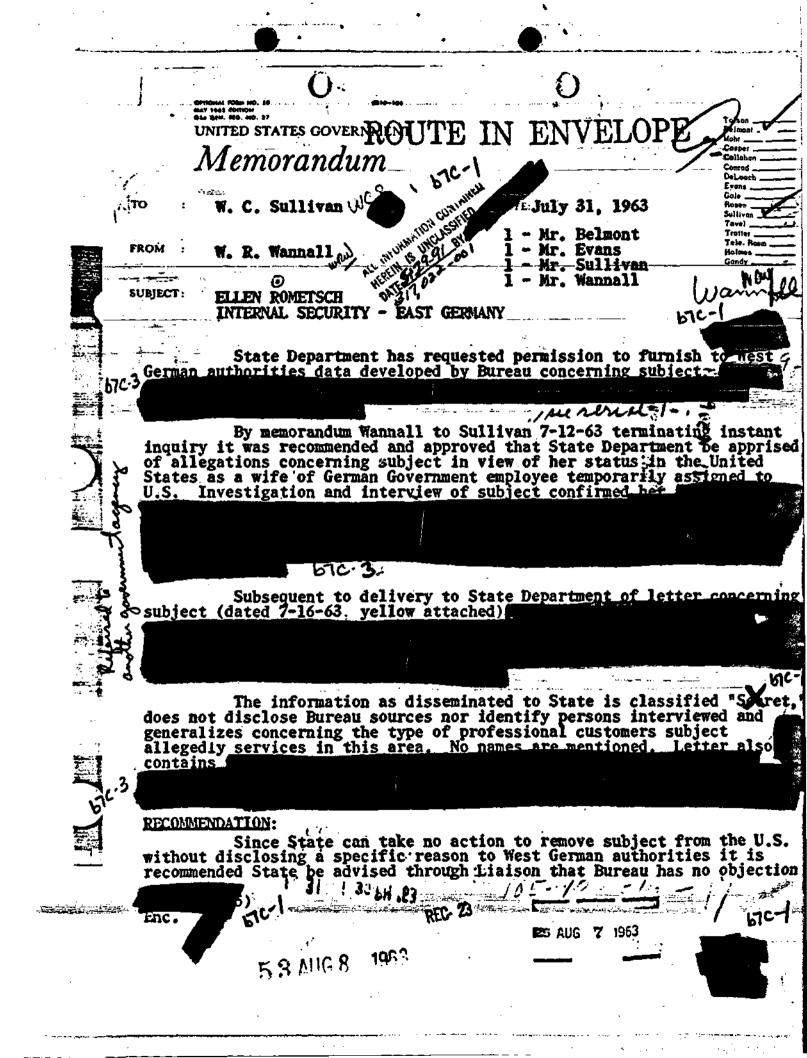
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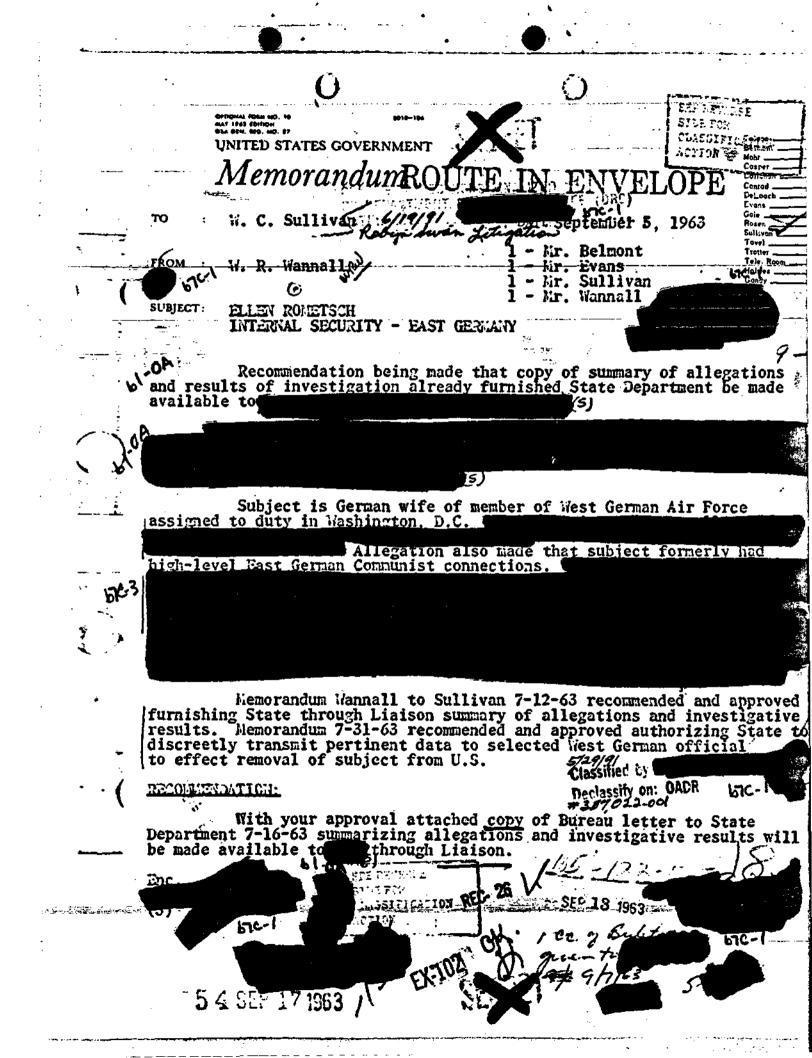
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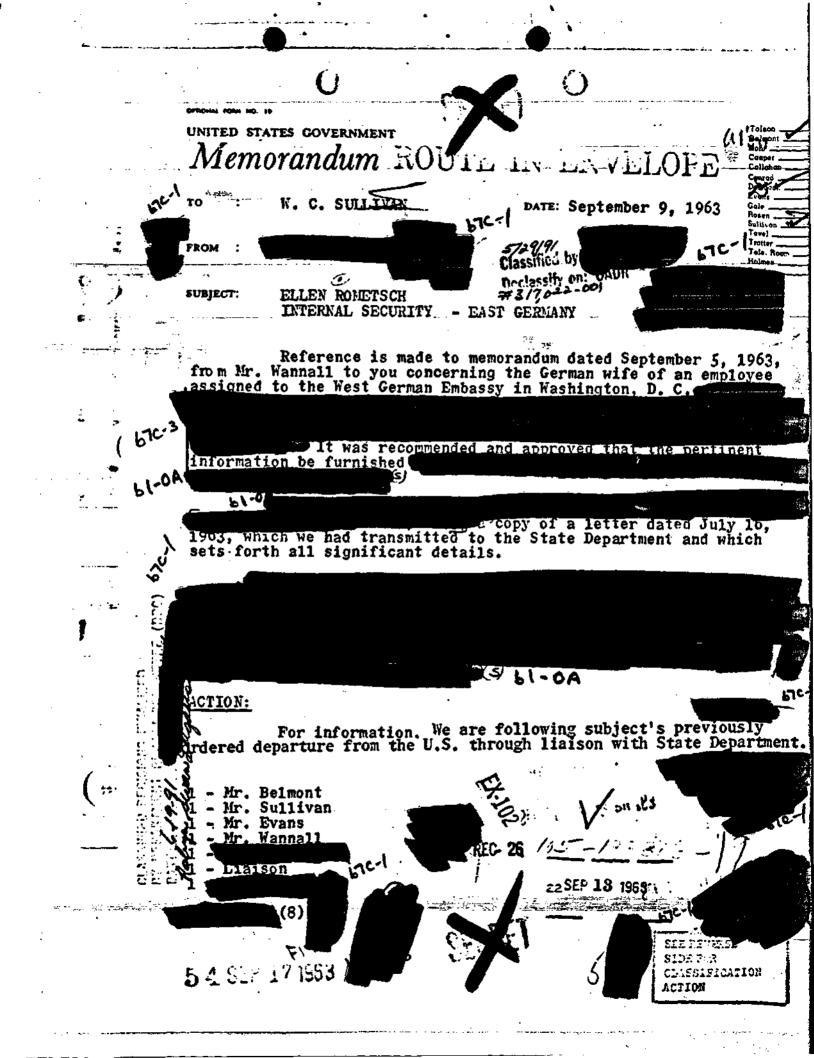
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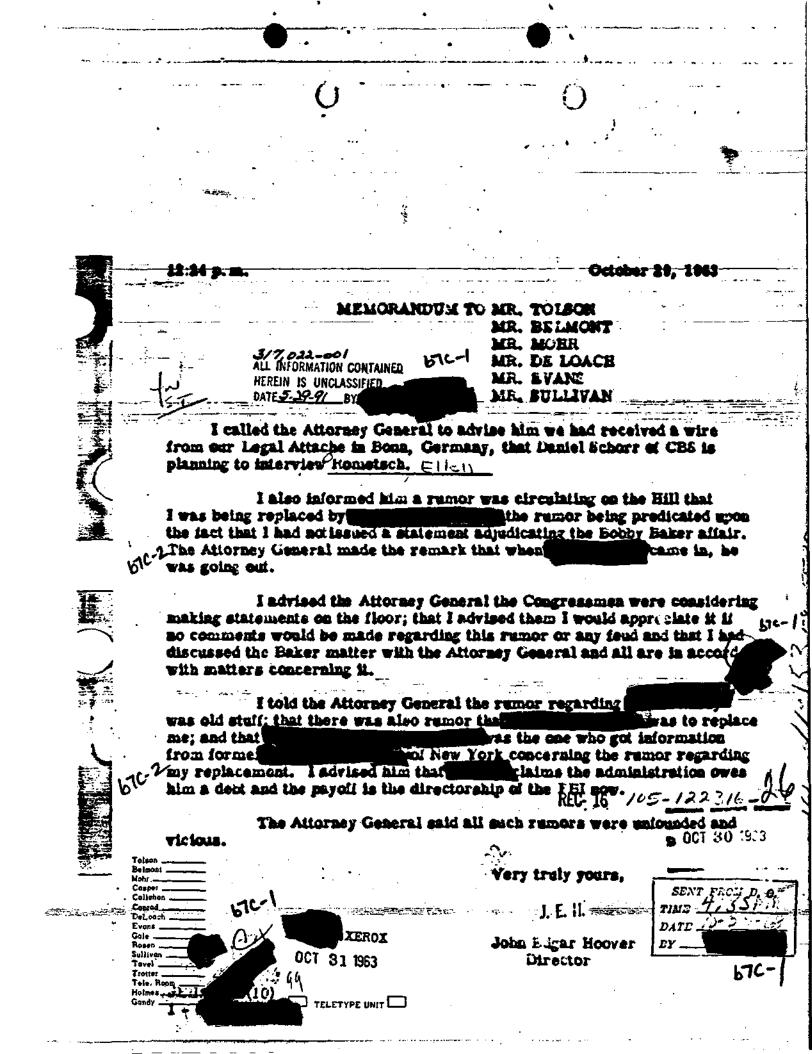
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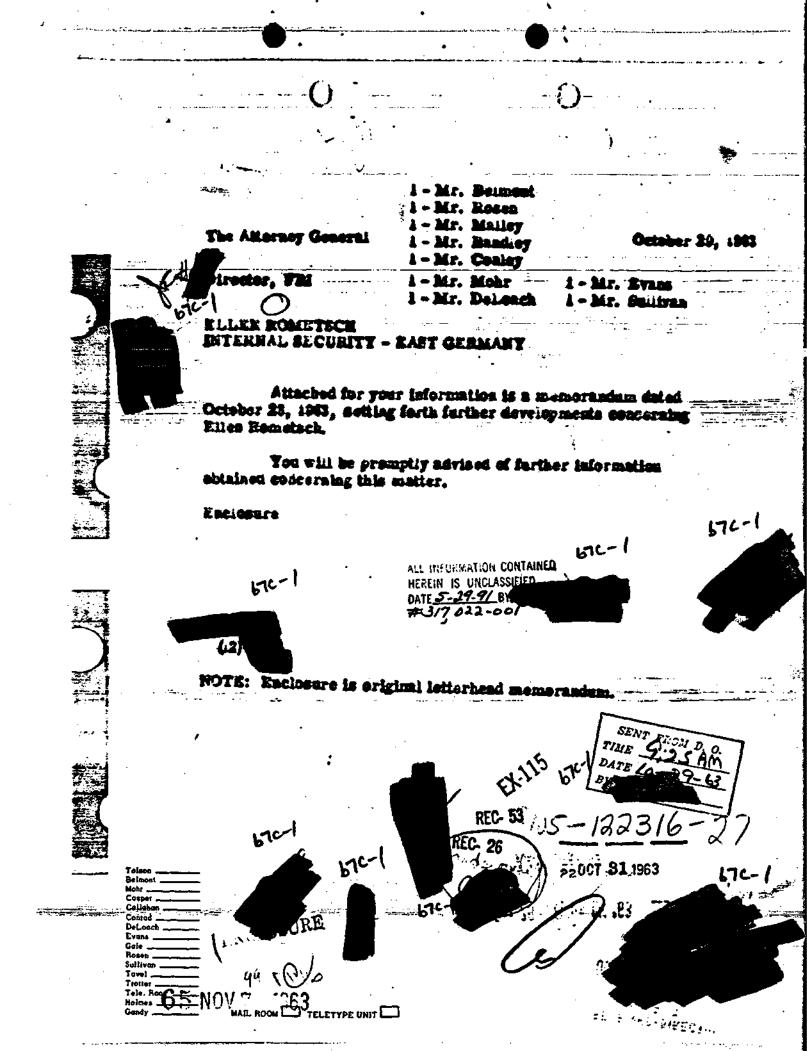
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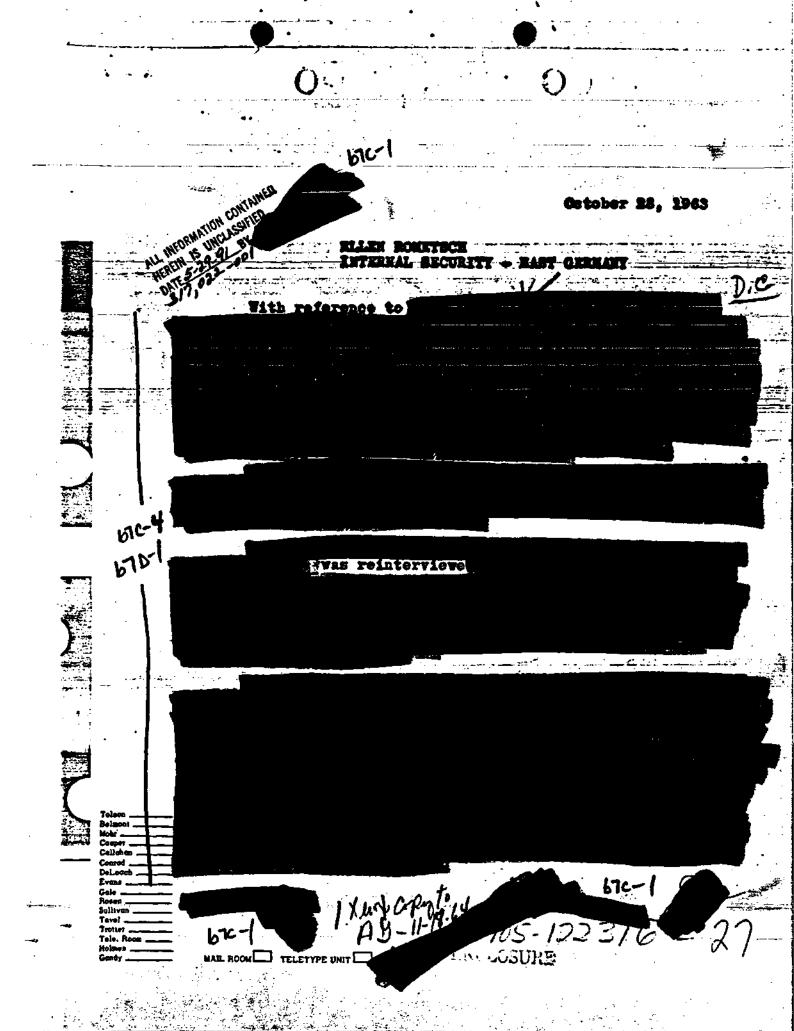
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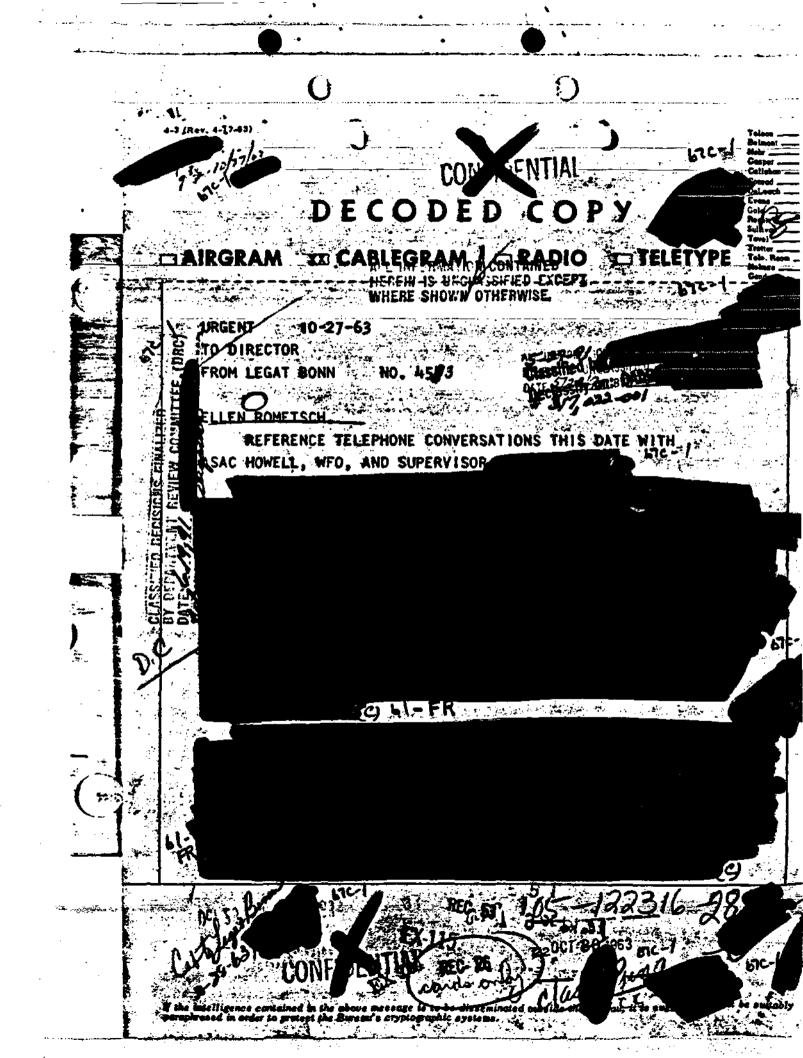
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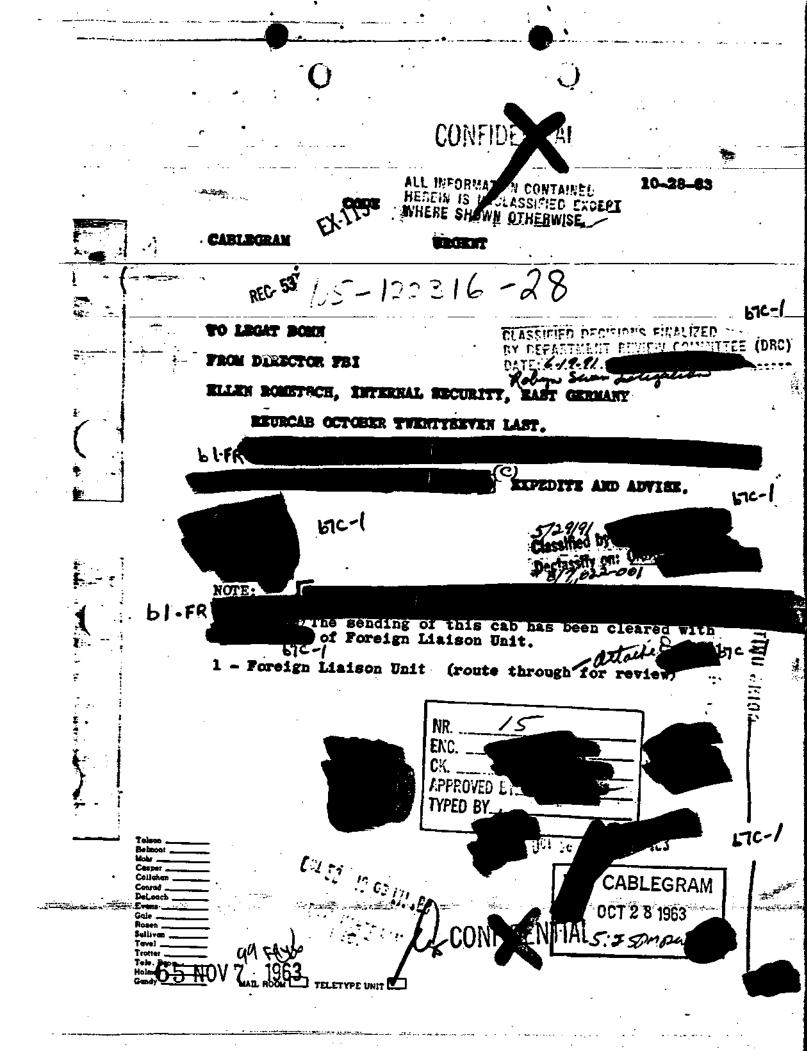
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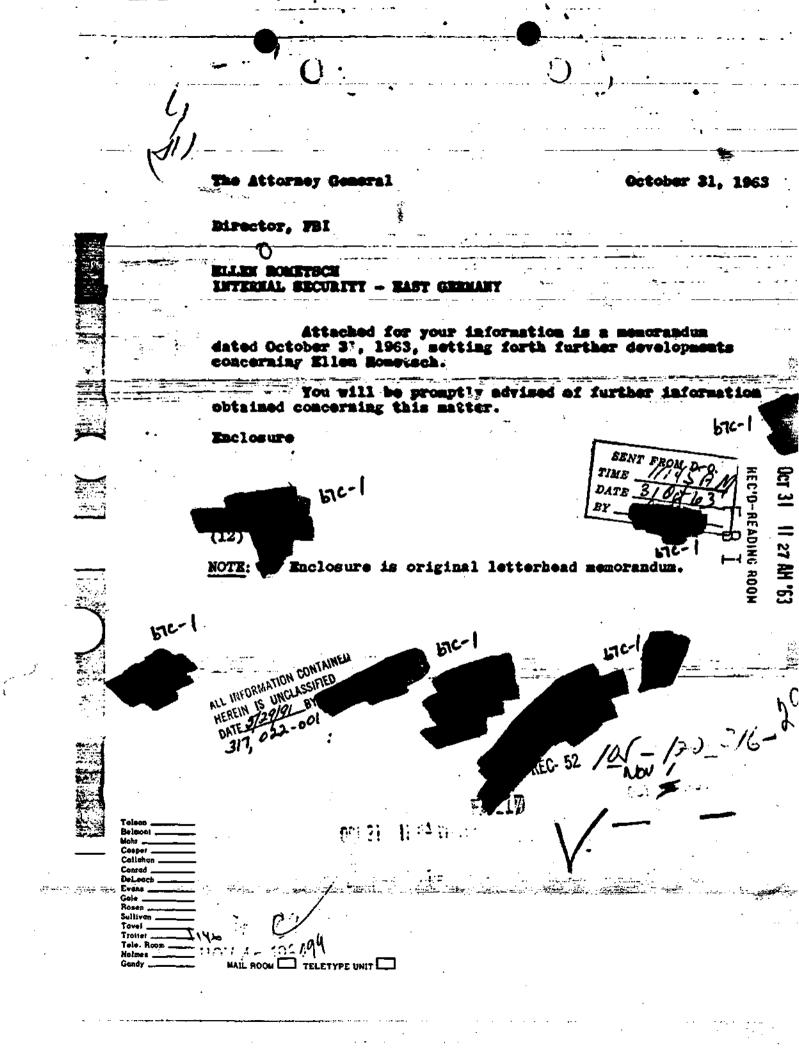
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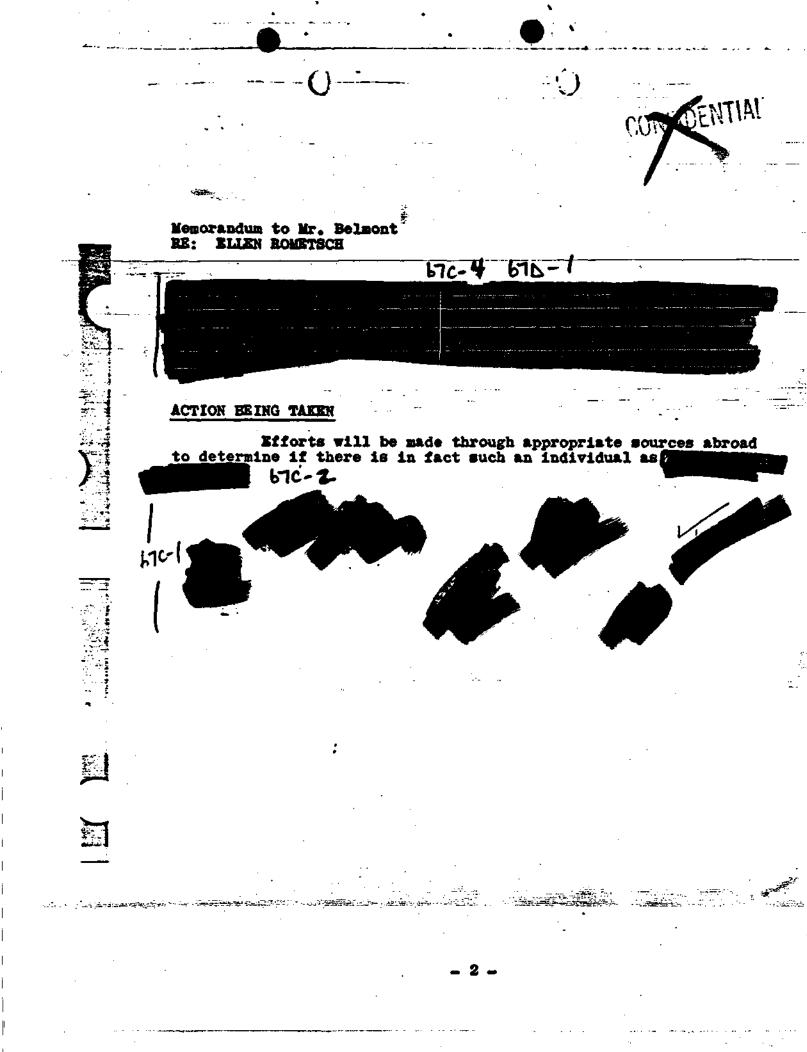
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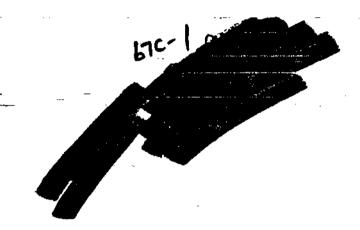


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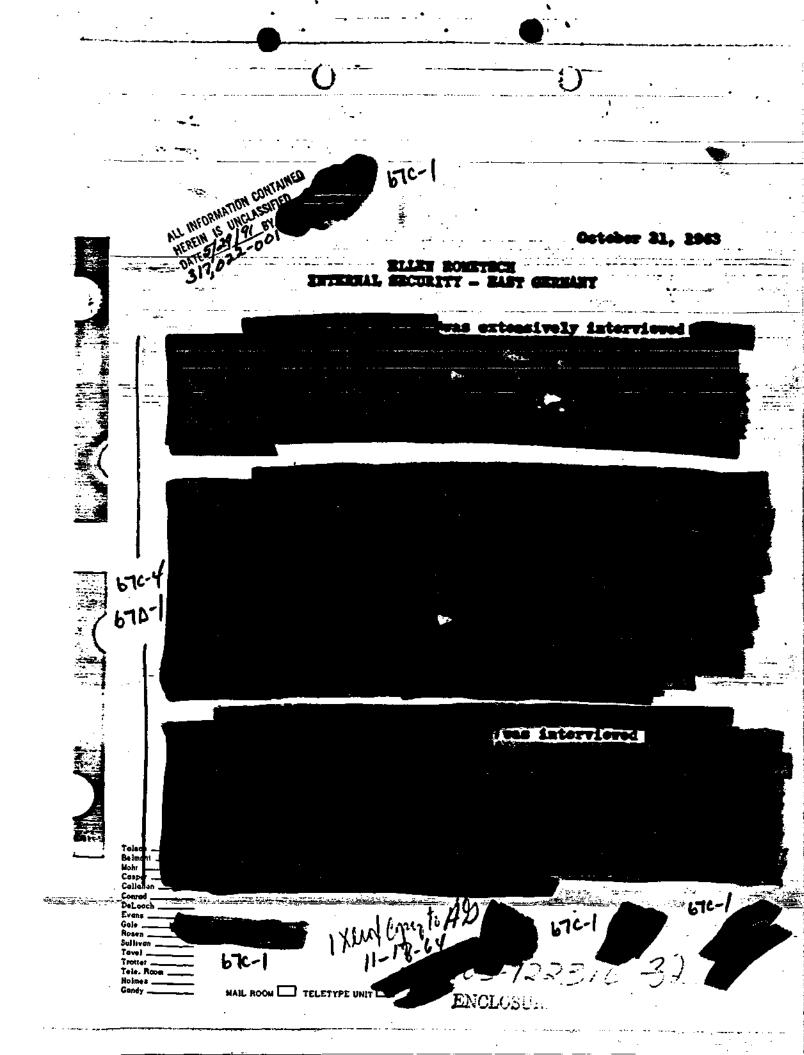
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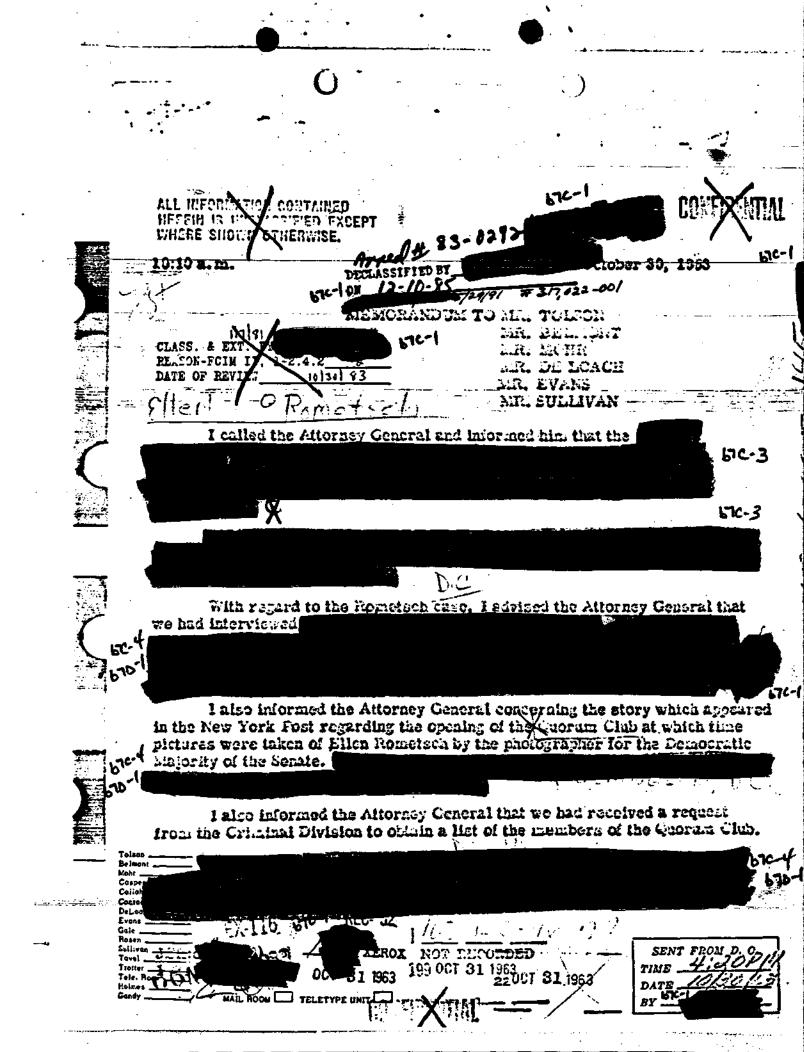
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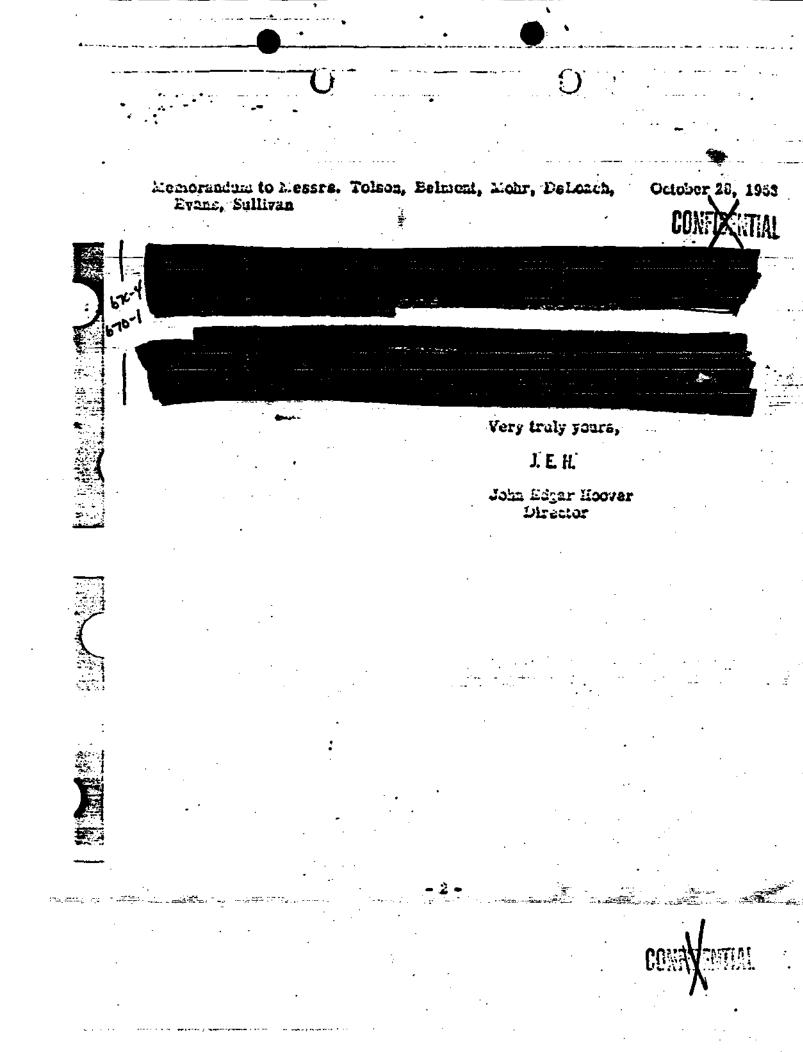
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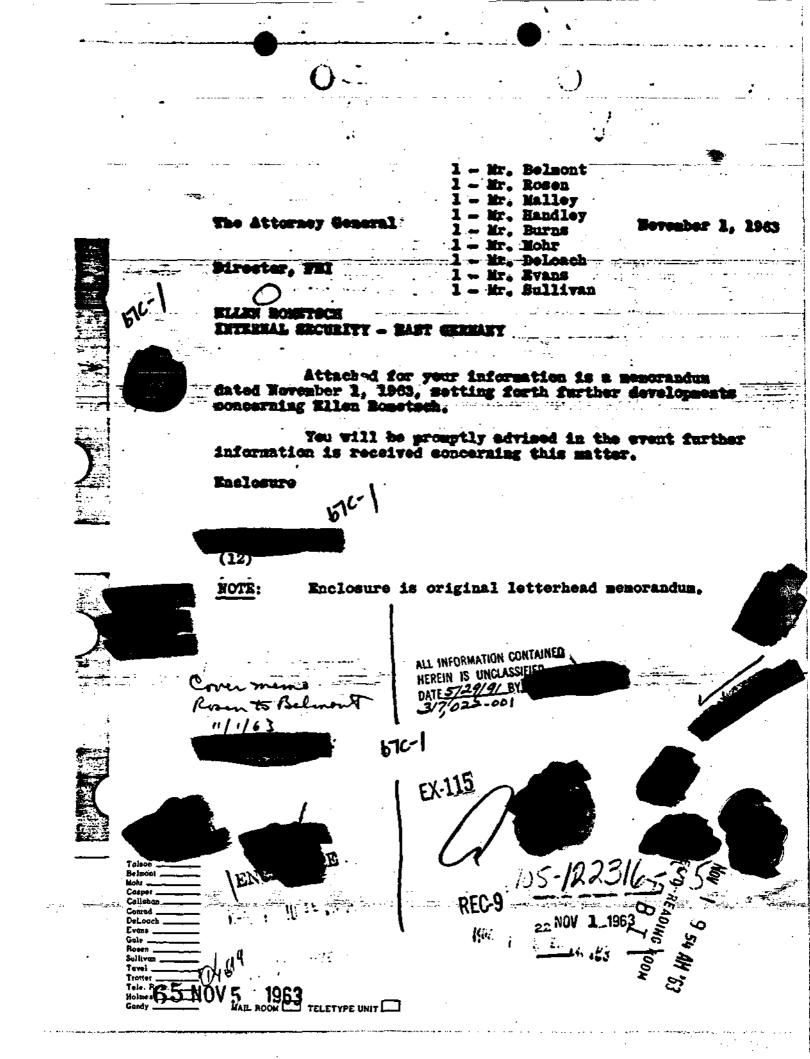
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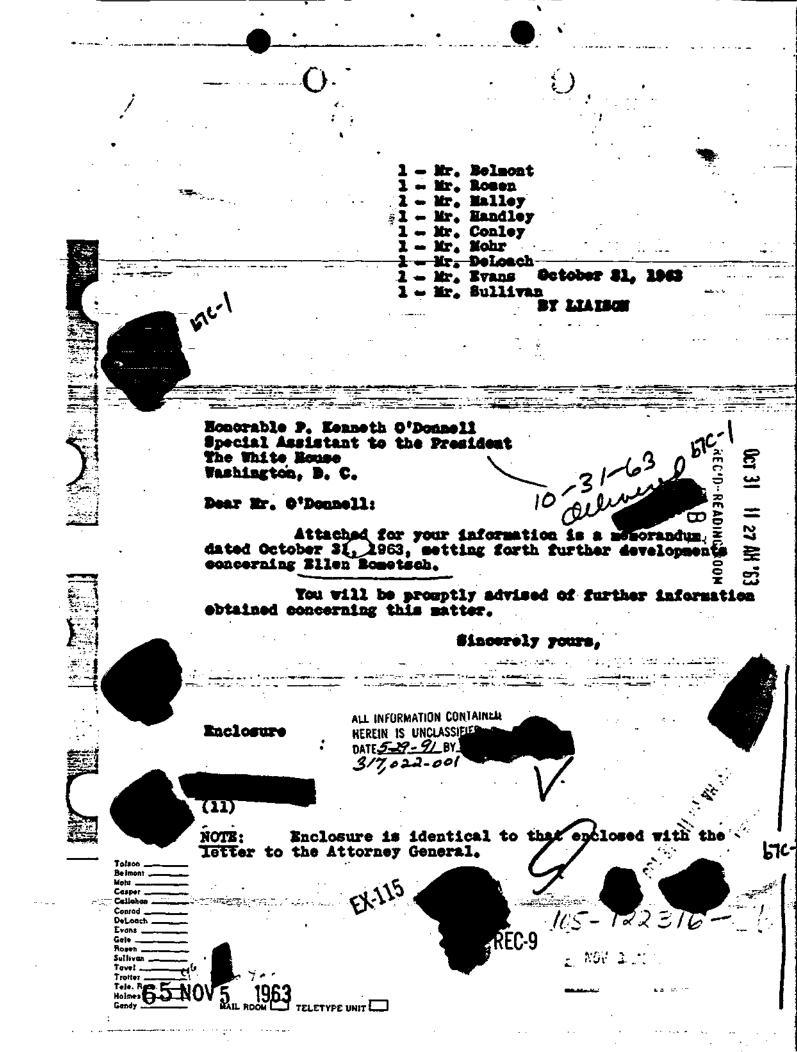




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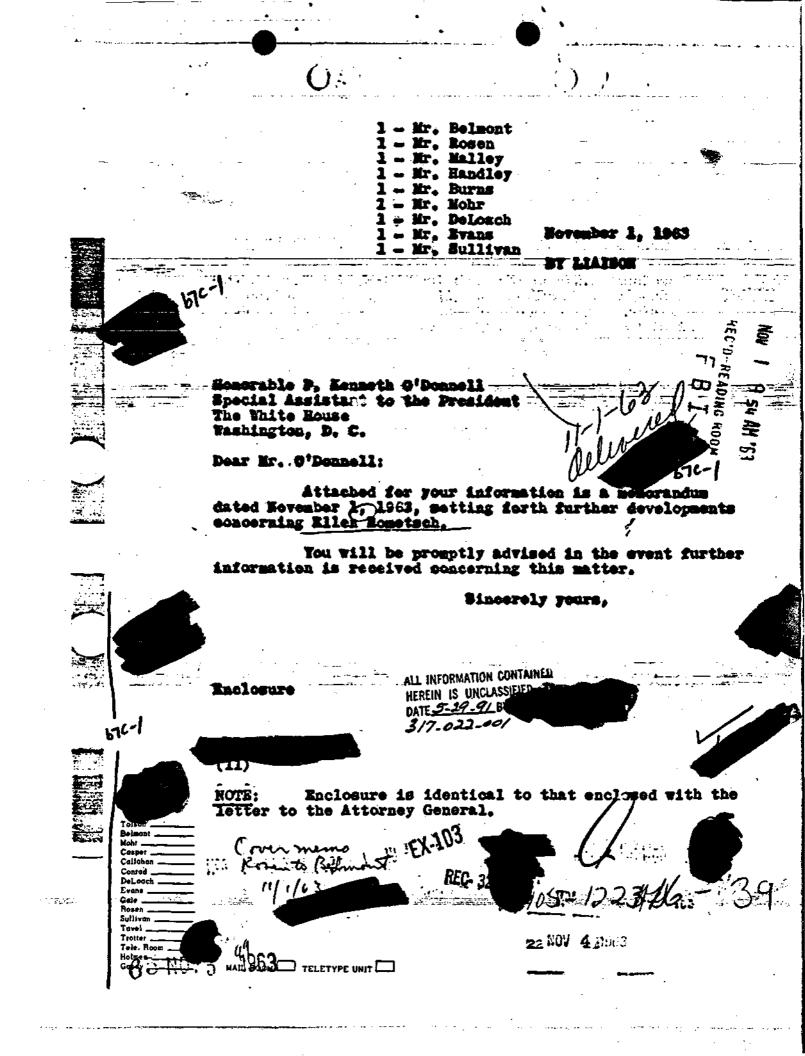


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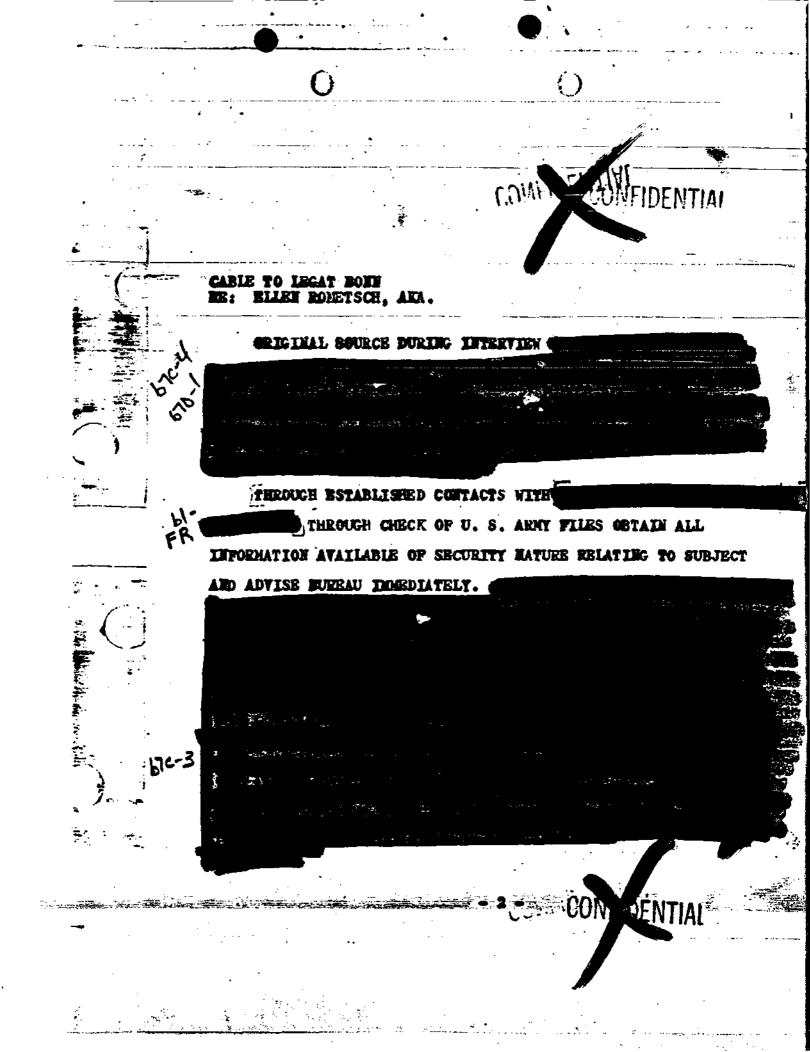


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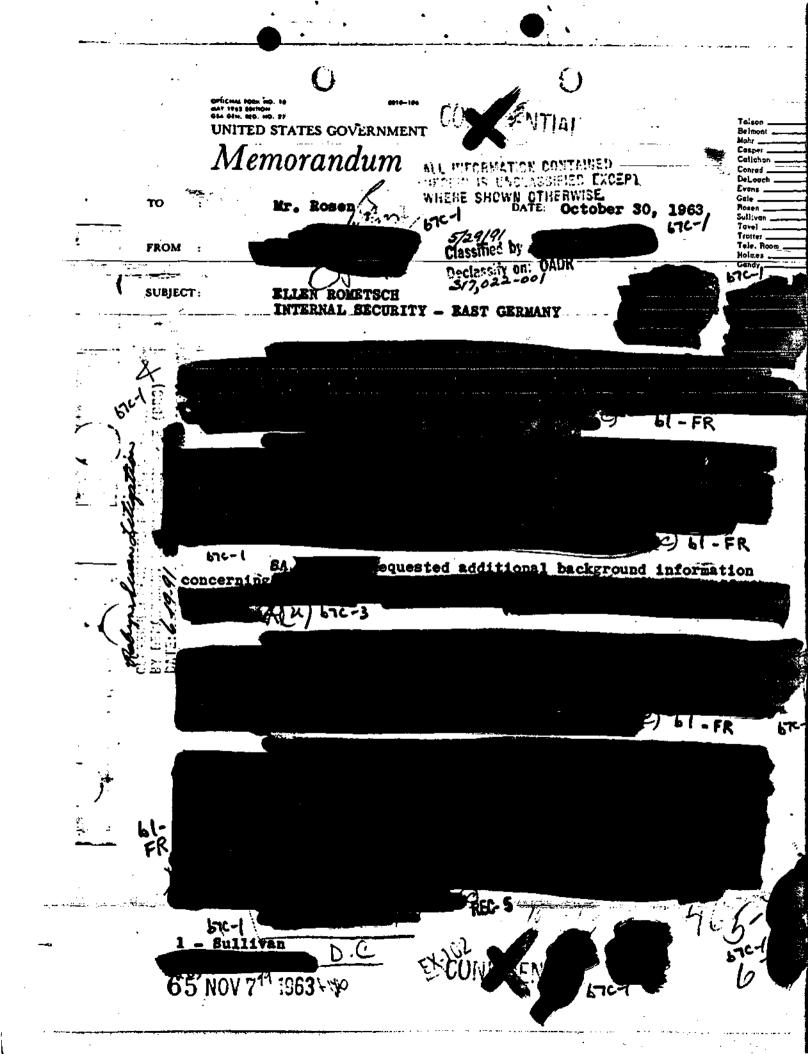
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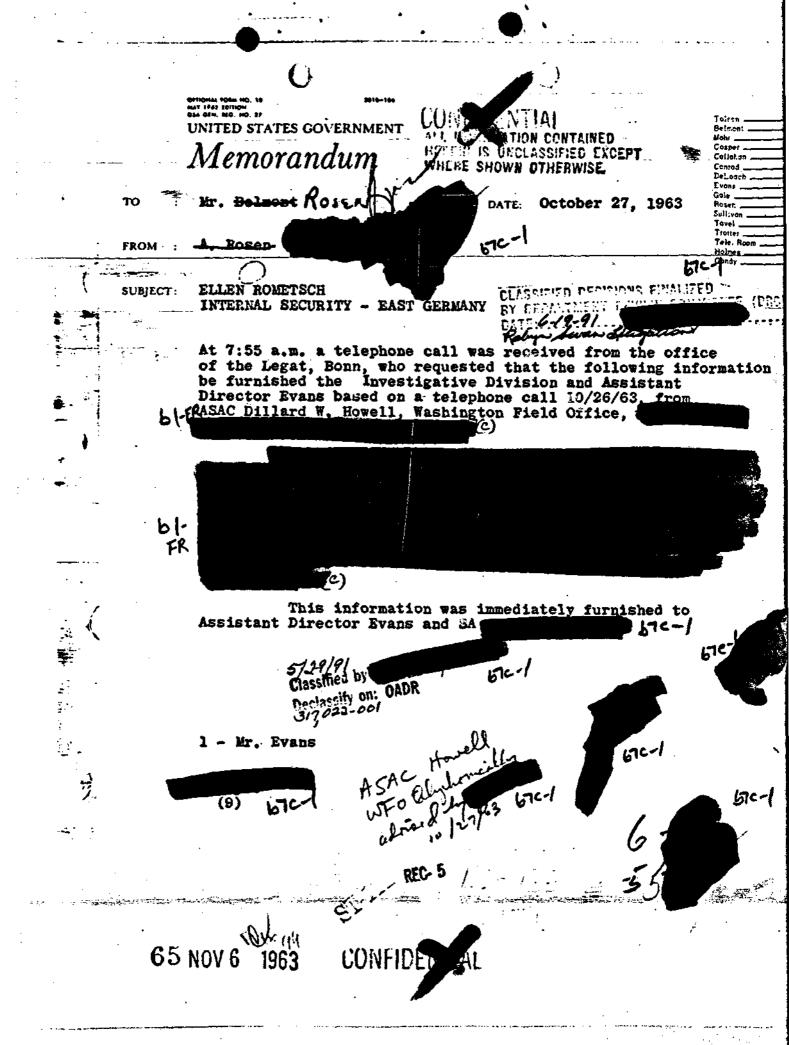


