

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

This reference set out information furnished by Jack Anderson and [redacted] on 9/19/50, concerning the publication of "restricted data" on the detonation of the atom bomb which was reported to have been published in Drew Pearson's column on 8/15/50, in a Dayton, Ohio, newspaper.

The article was written by Anderson and [redacted] and [redacted] since Pearson was on vacation. They refused to name the source of their information on the grounds that they must protect confidential sources, but stated they had cleared the story with two highly placed persons. They stated that General Sory Smith, USAF, had advised on 8/14/50, that he was positive the story constituted a security violation. Anderson, [redacted] and [redacted] then decided to cancel the story. [redacted] then contacted the Bell Syndicate, NYC, and ordered withdrawal of article from all newspapers, this being done at the personal expense of [redacted] Anderson and [redacted] at a cost of \$450. Anderson and [redacted] stated that to the best of their knowledge the story did not appear in any paper. They expressed regret that the incident occurred and stated they had no intention of violating security regulations.

b6  
b7C

Anderson and [redacted] agreed to contact the sources of above information to determine if these sources' identity could be revealed (text of article and other details set out).

WFO report 9/31/50 (WFO 117-101)  
Re: Drew Pearson  
AEA  
117-401-24  
(20)  
SI 117-401-28  
(21)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7c

On 9/23/50 Senator Brian McMahon advised that [redacted] who was undoubtedly identical with [redacted] she had a contract with the Butler Engineering Company of St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minn., to secure for that firm a contract for the construction of a \$245,000,000 plant for the Atomic Energy Commission. Senator McMahon stated that Jack Anderson had informed him that [redacted] was to receive ten per cent of the contract from which she was supposed to take care of him, and [redacted] former Bureau Inspector, whom she retained as her counsel. Anderson had advised McMahon that something had gone wrong and that [redacted] had gone to Senators Wherry, Ferguson and Donnell and told the story of her alleged pay-off to McMahon.

Bureau memo 9/24/50

Re: [redacted]

Information Concerning [redacted]

(5)

b6  
b7c

On 9/28/50 [redacted] telephonically advised that he, Jack Anderson and [redacted] had decided to consult the Attorney General prior to re-contacting the original sources of information relative to the investigation concerning the Drew Pearson column on 8/14/50. Action of above individuals then depended on the results of conference with AG on 9/28/50. In the event they decided to contact original sources and sources agreed to have their identities disclosed, [redacted] stated he would notify WFO.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

[redacted] also stated that he and his associates were perturbed over information they had received to the effect that the incident involved in this case and the FBI's interest in it would be reported in a newspaper (no details given).

WFO report 9/28/50 (WFO 117-101)  
Re: Drew Pearson  
AEA  
117-401-43  
(21)

On 11/7/50 [redacted] advised regarding above consultation with AG that it had been arranged for them to go to the office of Dean L. Schedler on 11/7/50 and they were to see the AG at that time. He stated that they planned to explain to the AG the impossibility of revealing their sources of information, that he regretted it was impossible to be of assistance in that regard.

Jack Anderson, [redacted] and [redacted] were not to be further contacted in view of the comment by [redacted]

WFO memo 11/7/50 (WFO 117-101)  
Re: Drew Pearson  
AEA  
117-401-46  
(not on search slip)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On approximately 11/9/50 Drew Pearson advised that Jack Anderson was the source of the information attributed to him by [redacted] concerning the source of Senator McCarthy's information regarding Government employees.

b6  
b7C

Pearson stated that the "Chicago Tribune" and Hearst newspapers had assigned several good reporters to work for Senator McCarthy gathering information and writing speeches. Anderson had occasion, in running out a lead for him, to talk to one of the Hearst reporters. He said that the reporters gave Anderson some information, and when Anderson asked if he was sure of it, the Hearst man stated that it came from [redacted] of the Loyalty Review Board.

Pearson stated that in checking this out he determined the identity of [redacted] to be [redacted] of the Loyalty Review Board. Pearson suggested that Anderson be interviewed.

On approximately 11/9/50 Anderson advised that about the time information came out relative to the location and movement of the [redacted] Service file, he disseminated the "tip" regarding it with one of the Hearst reporters working for McCarthy. [redacted] stated he had received information directly from their "source in the Loyalty Review Board," whose name was [redacted]

b6  
b7C

Anderson stated that he was certain that [redacted] would not discuss the fact of having a source in the Loyalty Review Board and would certainly protect the identity of his source if he were interviewed.