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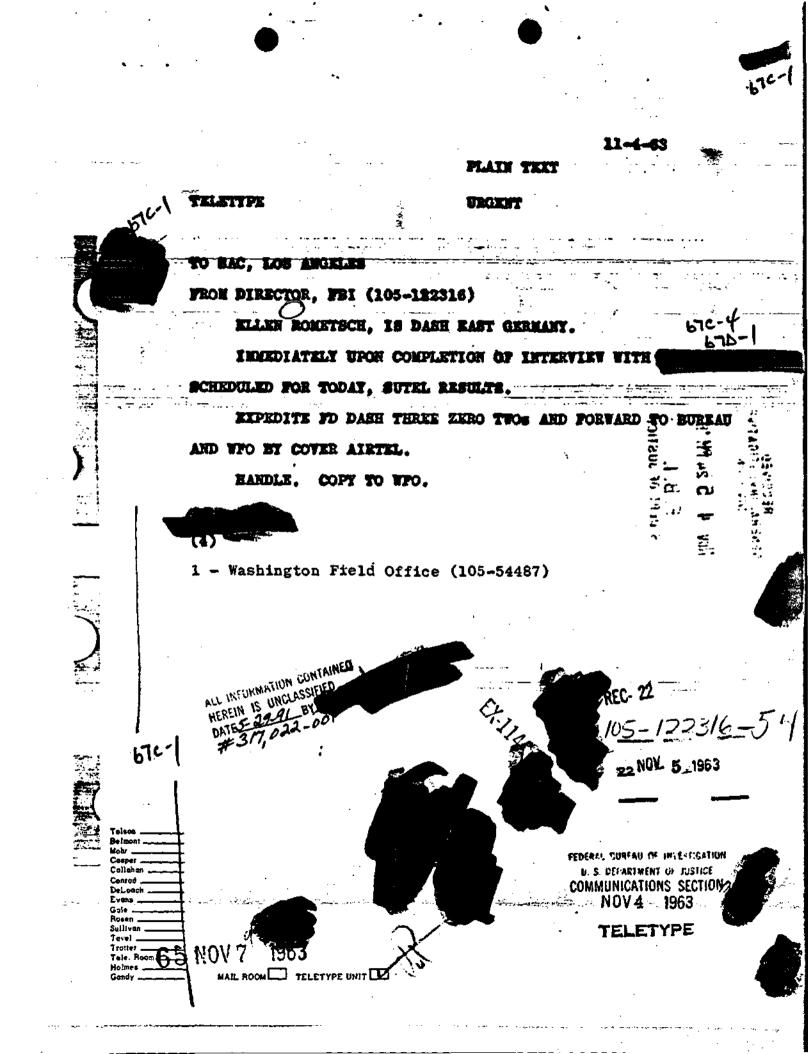
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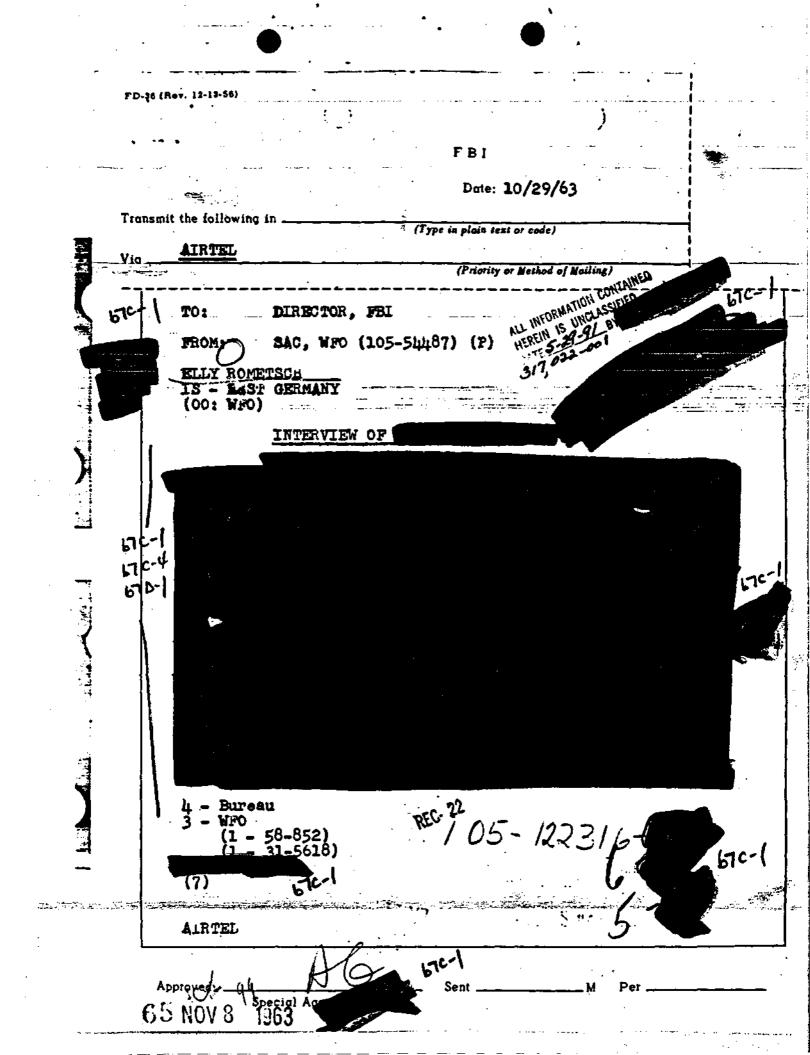
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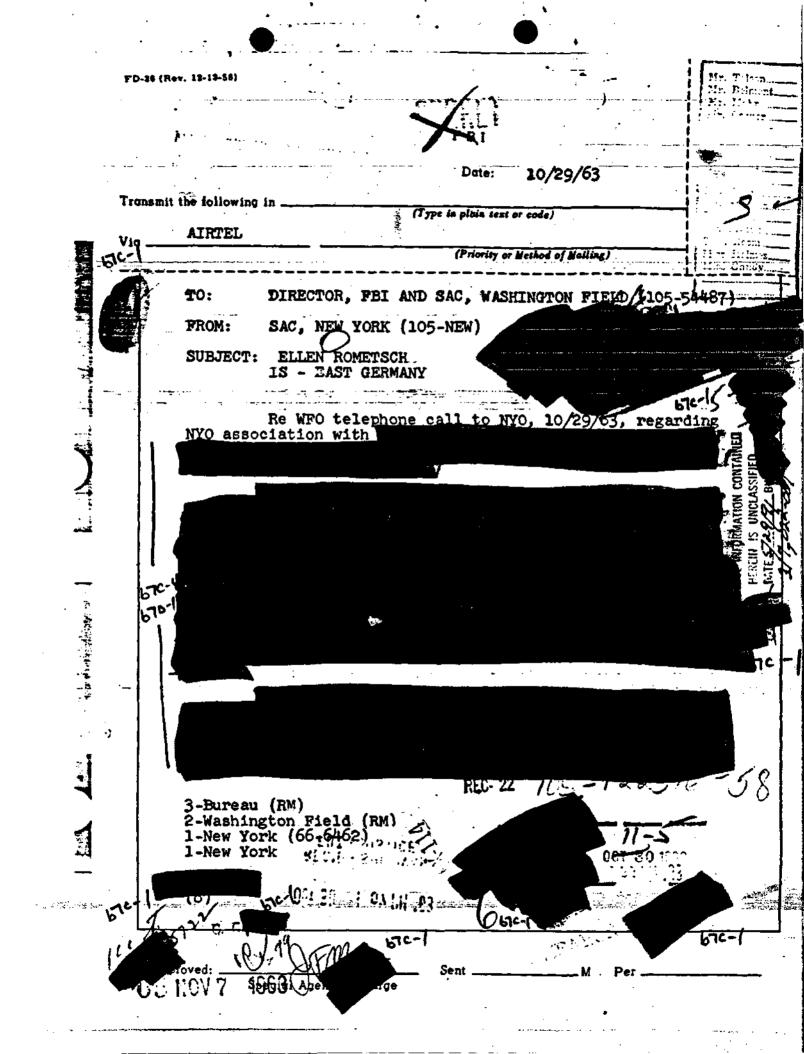
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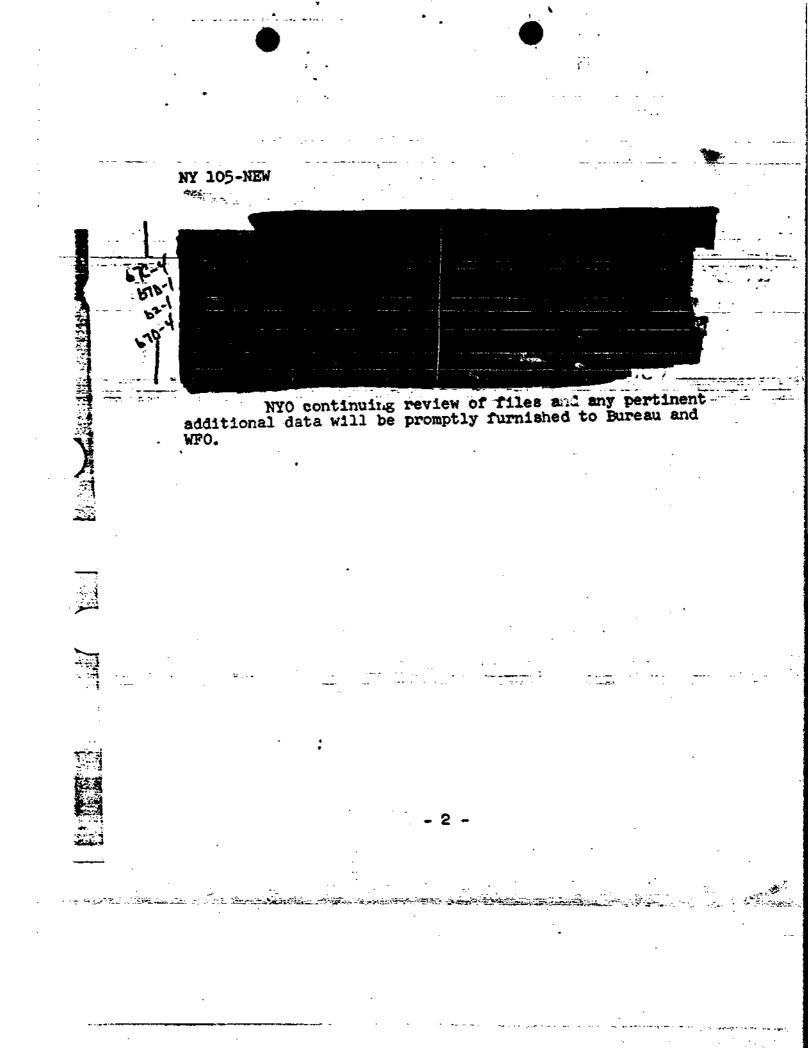
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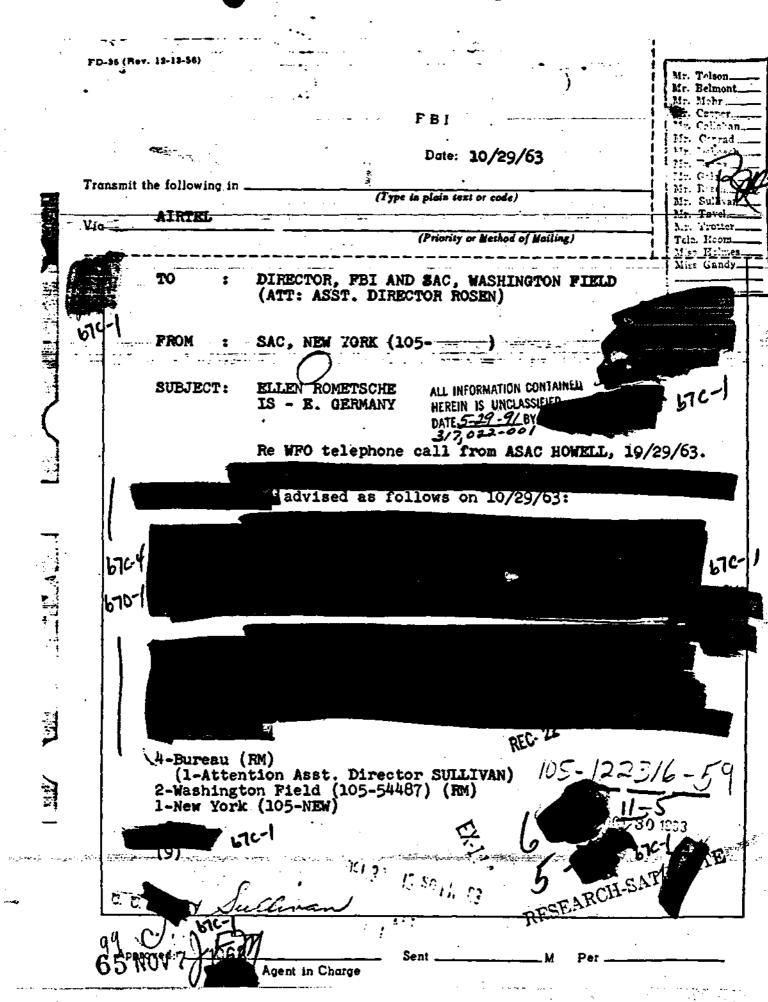
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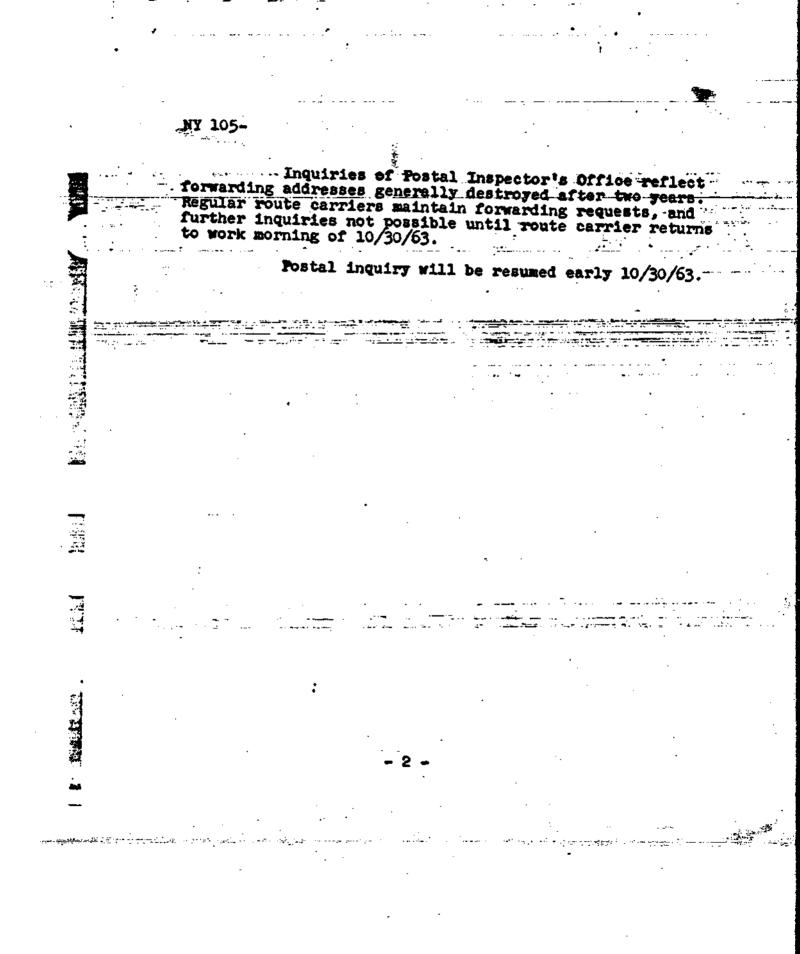






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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 1emorandum Mr. Mohr то DATE: October 28, 1963 . Frank ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED C. D. DeLoach FROM Holm HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Gandy DATE 5-19-91 BY bre-l SUBJECT ELLEN ROMETSCH 317, 22-06 INTERNAL SECURITY - EAST GERMANY ELLEN ROMETSCH The men in my office received a considerable number of telephone calls over the week end regarding captioned matter. The calls arose as a result of the article in the Cowles Publications by Clark Mollenhoff. In his article, Mollenhoff pointed out that captioned individual was involved with a number of Administration officials, including White House personnel. We, of course, have maintained a strict "no comment" throughout the week end. We will continue to say nothing. As an example of phone calls received of the Department called me five times on Saturday, 10-26-63. The first call concerned a request from him to kill Mollenhoff's story in the "New York Daily News." I told could not ask the "Daily News" to do this. The second, third, fourth and firth calls from concerned a request to kill the story with Associated Press. In all'instances 5700 claimed that he did not have sufficient personal contacts to kill the story 🗧 300 himself. On the fifth occasion, told me that the President was personally 210 interested in having this story killed. I explained to on each occasion that it was not within the province of the FBI to kill the story. I told him also that we had interviewed the captioned female and that the results of our interview had been furnished to the Attorney General. I told Guthman he should make his own statements to the press without dragging the FBI into this matter. 676-1 Following statement that the President was personally interested in the matter, I advised the Director telephonically of alls and of the fact that we were making "no comment" whatsoever despite the pressure that was attempting to bring. 1 had a considerable number of phone calls also Inspector regarding this matter. At 8:46 p.m., 10-26-63. was very much unset. 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Jones CONTINUED NEX 1 - Mr. Morrell PAGE 1 - Mr. Evans 1570-1 10% CDD er.114 2 NOV 4 1983 (8) 61417 2 196**3** 65 NOV 1

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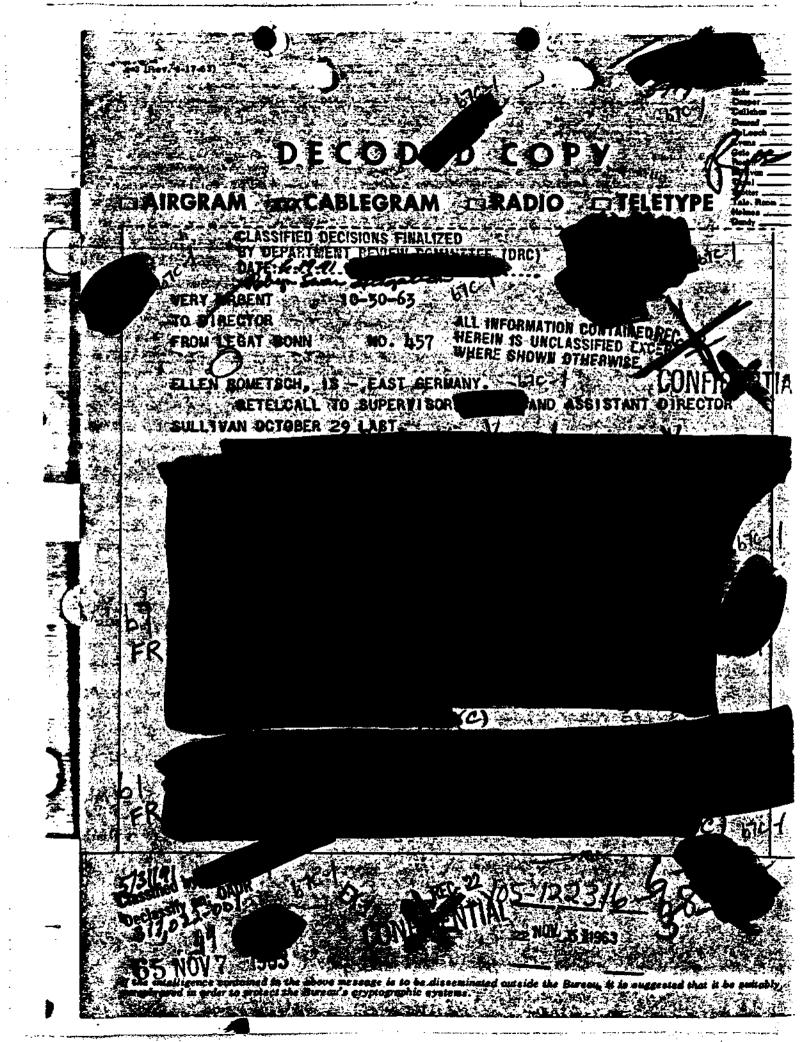
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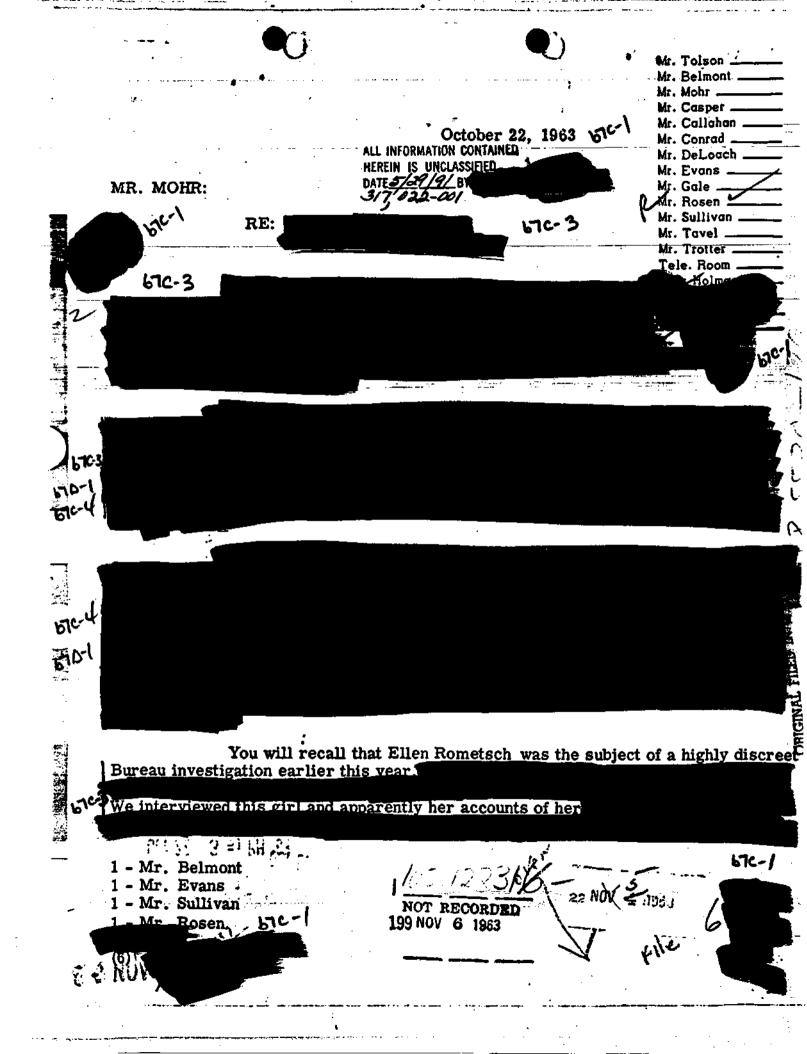


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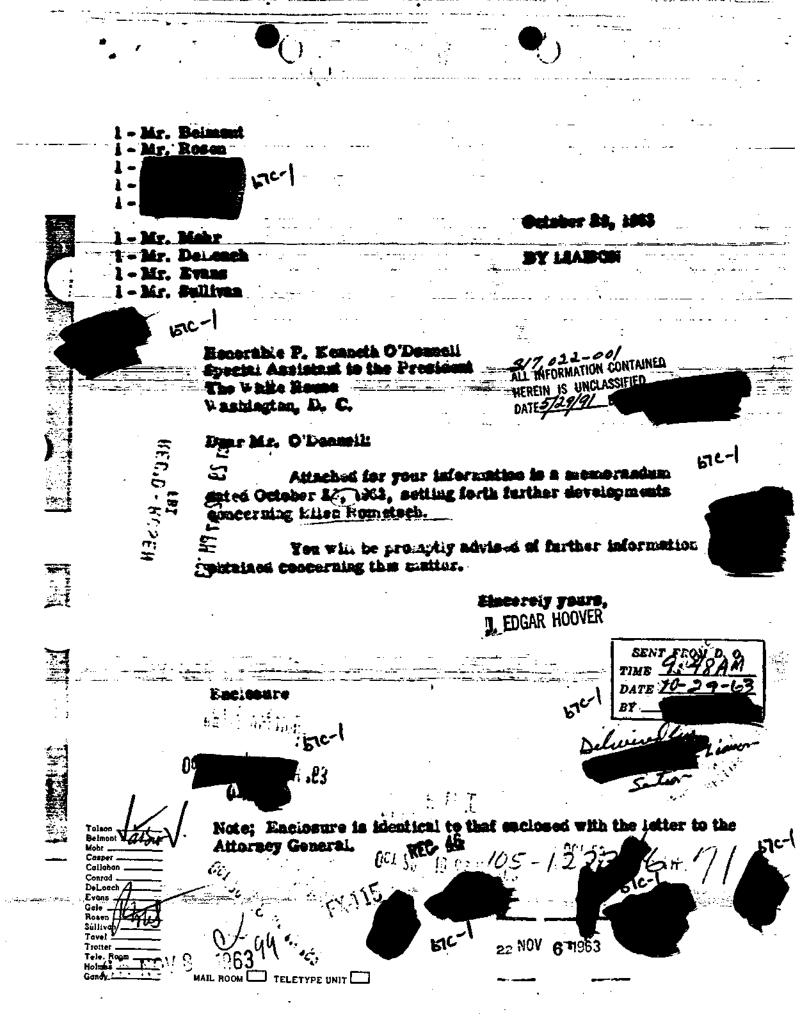


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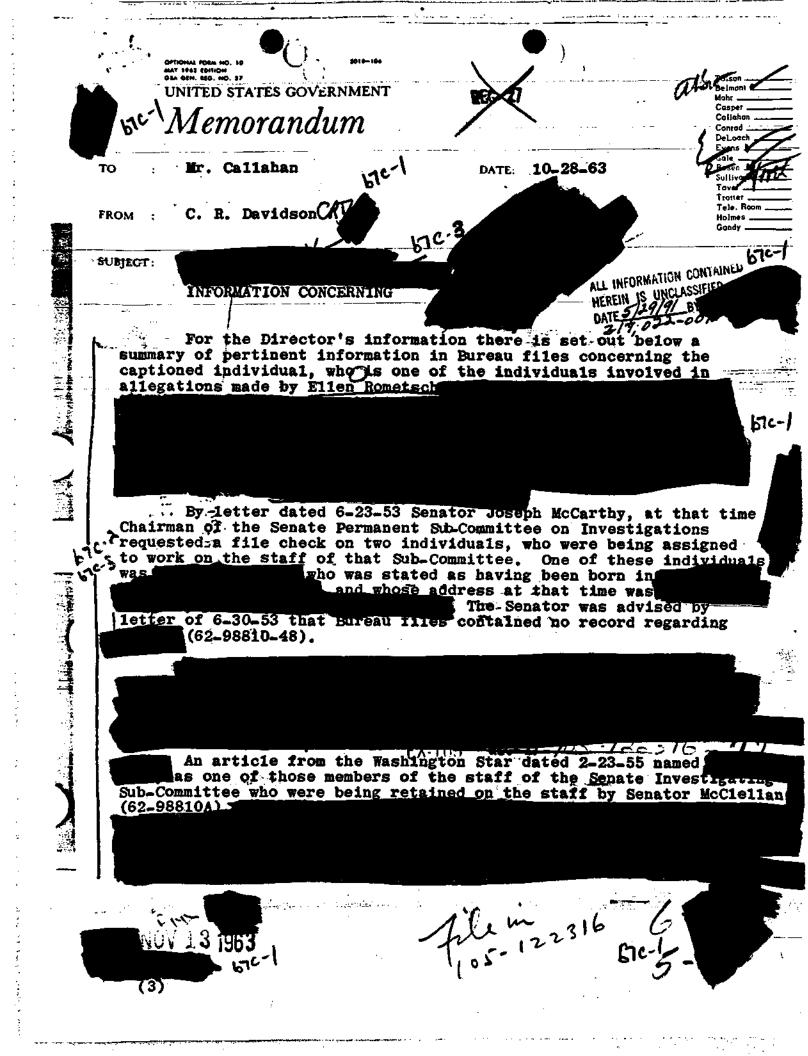
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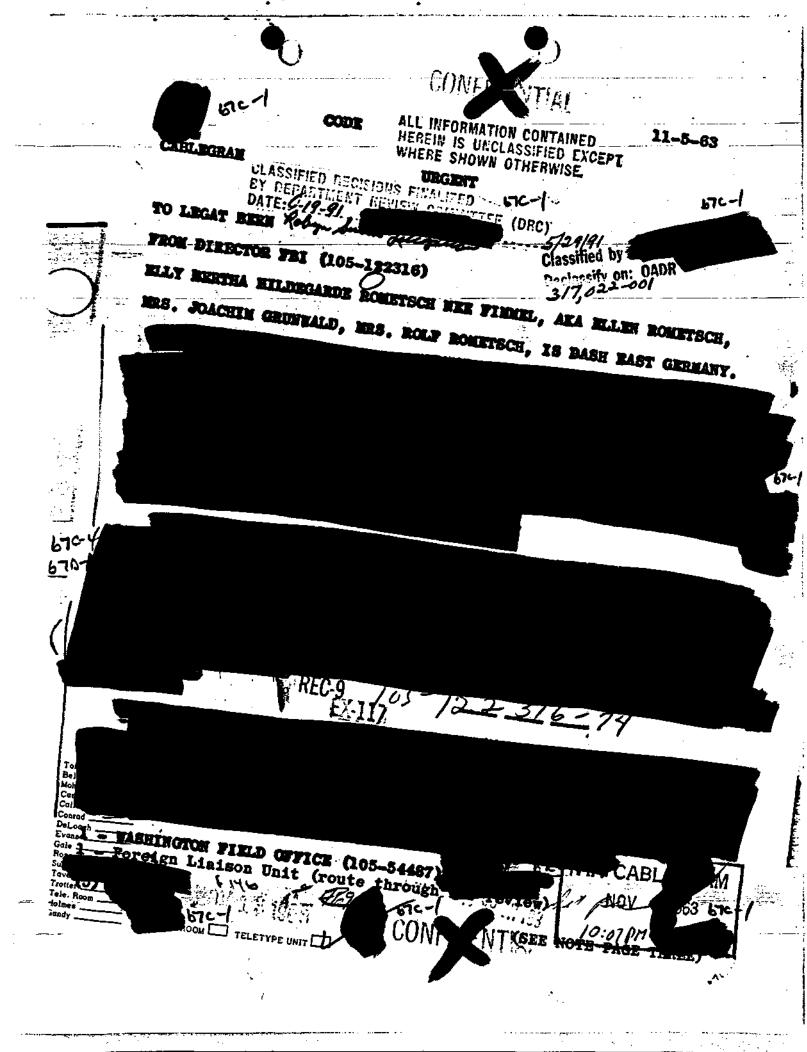
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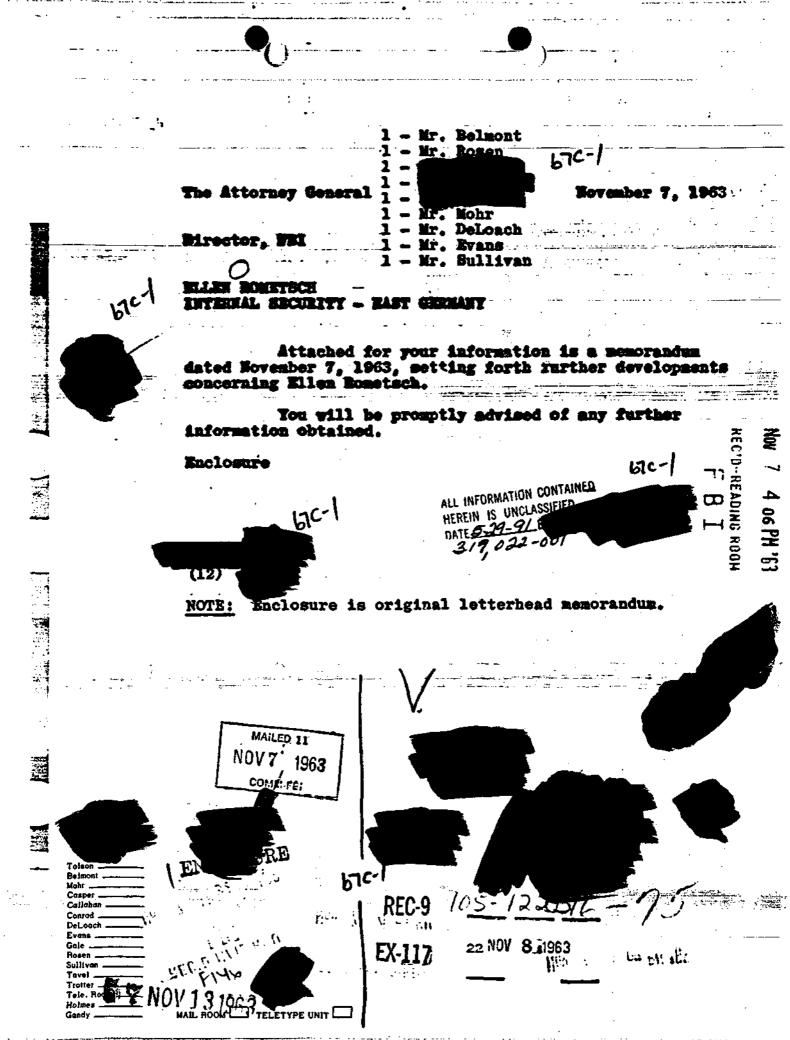
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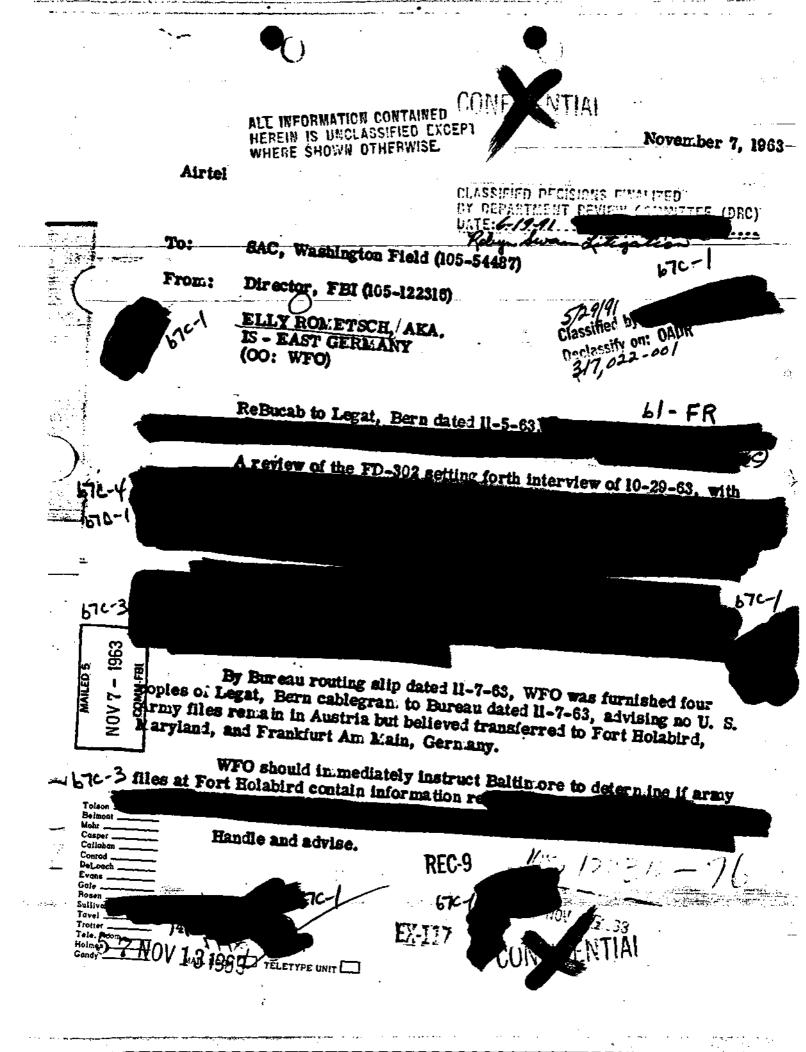


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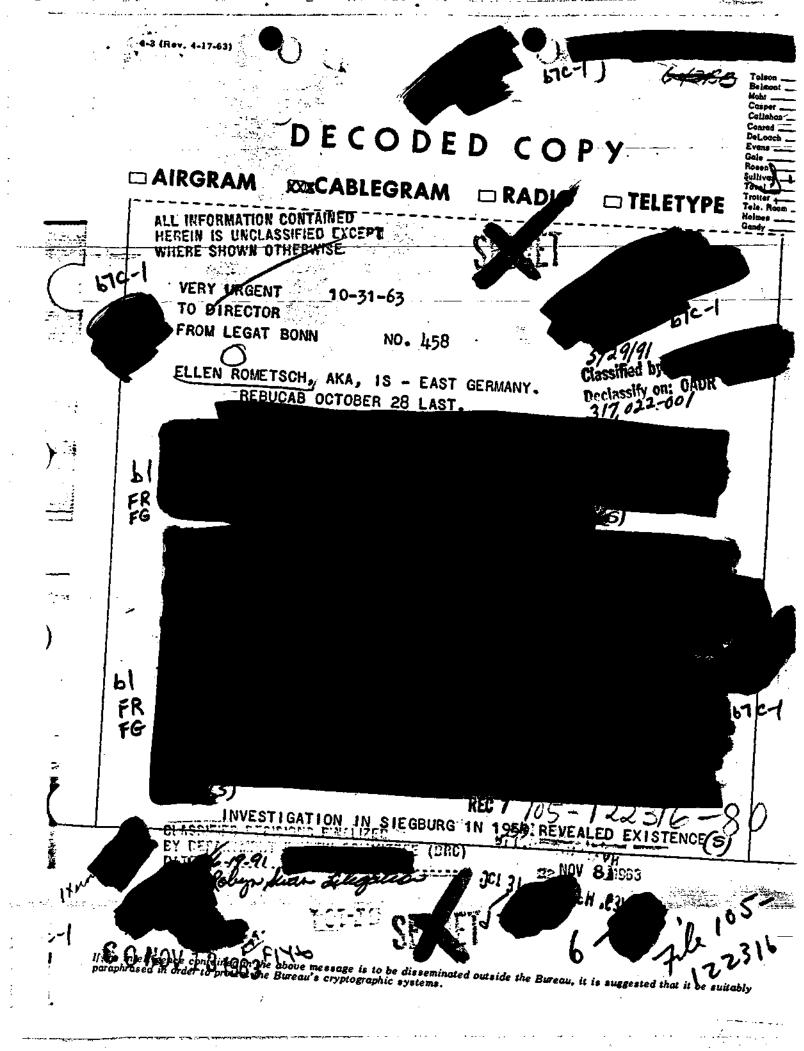
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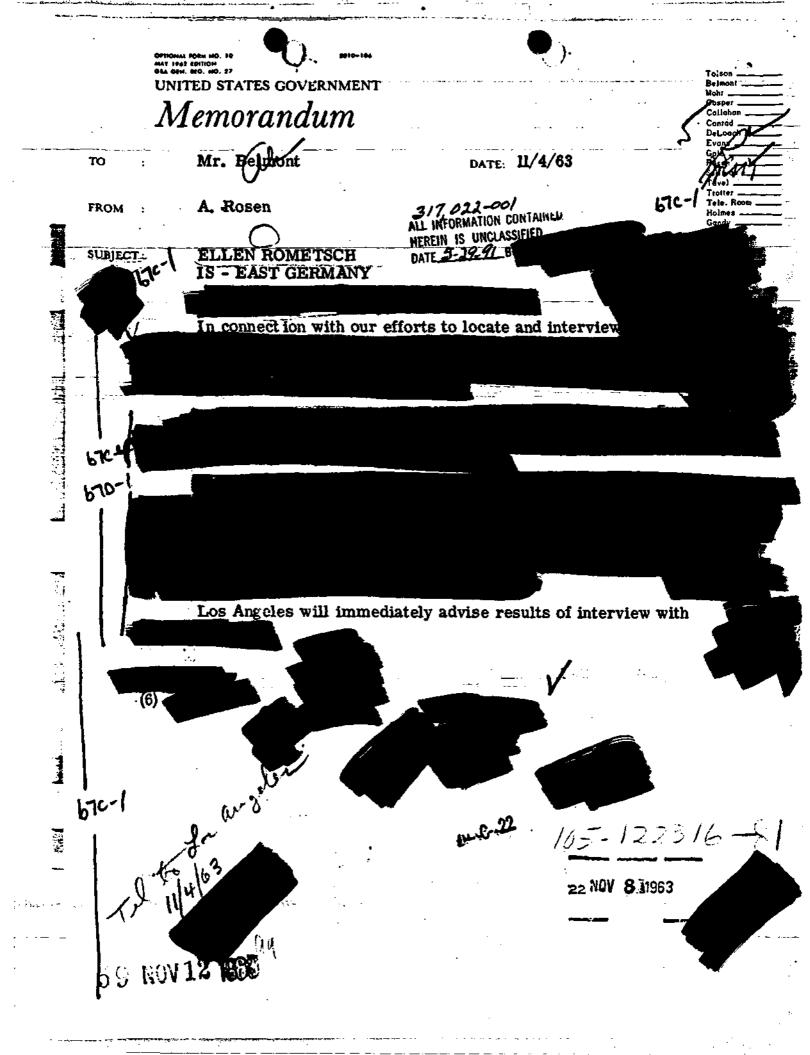
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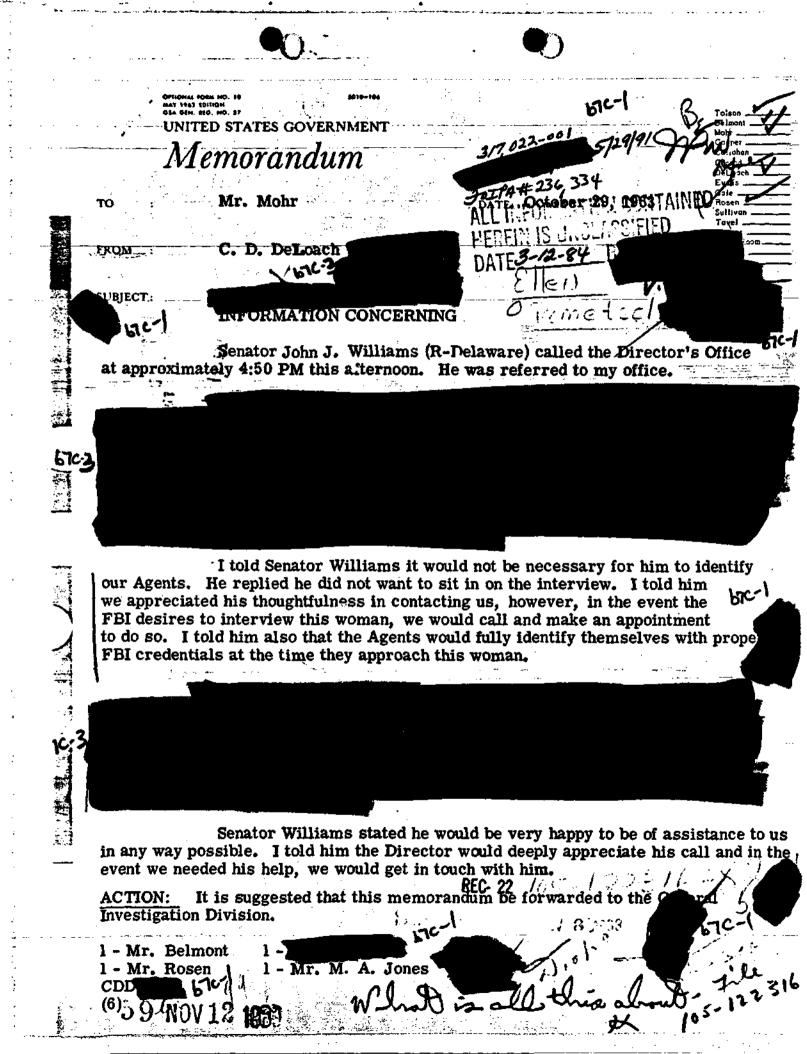
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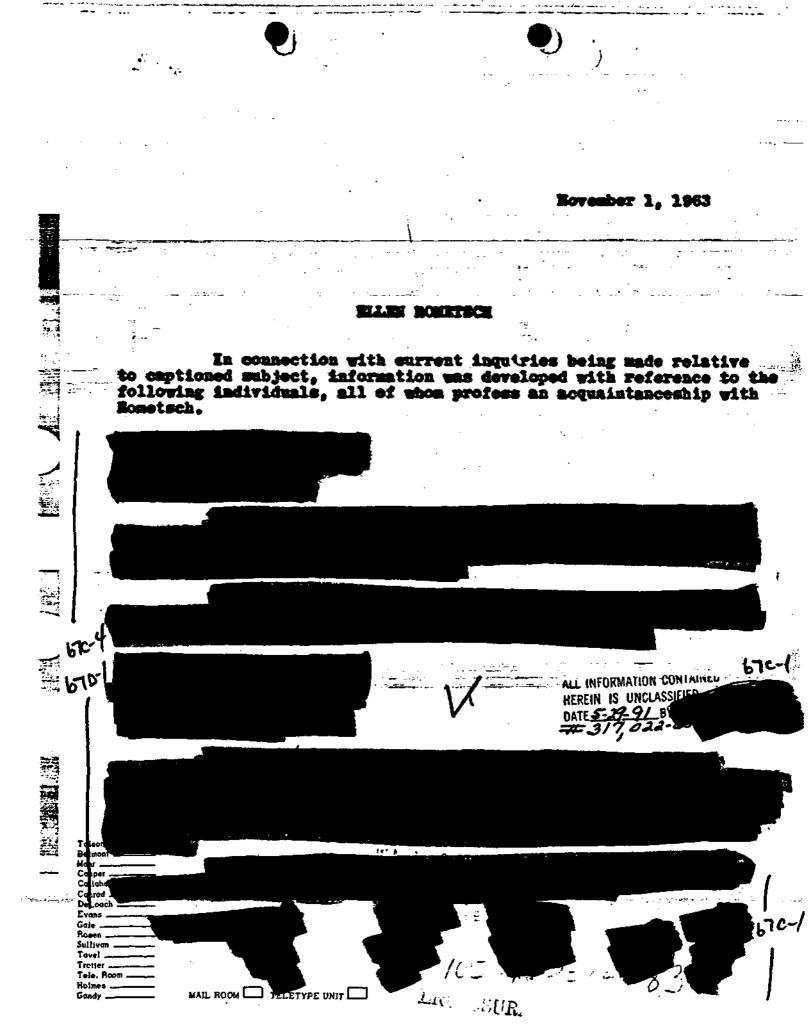
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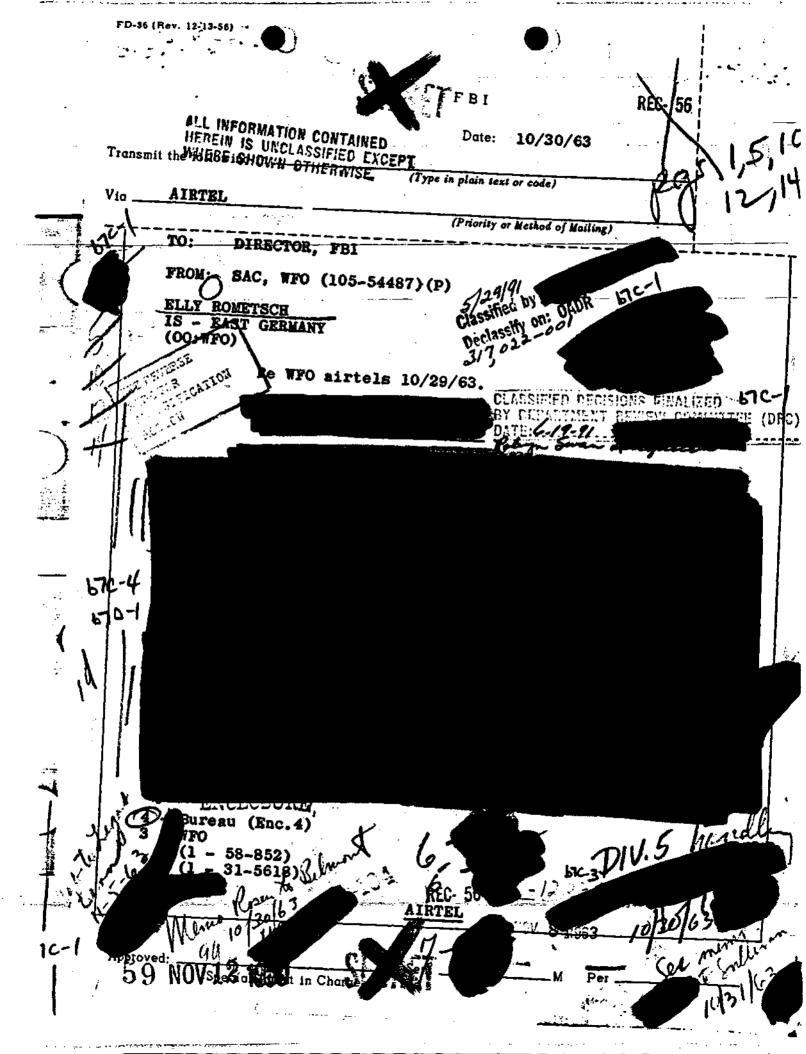
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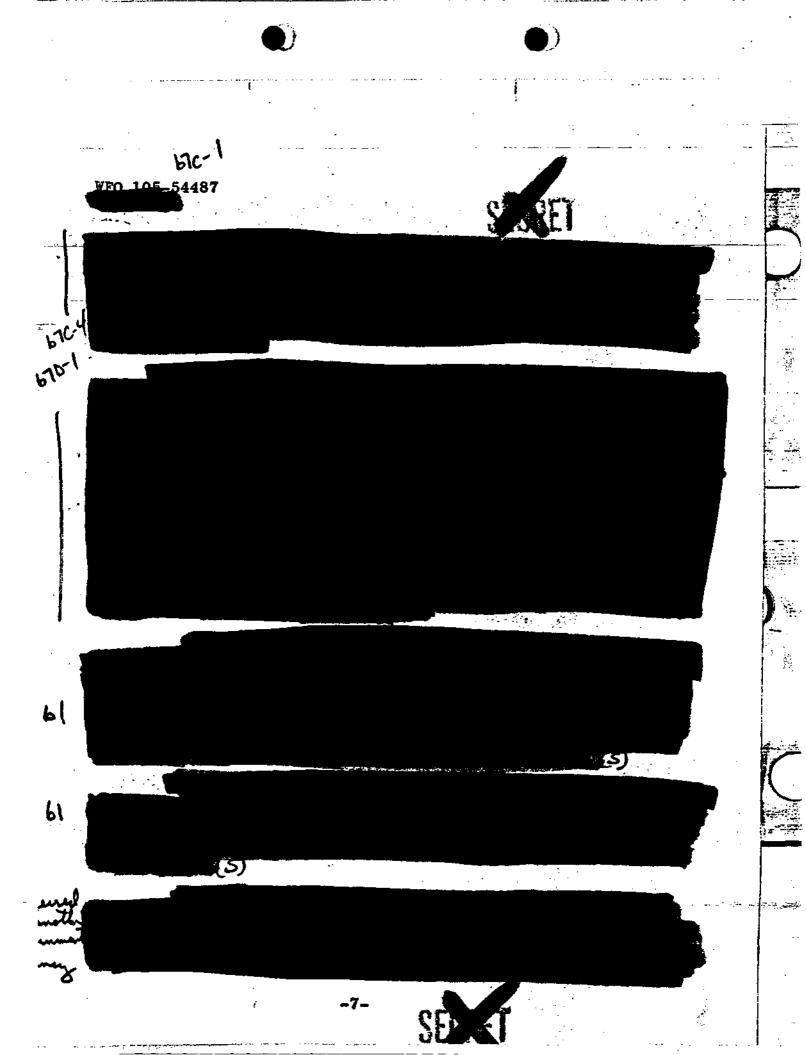
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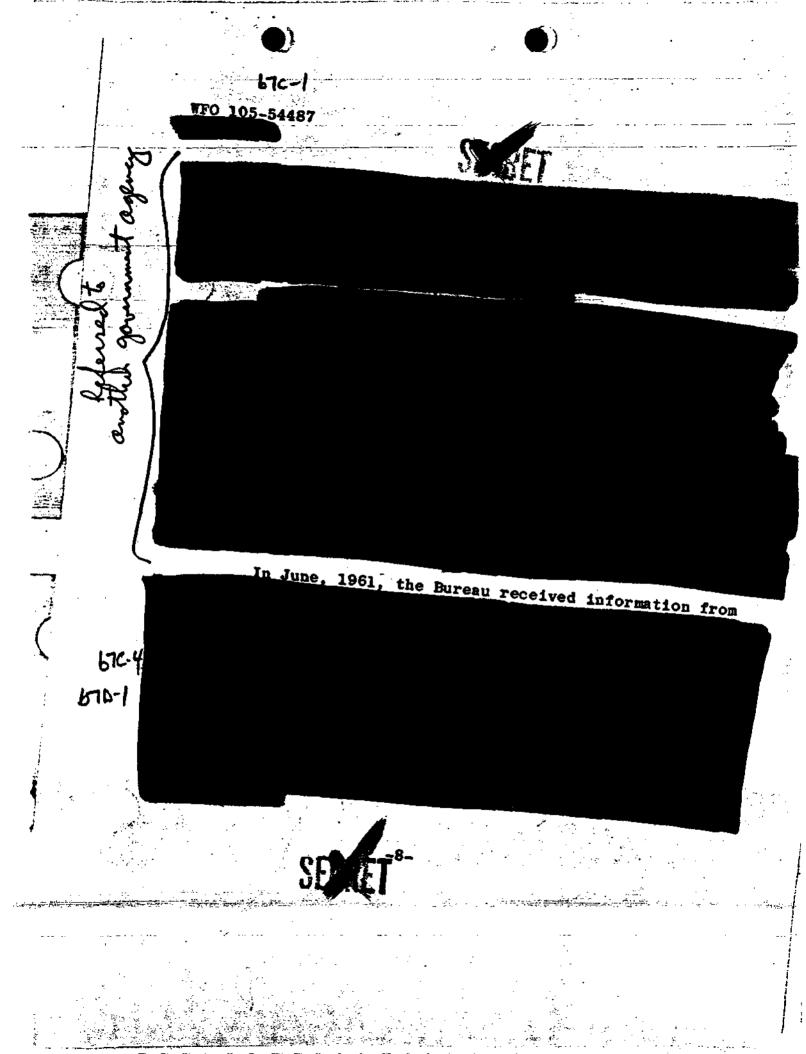
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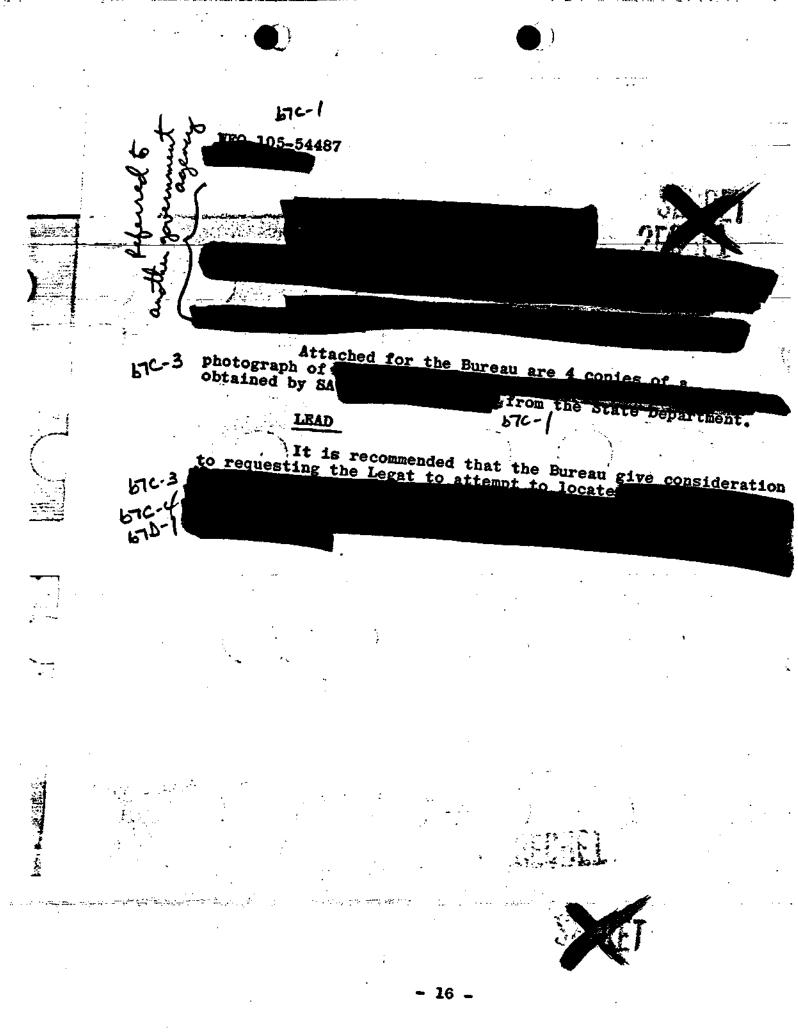
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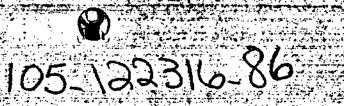
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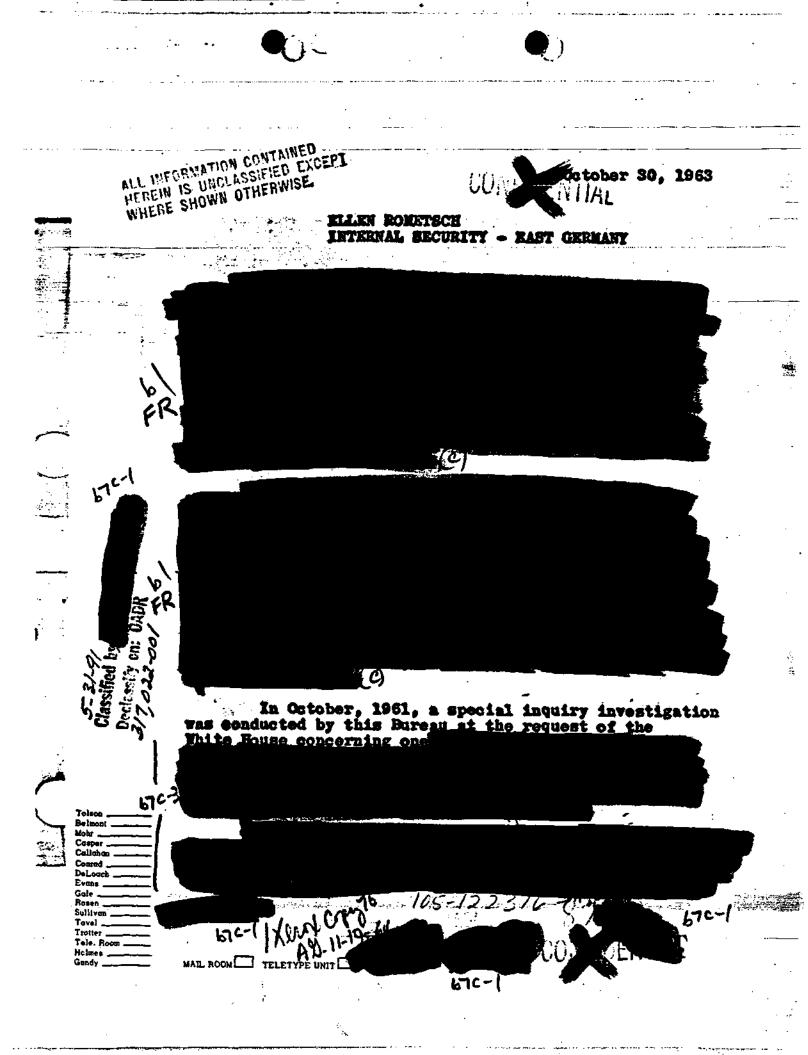
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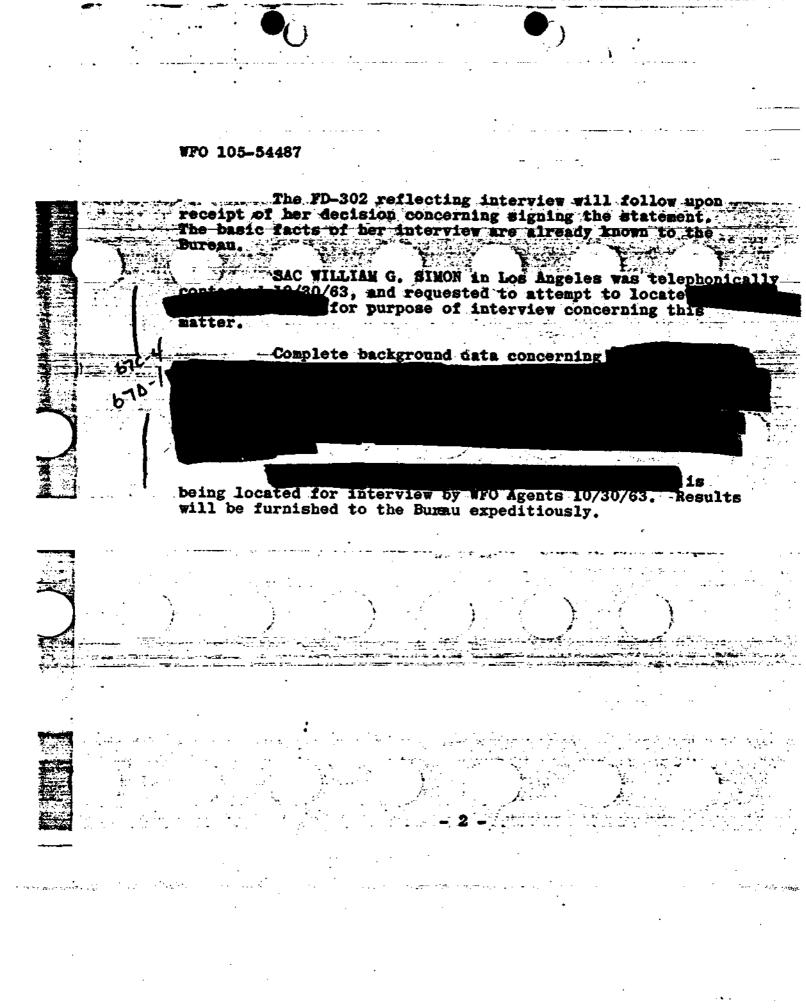


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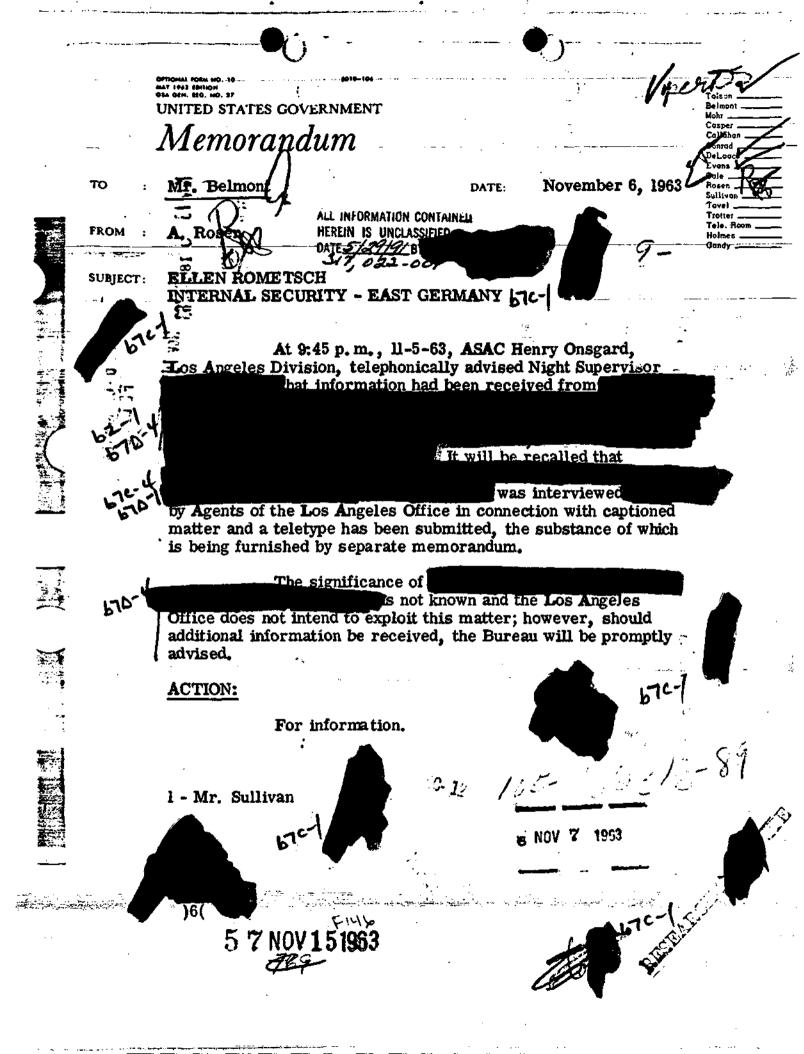
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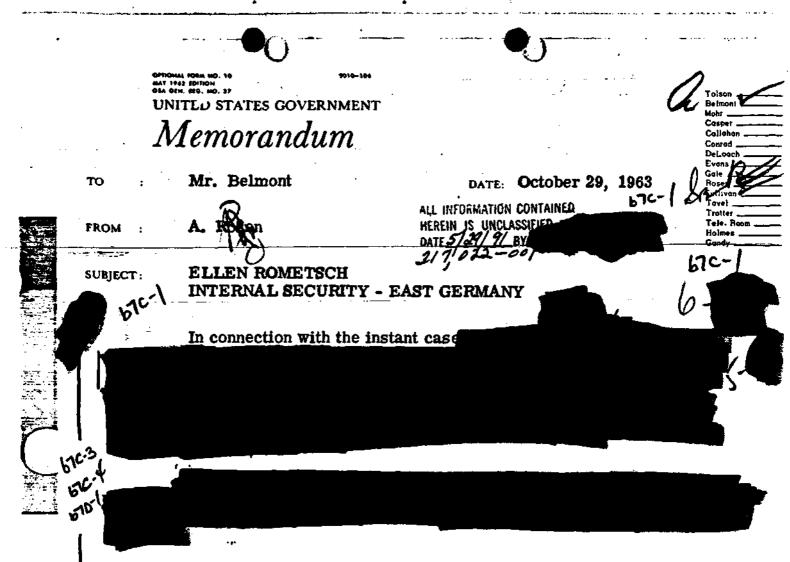
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# **RECOMMENDATION:**

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regarding White House involvement, and it was the conclusion of both the Department and the Bureau that this was not within the province of the FBI, and no statement was made; that there was no disagreement between the Department and the Bureau on this. I told Congressman Devine that our traditional procedure, which we would follow in this case, was to conduct investigation and furnish the results to the Department and other pertinent officials, setting forth the facts, and any conclusion to be drawn would be by the recipients.

Congressman Devine said that the group of congressmen concerned about possible pressure being applied to the Director were considering passing a "sense resolution" which would express the confidence of Congress in the Director, and thus place a block against any efforts to force the Director to resign; or, in the alternative, to pass a bill requiring that the successor to the Director be drawn from experienced personnel of the FBI and/or that any successor must be confirmed by the Senate. Congressman Devine made it clear that his concern about this matter is for the Director and the Bureau. I told the Congressman that I would advise the Director of his visit and that we were highly appreciative.

Subsequently, I called Congressman Devine and reiterated what I had previously told him, advising him the Director was most appreciative of his concern.

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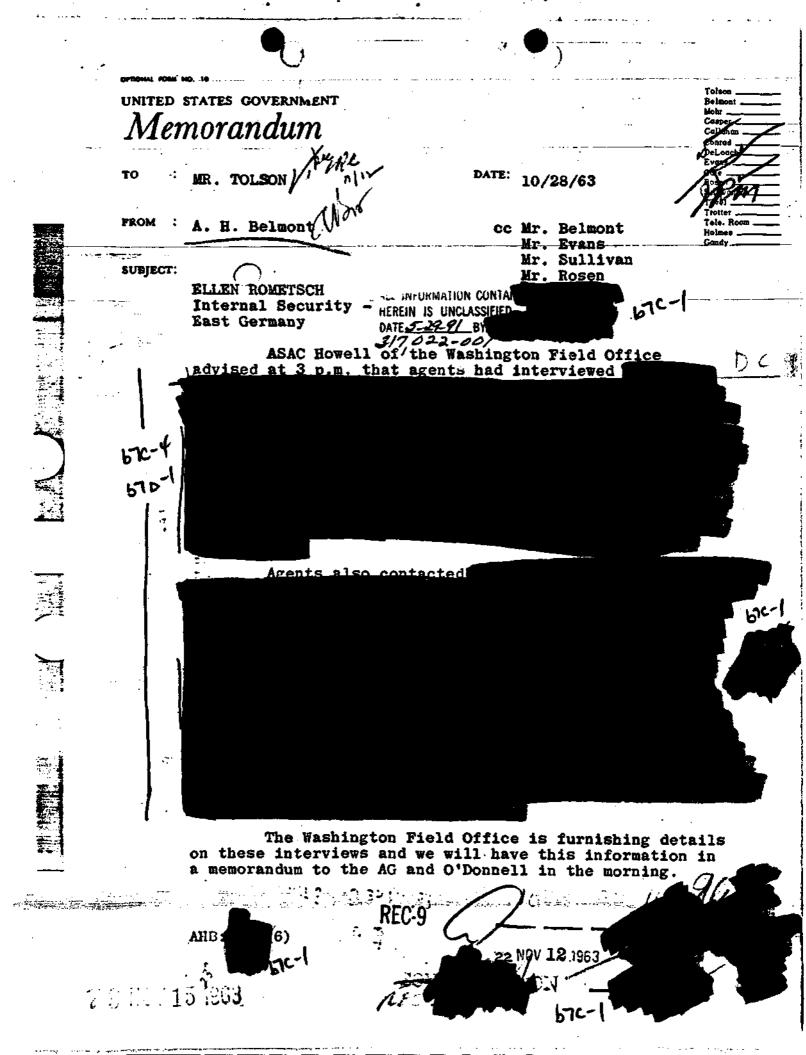
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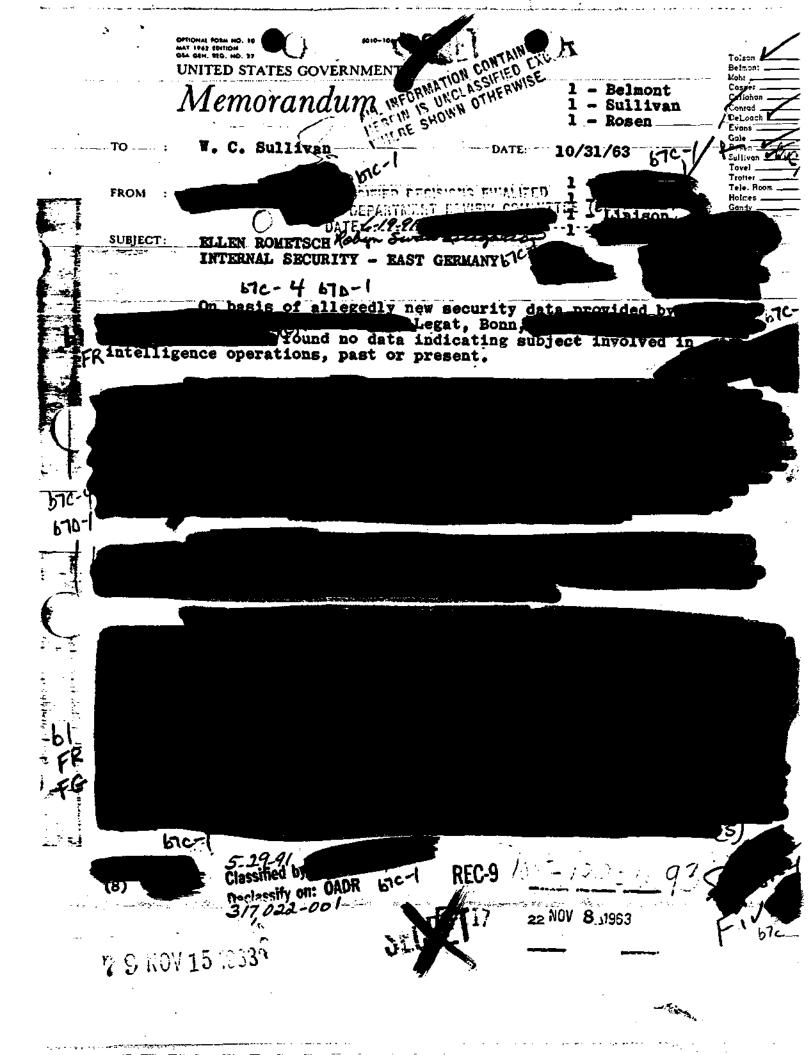
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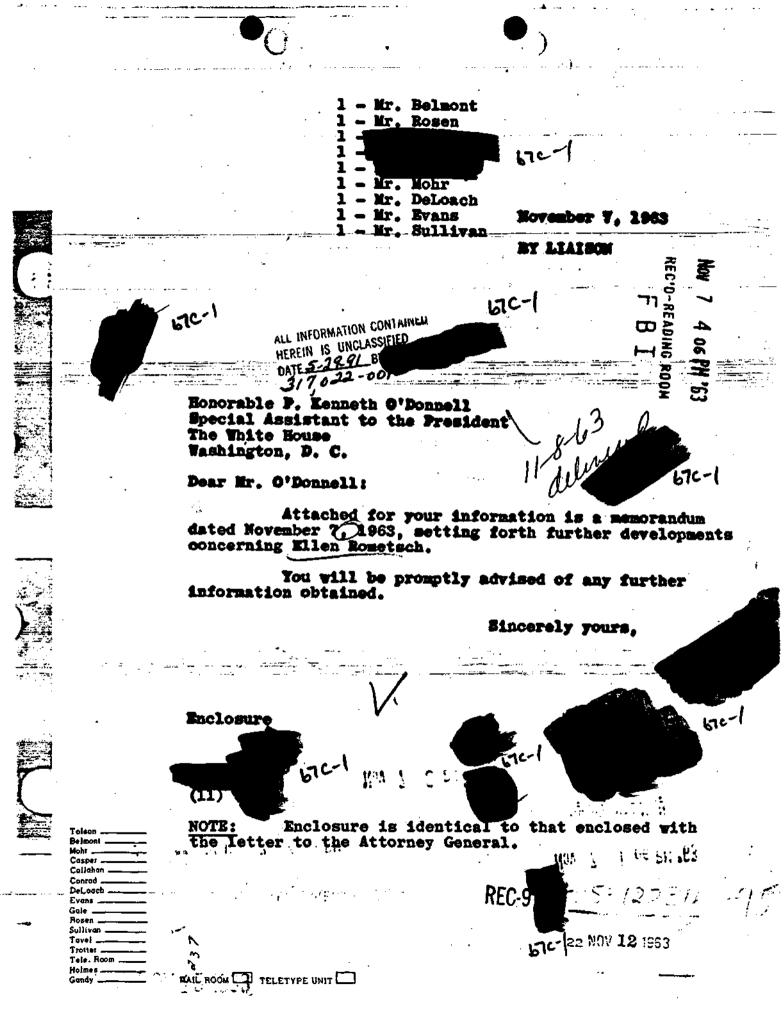
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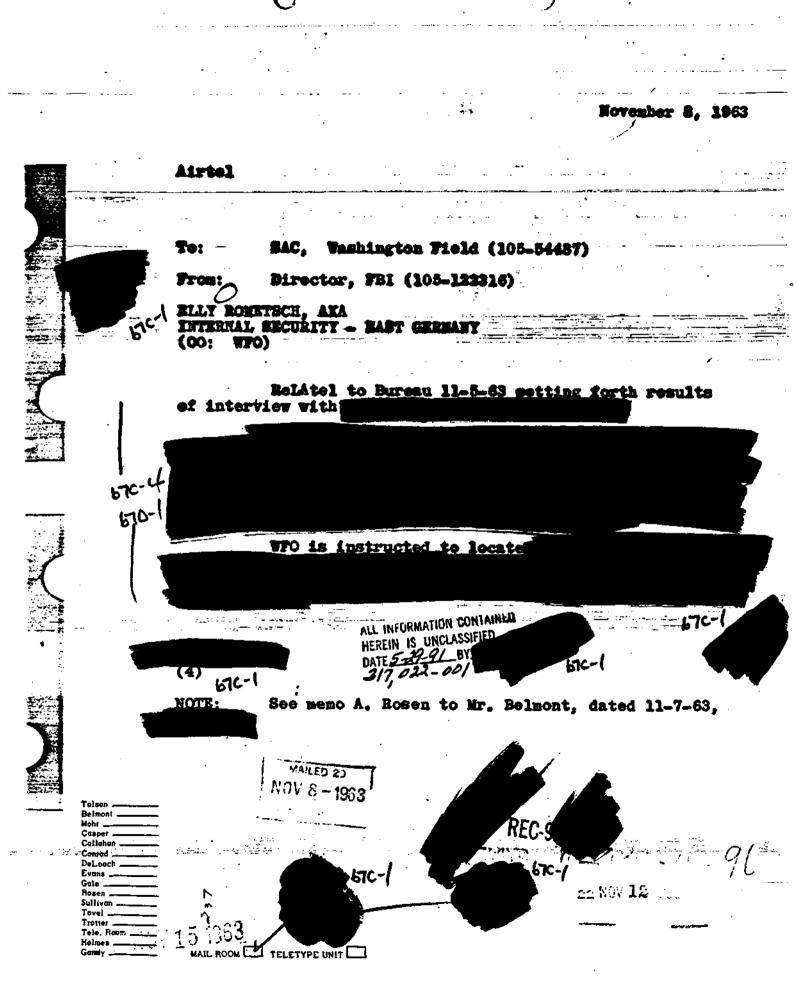
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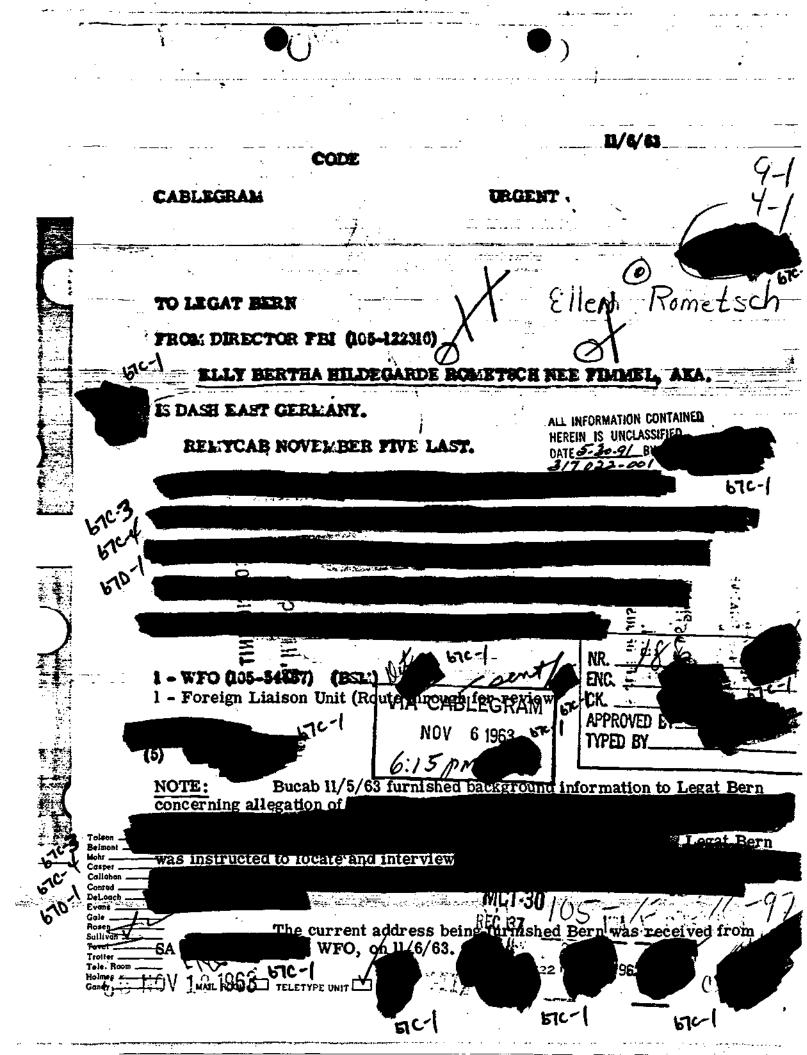
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On October 25, 1963, the Attorney General chilled at my milice and stated that the President and he had discussed the <u>Elien</u> Rometsch case and the aspects of it which tied in with the Bobby Baker case. He stated it was their feeling that I should meet with Senator Mansfield, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and Senator Dirksen, the Minority Leader, and brief them upon this matter before the Senate subcommittee which had been set up initiated investigation. Ever ReTC

I told the Attorney General that he already had a complete memorandum upon this matter which he, himself, could read to the Senators if he so desired, rather than have me personally meet with them. He stated that he felt I should see the Senators as they were primarily interested in any breach of security which might have occurred in the Rometsch case and they would give more credence to what I had to say than any statement he might make.

Meantime Sonstor Manefield had called by phone and following the Attorney General's visit I returned the call and he stated it was his and Senator Dirkson's desire that I meet with them and suggested I be at his house at 1:30 p.m. His home is at 4500 Dexter Street, Northwest.

I called upon Senator Mansfield and with him was Senator Dirksen. I read to him the complete memorandum which the Bureau had prepared upon the Rometsch case. They asked a number of questions as to the aspects of it and I answered them, apparently to their satisfaction. I assured them that when this case arose last July we had entered it on the basis of seeing whether any security breach had been accomplished and that we had recently reopened it in view of the current publicity and had gone into all aspects of security, and I could assure them there had been no breach of security.

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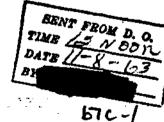
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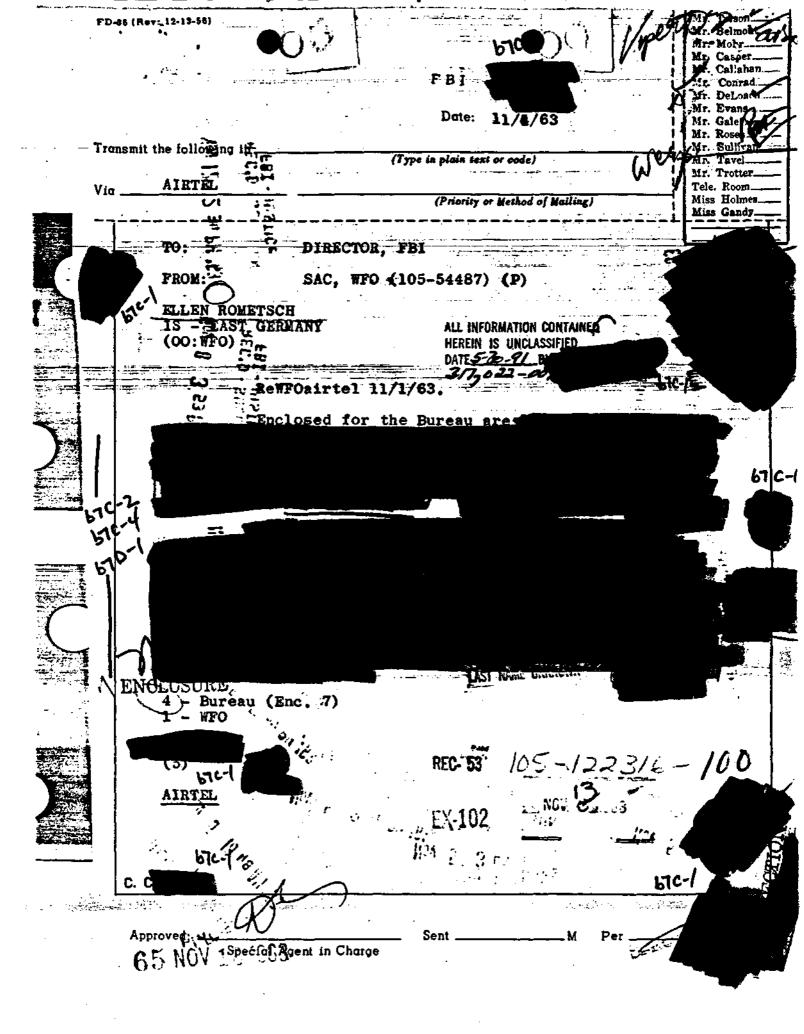
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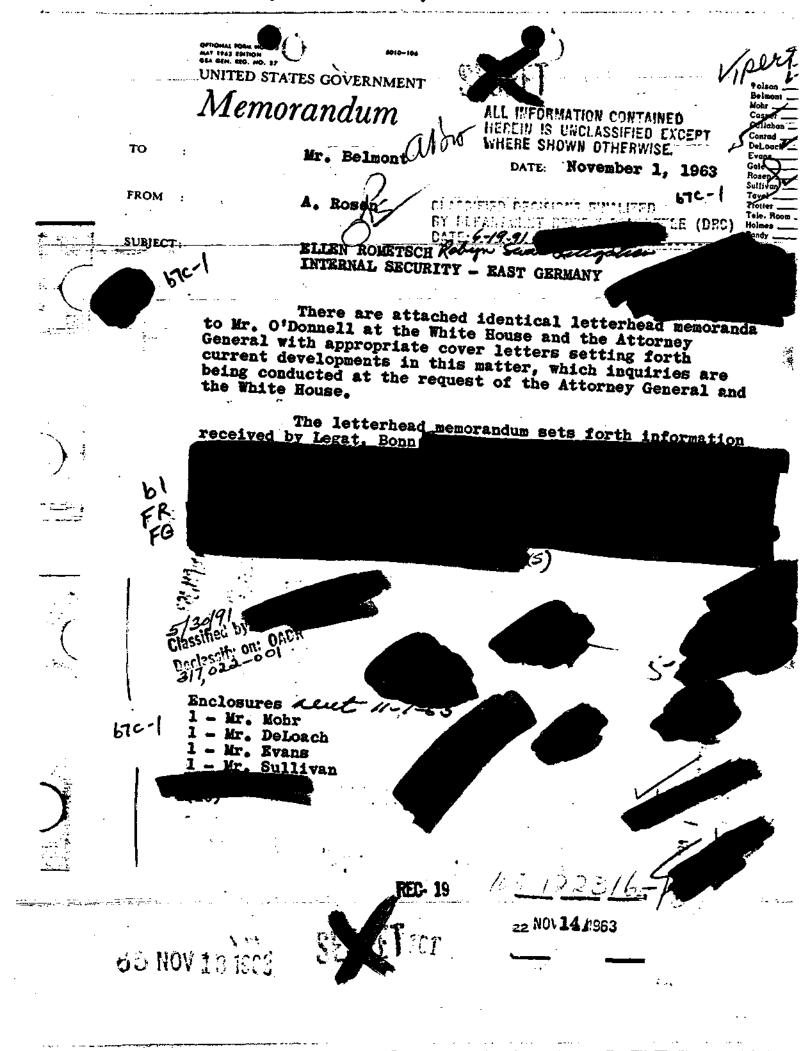
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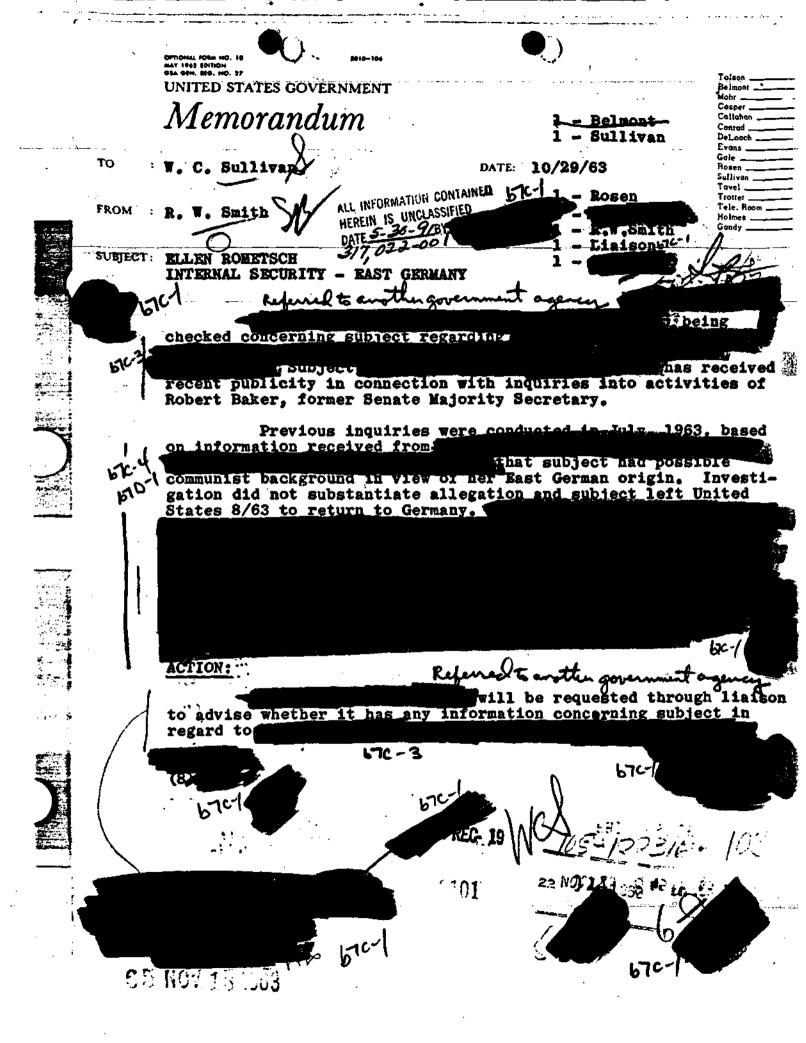
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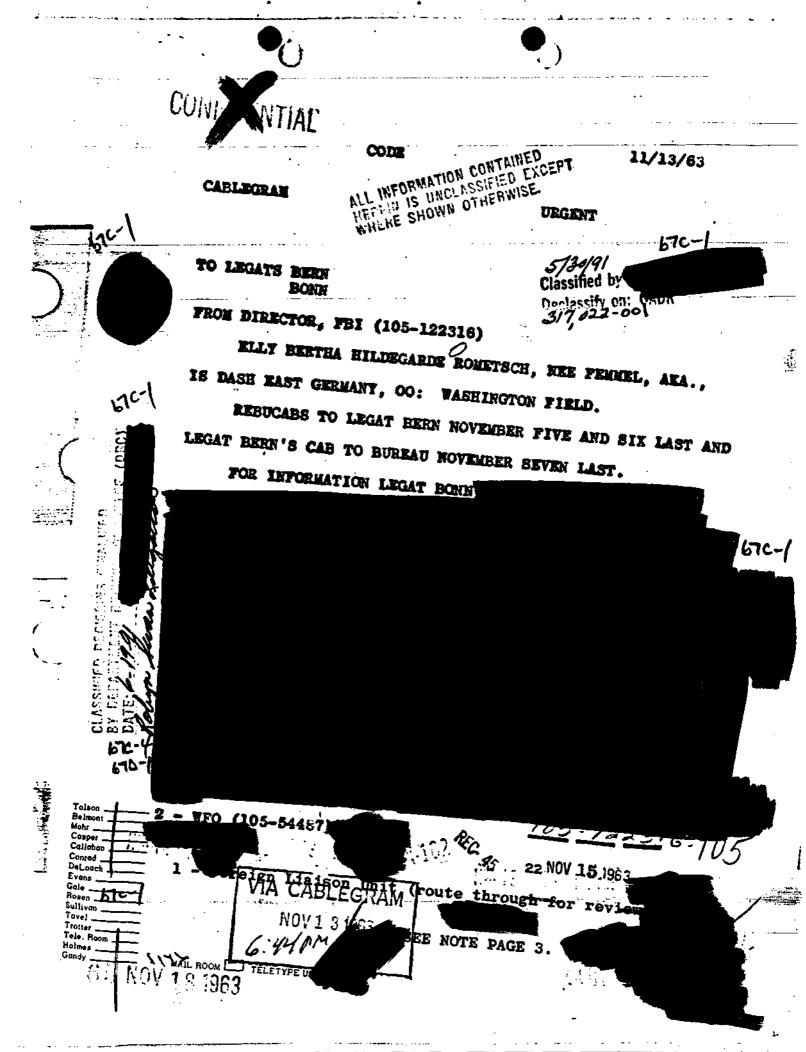
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On October 28, 1953, the ratorney General called at my office and discussed a number of matters.

The first matter discussed was the Bobby Baker case and its various ramifications. I informed the Attorney General that we were daily receiving memoranda from the Criminal Division of the Department asking for additional investigations such we had given this particular matter too priority.

We then discussed the Ellen Hometsch case. I outlined to the Attorney General the details of this situation and the ramifications of it.

I told him about the conversation that I had had with the President on the preceding Sunday by phone in which the President expressed concern about the possible involvement of personnel at the White House. I stated that we had immediately interviewed the Rometsch woman

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We then discussed the Eirclingham bombing situation and I advised the Attorney General of the obstruction which the Alabama State Highway Patrol had placed in our way of what was then an early solution of the case, but that we were working intensely upon it and hoped ultimately to be able to bring about the apprehension of the persons responsible for the bombing of the church in which the four little girls were killed.

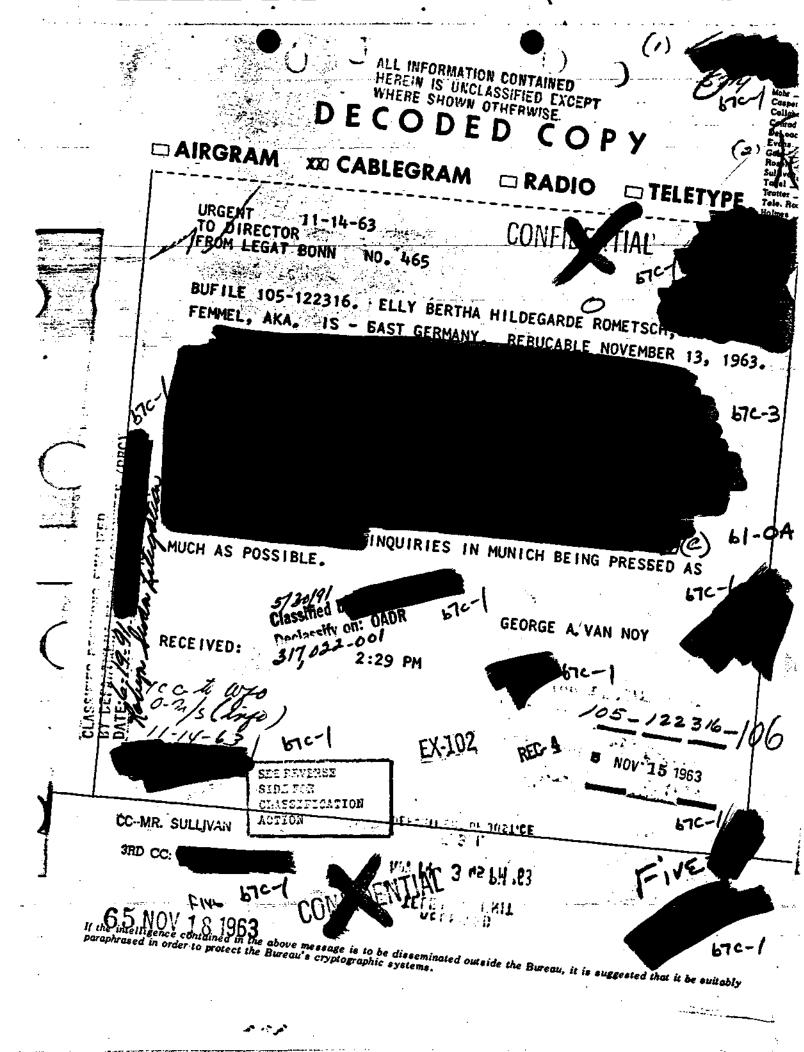
The Attorney General then mentioned the recent monograph on Communism in the racial situation. He stated that the Defense Department had adviced him of it. I told him that he had also been furnished a copy at the same time that we had made distribution to the Defense Department, the White House, He stated that he was quite concerned about the contents because while it did not state that King was a Communist, nevertheless, one could quickly draw that conclusion. I told him that every statement made in the document was accurate and supported by facts.