~~SECRET~~

**Beth Pearson and Anderson predicated their statements on the assurance that the information would be maintained in confidence within the Department of Justice.**

WFO report 11/13/50, (WFO 121-14939)  
Re: Unknown Subject; (Source  
of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's  
Information regarding Government  
Employees)  
Removal of Government Property;  
LGE  
121-41668-52  
(21)  
SI: 121-41668-51  
(21)

[redacted] a member of Senator McCarthy's staff  
and the source of Jack Anderson's information incriminating  
[redacted] was not to be interviewed.

b6  
b7c

[redacted] had advised that he  
had been contacted by Drew Pearson, who had mentioned  
[redacted] name concerning the matter described in above  
reference.

At the time Senator Mc Carthy was interviewed  
he advised that he had instructed his staff not to furnish  
any information as to the source of information obtained  
by him.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

It was recommended that the Bureau make no  
move to interview [redacted]

b6  
b7C

Director's notation: "I agree."

Bureau memo 11/18/50  
Re: Unknown Subject (Source of  
Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's  
Information Regarding Government  
Employees)  
Removal of Government Property  
LGE  
121-41668-56  
(21)

A confidential source advised that Jack N.  
Anderson stated [redacted] that he, Anderson, was the  
person who furnished Drew Pearson with the classified  
information which appeared in Pearson's column on  
12/30/50.

b7D

In January, 1950, John N. Anderson was the  
subject of Bureau inquiry, when it was reported that  
he was causing secret information to be passed without  
authority to Drew Pearson and that he attempted to  
evade the draft. Inquiry at Department of Army resulted  
in being advised that the allegations could not be  
confirmed.

It was recommended that a contact be made  
with Major General Bolling and advise him on a strictly  
confidential basis that Anderson recently advised a  
source that he had a contact at the Pentagon from  
whom he secured the information. Upon receiving the  
information, Anderson took it to a high-ranking General,  
who was also a contact of Anderson, and asked him to clear  
it, which he did, with the exception of the date. It  
was also recommended that General Bolling's attention  
be called to the Bureau's inquiry of 4/3/50, which  
resulted in pointing out to General Bolling a possible  
leak in the Department of the Army concerning our  
inquiry.

~~SECRET~~

In March, 1950, Jack Anderson and Drew Pearson made inquiry of the Bureau as to whether Anderson was under investigation by the Bureau and they were told that no investigation was being conducted.

The Bureau believed this inquiry was prompted on an inquiry that was made of Major General Belling in January, 1950, in connection with information received on 1/16/50, from [redacted] a close friend of General Vaughan, that Jack Anderson in addition to dodging the draft (World War II) secretly conveyed information to Drew Pearson.

b6  
b7C

On 2/14/50 the Department of the Army advised that their files failed to confirm the allegations.

Since the only inquiry made in this matter by the Bureau was of the Department of the Army, on 8/3/50, the attention of Major General Belling was called to the Bureau's inquiry with the comment "that it is a sad commentary that the Bureau cannot make a simple inquiry of the Intelligence Division of the Army without being called to book on it by Pearson." General Belling felt very badly about the leak to Pearson and desired to take action to ascertain the responsible person. The Bureau felt that no further action should be taken.

[redacted] a fingerprint classifier in the Identification Division was [redacted]

b6  
b7C

It was recommended that General Belling be advised of the information furnished by the Bureau's confidential source since General Belling might help and further call his attention to our inquiry into a similar matter in January, 1950, and the possible leak to Anderson and Pearson at that time.

~~SECRET~~

General Bolling should be furnished the following information:

"That a source of the Bureau has advised that Anderson had a daily contact at the Pentagon from whom he secured the information in question (classified military information appearing in Pearson's column of 12/30/50) and further, that after Anderson received the information, he took it to a high-ranking General who is also a contact of his and asked him to clear it because Anderson was afraid of it. According to Anderson, the General said, 'It will be all right to use it providing you leave out the date.'"

Bolling was to be specifically advised that this information could not under any circumstances be compromised.

Director's notation: "OK."