He stated he of course realized this but felt that it would be desirable to recall all of the documents because he did not know who else might see it other than those to when we had distributed the document. I told the Attorney General that his request would be immediately acted upon, and after the Attorney General left my office I communicated with Mr. Belmont and asked him to see that all copies of the document had been obtained and kept in security.

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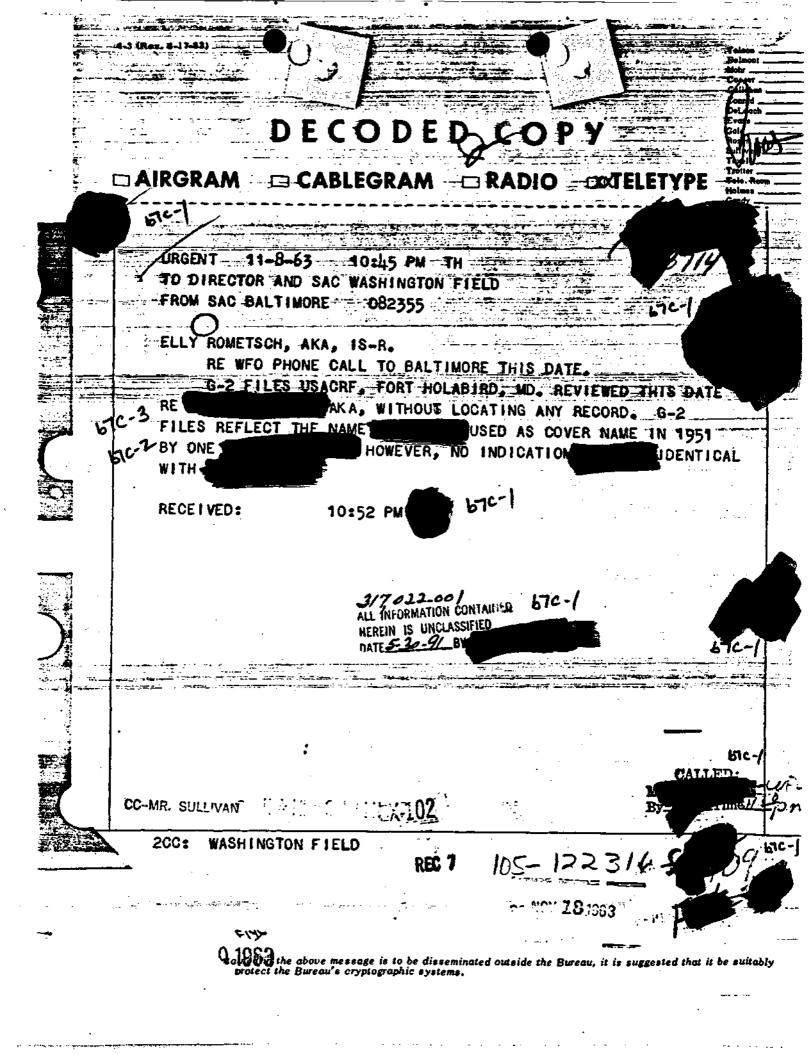
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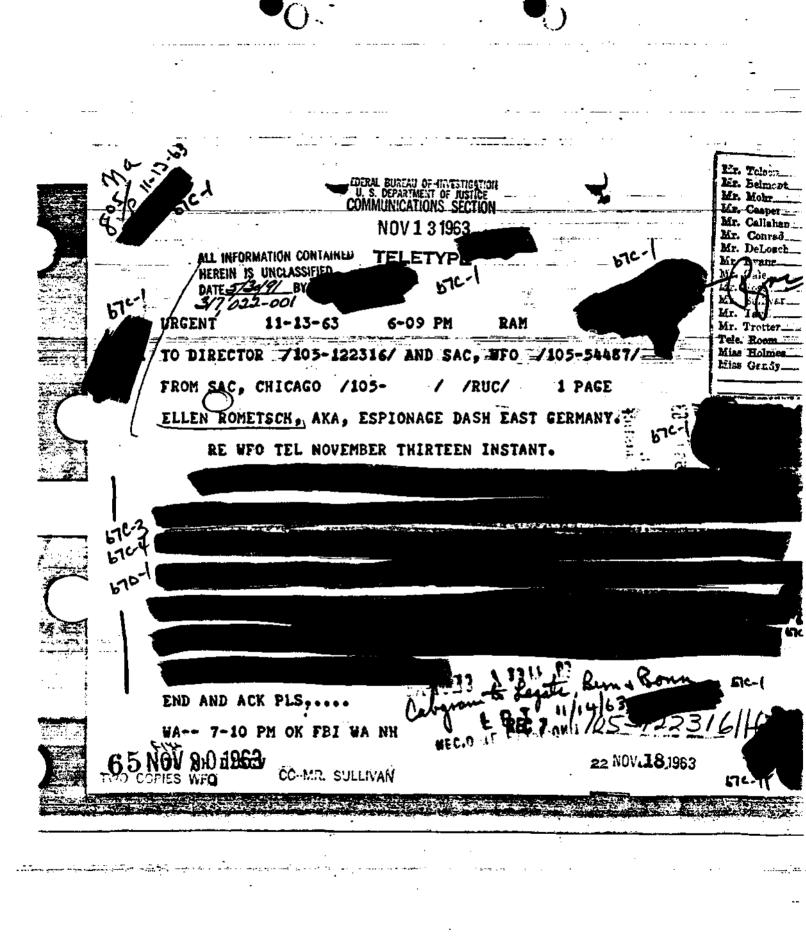
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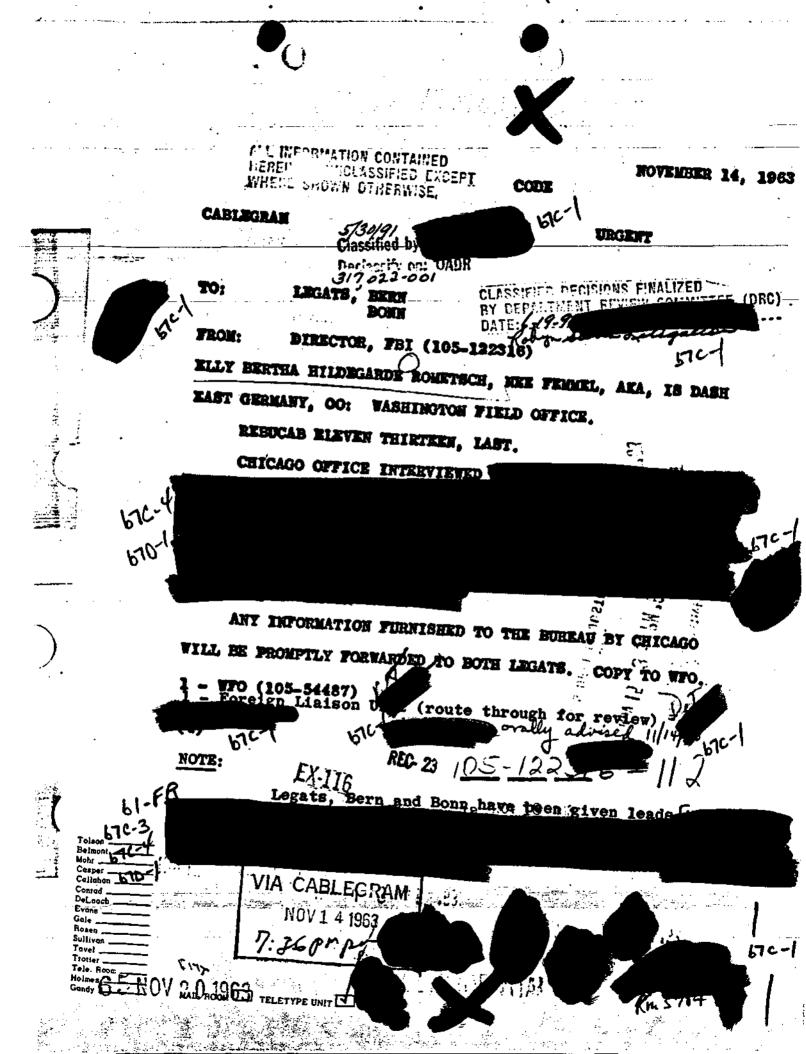
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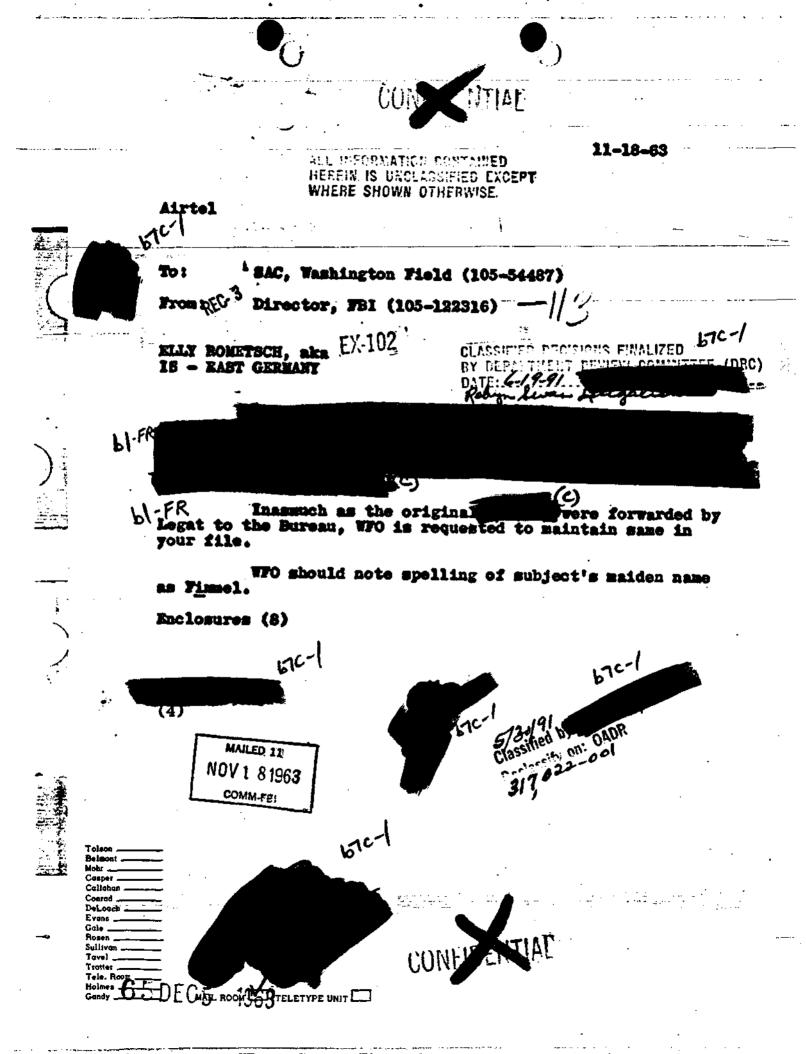
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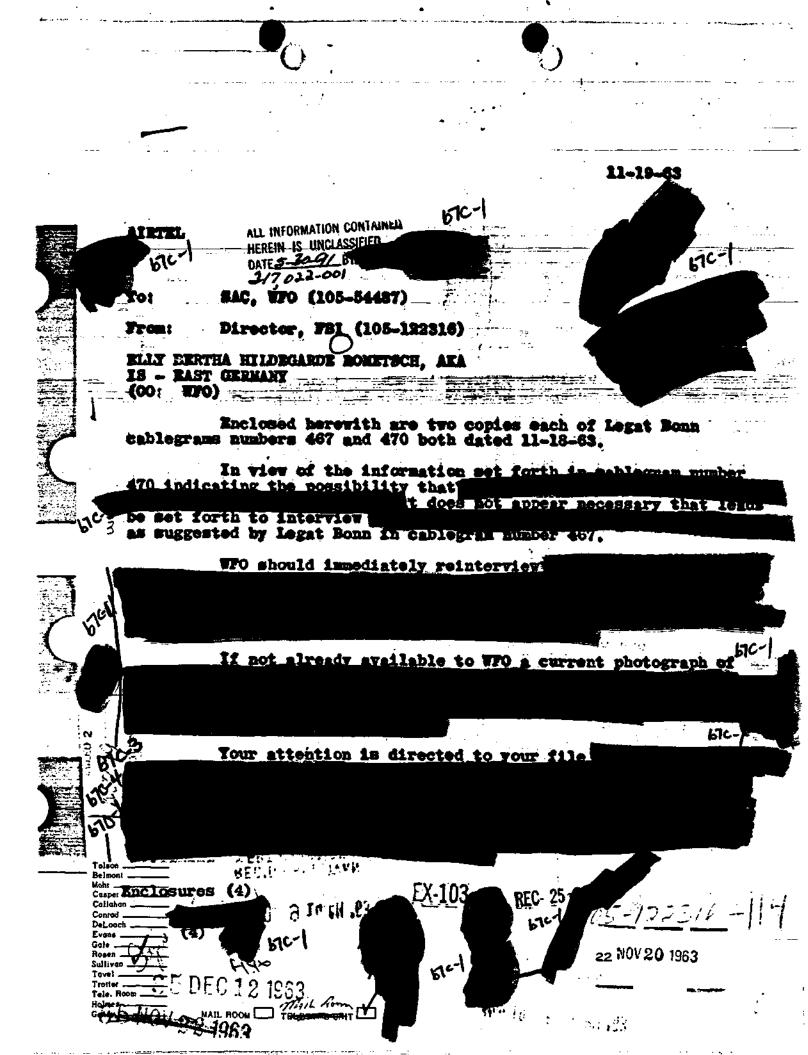
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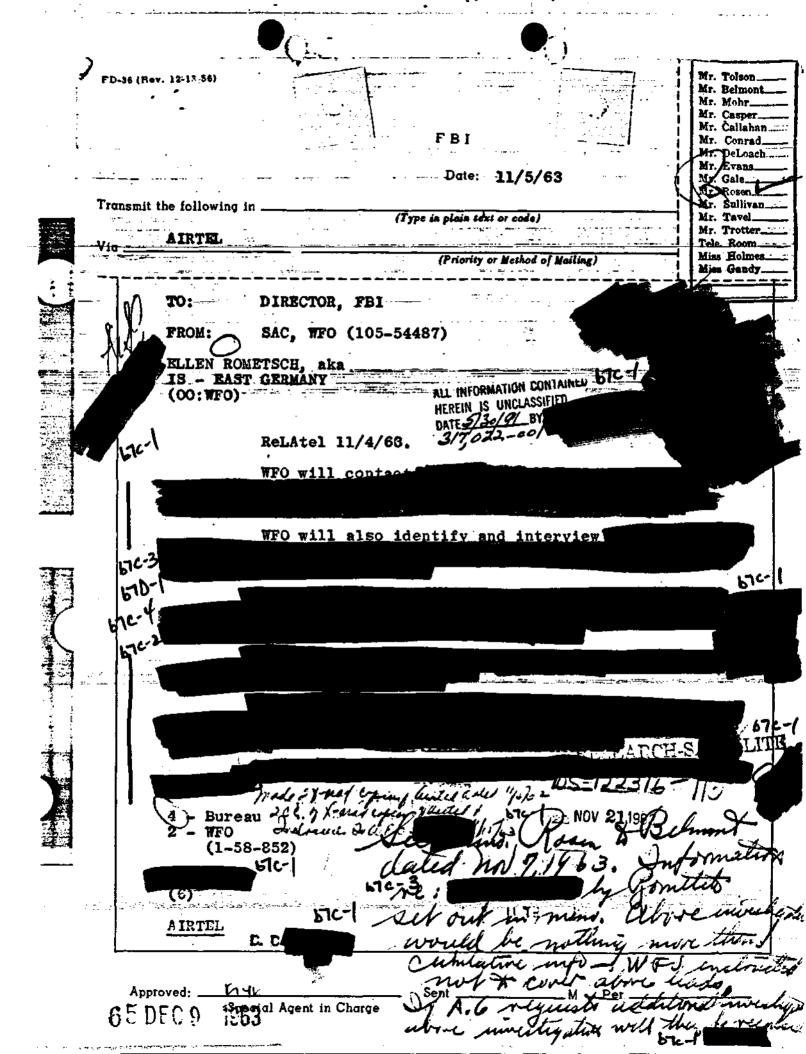


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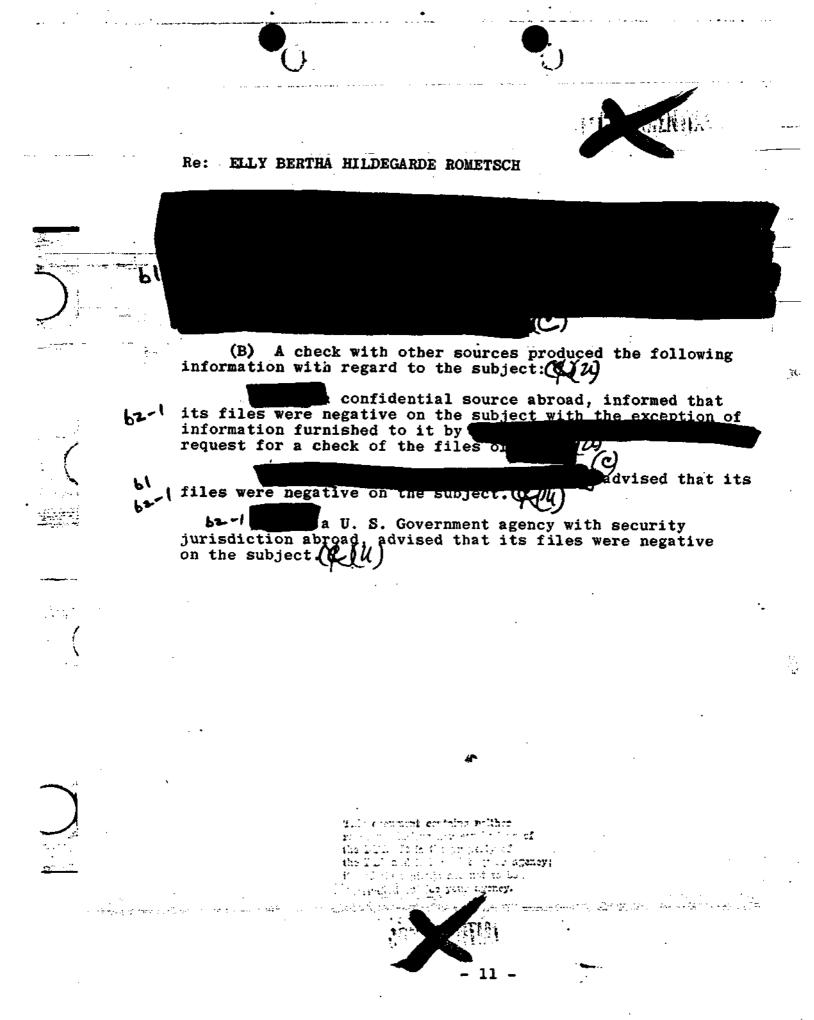
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# Memorandum to Mr. Belmont Re: ELLEN ROMETSCH

This is the only lead remaining at the present time in this connection.

The facts as developed thus far are sufficiently developed to indicate under normal circumstances a discussion with an appropriate United States Attorney in order to determine if there is sufficient justification to warrant further investigation for the purpose of prosecution. However, in this instance, inasmuch as the investigation was initiated pursuant to the request of the Attorney General with the knowledge of the White House, and as all of the information developed has been made available to both, our dissemination of information has not been made to anyone other than the Attorney General and the White House.

It is also noted that several individuals contacted in connection with this inquiry have in some instances refused to furnish pertinent information or have supplied information which appears to be in conflict with data received from other sources. Our inquiries, of course, have been limited to the objective specified by the Attorney General in his request that it be determined whether

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In view of the above factors, it would appear desirable from the Bureau's standpoint in view of the sensitive nature of this matter to at this time submit a memorandum to the Attorney General referring to the fact that we have submitted such information as has been developed to his attention and to that of the White House, for the purpose of specifically determining whether any further investigation is desired by the Attorney General. I believe the above course of action is necessary in order to insure that the Bureau's position in this matter is clearly understood in the event any question should be raised at a subsequent date concerning the scope of our inquiries. This suggested procedure will place squarely upon the Department the responsibility of determining whether it desires any further investigation. The memorandum should be directed to the Attorney General since all previous communications have been directed to him and to the White House.

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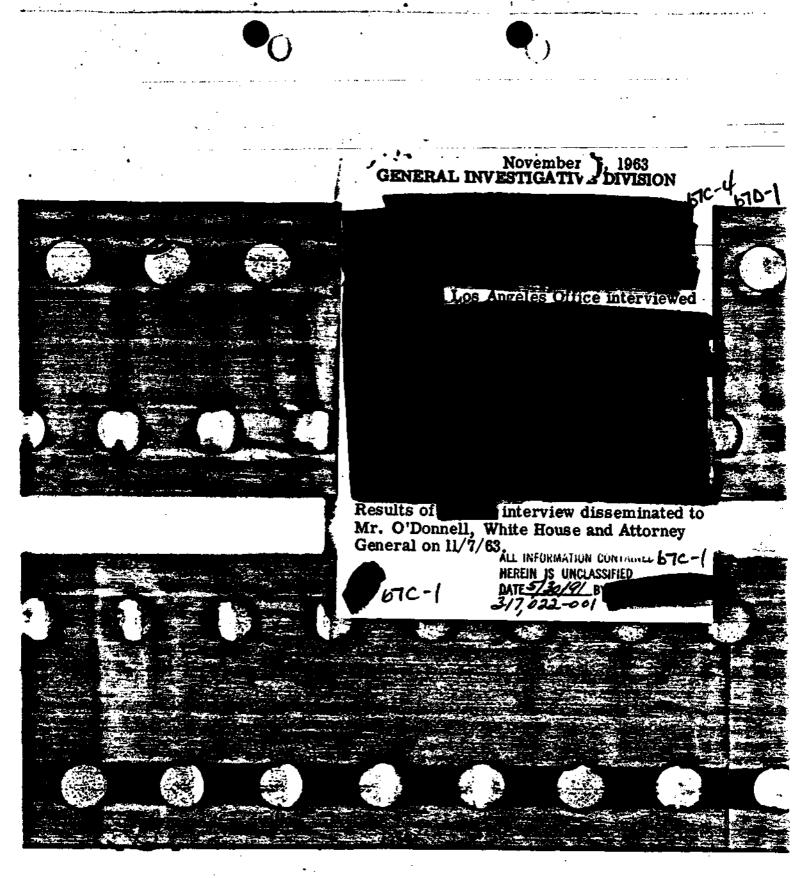
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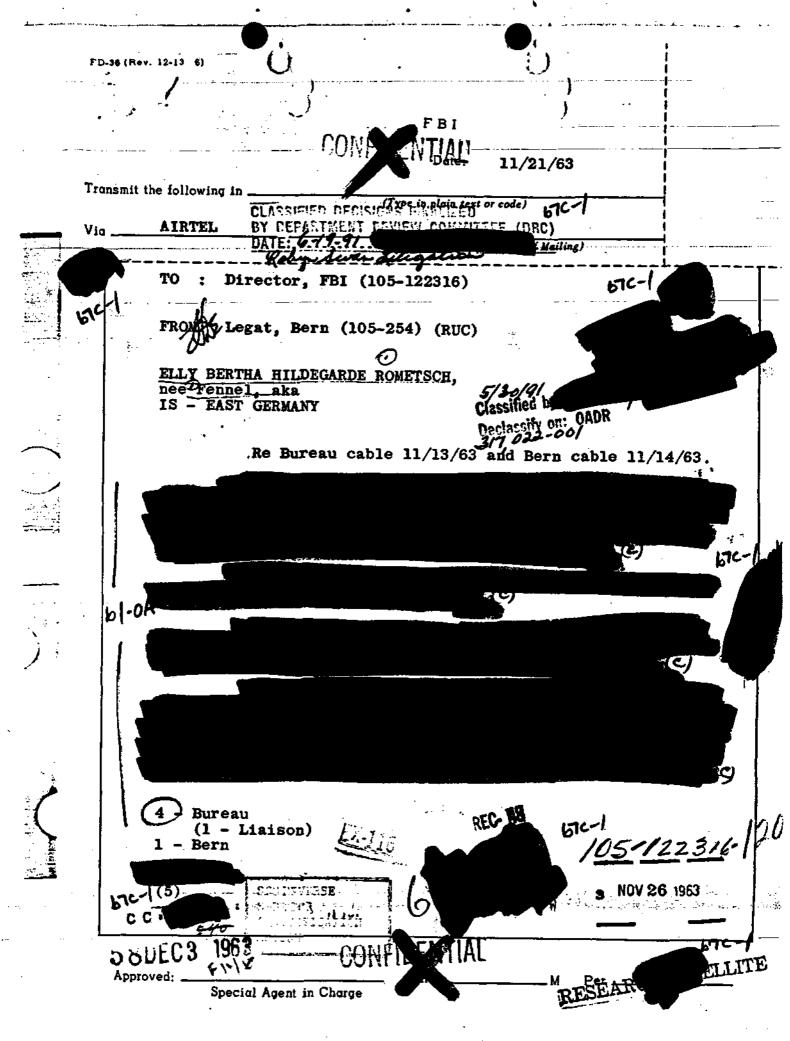
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As a direct result of a request by the Attorney General on October 26, 1963, investigation was initiated into certain respects of the activities of Ellen Rometsch, the wife of an enlisted 🔠 man in the German Air Force, formerly attached to the German military group in this country. The Attorney General made reference to an article written by Clark Mollenhoff of Cowles Publications wherein it was indicated that playgirl Rometsch had been attending parties and associating with Congressional leaders and "prominent new frontiersmen." The Attorney General asked that the FBI conduct further inquiry into the allegation that White House personnel may have been involved with Rometsch.

We had, during a two-week period between July 2, 1963 and July 15, 1963, conducted a security-type investigation into the activities of Rometsch after an allegation had been received by our Washington Field Office from

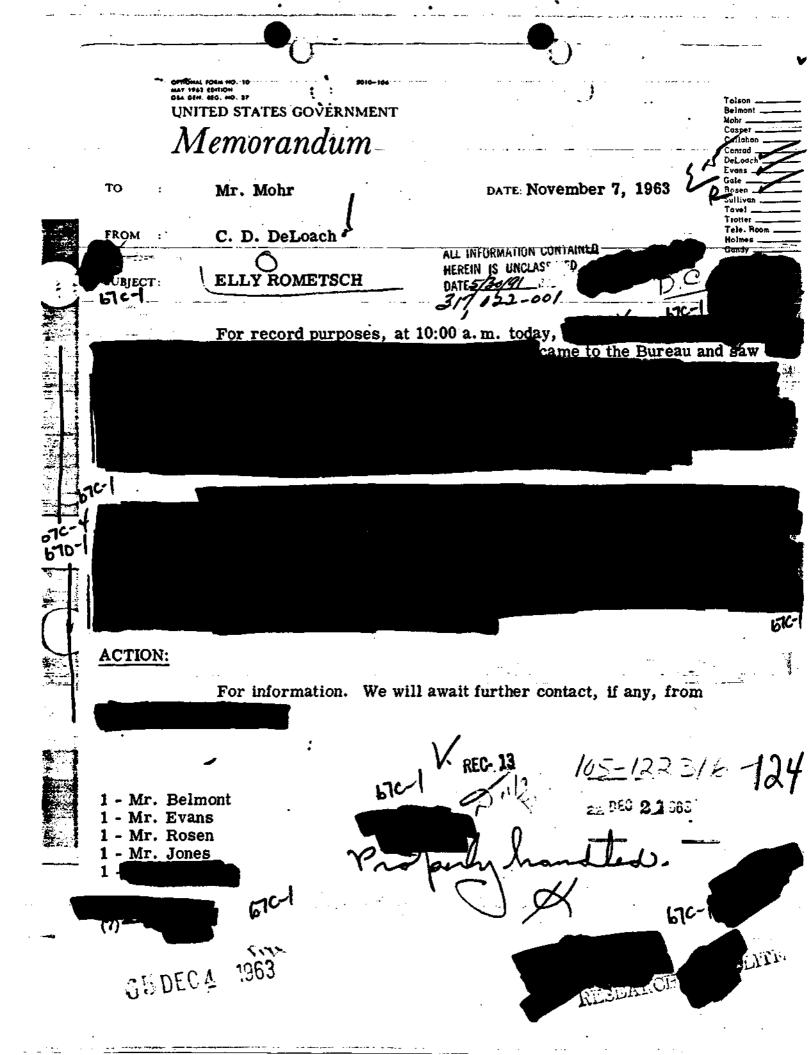
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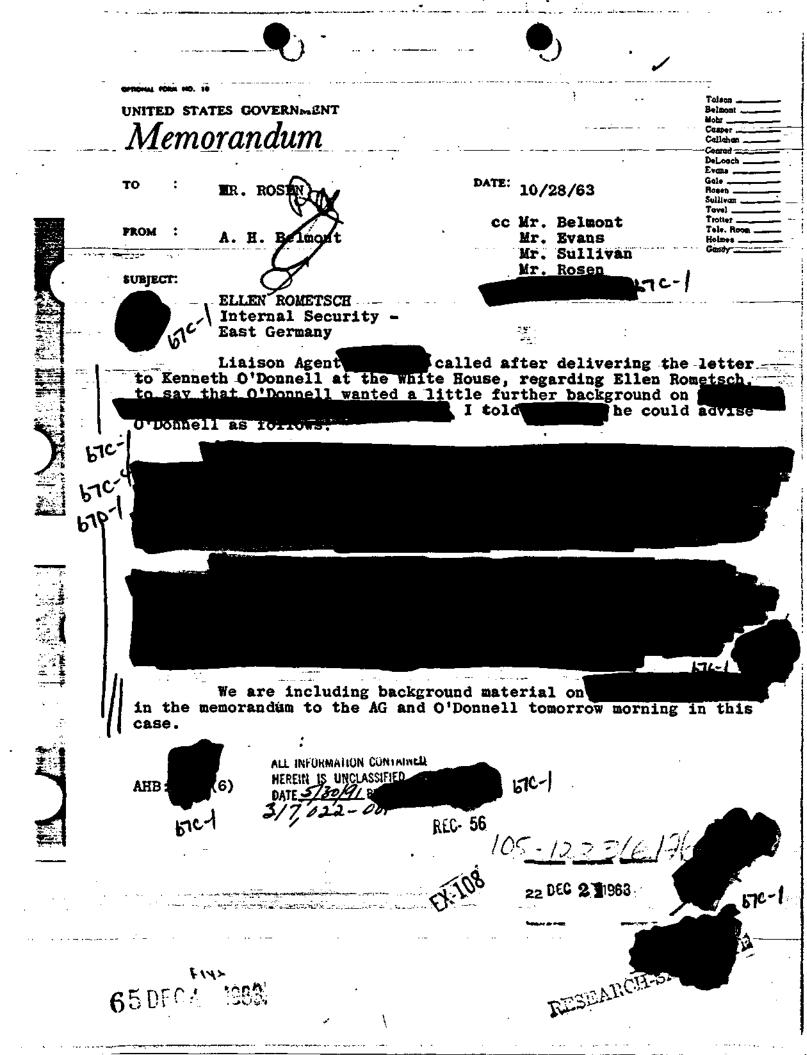
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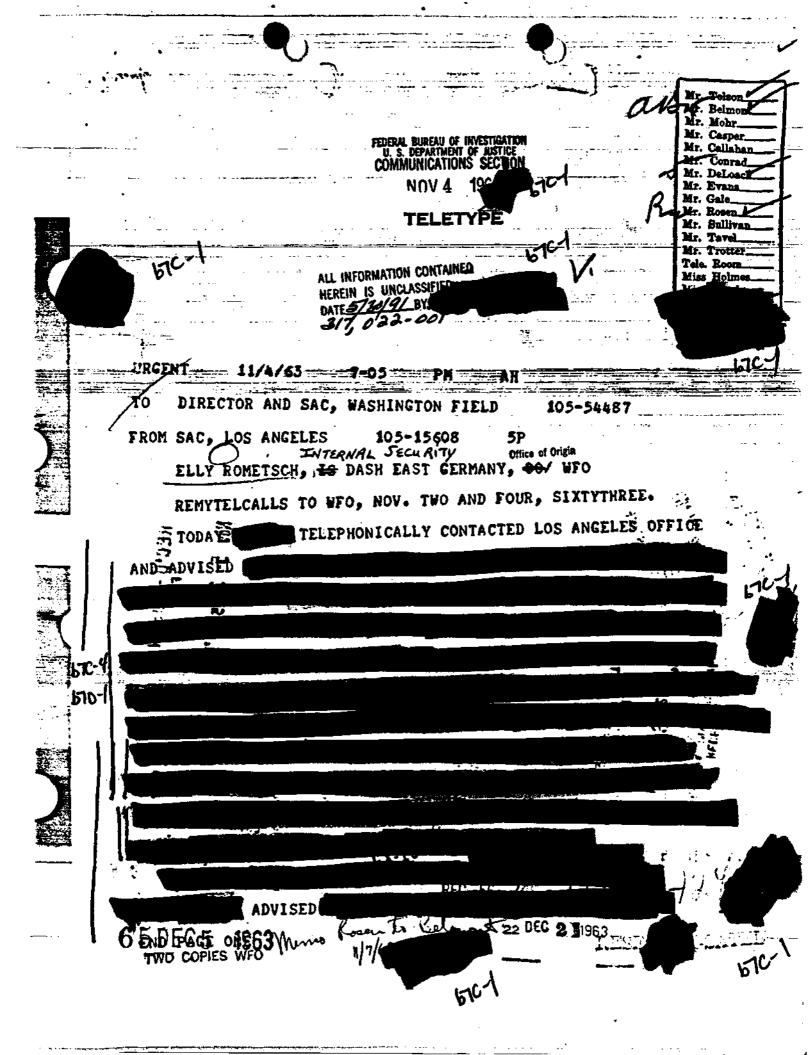




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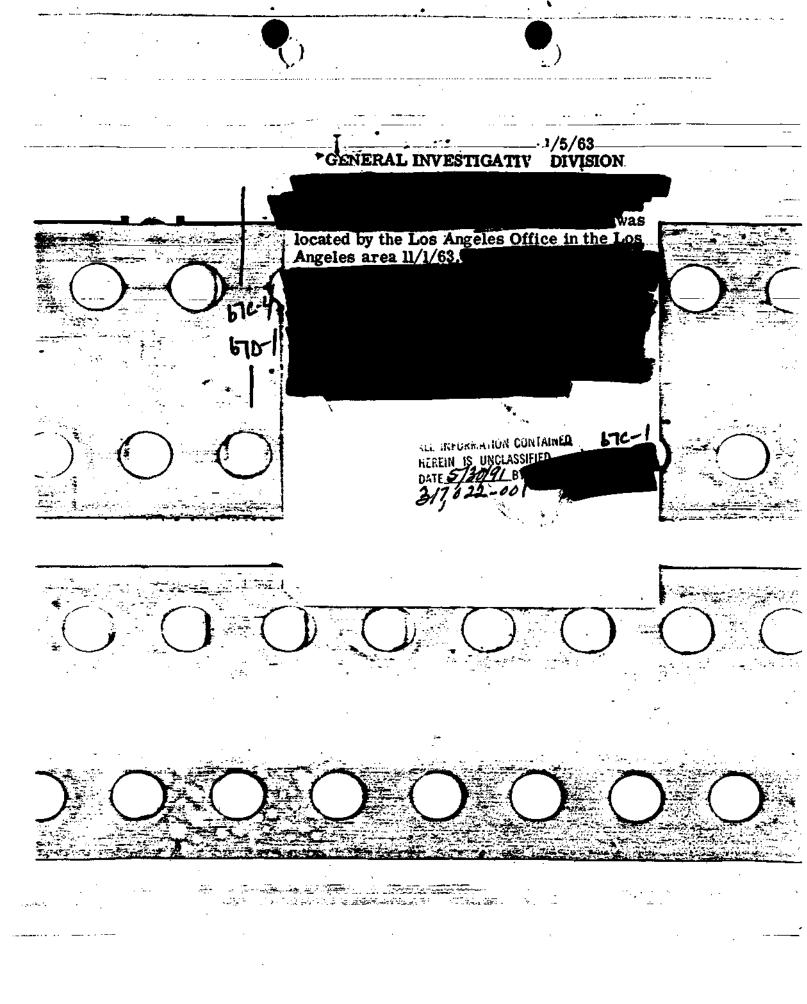
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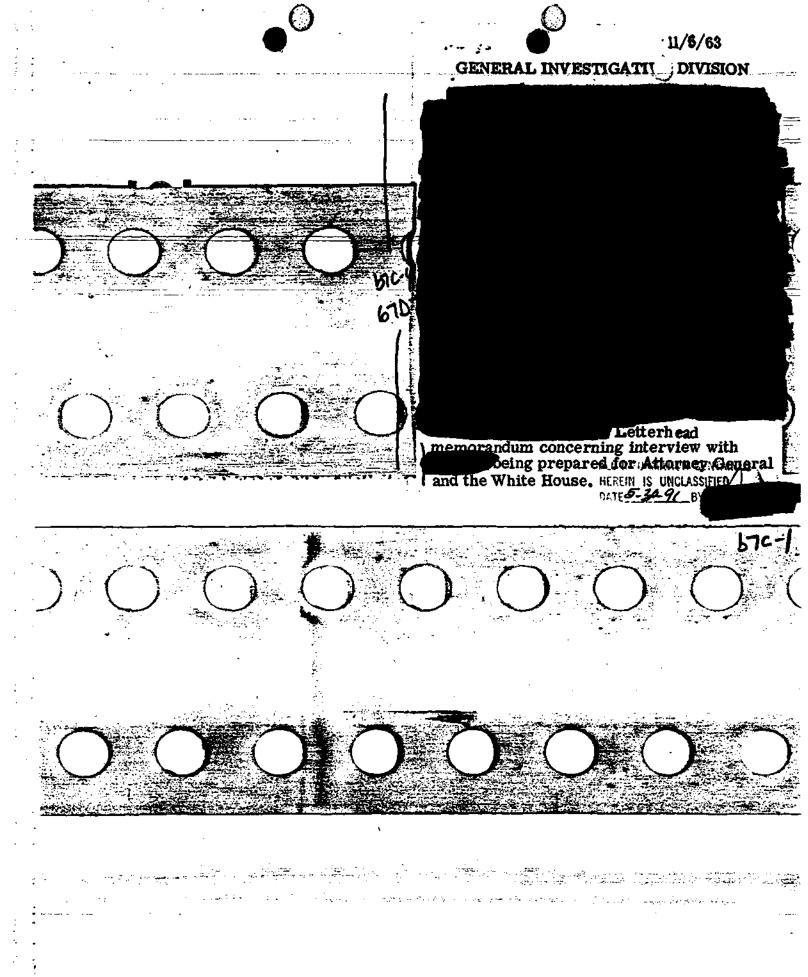
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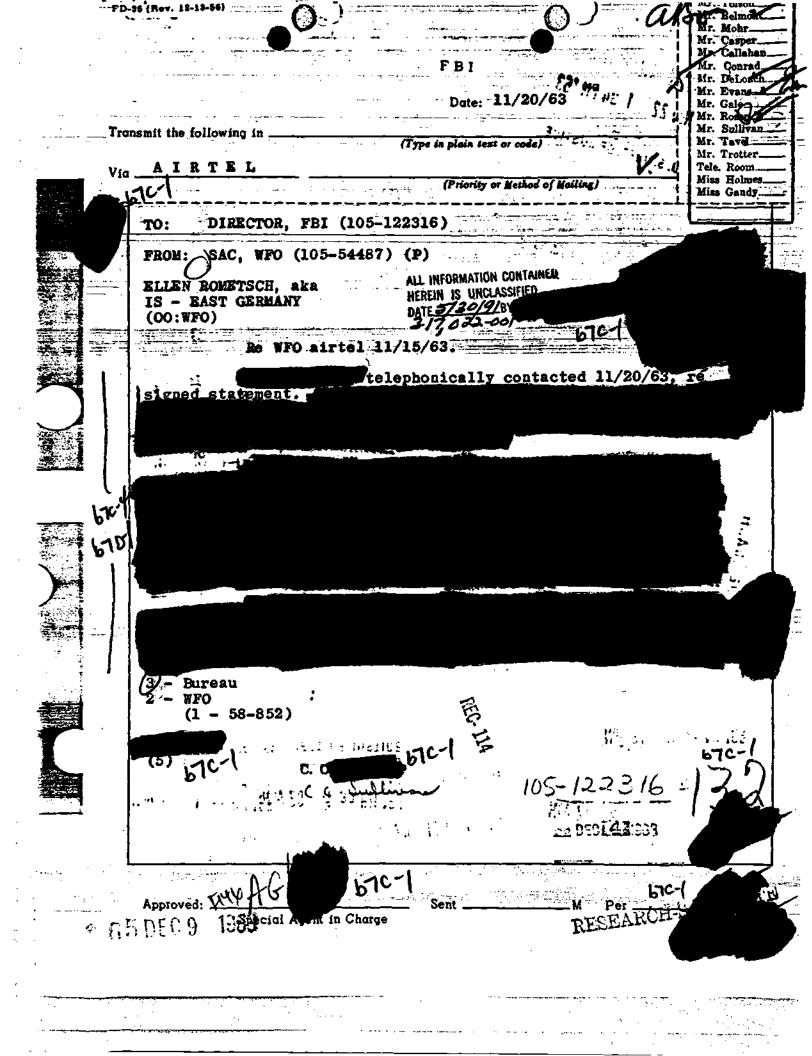
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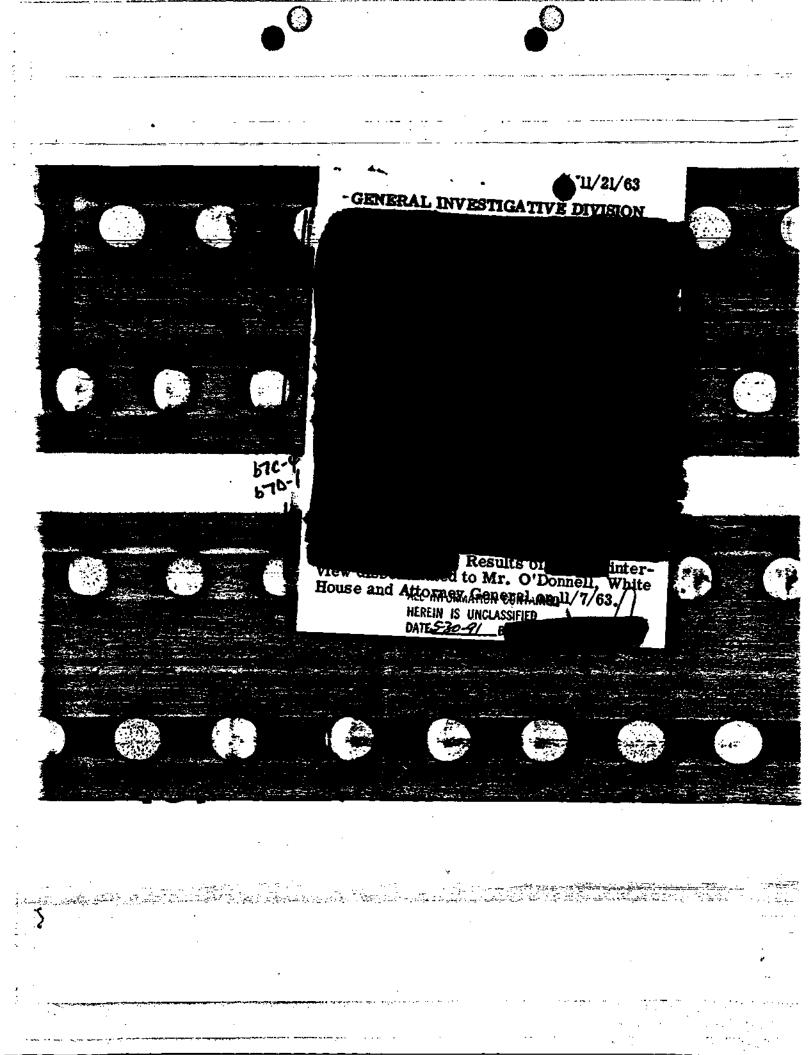
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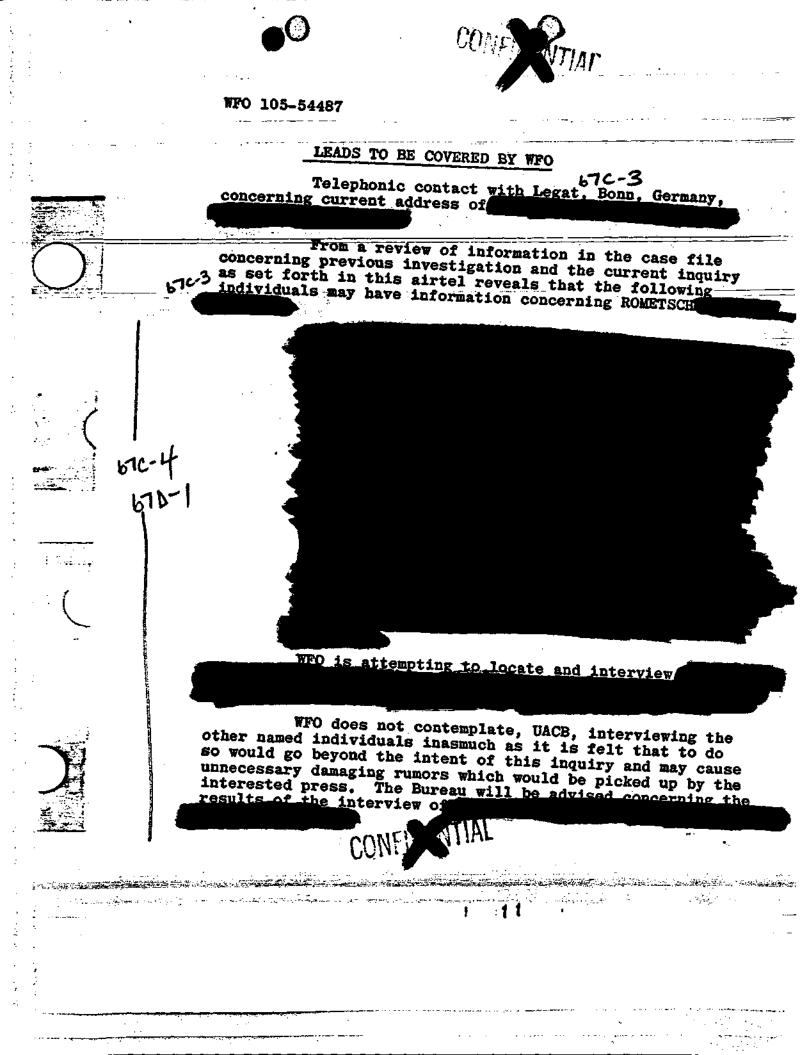
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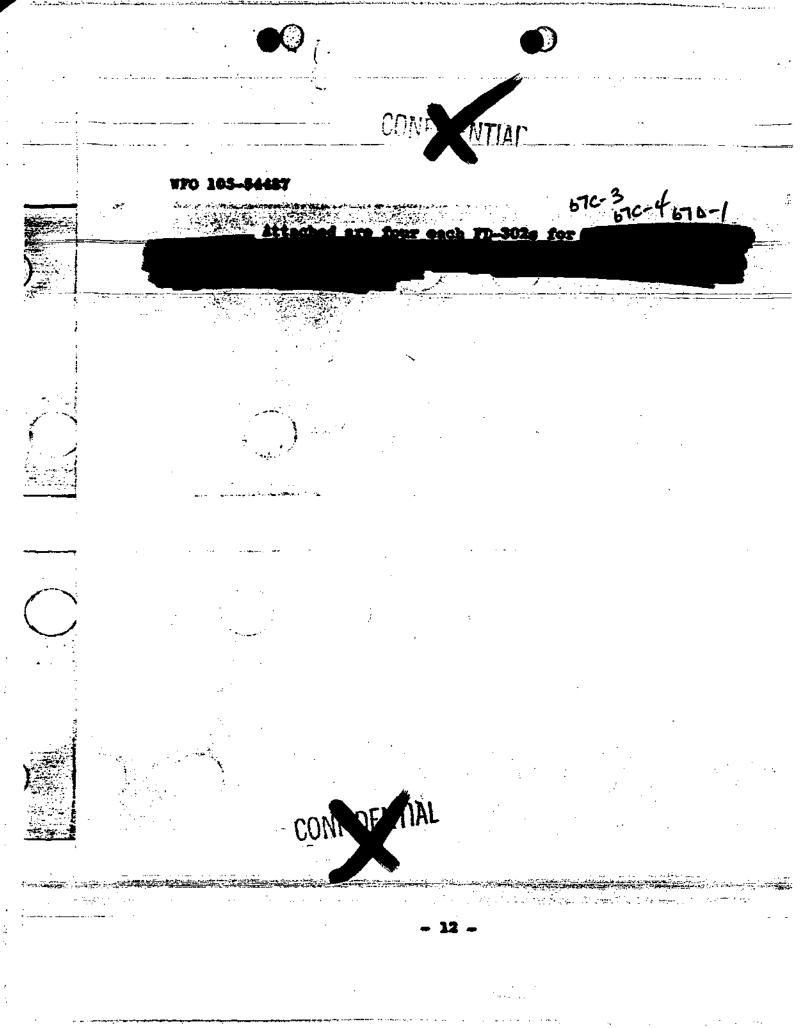
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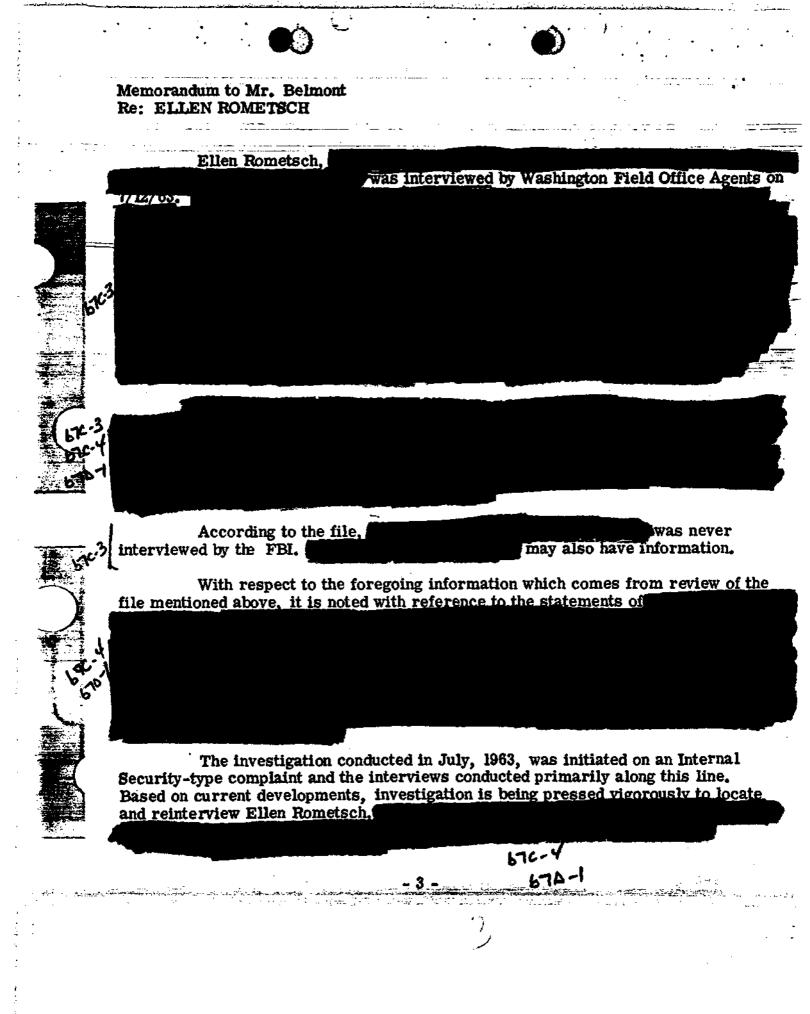
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1942 90 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Aemorandum Mr. Belmon DATE: October 27, 1963 to 67C-1 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED EROM Rose HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 670-DATE 5-30-91 517,022-06 ELLEN ROMETSCH SIECT: INTERNAL SECURITY ~ EAST GERMANY 17C-1 At approximately 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, 10/26/63, P. Kenneth O'Donnell called from the White House and asked to be briefed on the informatio developed by the FBI in our investigation last Summer concerning Ellen Rometsd and whether there was any information to the effect that she had been involved with anyone at the White House. He was furnished with a brief summary of the facts in this case. D.C At 5:15 p.m., the Attorney General called and referred to the newspaper article written by Clark Mollenhoff of the Cowles Publications. He said that he was contacting Mollenhoff because there was no substance to the allegation about the involvement of White House personnel. At this time the Attorney General asked if we would conduct further investigation to resolve this particular allegation. As a result of this request and the Director's subsequent conversation with the President, we instituted investigation to locate and reinterview subject Ellen Rometsch who is believed to be in Germany, and There is attached hereto a memorandum incorporating the background (See\_Tab in this case reflecting the background information in our files which was obtained during the course of an internal security inquiry into the activities of Rometsch, Et. AL There is also attached an airtel from the Washington Field Office setting forth the results of our current investigation. (See Tab-B With reference to the location of Ellen Rometsch in Germany, P. Kenneth O'Donnell called from the White House on Saturday at 9:00 p.m., and supplied an address for her in the suburbs of Cologne. He said that he got this address from 307 This was furnished to the Legal Attache by telephone so that he could arrange an immediate interview. 17C-Enclosures (2) I - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. Evans Inch I - Mr. Deloach 1 - Mr., Sullivan DECY 6 198





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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: ELLEN ROMETSCH

# **ACTION BEING TAKEN:**

Investigation in this matter, both in the United States and in Germany is being pressed most vigorously. As previously noted, the attached airtel reflects the results to date.