Bureau memo 2/20/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp-X  
65-59762-49  
(22, 30)

On 2/23/51 General Bolling was advised of above information. General Bolling stated that in order to protect the information, he would not advise anyone else in G-2. He would furnish any assistance possible to the Bureau in this case.

~~SECRET~~



~~SECRET~~

It was noted that Agents in WFO were in frequent contact with General Bolling in connection with above investigation.

General Bolling advised that he very much appreciated that the Bureau made the information regarding John N. Anderson available to him and again assured the Bureau of his desire to assist in any way possible in connection with the investigation.

Bureau memo 2/24/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp-X  
65-59762-50  
(30)

On 3/21/51 [redacted] advised WFO that [redacted] prominent reporter and ABC broadcaster, had severed relations with Drew Pearson. [redacted] stated to [redacted] that he knew Jack Anderson procured the classified material for the 12/30/50 Pearson column from within the Joint Chiefs of Staff and that because the story came from such an unimpeachable source, Pearson did not even bother to check the story. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] was present with Pearson and Anderson in a conference concerning the story and [redacted] advised Pearson not to quote directly but to paraphrase the same.

b6  
b7c

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Recommendation was made that [ ] should be interviewed regarding above information.

b6  
b7C

Notation: "I see no objection." LBN

Director's notation: "OK" H.

Bureau memo 9/21/51

Re: Drew Pearson

Esp-X

65-59762-119

(9)

SI 65-59762-120

(9)

On 3/22/51 [ ] former employee of Drew Pearson, stated that he did not attend a conference between Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson concerning the 12/30/50 column of Pearson. [ ] stated that Anderson provided the material for the Pearson column, and that Anderson had a close friend, whom he never referred to by name, on the lower echelons of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. [ ] believed that by watching Anderson and who he contacted at the Pentagon the source of above information might be established. [ ] had heard Anderson talk about his close friend in the Joint Chiefs of Staff but had never heard his name. He stated that neither Anderson nor [ ] exchanged sources of information with him. He doubted that anyone in the Pearson organization would have the information other than Anderson, [ ] and [ ]

b6  
b7C

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

[redacted] stated definitely that he did not know the source of Anderson's information, that if he did know he would tell Mr. Nichols off the record and in confidence.

b6  
b7C

Bureau memo 3/22/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-118  
(9)

Memo from WFO dated 11/14/51 advised that at the request of [redacted] and former employee of Drew Pearson, was interviewed on 11/13/51, regarding the 12/30/50 column of Drew Pearson. He stated that his opinion as to the source of the classified data was that Jack Anderson obtained the information through well placed leaks in the Pentagon. [redacted] stated that other Pearson reporters including [redacted] or [redacted] probably would not have been able to obtain the information as readily as Anderson who regularly covered the Pentagon. Upon inquiry as to possible sources either to Pearson or Anderson within the Defense Department or Pentagon, [redacted] was unable to offer any suggestion in that regard.

b6  
b7C

Bureau letter dated 11/19/51 advised the Department of Justice of above information.

Serial described above  
65-59762-254  
(11)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 12/30/50 Drew Pearson's column contained excerpts from telecons between General MacArthur's headquarters and the Pentagon which were under the classification of "~~Secret~~." These telecons had been distributed partially to 104 persons and in their complete text to 12 separate agencies.

Investigation was being confined to ascertaining the person responsible for the "leak" among those agencies who received copies containing the complete text of the telecons, since Pearson's column contained information which could have only come from the complete text. Thus far, investigation at the following establishments had established dissemination of the telecons and a denial on the part of those persons interviewed that they were responsible for the "leak": [redacted]

b2

There was one logical suspect for the "leak" to Pearson, namely [redacted] and two sources from whom Pearson might have received the information, namely Jack N. Anderson and a person by the name of [redacted] formerly a lieutenant in the Navy and up to approximately 2/15/51, an employee of [redacted] of the House Republican Campaign Committee.

b6  
b7C

Major [redacted] Army G-2, advised confidentially that Lt. Col. [redacted] attached to the office of General Omar Bradley, received a telephone call from Jack Anderson a few days after the 12/30/50 column, at which time Anderson asked if any damage was done as a result of the publishing of the 12/30/50 column.

Bureau memo 3/6/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp. -X  
65-59762-87  
(23)

~~SECRET~~

The following information was set out concerning investigations conducted in the case regarding Drew Pearson's "legman," Jack Northman Anderson, who obtained the "~~secret~~" classified information which was published in the Pearson column of 12/30/50.