We are preparing memoranda for the Attorney General and for **P.** Kenneth O'Donnell.



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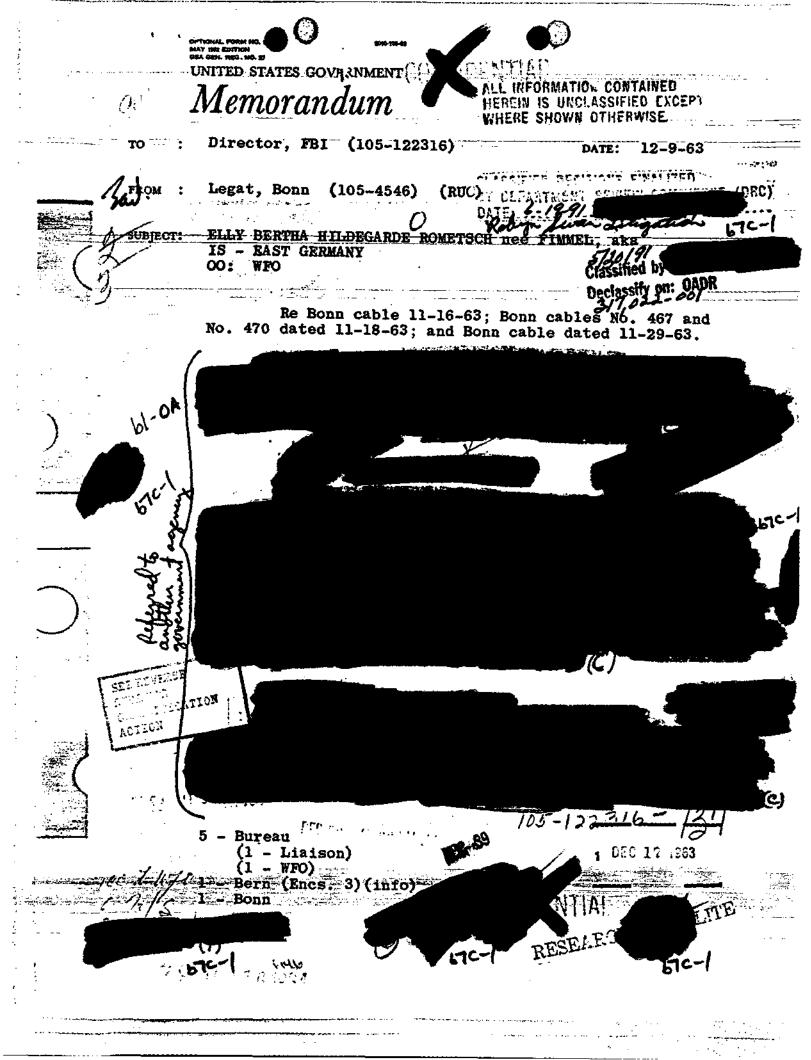




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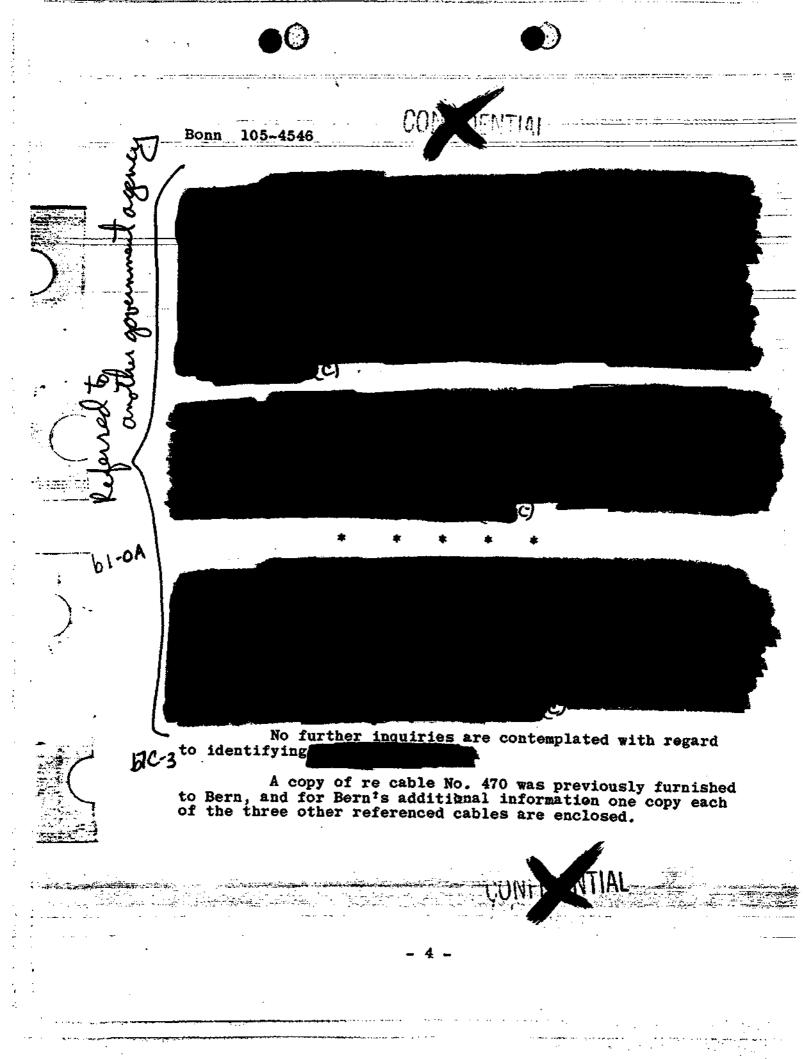
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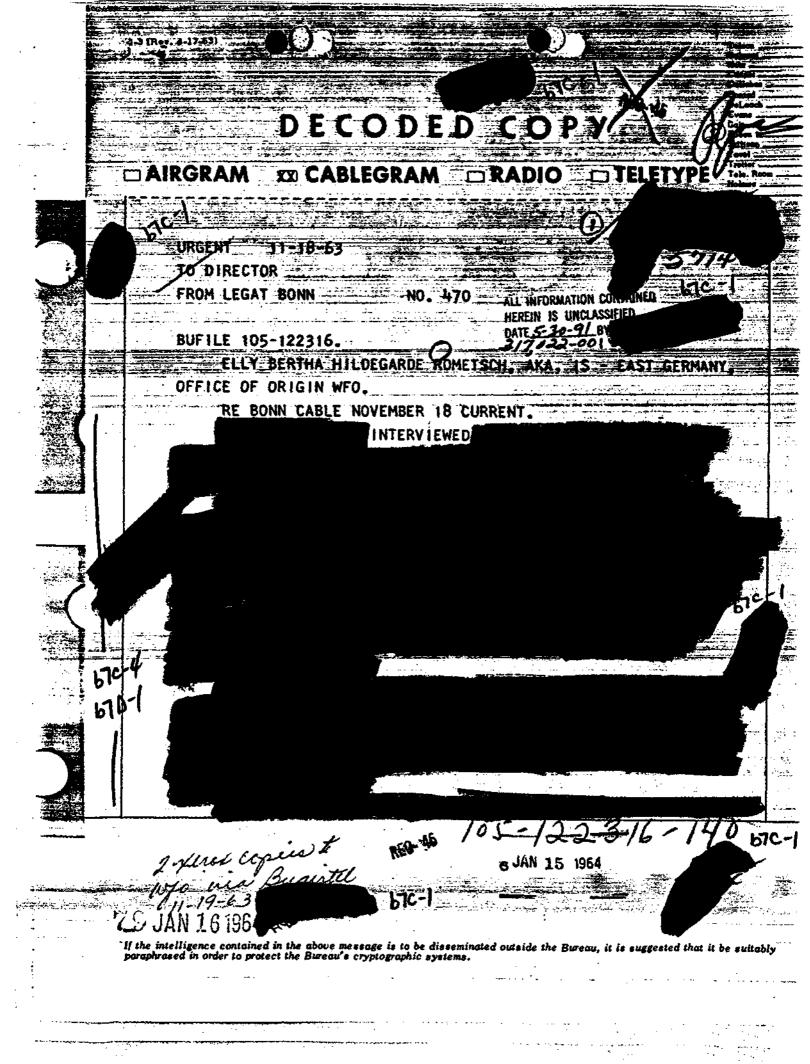
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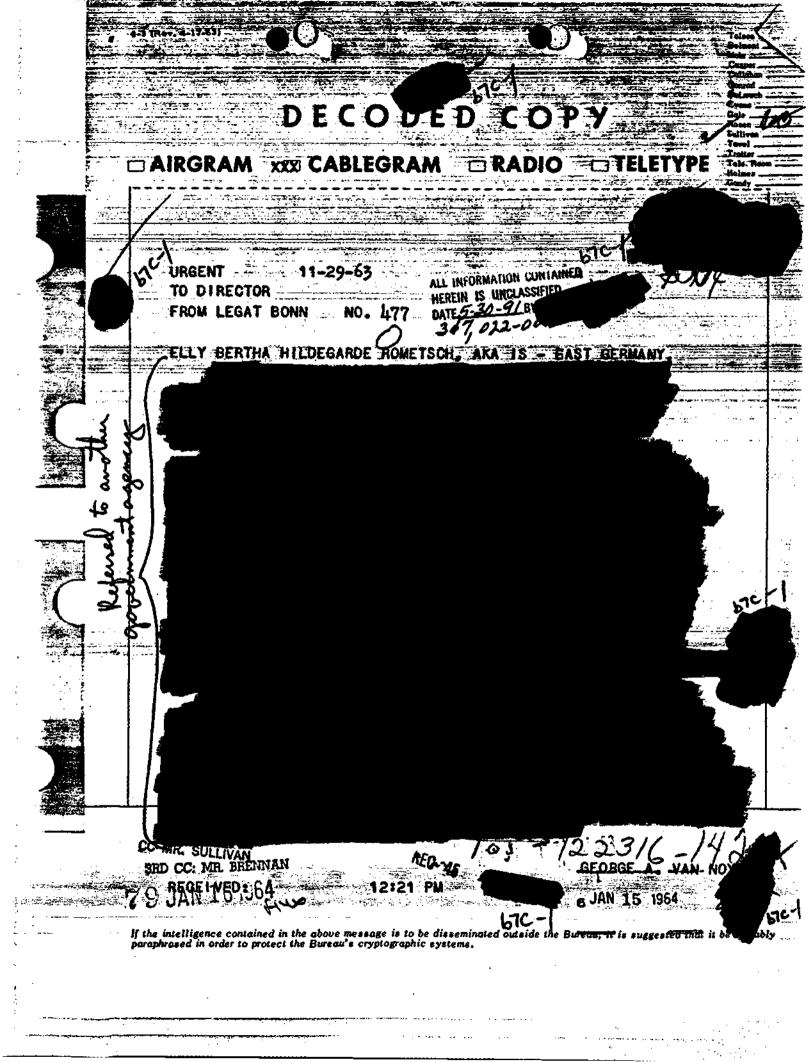




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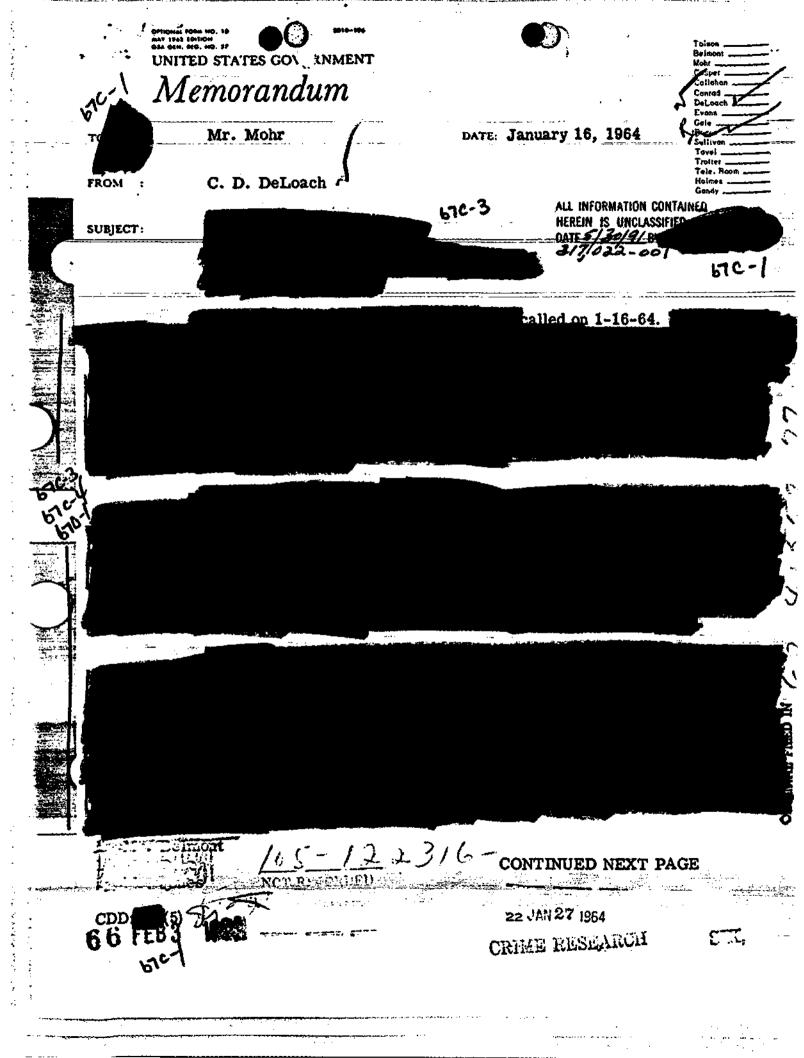


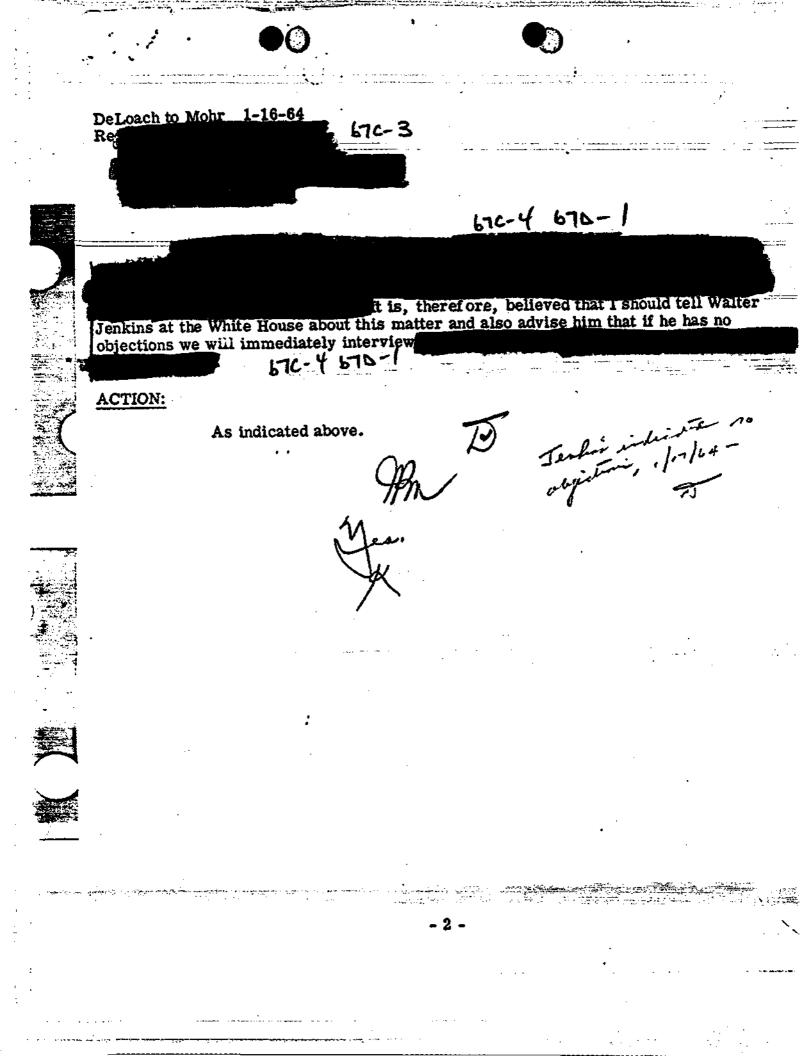
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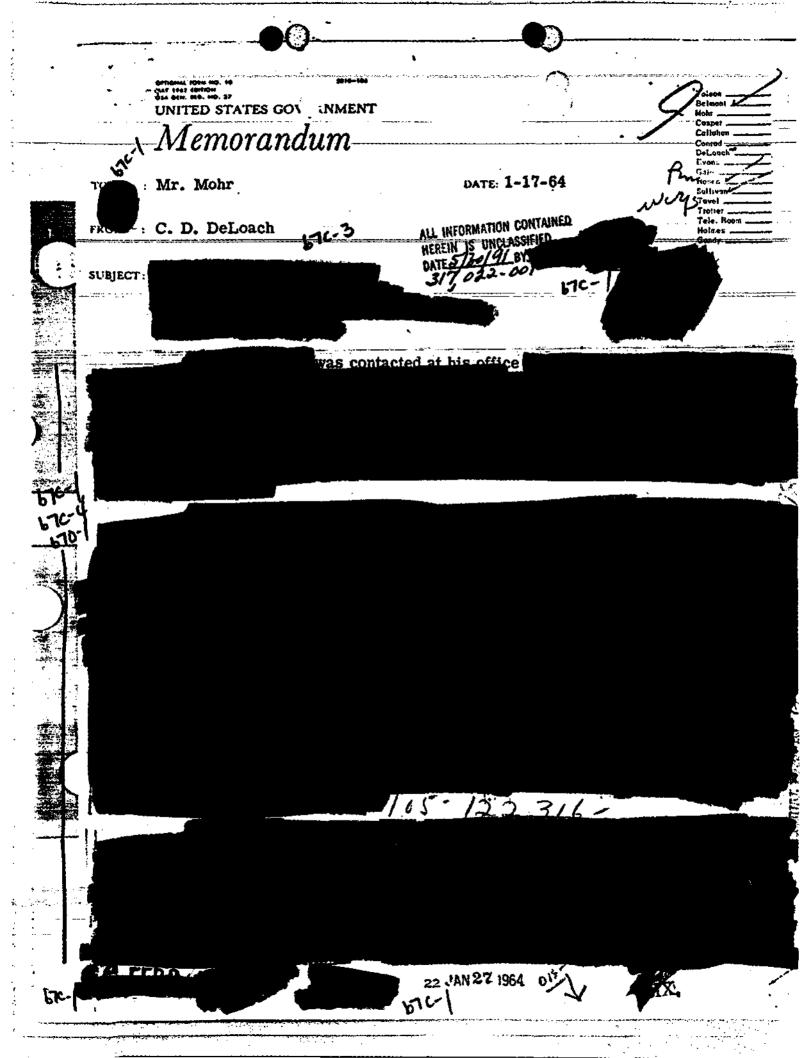


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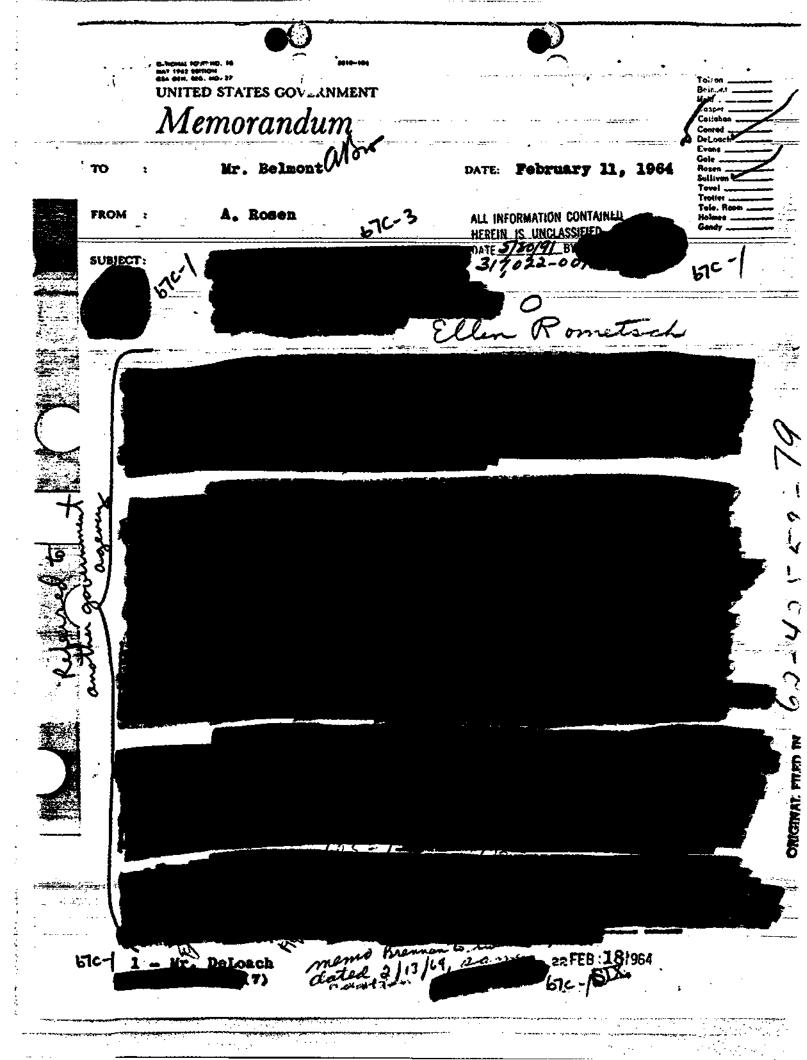
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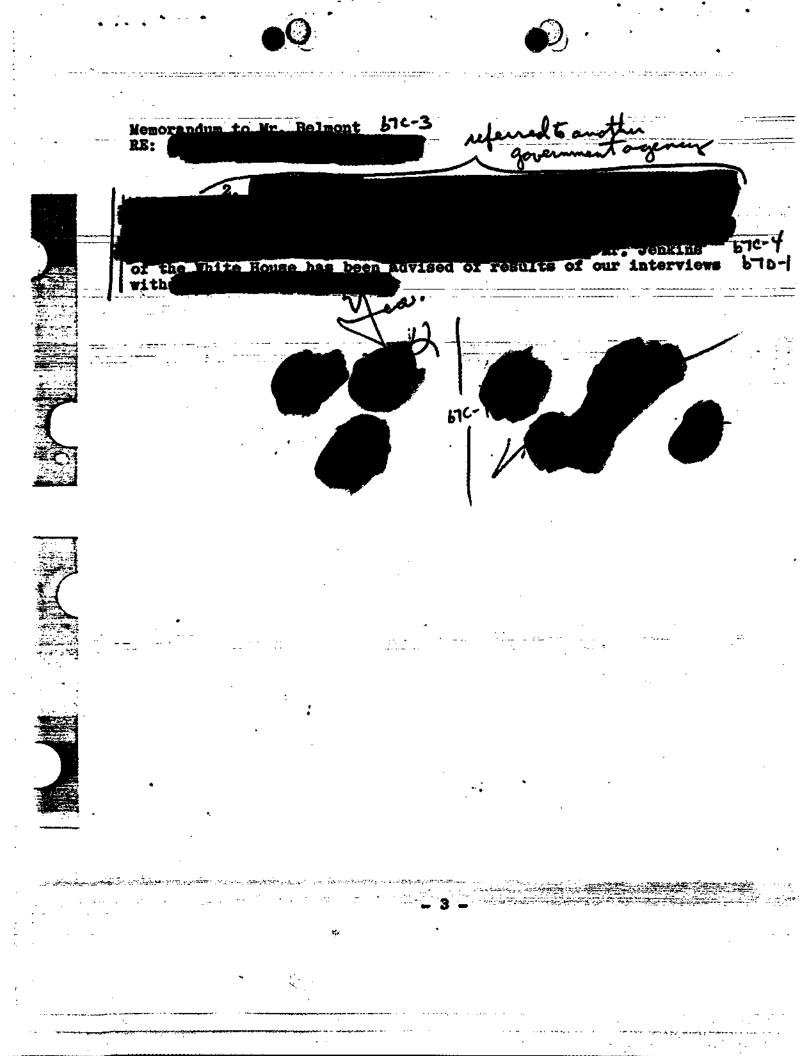
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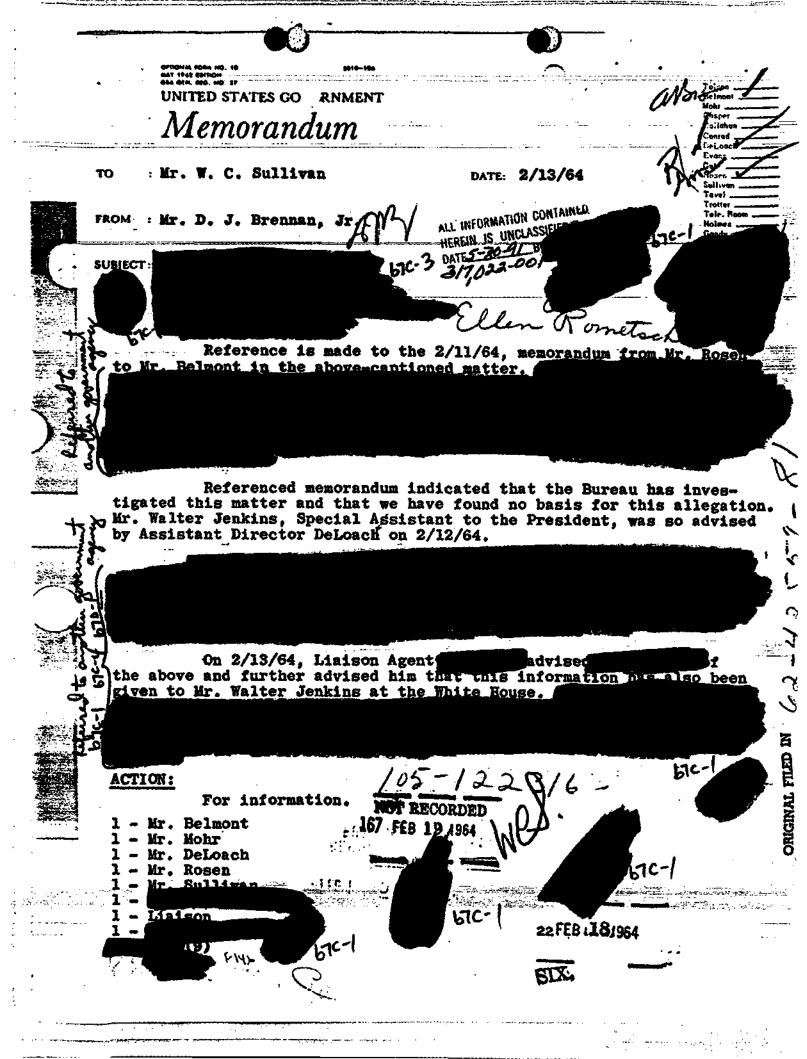
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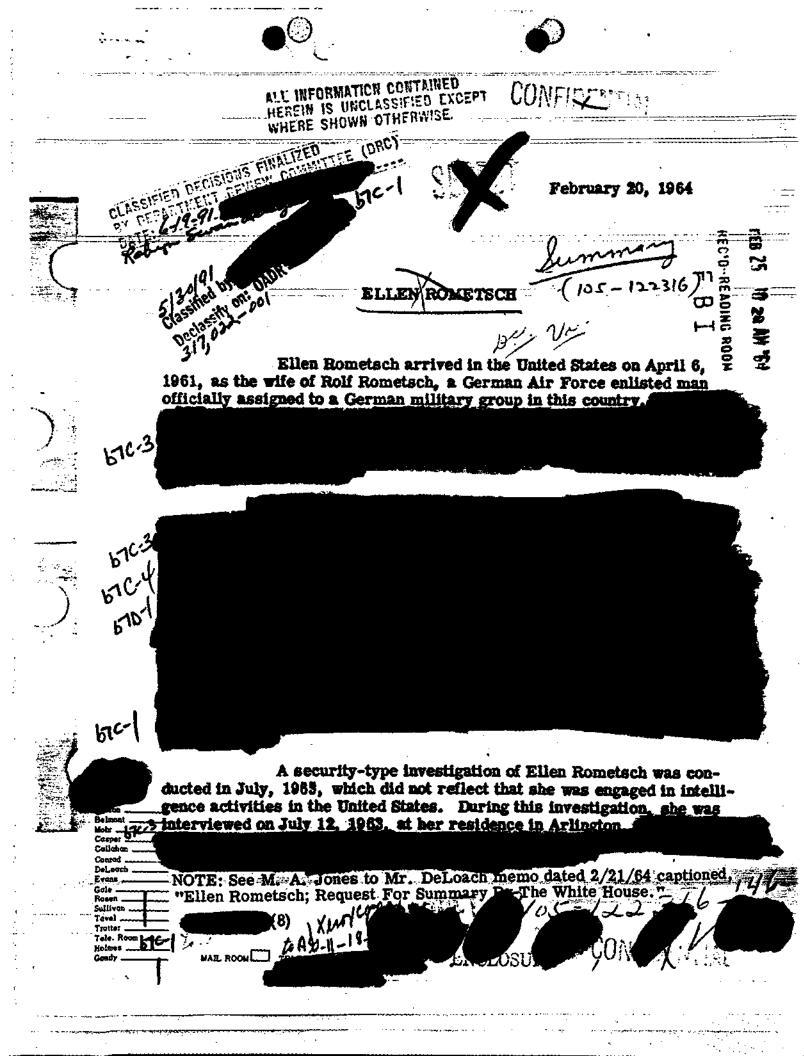


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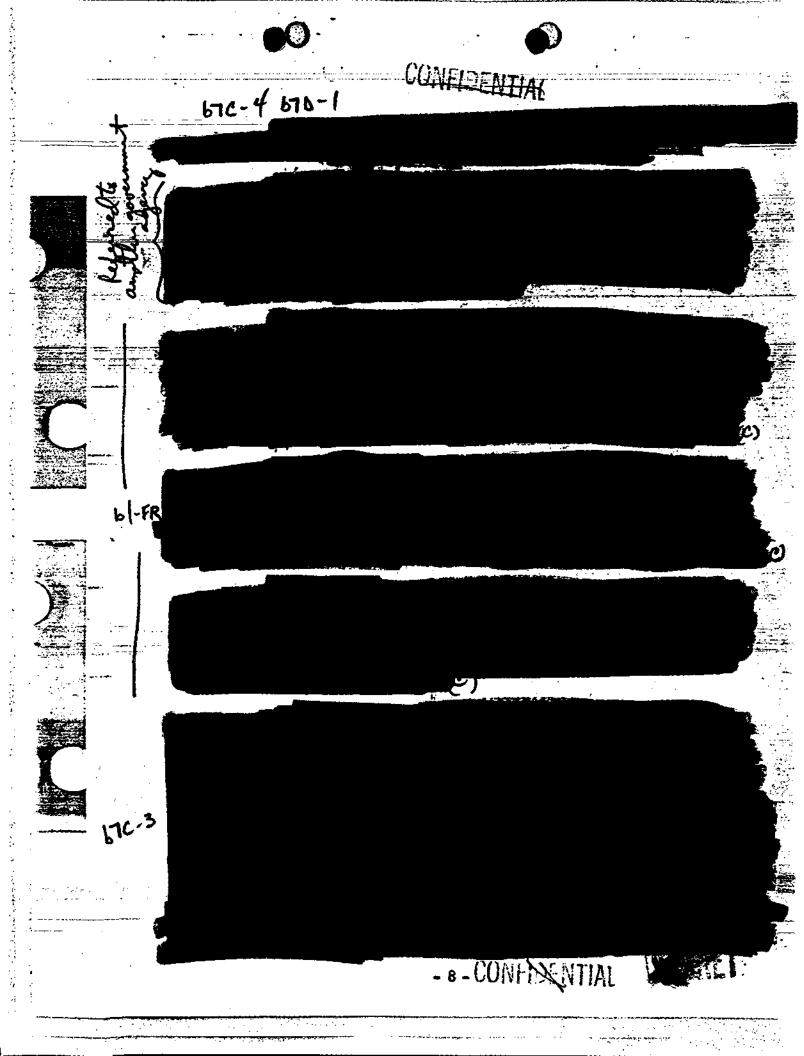


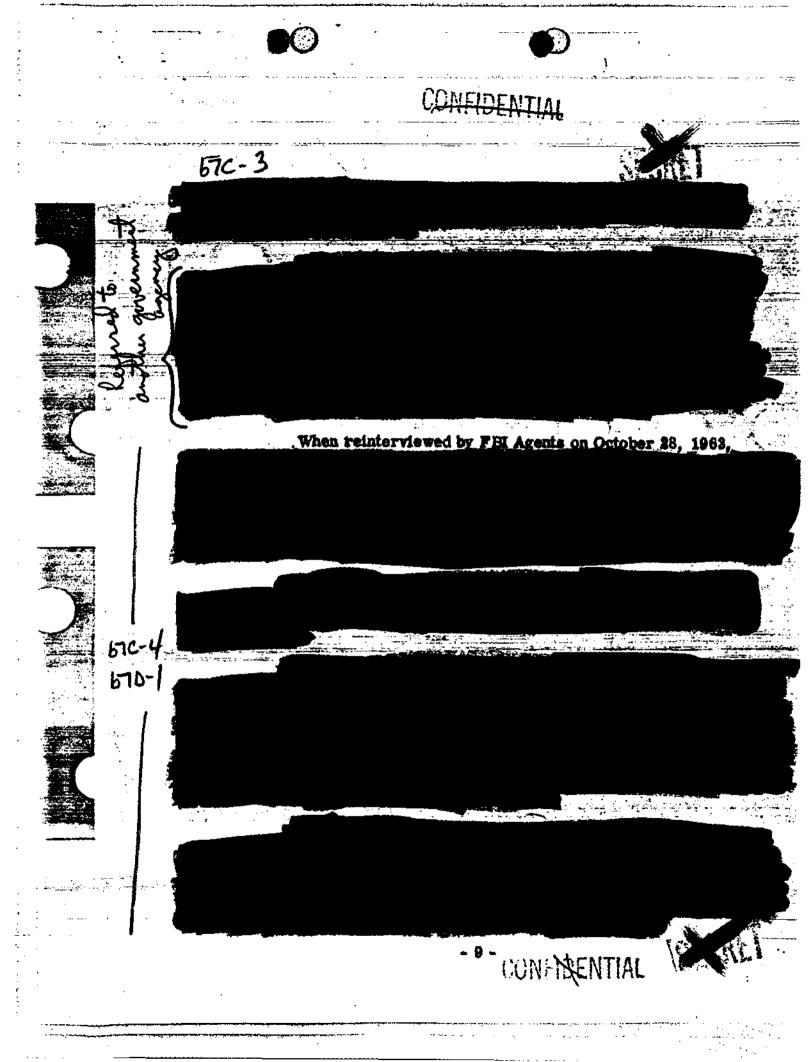
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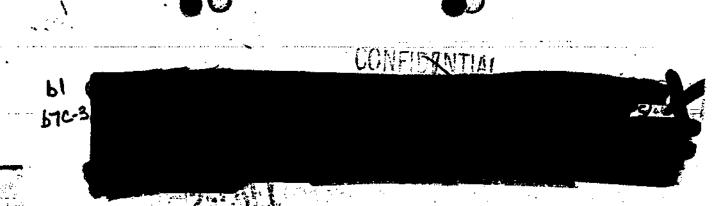
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"In connection with the investigation conducted in the above-entitled (Ellen Rometsch) matter, our memoranda, which have been disseminated to you and Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, reflect the results of information obtained during the course of our interviews and inquiries into this matter.



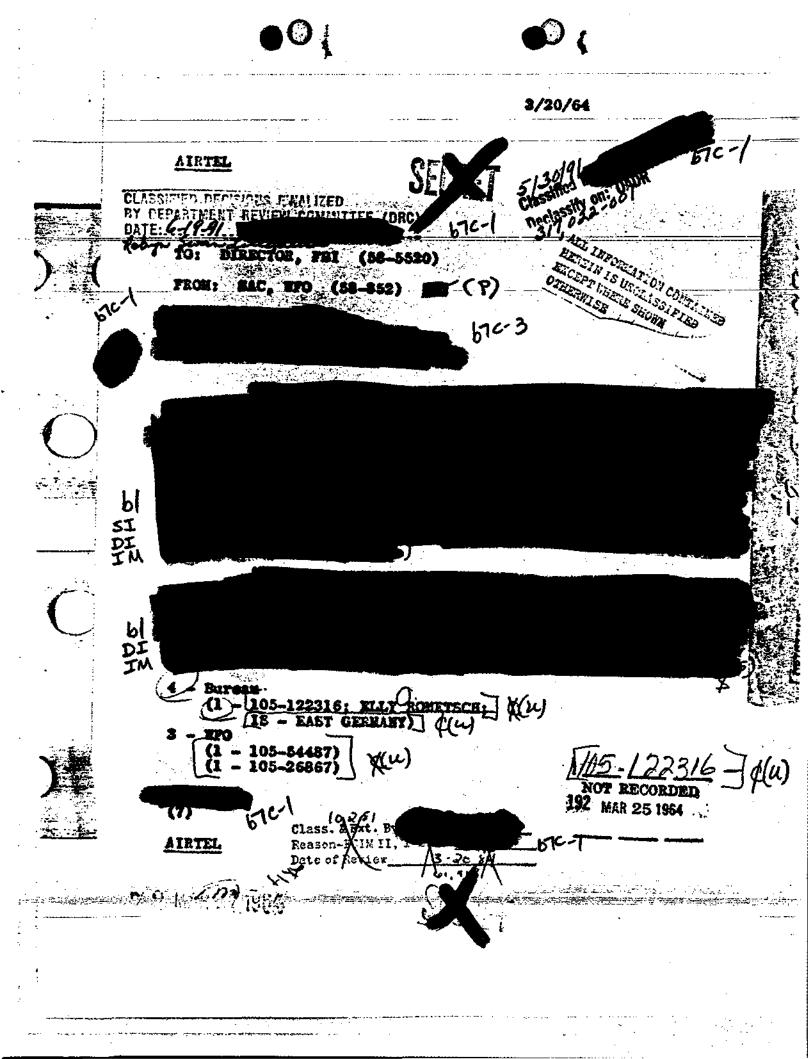
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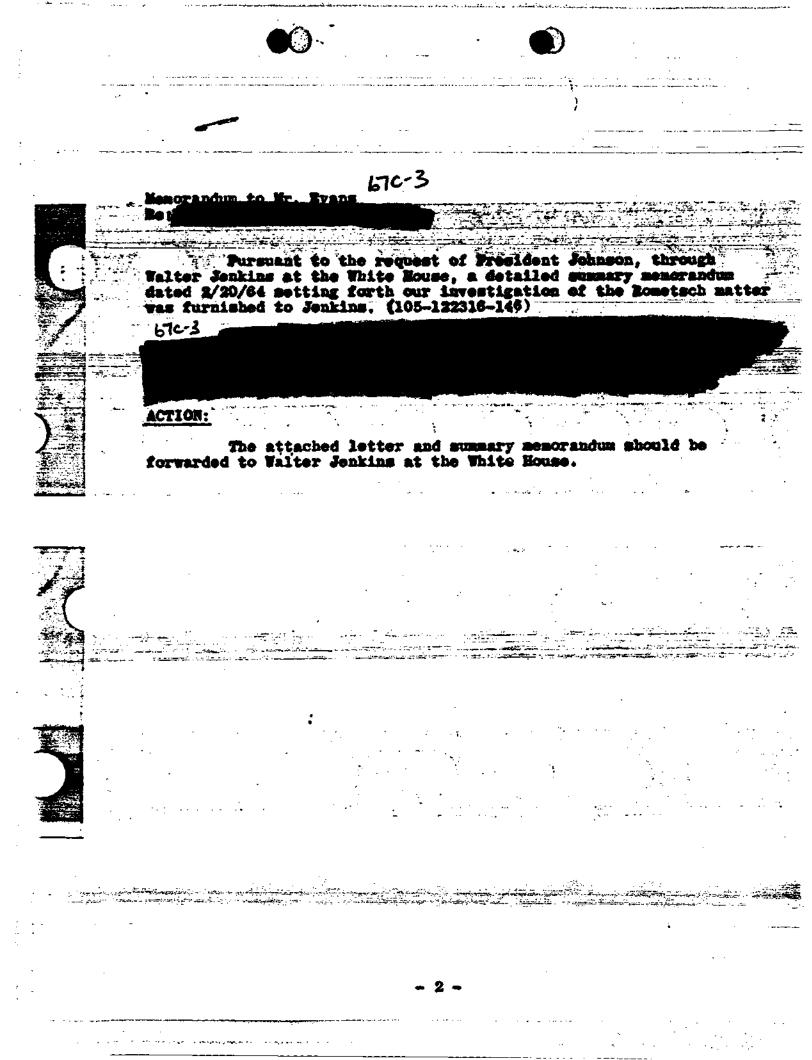
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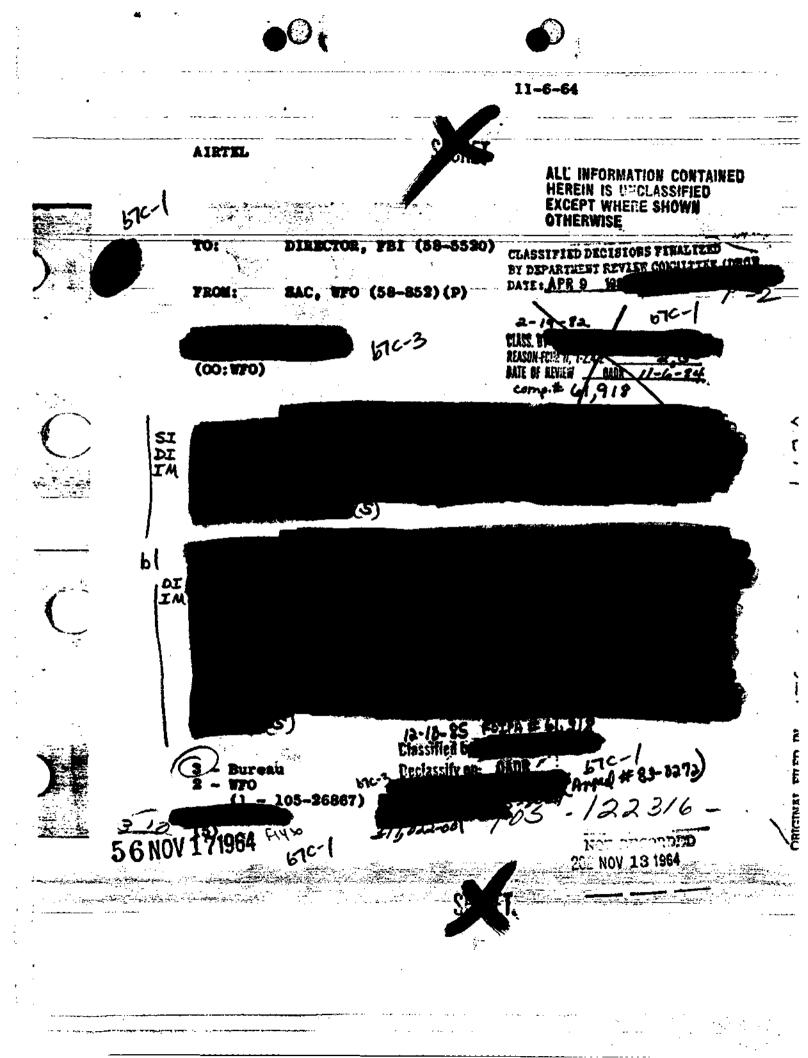
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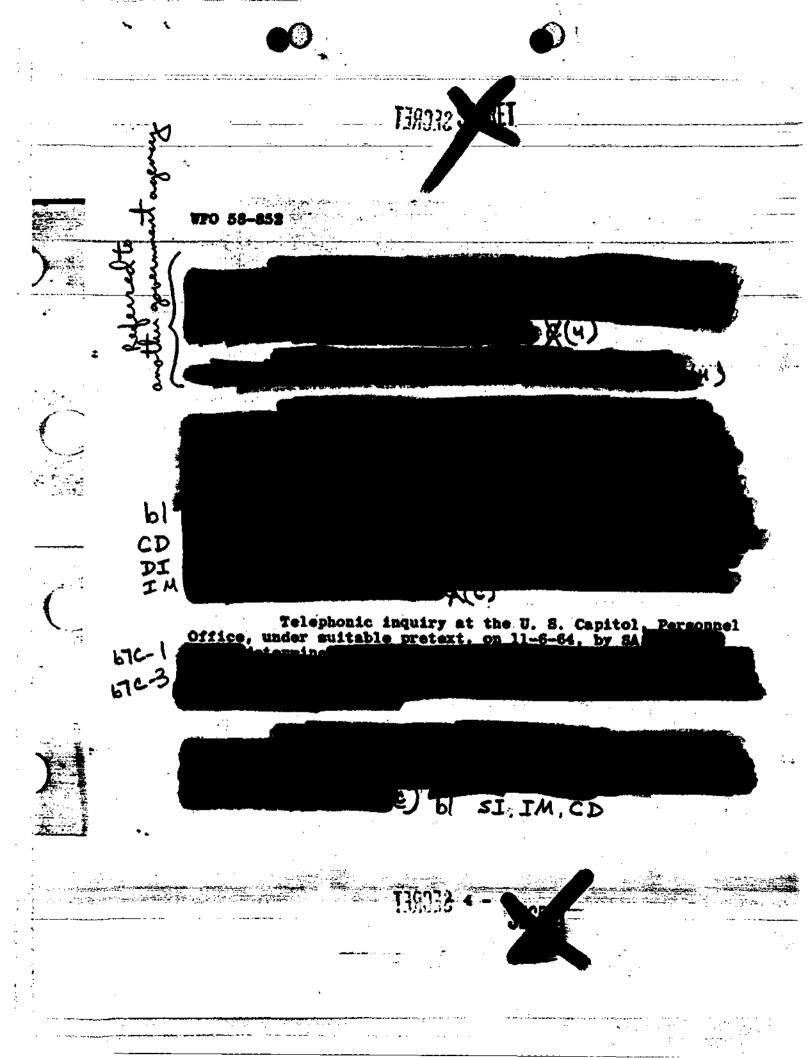


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The Acting Attorney General November 18, 1964 Director, FBI 50 INTERNAL SECURITY - EAST GERMANY In line with your oral request, there are attached copies of memoranda reflecting the results of investigation in this matter. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Enclosures (6) HEREIN IS UNCLASSIE DATE 5 20-91 B 670-1 \$17,022-00 See Memorandum C. A. Evans to Belmont dated 11/17/64, same caption Enclosures: Memoranda dated 10/28/63, 10/30/63, 10/31/63, 11/1/63, 11/7/63, 2/20/64. 67C-1 MAILED 7. B. H. TT B. ZI MAN 670-1 - おおない COMMER REC- 57 1223 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen NOV 18 1964 1 - Mr. Sullivan : 1 - Mr. Evans 101 Toleon Belmout เสะ-1 líoht  $\mathbf{j} \in \mathbb{R}$ DeLoad Caspes Caliaha Conrad Gole Raze 5.500.00 Sallivi Viel . Tavel 196 2 m Se Pi 20 Trotte Tele, R Kolmes MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT Gandy

UNITED STATES GL .ERNMENT *Iemorandum* DATE: November 17, 1964 MR. BELMONT : C. A. EVANS iele, Room FROM 670-1 SUBJECT: ELLEN ROMETSCH INTERNAL SECURITY - EAST GERMANY Acting Attorney General Katzenbach called and referred to the investigation conducted over a year ago by the FBI with reference to the activities of Ellen Rometsch. Katzenbach said he was aware that reports had been made available to the Attorney General at the time we investigated but these reports are not available to him now. Apparently they were removed in the personal files of Attorney General Kennedy. The reason for Katzenbach's current inquiry is that Senator Curtis had demanded production of the Justice Department files concerning Ellen Rometsch. Katzenbach said he would like to review the reports before replying to the Senator. While feeling that FBI reports should not be furnished, Katzenbach wants to consider the possibility the Department giving Senator Curtis a short statement something to the effect that an intensive investigation was conducted and there was no security breach involved in connection with her activities. This is of course the position taken by the Director when he briefed Senators Mansfield and Dirksen as to the facts in this case at the request of the President on October 28, 1963. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 67C-1 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED ACTION: DATE 5-20.91 BY 317,022-001 There is attached for approval a memorandum to the Acting Attorney General furnishing him with copies of memoranda dated October 28, 1963; October 30, 1963; October 31, 1963; November 1, 1963; November 7, 1963, which were previously furnished to both the REG-7 105-Enc. 🕰 ut-1-18-64 1 - Mr. Belmont 52 1 - Mr: Rosen 3 NOV 23 1964 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Evans CONTINUED - OVER 670-1 1 57 196 516-1 (6)



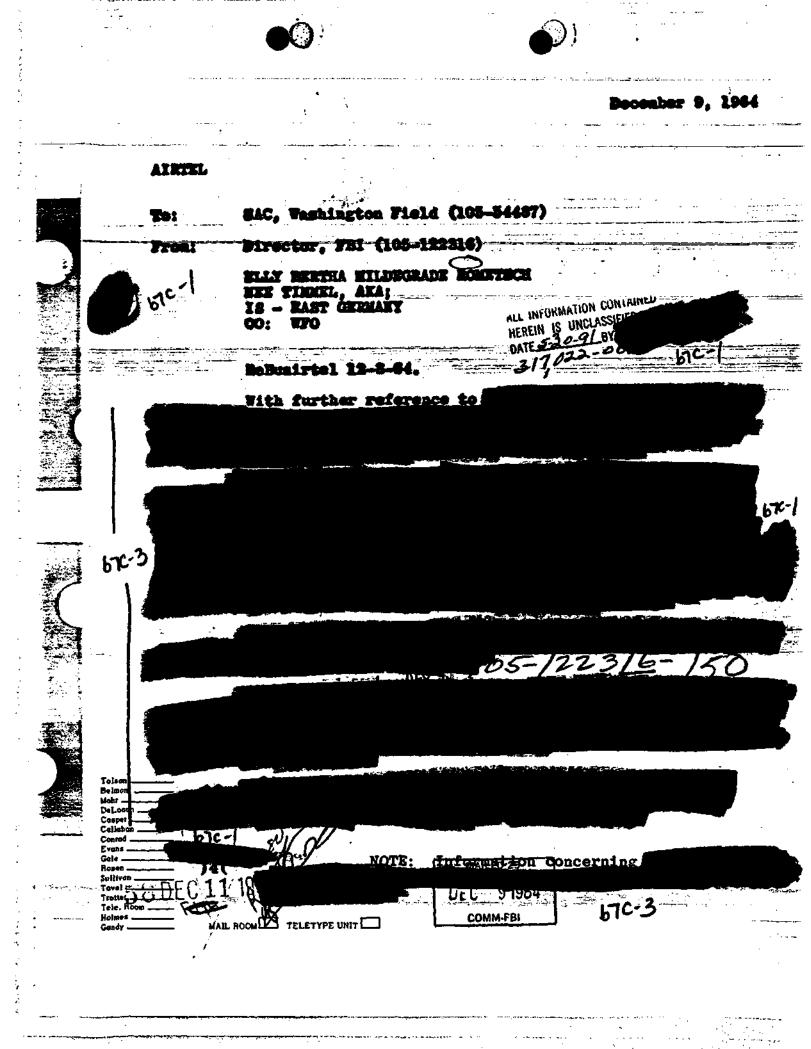


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Attorney General and the White House, plus a summary memorandum dated February 20, 1964, which previously went only to the White House. It is noted that the Bureau is clear on record with the Attorney General by virtue of our memorandum dated November 8, 1963, wherein the Attorney General was advised "unless you so desire no further action is contemplated by this Bureau."



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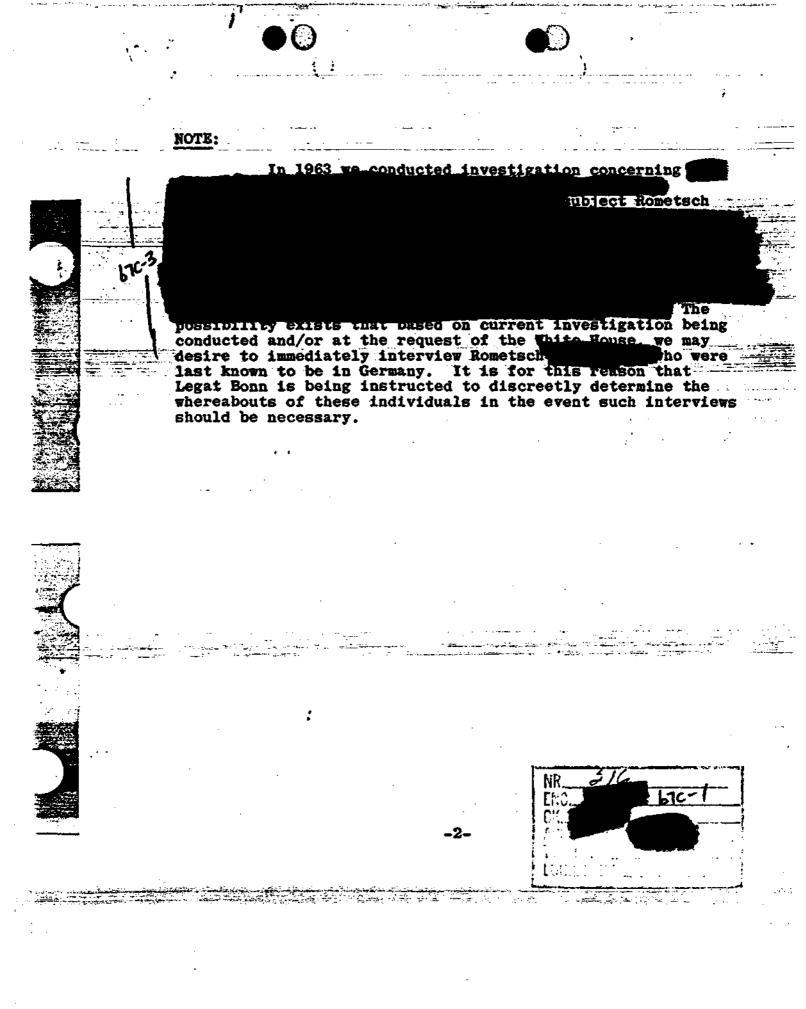
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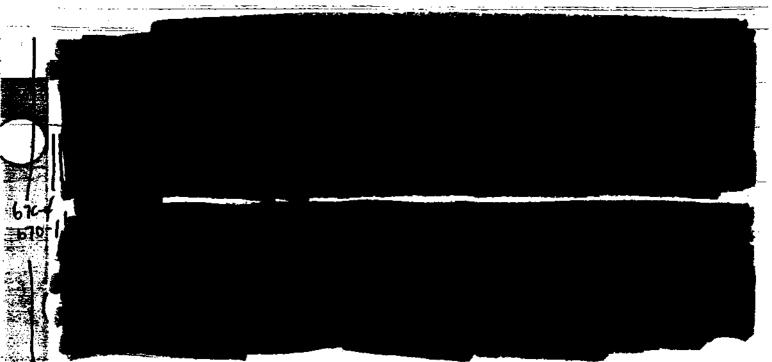
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### Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: ELLEN ROMETSCH

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A review of the Bureau's files indicates that on 10-29 and 10-30-63, Senator Williams of Delaware was in touch with the Bureau concerning our interview with the senator stated that in his interview with her she

The Senator informed Mr. DeLoach that he did not wish to seek any information from the FBI and understood that in view of the pending nature of our investigations we could not divulge any information from our files.

The information concerning the various pertinent interviews conducted by the FBI in this matter including results of interview with were furnished at the time to Mr. O'Donnell at the White House and Attorney General Kennedy. Following the assassination of President Kennedy at the request of President Johnson, we furnished to Mr. Walter Jenkins on 2-25-64 a letterhead memorandum setting forth the detailed results of our investigation of the Rometsch matter.

AT HIS REQUEST

Our file further indicates that by letter dated 11-18-64, we furnished to the Acting Attorney General copies of letterhead memoranda concerning this investigation which had previously been forwarded to Attorney General Kennedy in October and November, 1963. We also furnished

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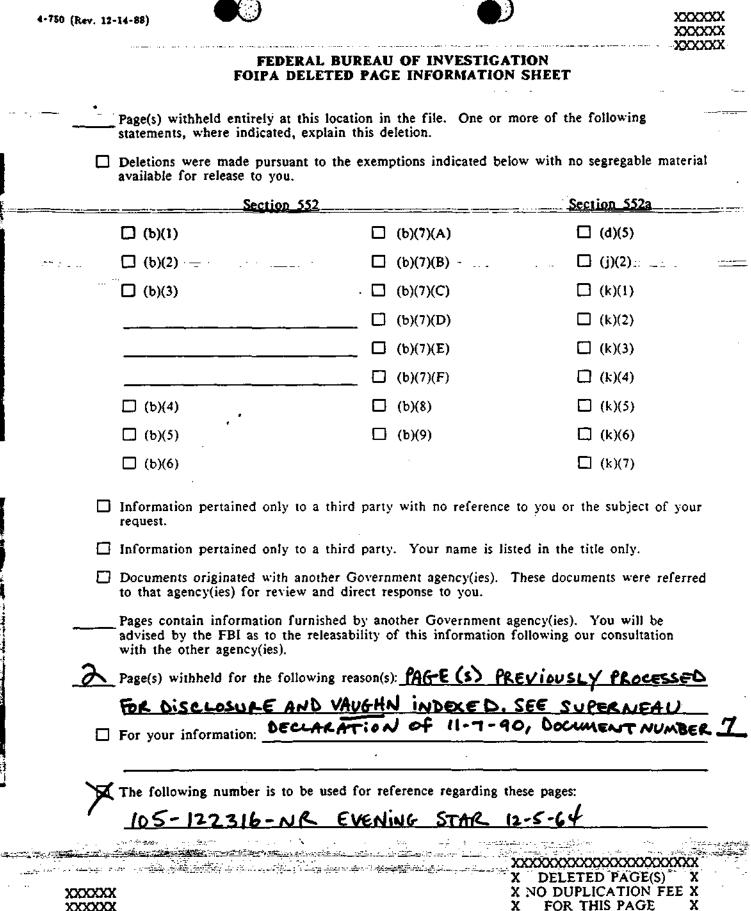
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: ELLEN ROMETSCH

to Mr. Katzenbach the summary memorandum dated February 20, 1964, which had previously been furnished only to the White House. In connection with this request by Katzenbach, he stated he was aware that these reports had been furnished to the Attorney General at the time we investigated the matter but these reports were not now available to him and they apparently were removed with the personal files of Attorney General Kennedy. Katzenbach related that Senator Curtis (R. - Nebraska) had demanded production of the Justice Department files concerning the Rometsch matter and he, Katzenbach, desired to review the reports prior to responding to Senator Curtis.

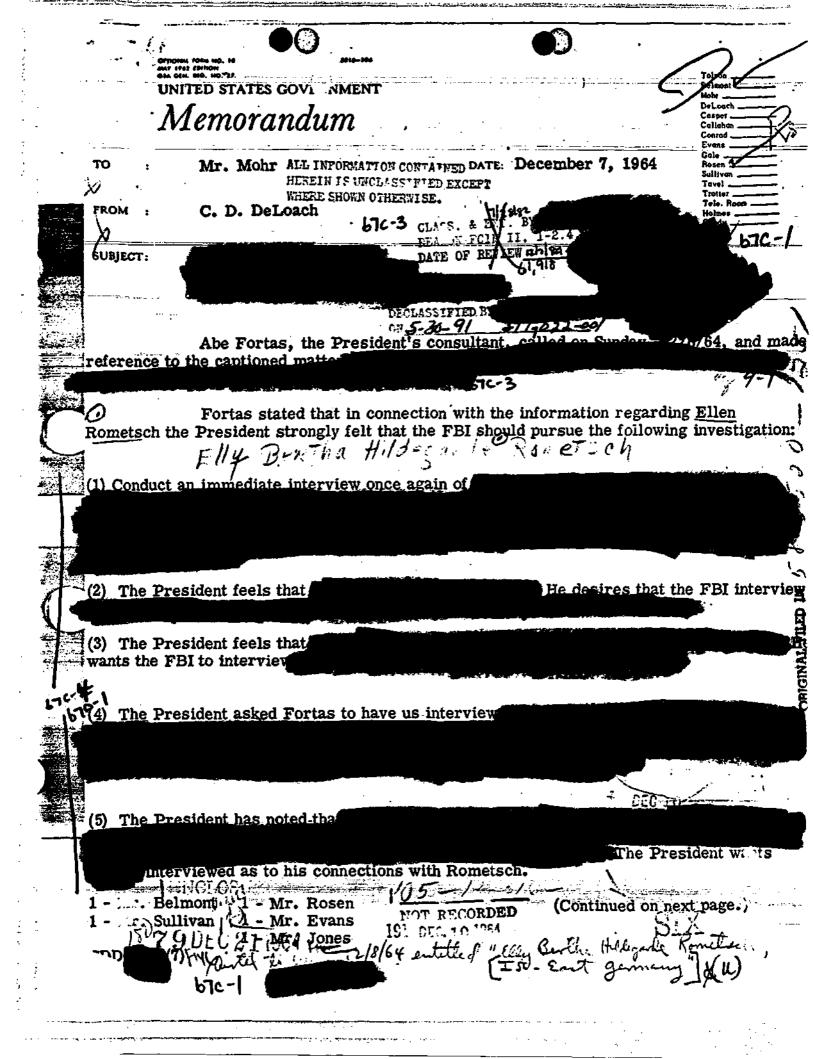
From a review of our file we have furnished information concerning this matter only to Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Jenkins both at the White House, former Attorney General Kennedy and Acting Attorney General Katzenbach. We have not furnished the results of our investigation to Senator Williams as is alleged in the "Sunday Star" article.





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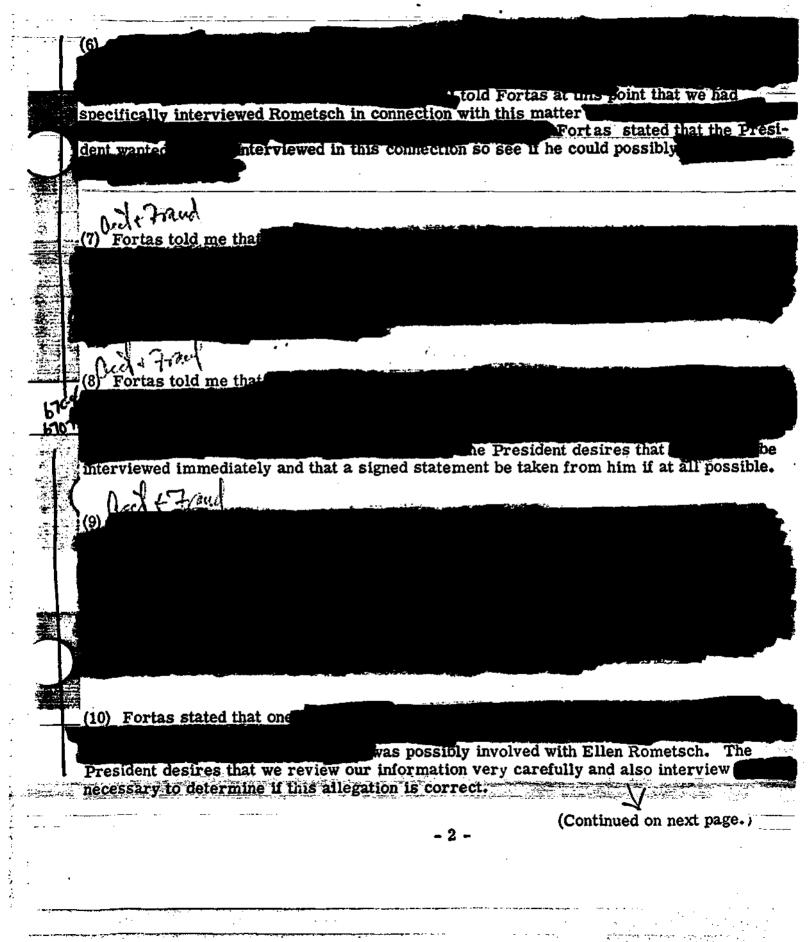






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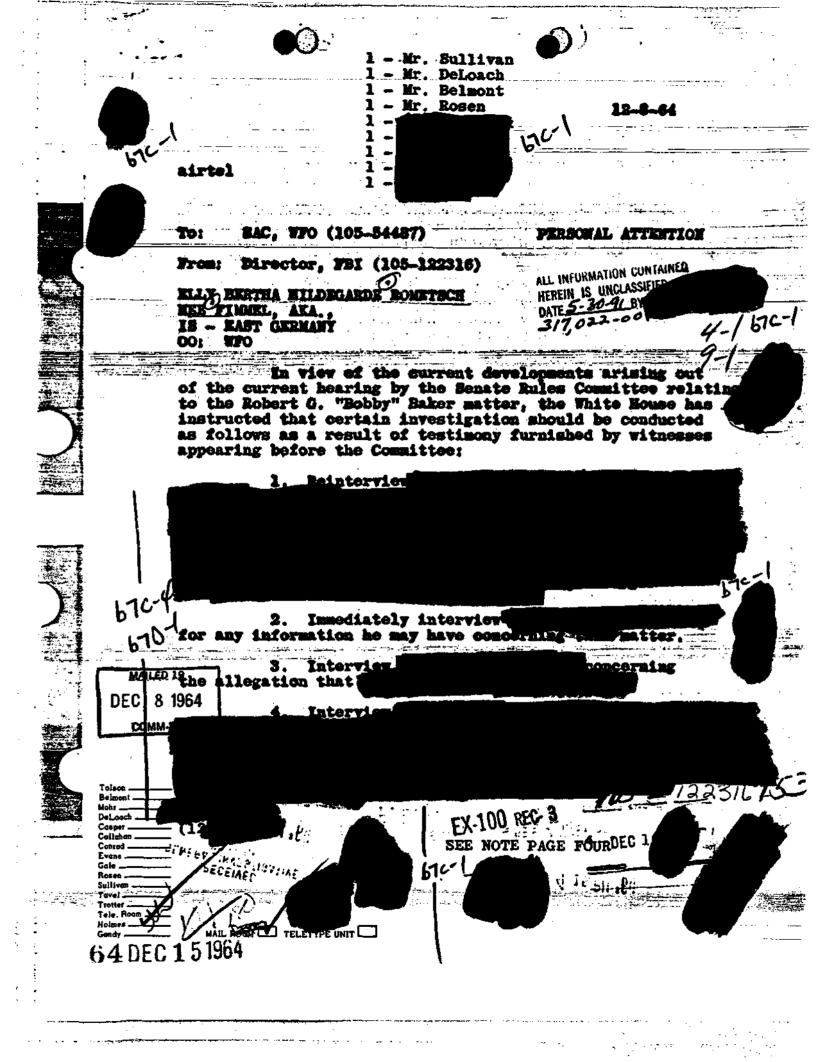
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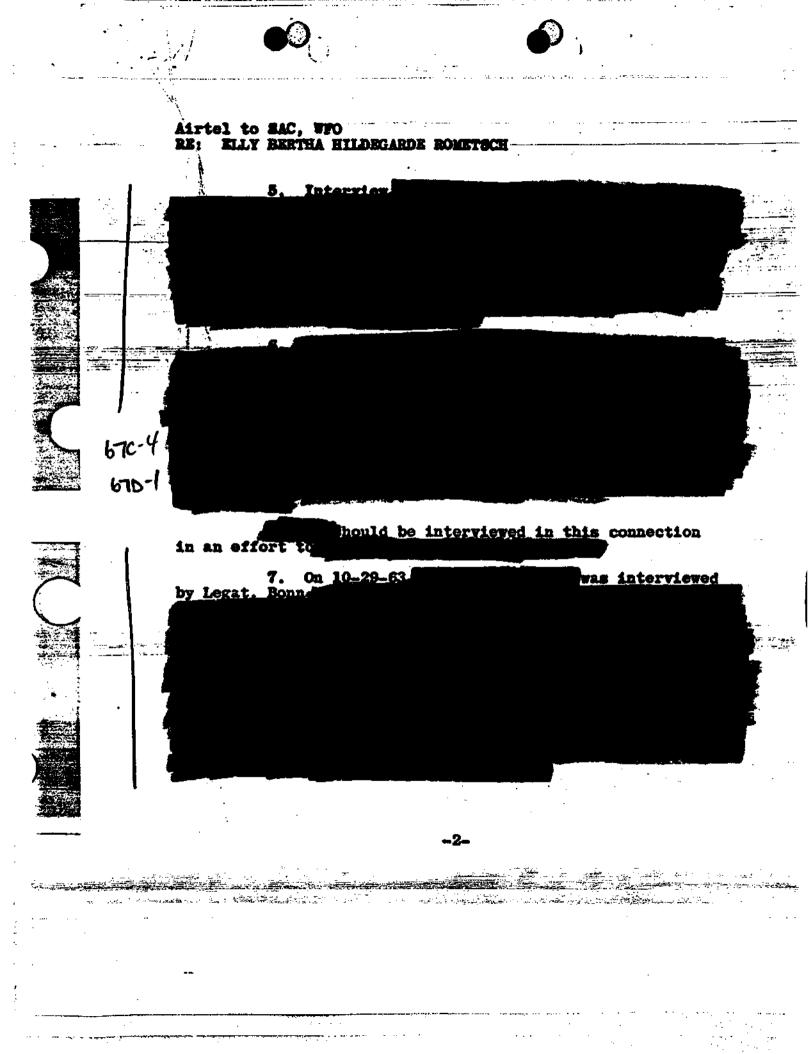
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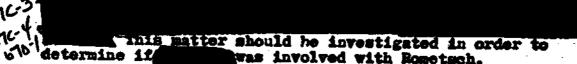
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Concerning the above items you should immediately initiate investigation to ascertain and resolve the matters referred to and if queried as to the reason for our investigation, the individual making such inquiry should be advised only that we are conducting investigation as authorized by law. The fact that this investigation is being conducted at the request of the White House should hot be divulged.

Any information developed requiring the coverage of leads by auxiliary offices, such leads should be set forth by teletype with instructions that they be handled immediately and the Bureau and WFO advised of results by teletype or radiogram.





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That investigation was conducted at the request of the White House. By memorandum dired 12-7-64 from

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on behalf of the President has requested that a number of persons be interviewed concerning. Rometsch and other individuals who have been associated with the second and others.

Mr. Fortas pointed out to Mr. DeLoach that "the President was most anxious that the above-mentioned allegations (set forth in this airtel) be run out in an expeditious and thorough manner. He stated the President naturally felt there should be no basis for any charge that anything had been left undone." Accordingly, the Bureau's file with regard to the Rometsch matter is being thoroughly reviewed to insure that all logical investigation is conducted and following such review logical leads will be set forth for immediate handling.

With regard to investigation request by Mr. Fortas as set forth in Mr. DeLoach's memo, three items pertain directly to matter and instructions to the field concerning same are being set forth by the Accounting and Fraud Section.

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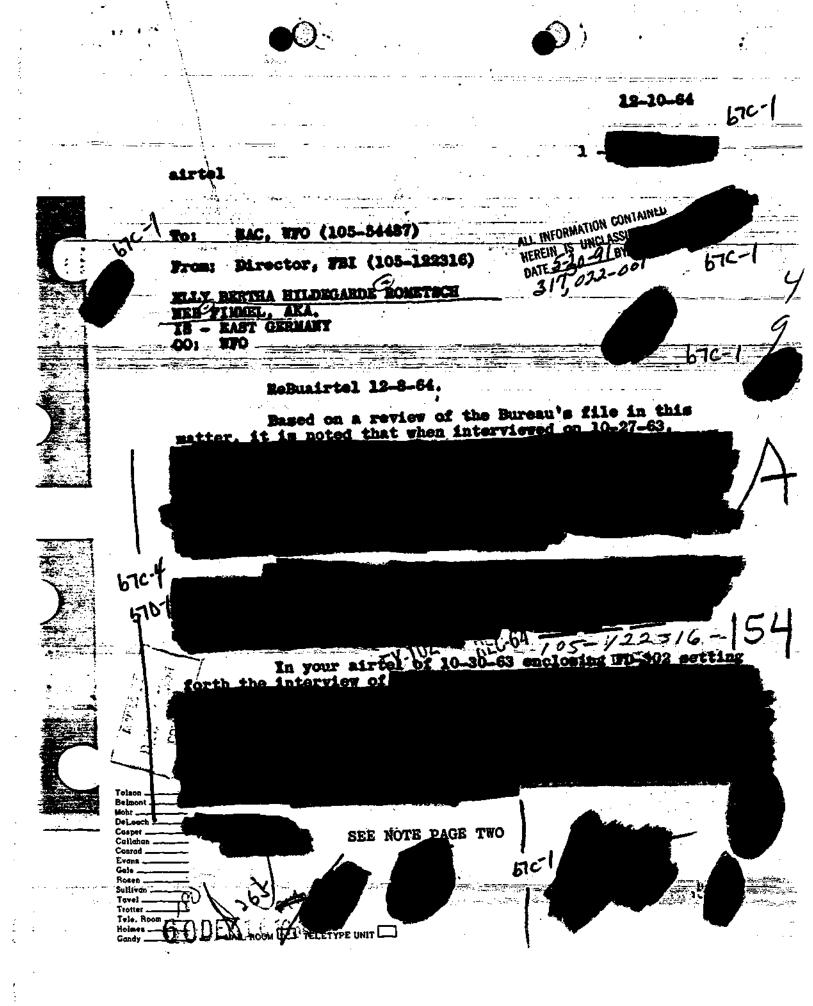


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You are instructed to interview

It is pointed out that the Bureau has been charged with conducting an expeditious and thorough investigation concerning the allegations arising out of the Rometsch matter and investigation must be of such quality to preclude any subsequent embarrassment to the FBI.

The Bureau should be promptly advised of results of this phase of the inquiry.

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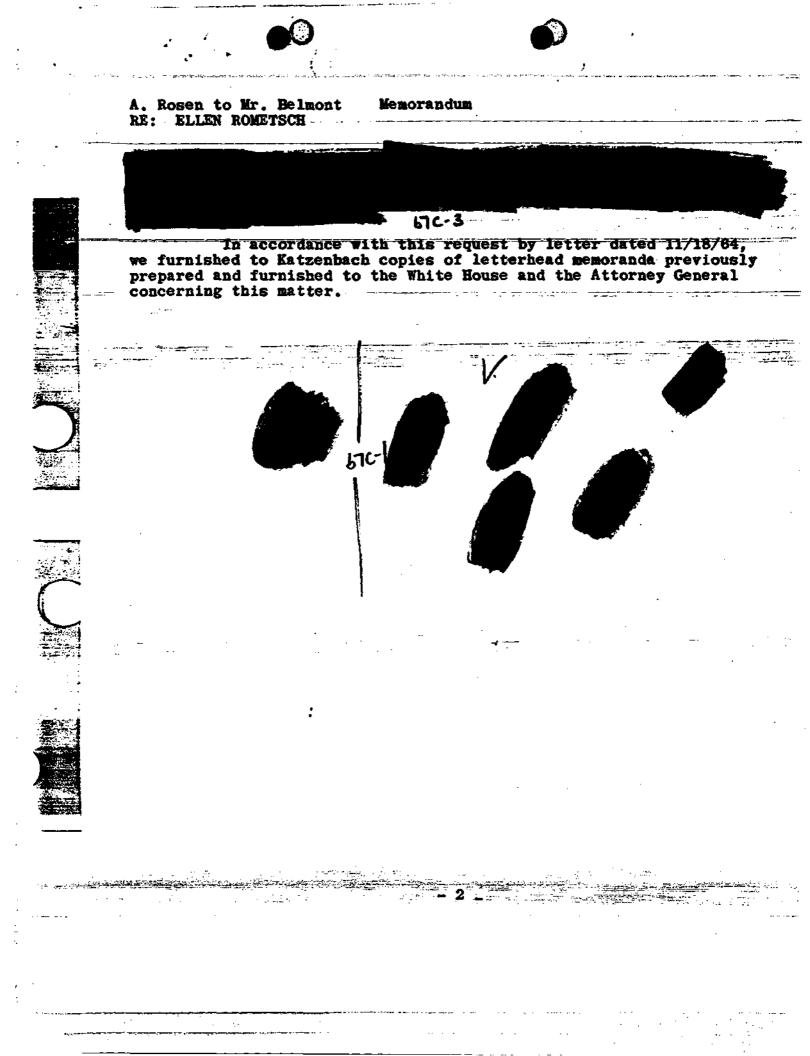
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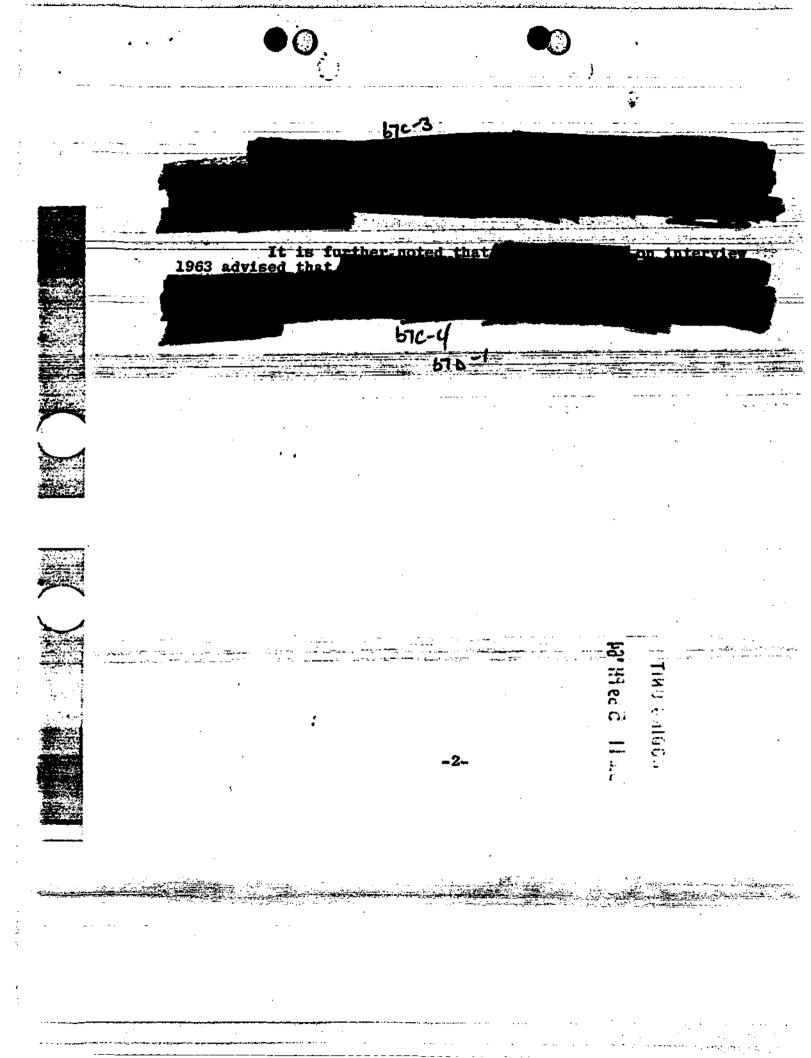
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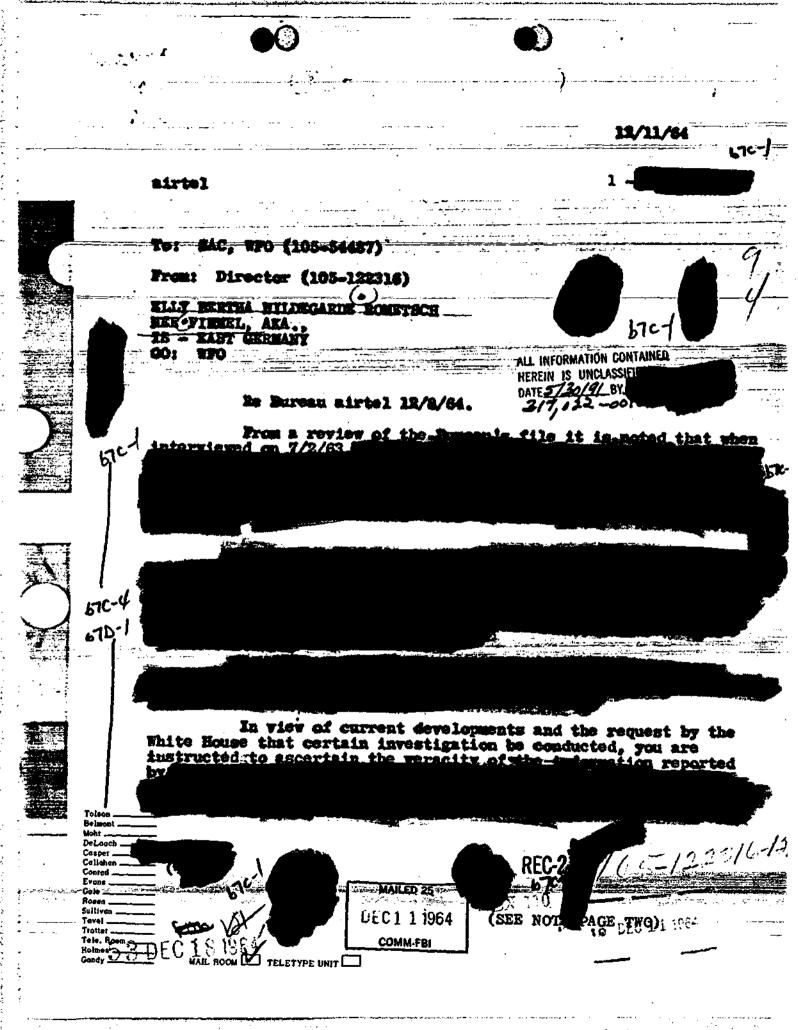
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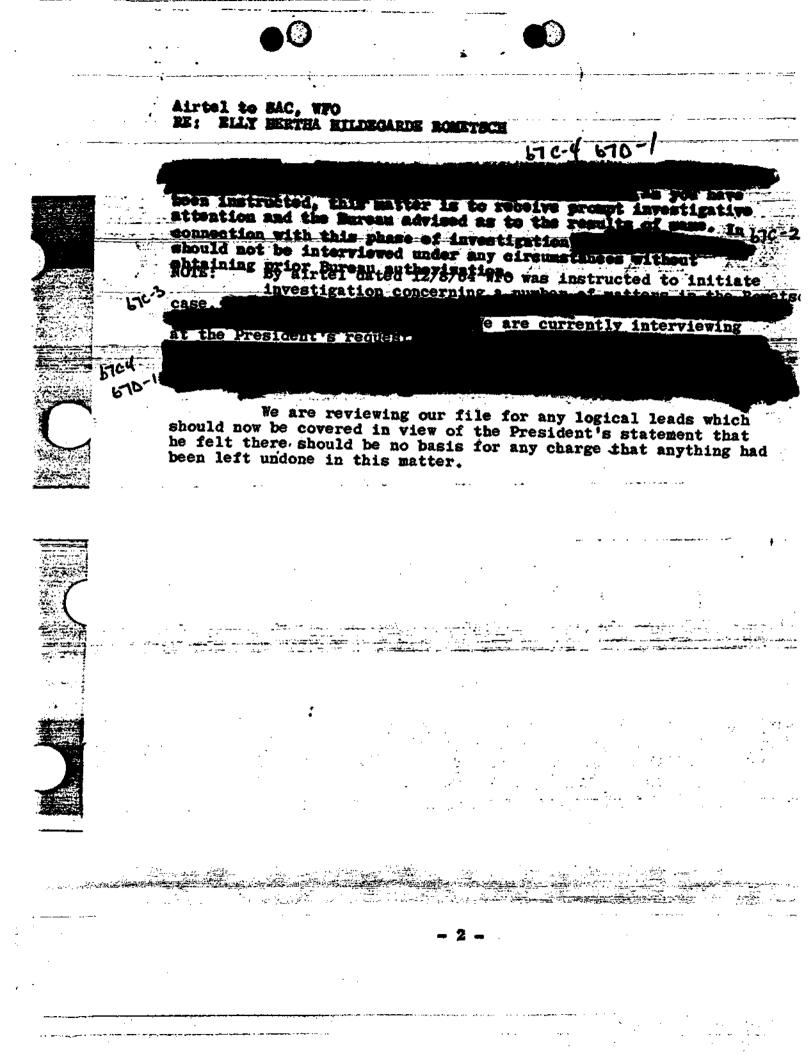
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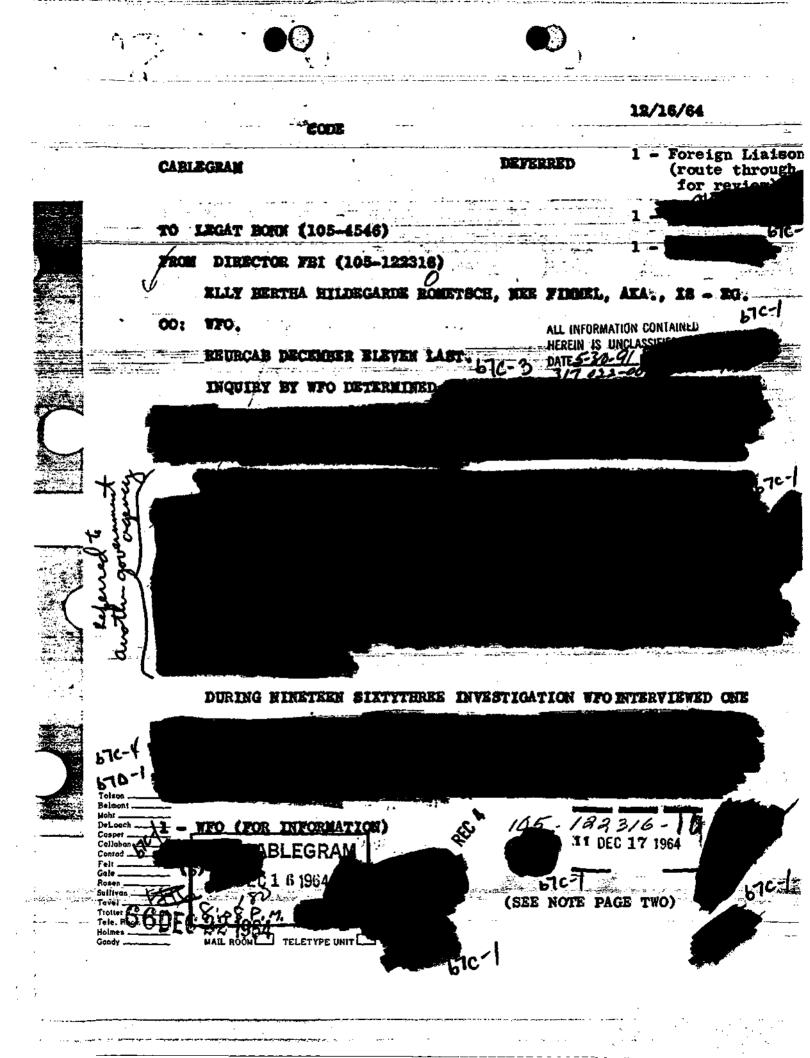
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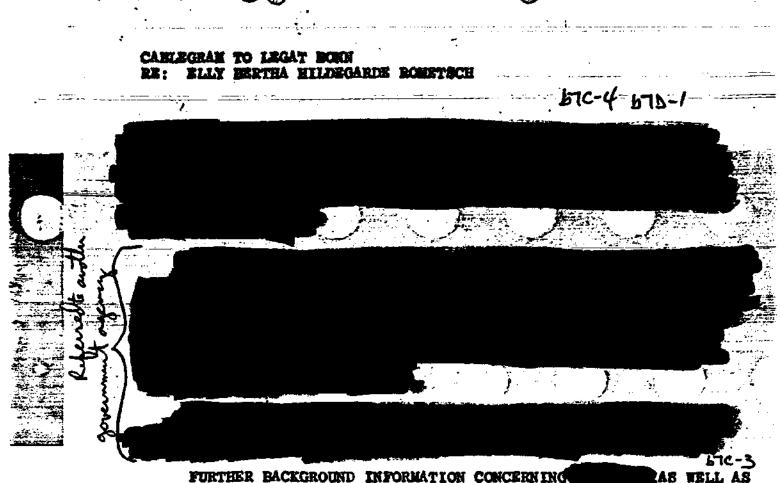
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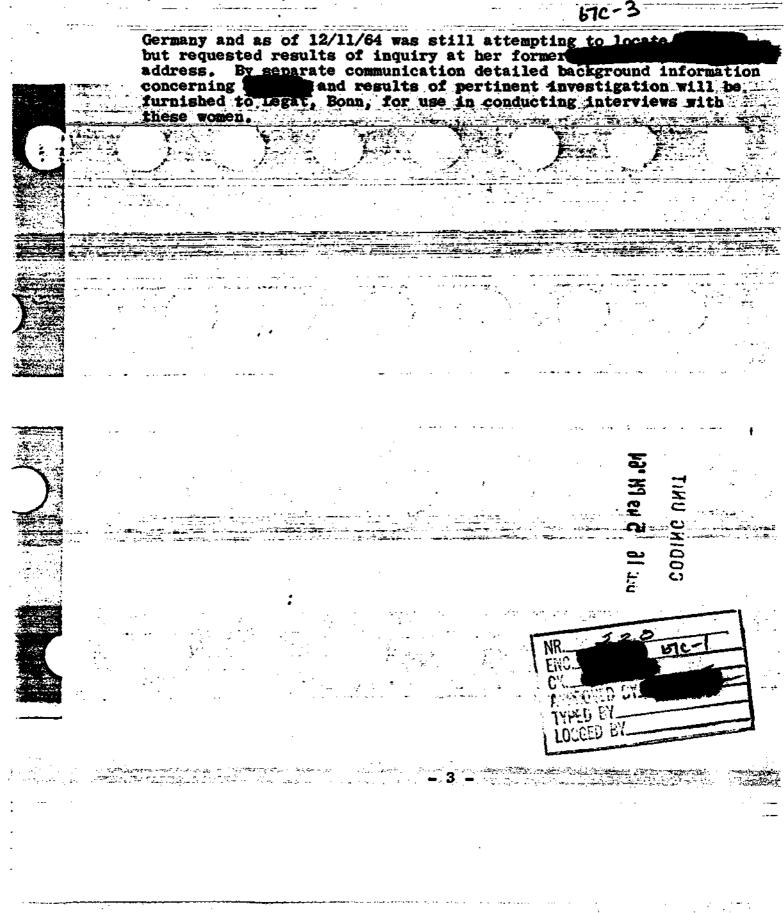
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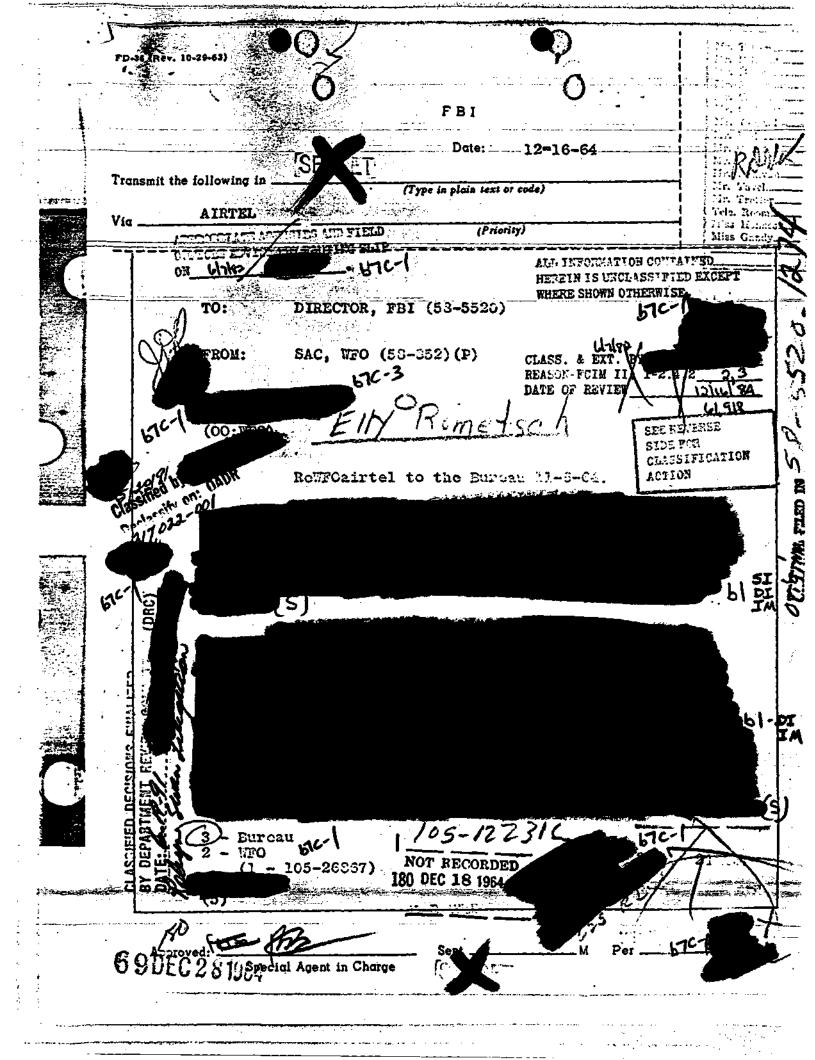
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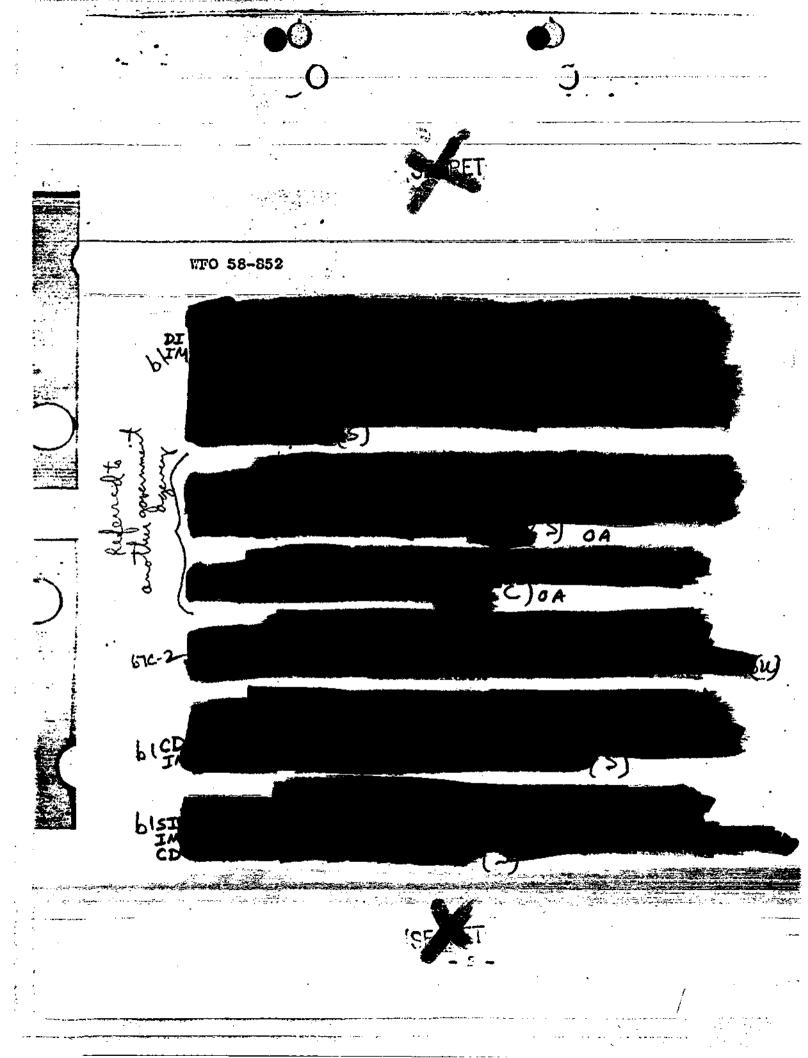




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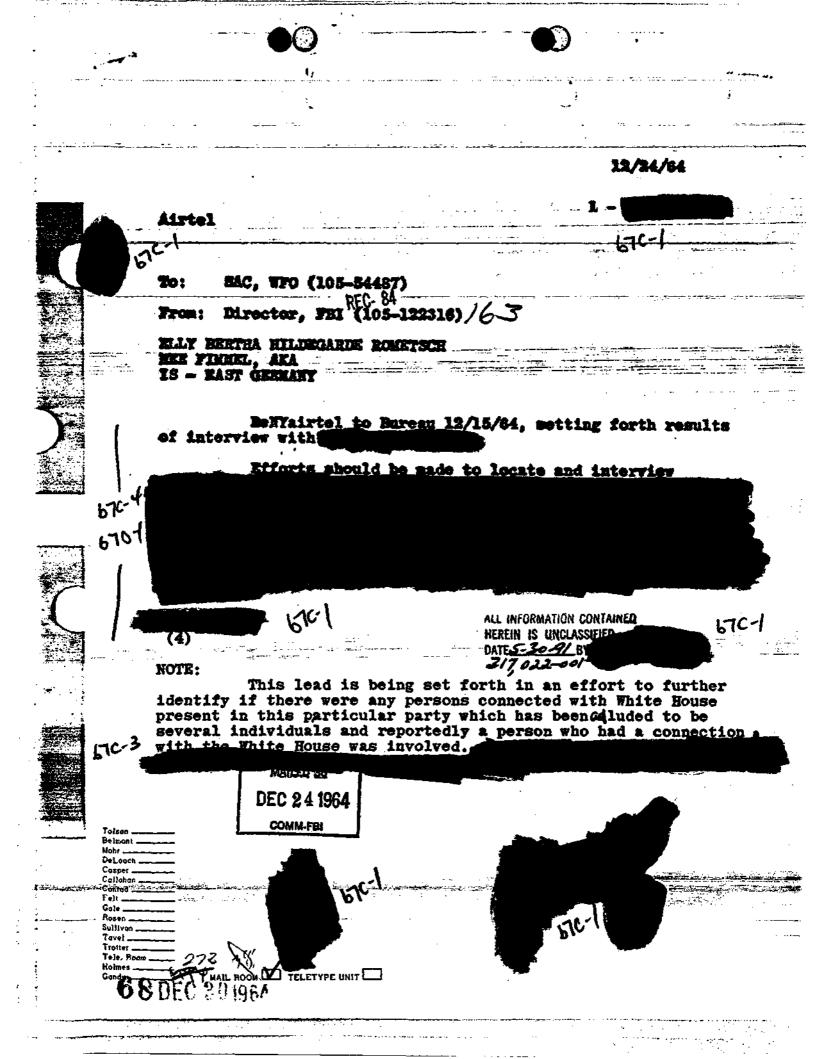




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December 23, 1964 BT LIATECS Mr. DeLoach Mr. Sullivan Mr. Belmont 570 Honorable Bill D. Moyers Mr. Rosen Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. Moyers: Reference is made to a memorandum dated February 20, 1964, entitled "Ellen Rometsch" which was furnished on February 25, 1964, to Mr. Walter W. Jenkins, On December 6, 1964, Honorable Abe Fortas orally requested of Mr. DeLoach of this Bureau that certain investigation be conducted with further reference to the Rometsch matter, Attached is a memorandum dated December 23, 1964, setting forth the regults of certain investigation conducted inc 1 as requested and you will be promptly advised of further information obtained concerning this matter. For your information, results of this investigation are being furnished to the Acting Attorney General. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIEIED Sincerely yours. DATE 5/30/91 BY 670-1 317 022-001 1107 REC- 139 Ą 1-2121 Inclosure ษา ๛ DEC NOTE Telson Enclosure is identical to ture closed with Belmont. Moht \_ letter to the Attorney General. ender jahren um DeLoach See Hemorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmentadated D Cosper . Callahoe 1964 captioned as above Conred Feli 610 Ga)e Rosen Sullivan DEC ( Tavel . Tratter 1965 Tele. Ro Halmes MAIL ROOM C TELETYPE UNIT

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: ELLY BERTHA HILDEGARDE RO Will ascertain from Mr. Fortas as to whether 2. the results of our current investigation, which will be furnished in writing to the White House, should also be furnished to Mr. Katzenbach pointing out that to date no request has been received from the Department to conduct any investigation concerning the Rometsch matter. 576-\_2- <u>\_\_\_\_</u> 1.18 The Reverbing of the

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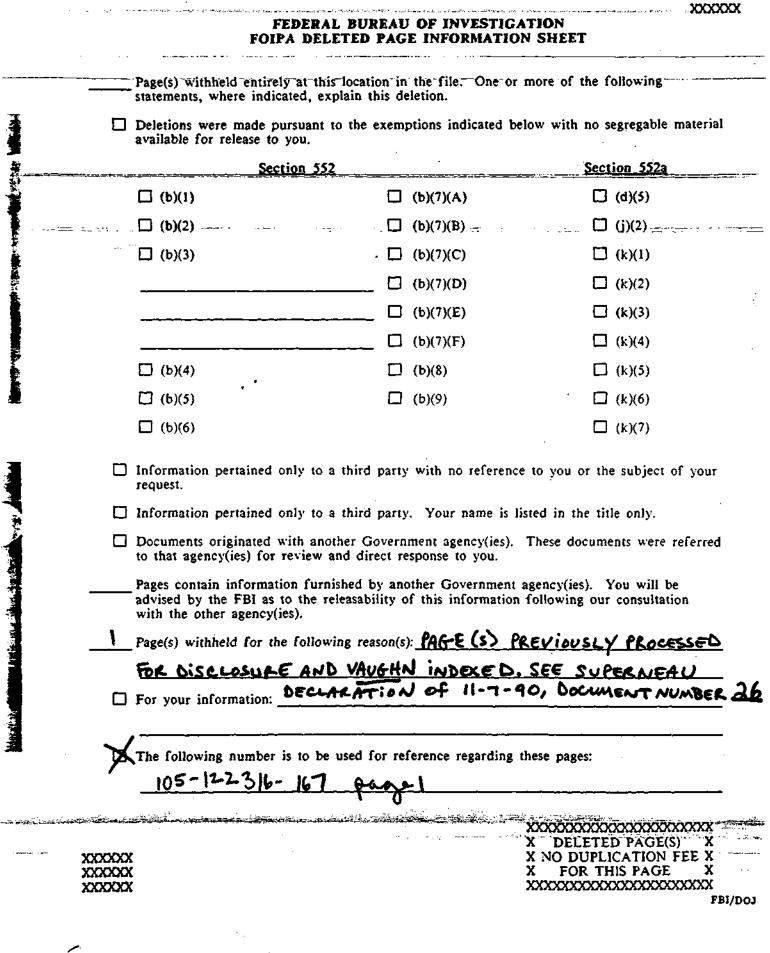
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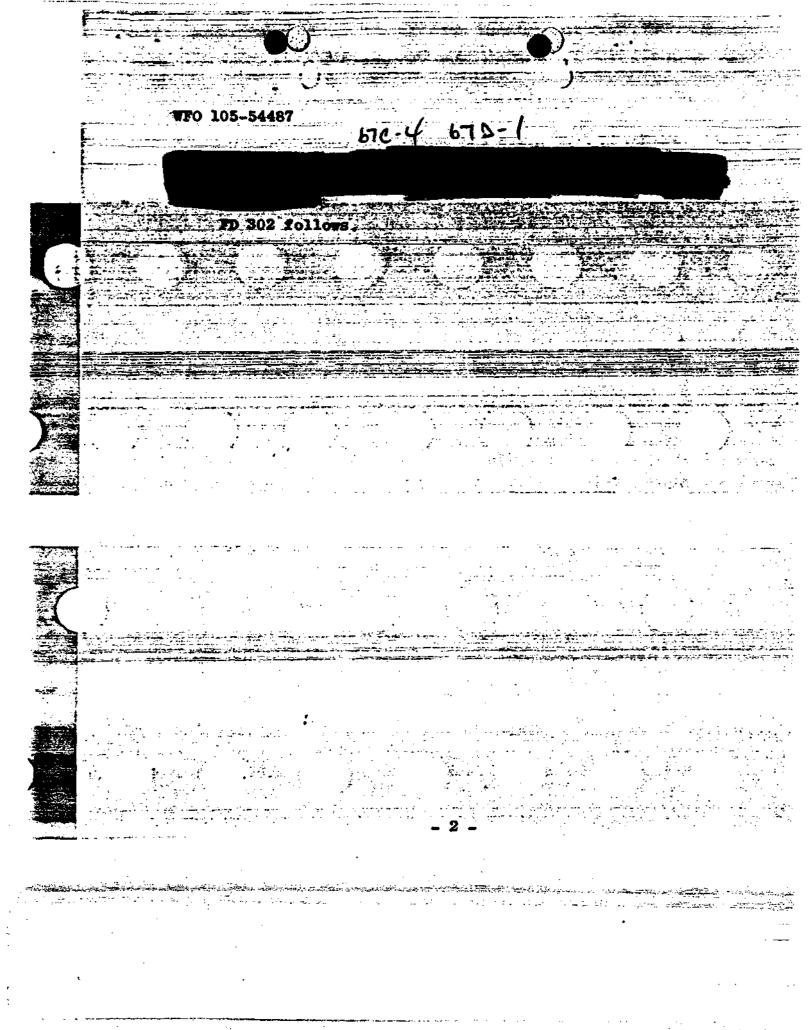
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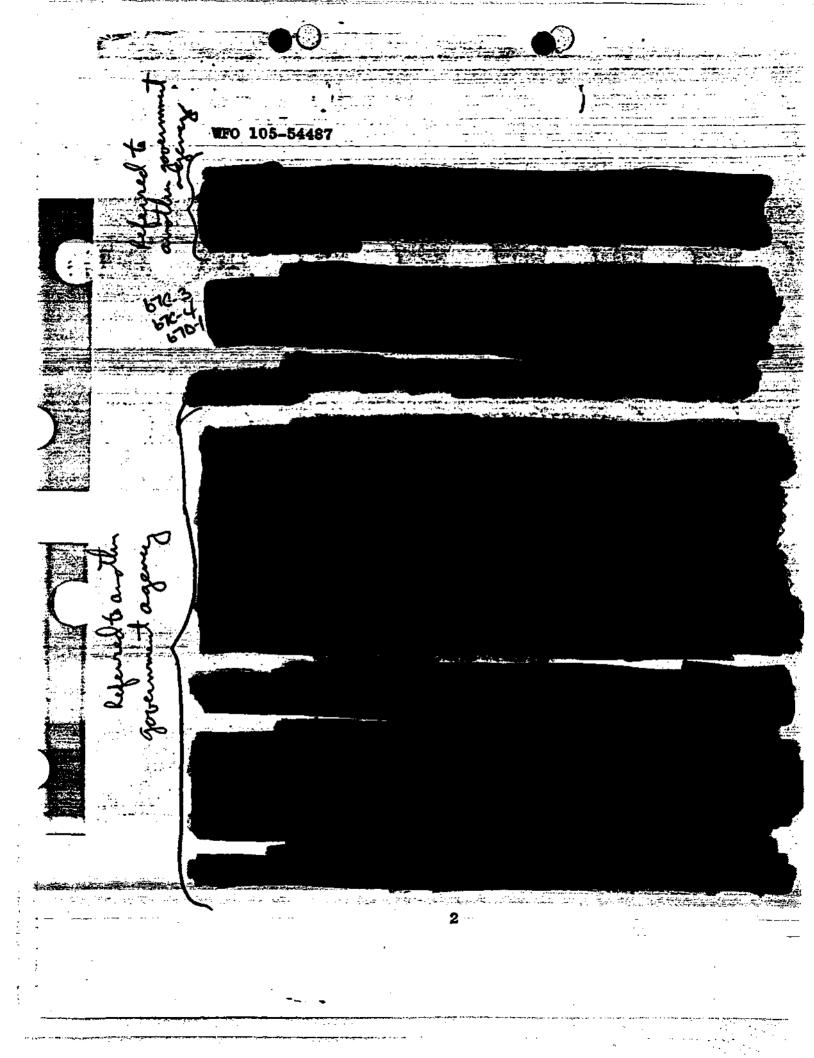
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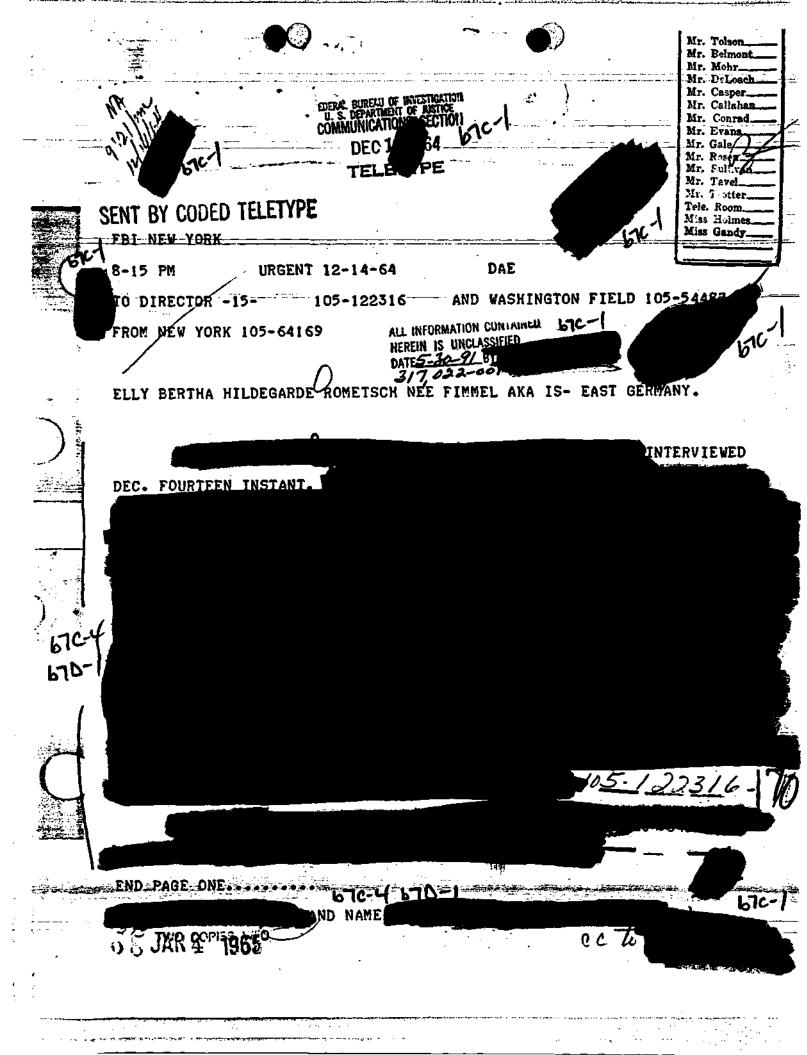
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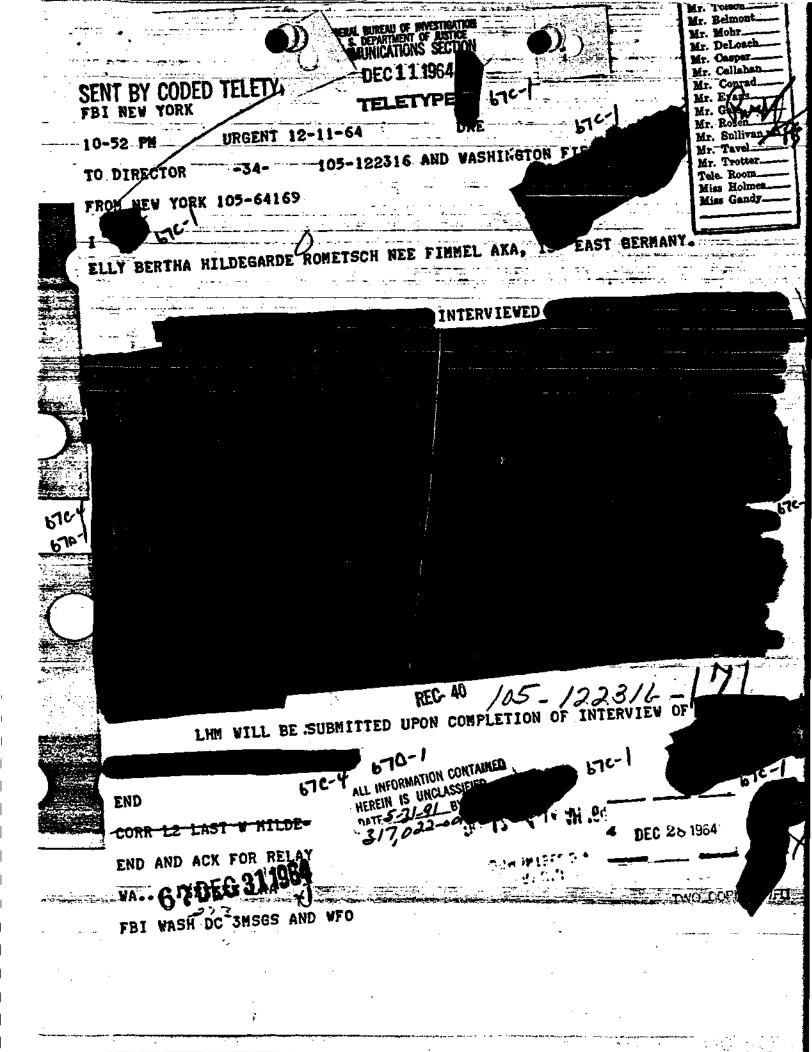


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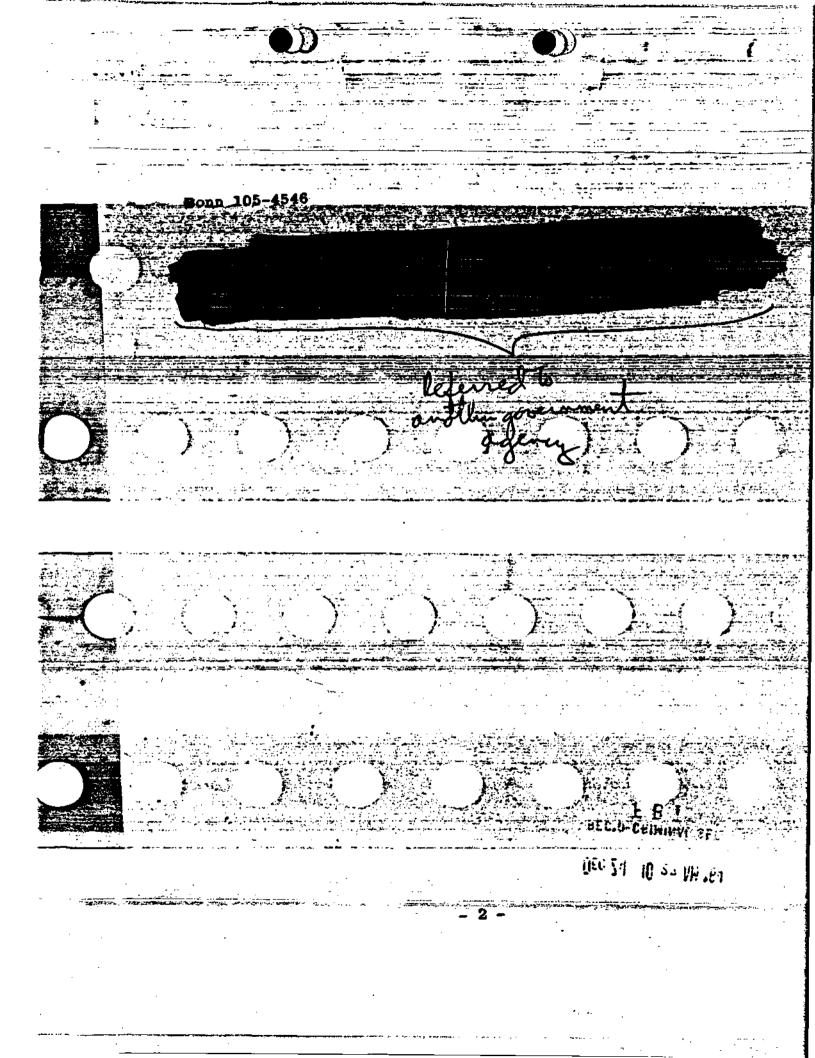
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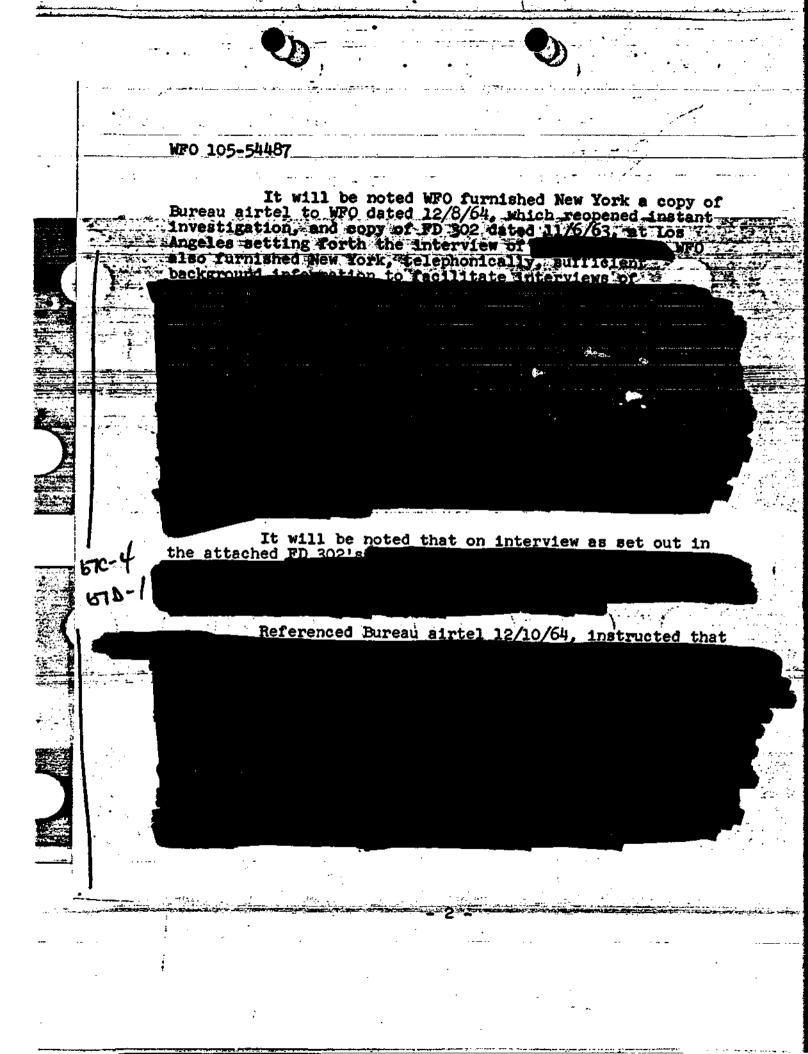
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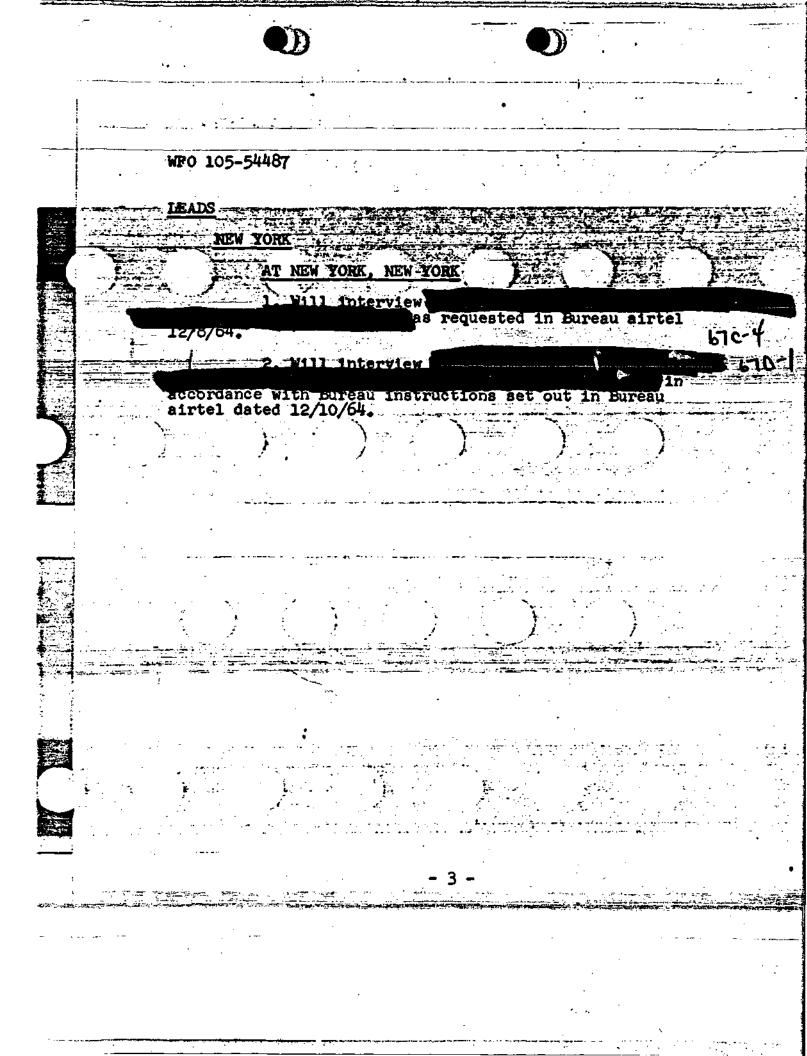


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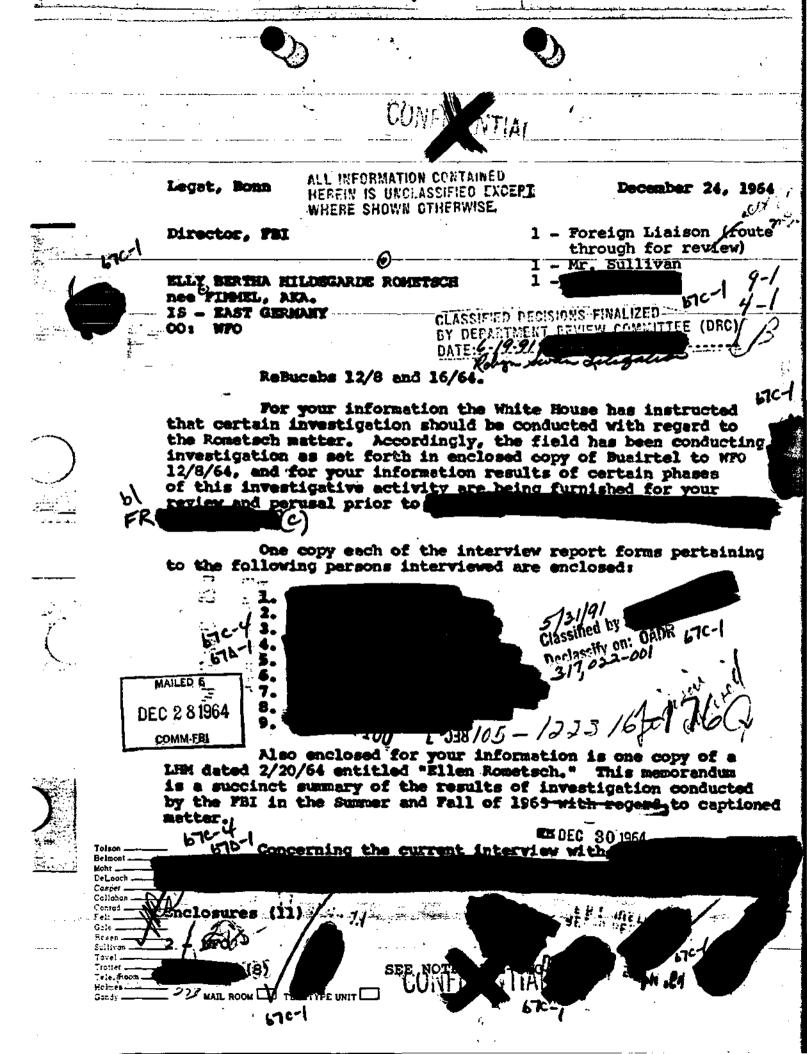


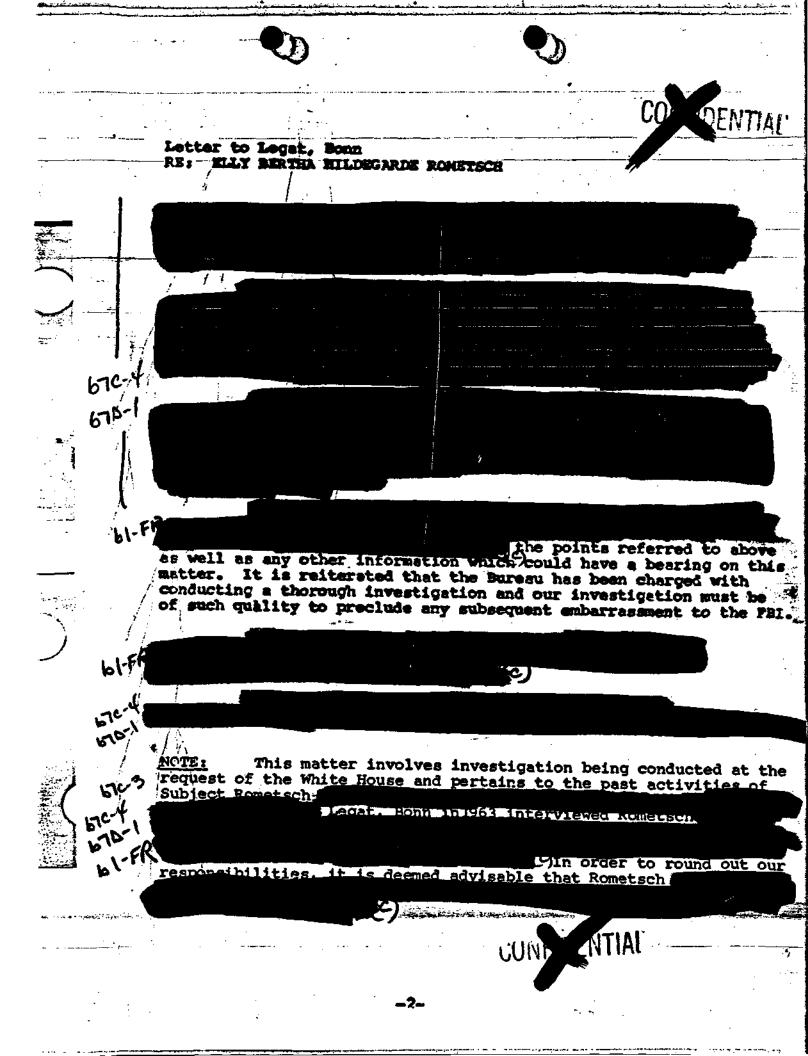


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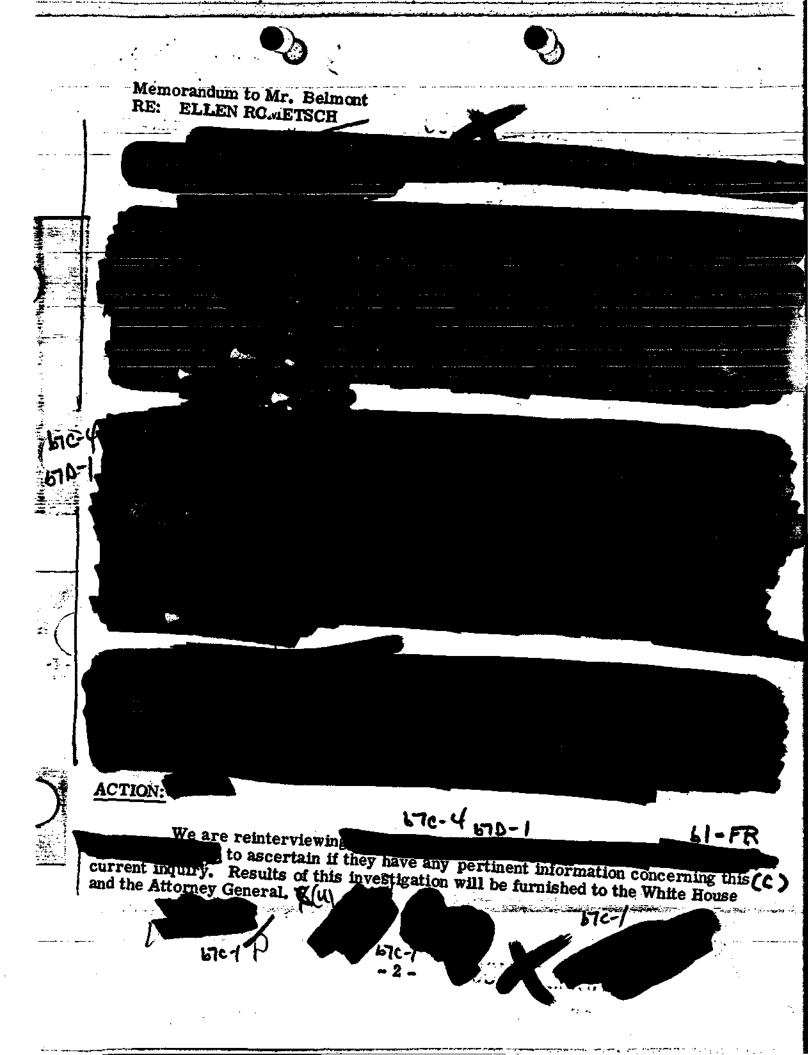
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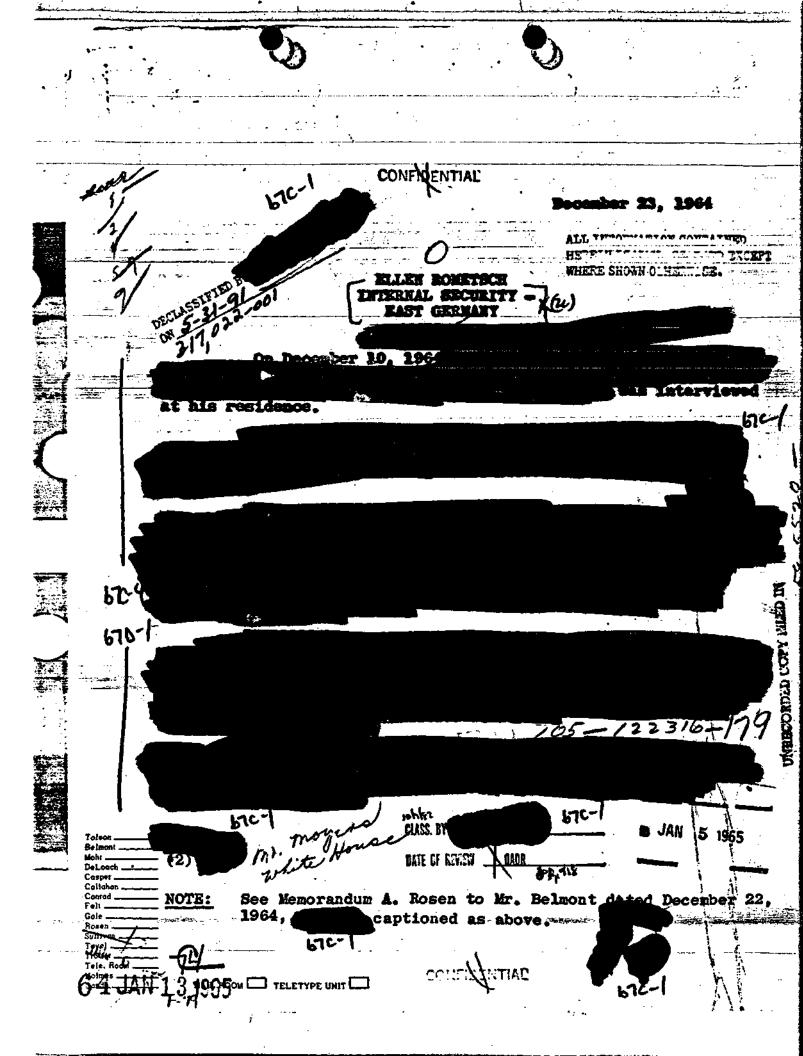
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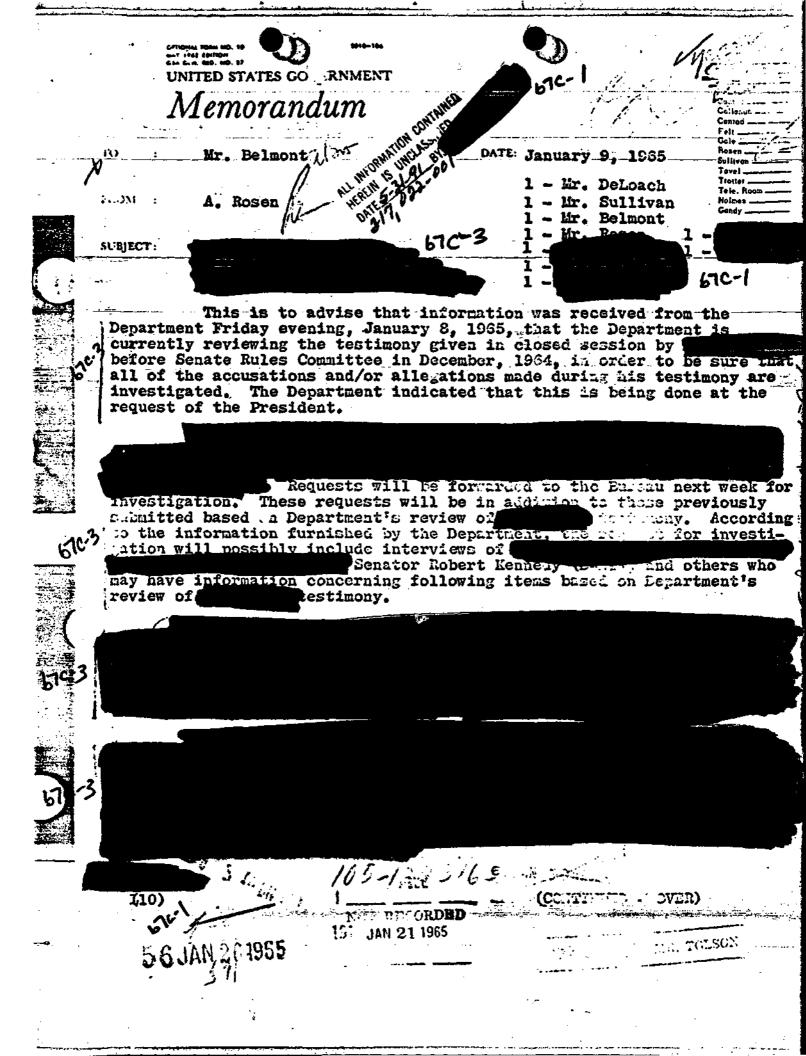
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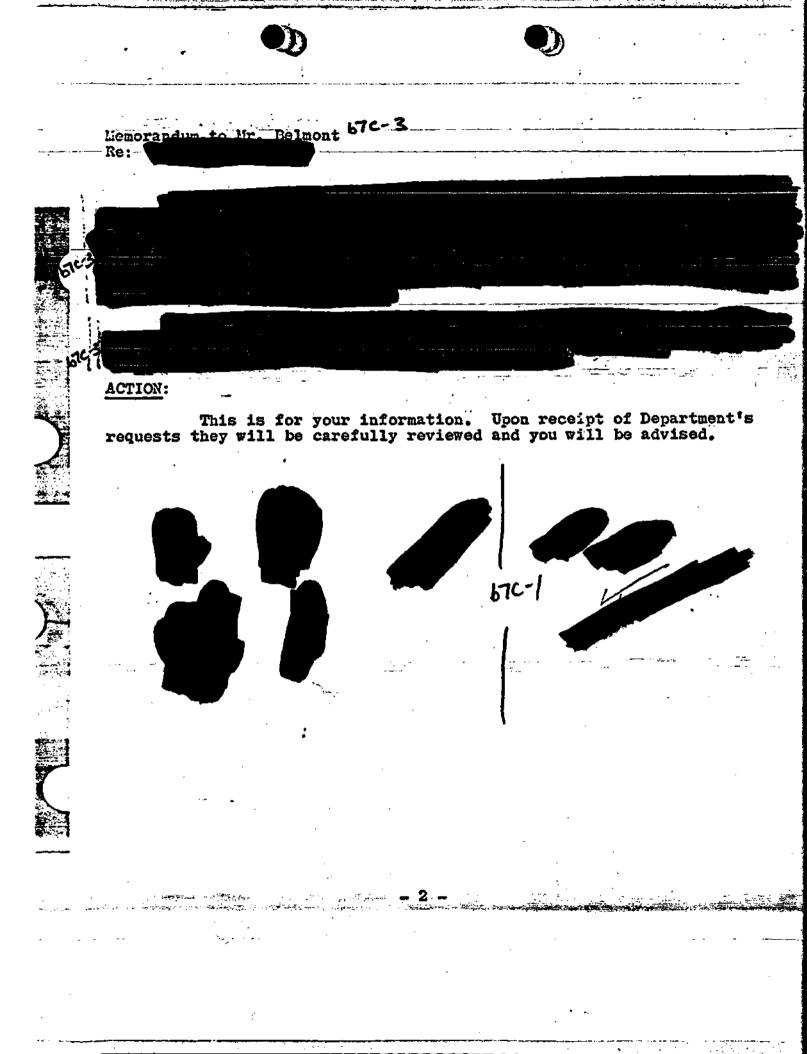
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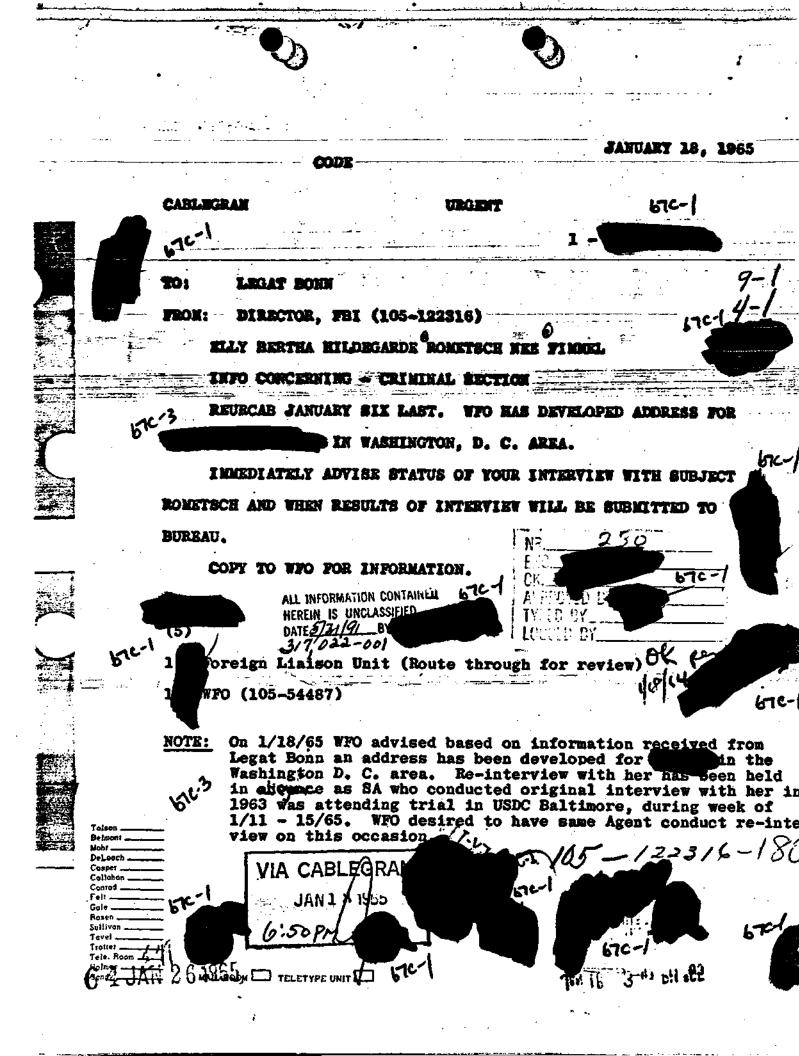
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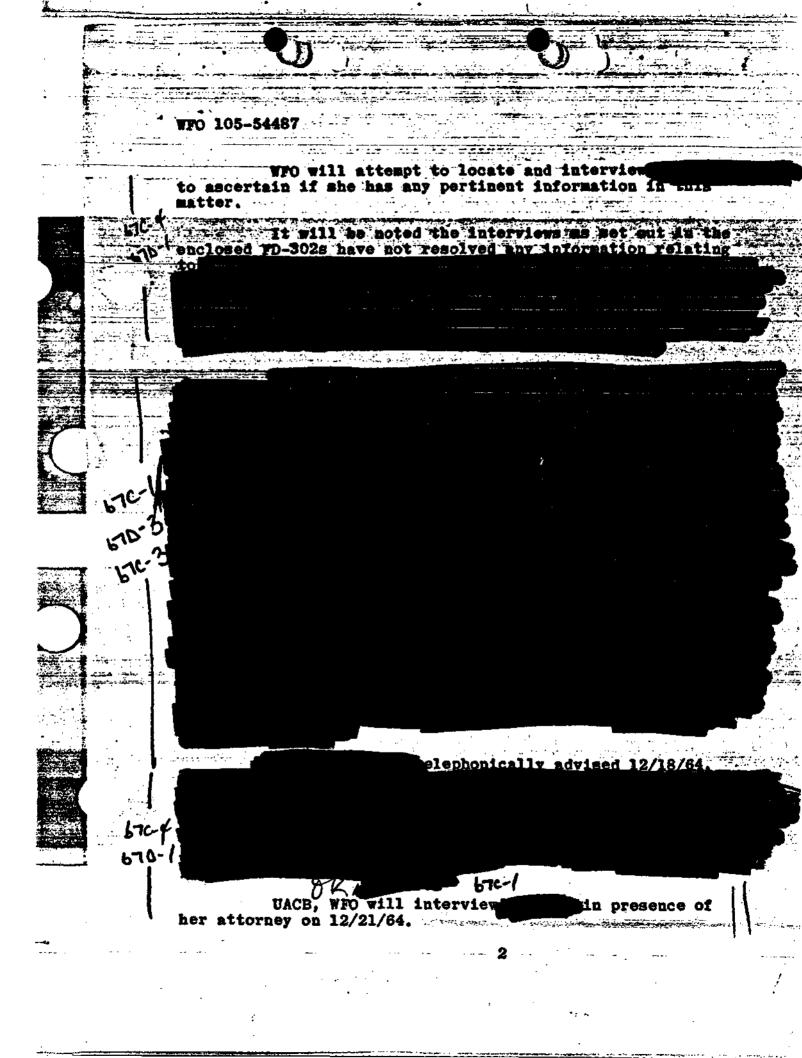




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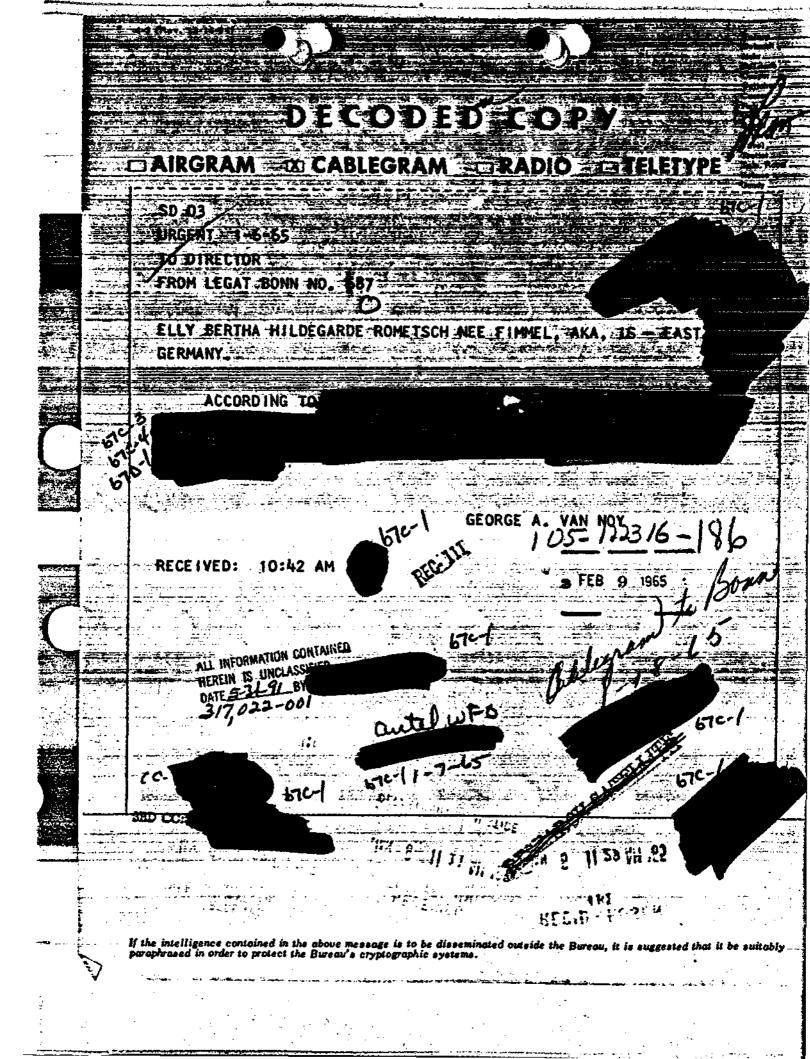
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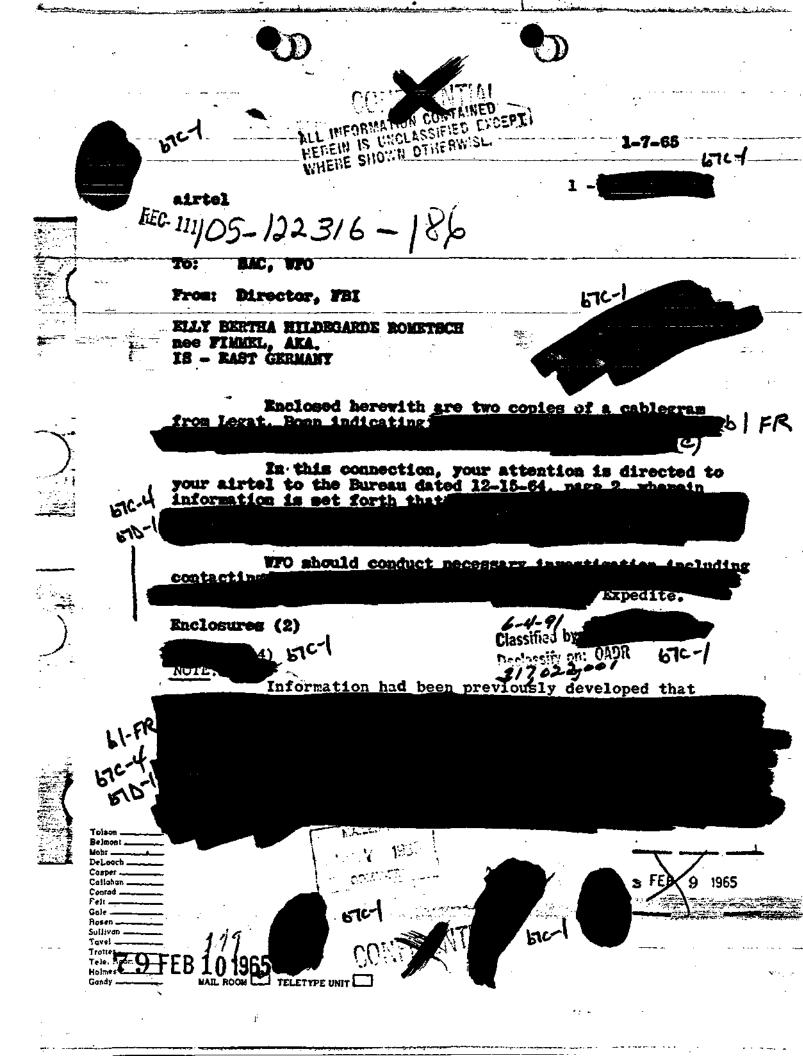
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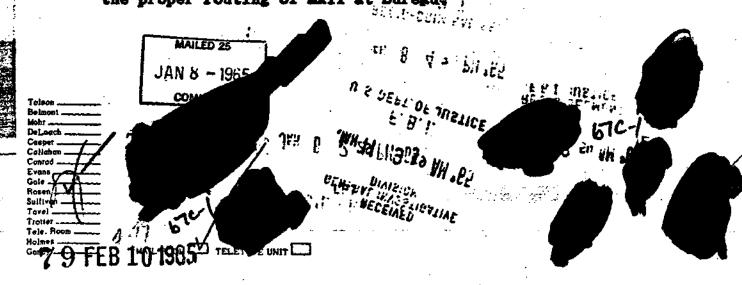
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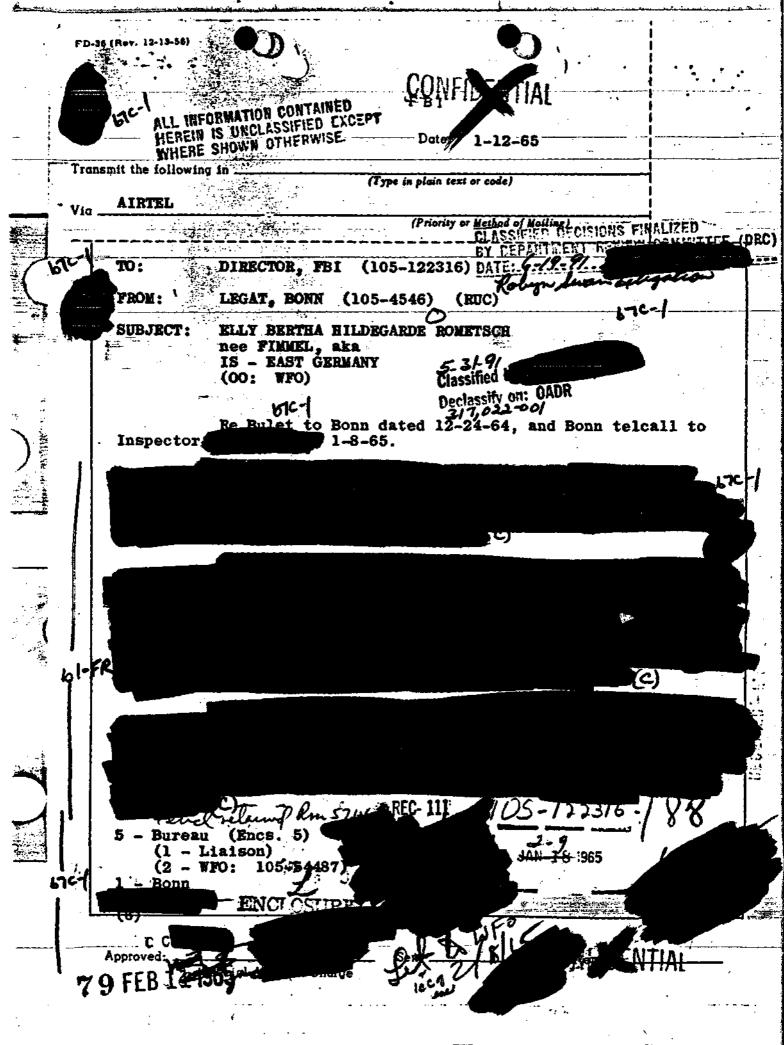
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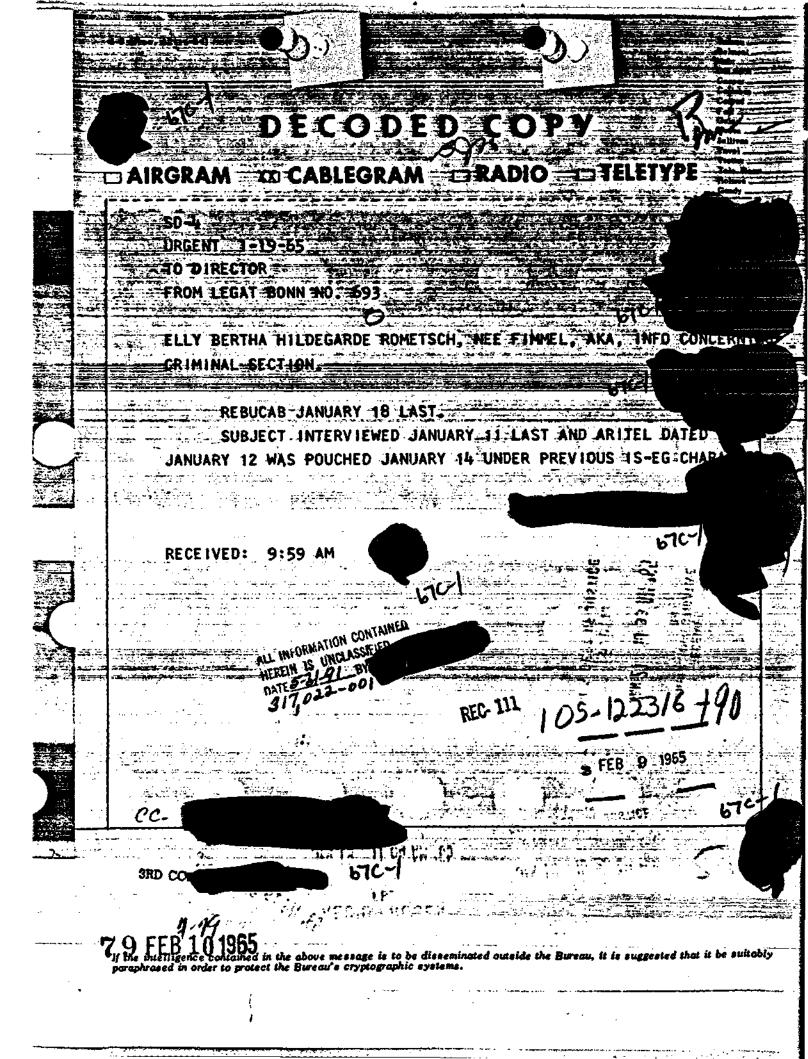


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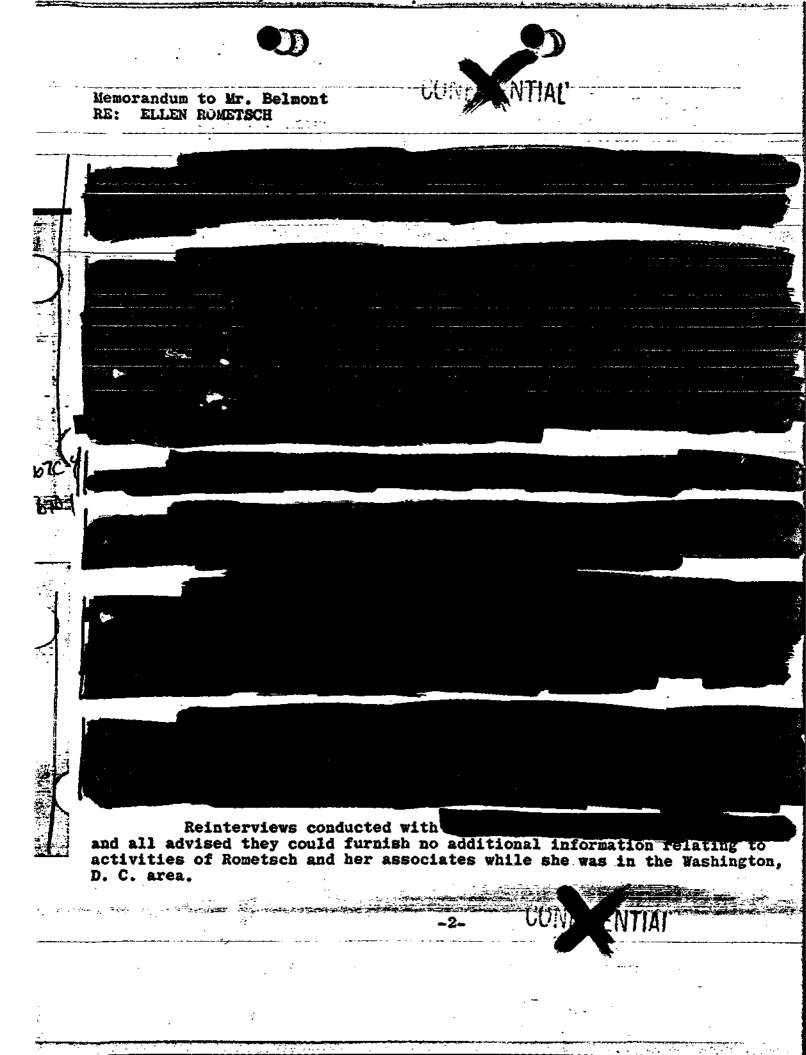
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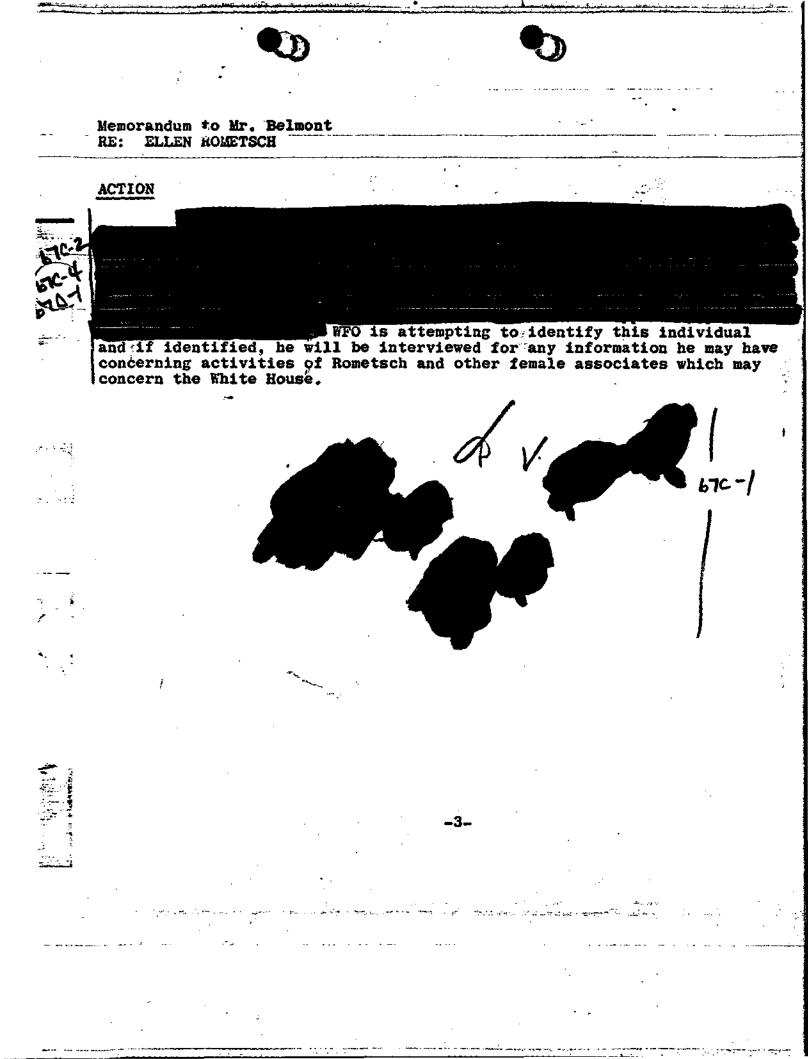
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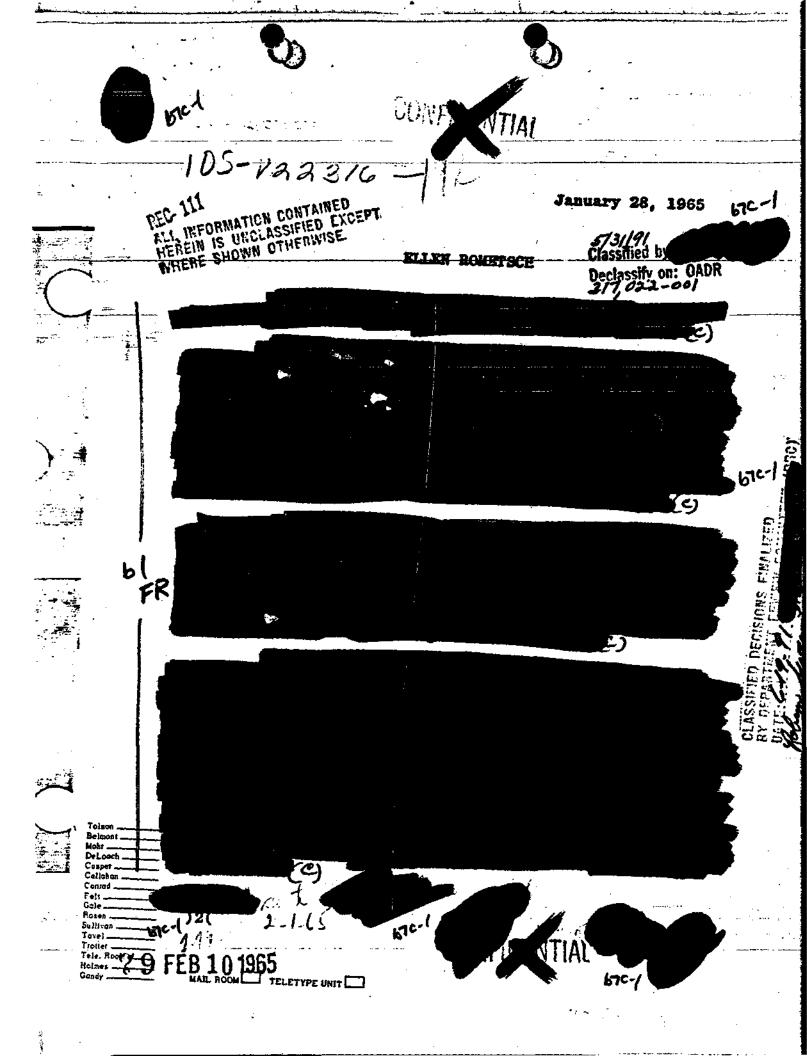
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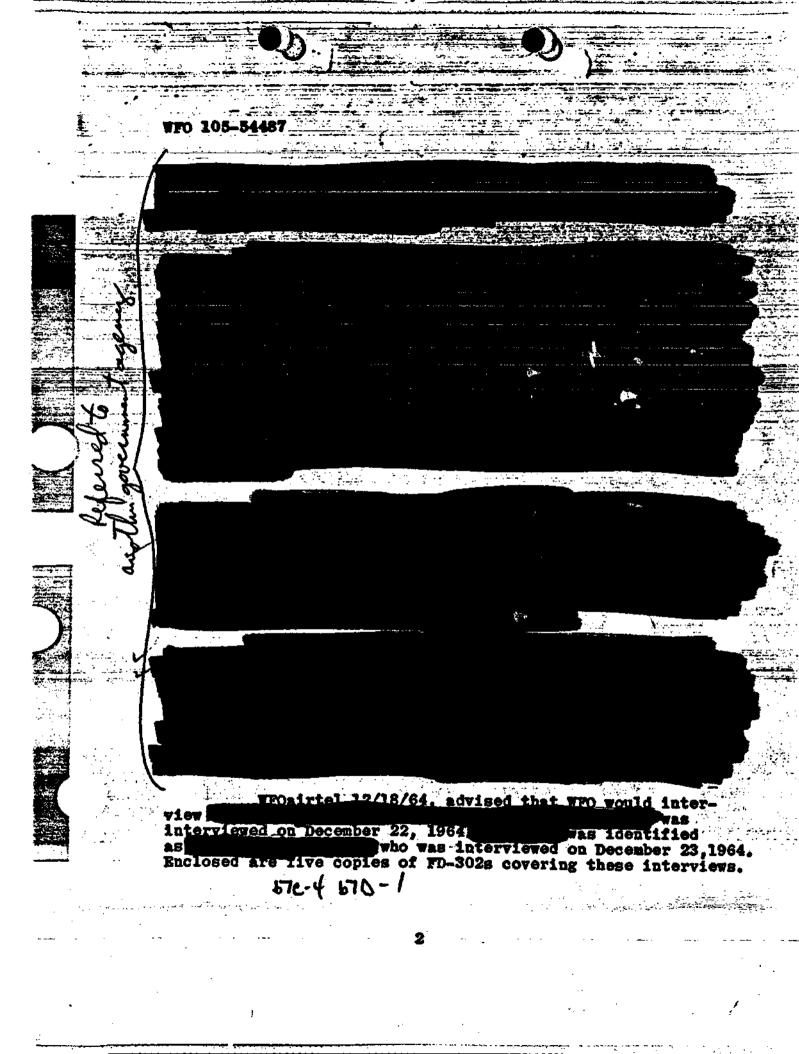


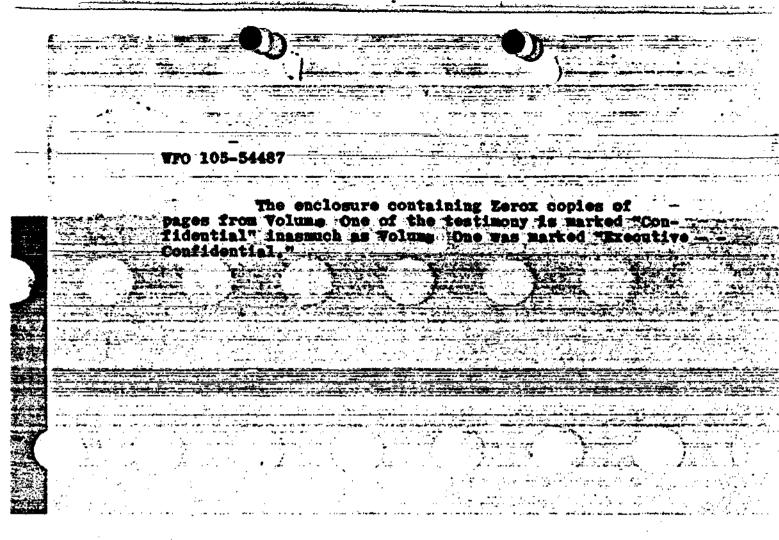




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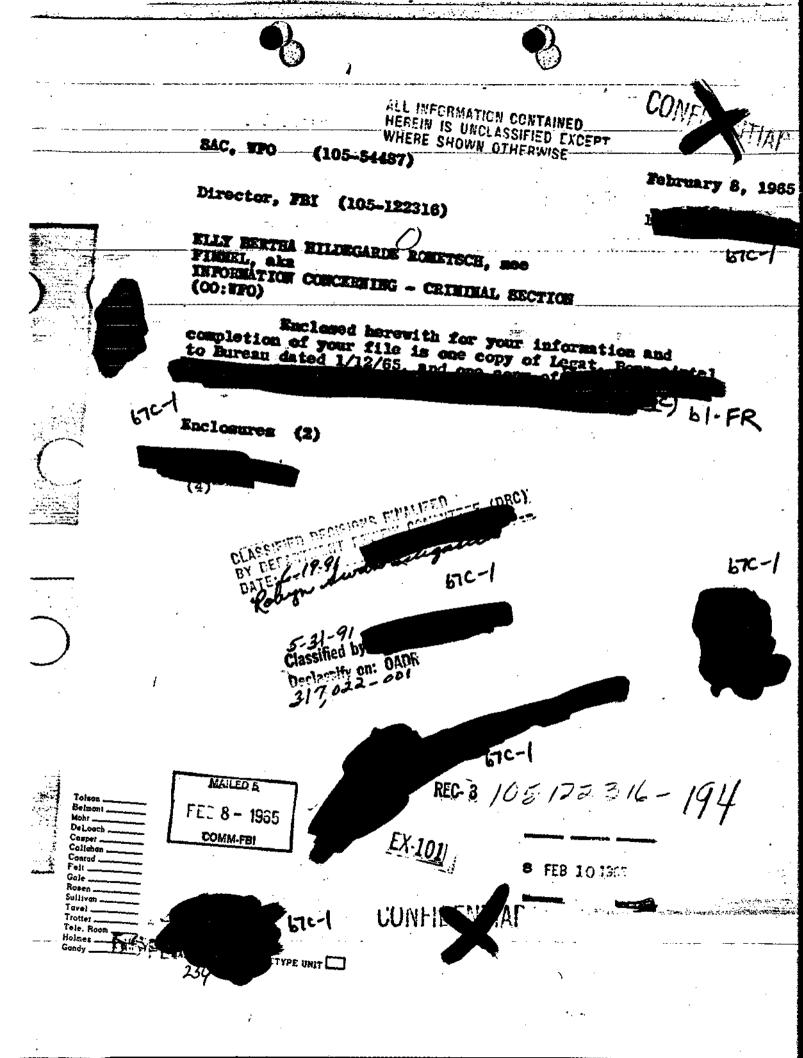
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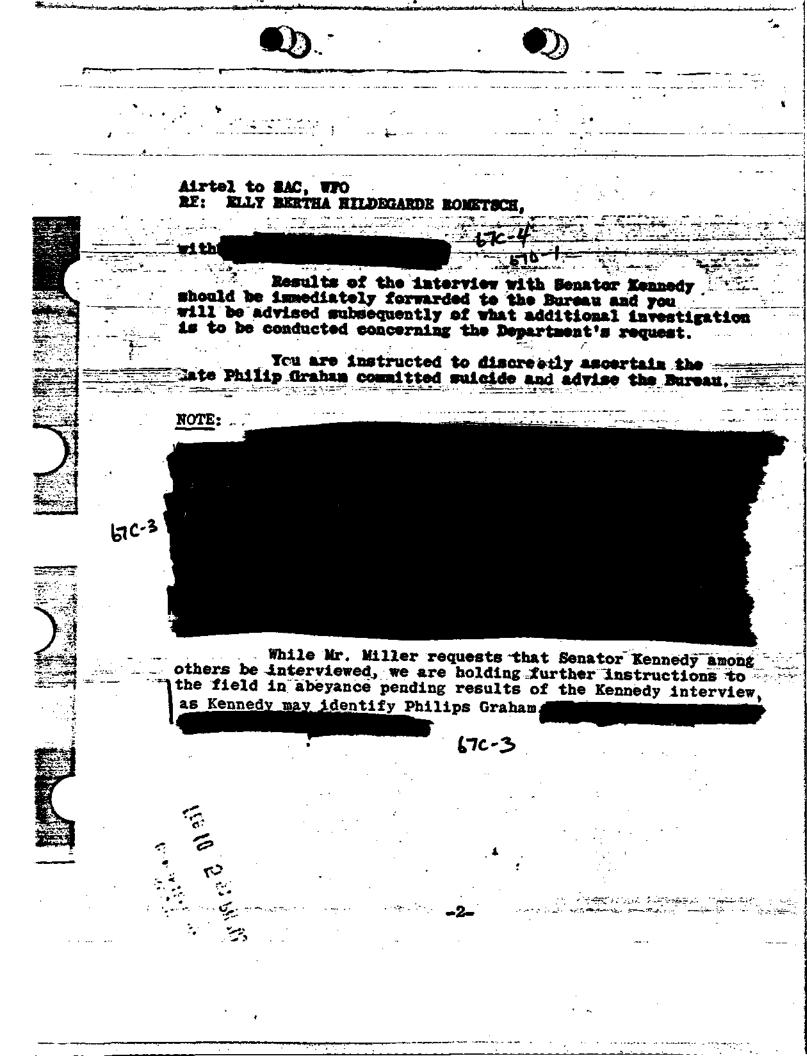
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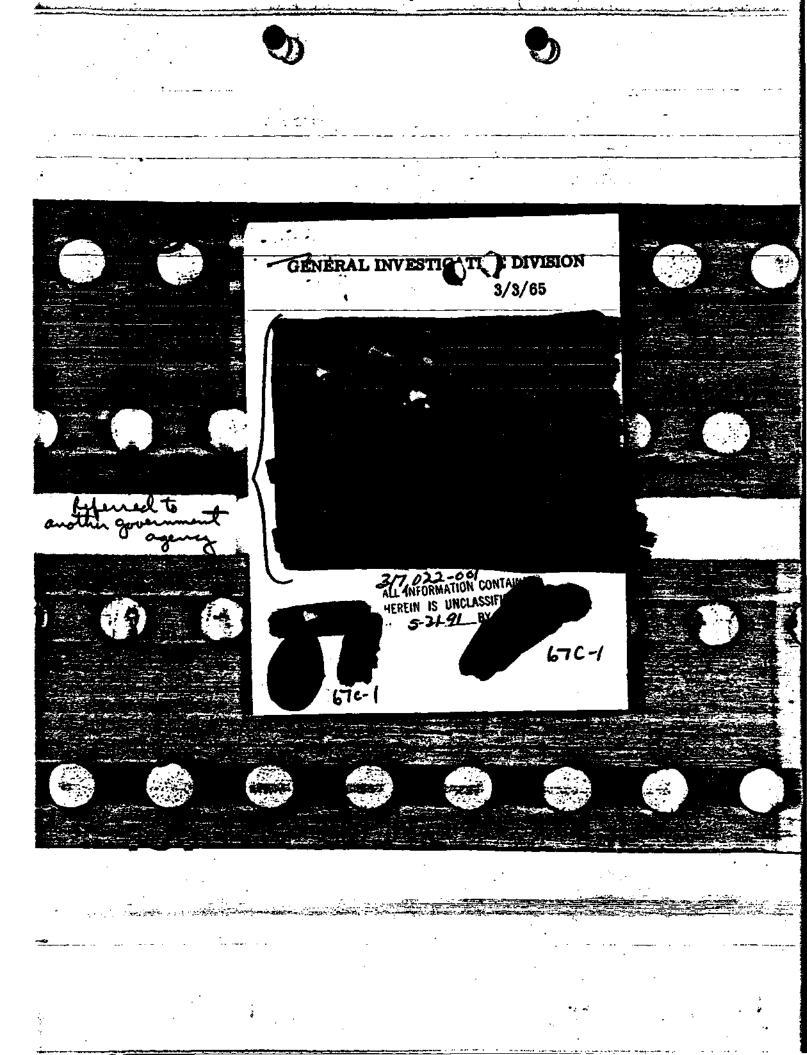
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UNITED STATES GOV 1emorandum THE DIRECTOR March 30, 1965 то DATE N. P. CALLAHAN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUBJECT: MARCH 29, 1965 570-1 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED SENATE DATE 5-31-91 BY 3/7,022-001 Pages 5986-5987. Senator Williams, (R) Delaware, placed in

the Record an article written by Paul Hope entitled "Baker Case Party Girl Admits Being Ex-Red" and published in the Washington Sunday Star on March 28th. Williams stated "Mr. Hope's article is based upon information obtained by the investigators of the Rules Committee and the FBI concerning the manner in which party girls had been used by Mr. Baker and his associates. - - It is most regrettable that this phase of the inquiry developed by the FBI was so noticeably ignored by both the committee and the Justice Department in their most recent report." The article comments on activities of <u>Ellen Rometsch</u> and states "Last December, the Justice Department showed some members and staff personnel of the Rules Committee an FBI file on Mrs. Rometsch. The committee incorporated a summary of the file in its minutes, but the Democrats voted against going any further into the matter. This portion of the committee's proceedings has not been made public and is not expected to be."

Pages 6011-6012. Senator Doid, (D) Connecticut, spoke concerning the President's statement announcing arrest of four members of the Ku Klux Klan for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. Dodd included the text of the President's statement and a brief statement he issued in support of the President's comments. Mr. Dodd stated "Appropriately, J. Edward Hoover was standing beside the President at that press conference and I say this because Mr. Hoover's outstanding agents in the field worked throughout the night to find the perpetrators of this outrage. And it was especially appropriate to have Mr. Hoover there, because what better reply could there have been to the charges that the FBI has not been zealous enough in protecting civil rights proiponents and in fighting the Ku Klux Klan."

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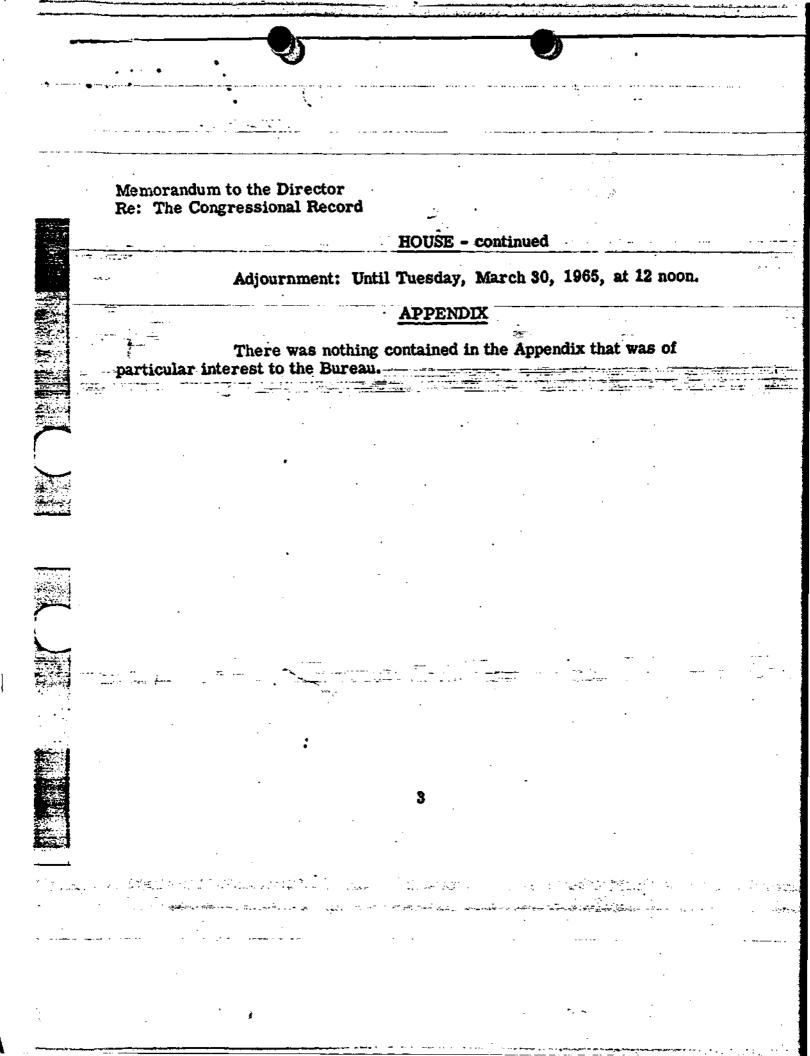
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Page 6055. Congressman Gathings, (D) Arkansas, spoke concerning the economic boycott of Alabama suggested by Dr. Martin Luther King. Gathings stated "I implore Dr. King to please permit the schoolchildren of Alabama to participate in the school lunch program by the utilization of surplus food commodities, - - - . At this point, Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, stated "I hope the gentleman will remember and that the Members of this House will remember that last December Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, one of the greatest Americans of all time, said that this Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in this country, and Mr. Hoover until this day has not retracted that statement."

Pages 6055-6056. Congressman Gross, (R) Iowa, spoke concerning the Bobby Baker investigation. He included the article written by Paul Hope which was set forth with remarks of Senator Williams earlier in this memorandum.

Pages 6066-6067. Congressman Cleveland, (R) New Hampshire, spoke concerning use of certain materials in construction of public buildings, referring to the substitution of concrete for stone exteriors of new Federal Lullings. He stated "Four structures which would have concrete exteriors have recently been authorized for construction in Washington, at a total cost of \$120 million. These four buildings are the Federal Office Building No. 5, the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Building, and a new headquarters for the Housing and Home Capital, Will It Be Marred by the New Trend in Federal Building?" (It is to be noted the General Services Administration advised the architects have not yet presented their recommendations to the Fine Arts Commission as to the exterior treatment for our building.)

Page 6074. The House received a letter from the Attorney Coneral transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "A-bill to amend action 4082 of title 18, United States Code, to facilitate the rehabilitation of arsons convicted of offenses against the United States." This was referred to a.e. Judiciary Committee.



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seemed strange that Messrs. Kossack and Hundley of the Department had asked for additional intelligence-type reports, whereas Vinson had intimated he was getting too many.

Vinson stated he wanted to make it clear that he was no expert in the field of investigations and therefore it would be wrong for him to pass judgment on the FBI's work in the field of organized crime. The Director stated he agreed with this assertion. The Director also stated that nevertheless he would certainly curtail the sending of intelligence-type reports to the Department if Vinson had actually meant this. Vinson stated that by no stretch of the imagination had he meant to imply this.

I gave Vinson a brief rundown on the actual requests made by Nathaniel Kossack, Vinson's first assistant, and explained to Vinson the fact that the preparation of crime surveys, as we did many years ago, would definitely be a waste of time and entirely duplicative of our efforts today.

The Director asked Vinson bluntly if he "wanted the FBI to cut down on intelligence-type reports" to "just state your guidelines." Vinson stated he had no guidelines. The Director then indicated it would be impossible to make criminaltype cases unless we first conducted intelligence-type investigations. Vinson agreed.

Vinson referred to the last paragraph of his memorandum wherein he stated that the conference held in his office with Mr. Gale and me ended on an "acrimonious" note. He stated he specifically wanted to call this to Mr. Hoover's attention. The Director turned to me and asked what this meant. I stated whenever any individual comes to the Director of the FBI and makes erroneous; allegations concerning work under my supervision I felt that I have the right to defend myself and explain the true facts of the matter. I stated this was done in Vinson's office and no punches were pulled. I also stated that I resented deeply the fact that Vinson would make a complaint based on a lack of knowledge.

The Director turned to Vinson and held up the memorandum that Vinson had presented to him. The Director stated "Do you now plan to stick to the contents of this memorandum, or do ou wish to make any further charges?" Vinson replied that the morandum was self-explanatory and he had no rhanges to according whatsoever. He stated he wished to reiterate once again that Mr. Tolson

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he had not meant to be critical of the FBI but, to the contrary, had merely wanted to make the suggestion that the FBI might desire to occasionally stop and survey its criminal investigavive work to see if too much time was not being spent on marely the accumulation of intelligence. The Director very patiently pointed out that it would be impossible to give the Department information of a prosecutive nature unless at first intelligence-type investigations were carried out. The Director exhibited to Vinson a chart concerning the huge amount of intelligence information given to Chicago law enforcement authorities which has enabled those individuals to practically wreck gambling interests in that city.

The Director gave Vinson a detailed explanation of the success of the FBI's work in Chicago and Las Vegas. The Director summarized inspections, SAC conferences, and the daily statistics that are given him, which all serve as a yardstick to measure the effectiveness of our work not only in the field of organized crime but in all other types of FBI investigations. The Director showed Vinson the monthly chart that he receives which reflects the statistics of all offices.

Vinson stated again that he wanted to reiterate that he did not mean to be critical in making his original suggestion. He stated this was a suggestion, pure and simple, and that he hoped the Director did not feel that he had been critical. The Director replied that the successes of the FBI spoke for themselves and he felt that Vinson now understood that the FBI constantly surveyed its work.

Mr. Tolson 67C-2 Vinson stated that the Department had recently had trouble in connection with the Jencks decision, inasmuch as a judge had asked that all witnesses be produced in one mail fraud case and in one narcotics case. He stated that in the mail fraud case one of the witnesses had been killed. Under the Jencks rule the judge took excention to this fact 61c-3 The Director referred once again to the so-called "misunderstanding" as Vinson had termed his previous meeting. The Director stated he wanted to make it quite clear to Mr.Vinson that intelligence-type investigations in the field of organized .crime in many cases resulted in a complete disruption of gangsterism in various cities, particularly Chicago. I told Vinson that he should realize that many intelligence-type investigations also often result in Federal prosecutions and that a sampling of cases could be quoted to him, if necessary. He stated he agreed and this would not be necessary. -----676-3 

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The Director spoke once again of false allegations regarding Ellen Romesch and other prostitutes of wide publicity. The Director indicated that there had, of course, been some truth to the fact that a small number of senators had involved themselves with prostitutes and that the late President Kennedy had on one occasion asked the Director to see Senators Dirksen and Mansfield relative to this matter.

Vinson stated that the Attorney General, on the morning of 3/16/66, had requested him to summarize all matters relative to the Canadian hoodlum and forward this information to the FBI so that we, in turn, could give it to the RCMP. The Director stated we would handle this matter.

The Director referred to the investigation by two Royal Commissions which had been set in motion by the Canadian Parliament. He stated it was wrong to have one commission, much less the confusion of two at the same time.

Vinson stated his letter to the Director concerning the Canadian matter, mentioned above, would also contain a request that the FBI maintain a "loose watch" on

The Director made no commitment

y in this regard.

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Vinson next walked with me down the hallway and upon reaching my office came in briefly. He stated he wanted to talk to me alone. He mentioned that he could have more adequately explained to the Director what he had meant by the meeting with Mr. Gale and me ending on an "acrimonious" note. He stated what he had reference to was the fact that I had made the statement, "horse manure," to him during the conversation in his office. He indicated he resented this and that I should not have made such a statement to him.

having seen him, and departed;"

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Vinson then expressed appreciation for the

I replied that I had clearly meant what I said and if he resented this statement perhaps he would think twice before coming over to see the Director and lodging false allegations against the work of the FBI. It was mentioned that at any time in the future when he made statements of this nature I would feel free to again come over to his office and straighten him out in no uncertain terms. He then turned around and left my office.

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Vinson has a "chip" on his shoulder and we will have to be most meticulous in dealing with him in the future. We should be most careful in making a matter of record any conversation, discussion or conference we have with Vinson

Tolson for representatives of his division. While he seemed amenable in the Director's office, he still insisted that his original remarks were "misunderstood" which they were not. He now realizes he is absolutely wrong and wishes to crawl out of the situation. He will, however, in the future seek instances in which he can embarrass the FBI and its representatives. 676-3 Ŋ:

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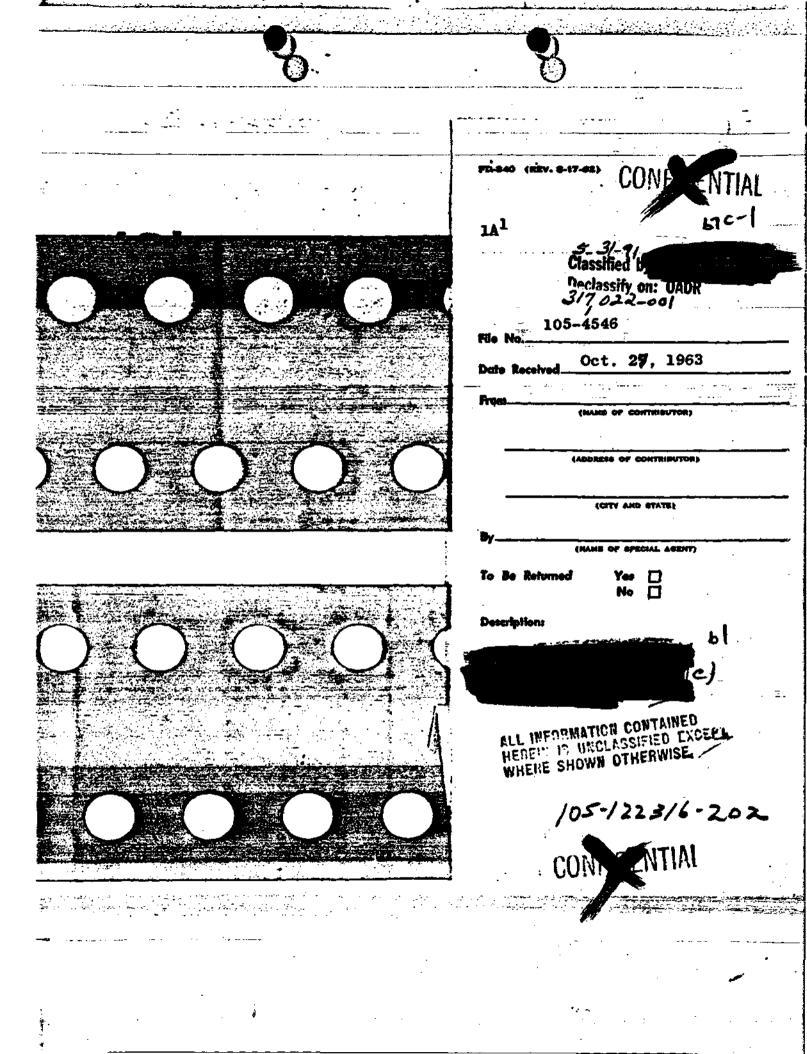
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4-650 (Rev. 5-37-87) **NFIA** Memorandum 670 CLIS 980 570-1 12-16-87 Date SER REC llen H. McCre Subject : ELLY ROMETSCH POTR ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED -HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED --- DATE 5-31-91 BI 317022-00 Captioned file has been maintained in the Special File Room Subunit of the Records Section, Records Management Division, since  $9_{-74-63}$  . You are requested to have the responsible substantive supervisor review the file to determine if it is necessary to continue to maintain it in the Special File Room Subunit, or whether it may be returned to the general files. The appropriate justification should be noted following the format of an addendum in the space provided below. This memorandum should, thereafter, be returned to the Special File Room Subunit, Room 5591, TL 122, where it will be filed in the case file to record action taken in connection with this review. 1-21 ADDENDUM OF SUBSTANTIVE DIVISION INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 1/27/88, It is the recommendation of Division 5 the above captioned matter continue to be maintained in the Special File Room due to the sensitive nature of its content. 105 132214-20 OCT 28 1988 571 105-122316 Special File Room