T-1, a reliable informant, and T-2, of unknown reliability, but who in the past had intimate contact with both Pearson and Anderson, stated that the classified data used in the column was obtained from an unknown source within the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

An investigation conducted within the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which included interviews with a large majority of personnel who had access to pertinent telecons in Joint Chiefs of Staff, failed to disclose identity of persons responsible for the "leak" to Pearson or Anderson (names of persons interviewed set out).

An inquiry was also made in the Department of Defense and it was established that "~~secret~~" telecon data was not cleared for publication in Defense Security Review Branch (details of interviews set out).



b6  
b7C  
b7D

WFO Report 5/2/51  
Re: Drew Pearson (Pearson's  
column 12/30/50)  
Esp. -X  
65-59762-169, p.1-6, 21-23  
(11, 27)

An investigation was instituted towards determining source of "leaks" of "secret" classified data which appeared in five excerpts in Drew Pearson's column in the "Washington Post" 12/30/50, and whether Pearson or one of his representatives was the unauthorized recipient of classified data.

Army G-2 advised classified data used by Pearson on 12/30/50, article entitled "MacArthur Puzzles Pentagon," consisted of five excerpts "lifted" verbatim from material contained in three "secret" telecon messages, number 4105 dated 12/6/50; number 4135 dated 12/14/50; and number 4141 dated 12/17/50, which telecons emanated from General MacArthur's headquarters, Tokyo, Japan, and which messages were received in code at Army Communications Center, Pentagon. The telecons were distributed [redacted]

[redacted]  
G-2 conducted inquiry within the Department of Army without disclosing source of leaks.

b2

Investigation <sup>was</sup> also conducted [redacted]

[redacted]  
and developed no information as to source of "leaks" to Pearson.

The following information was set out concerning Jack Northman Anderson:

Major General [redacted] OSC, Pentagon, advised that he knew Jack Anderson, who first reported for Pearson in 1947, and who attended press conferences of his division. Major [redacted] stated that he had recently had a dispute with Anderson regarding an item concerning the publication of casualties in Pearson's column, and hadn't seen Anderson since.

b6  
b7C

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7c

Colonel [redacted] Current Intelligence Branch, USAF, stated that he served as Executive Officer to the Director of Information, US Army Air Force, from 1946 to the latter part of 1947. In this position he dealt with Pearson and other Washington newsmen. Jack Anderson visited the Press Division regularly on behalf of Pearson. Colonel [redacted] stated that neither Pearson nor any of his assistants had ever asked him to do anything irregular.

Brigadier General Sory Smith, Director of Public Relations, USAF, identified Jack Anderson and [redacted] as Pearson's "legmen" who regularly visited the Pentagon. He stated that <sup>neither</sup> Pearson nor his assistants had ever asked for special privileges of any kind.

T-1, a reliable source, advised that Jack Northman Anderson was the source of the classified information contained in Pearson's column 12/30/50.

T-2, reliable, advised that he knew Jack Anderson who reportedly had contacts in the Pentagon, particularly in the Air Force. He did not know Anderson very well and could furnish no background information.

On 2/15/51 T-1 advised that he was well acquainted with Jack Northman Anderson who had recently contacted him. Informant stated that he indicated that he might decline to talk to Anderson because of recent disclosures of confidential Army messages in the column of Drew Pearson. Informant also made reference to charges made by Senator Joseph McCarthy on the Senate floor. Anderson stated that he was aware of the McCarthy charges and that he, Anderson, had obtained the information from a contact in the Pentagon. Anderson also stated that he had taken the material to a high ranking General and requested <sup>the General</sup> to clear the information for publication because Anderson was afraid of it. The General advised Anderson it would be O.K. to use it if ~~provided~~ Anderson changed the dates.

~~SECRET~~

On 10/10/47 Jack N. Anderson, 2800 Devonshire Place, applied for a drivers permit. As of 10/11/50 his address was 1313-29th St., N.W. (office of Drew Pearson). Between 10/14/47 and 12/8/49, Anderson was charged with fifteen traffic violations. His license and D.C. drivers permit were suspended 3/18/48 and were restored 10/19/50. (PD, Washington, D.C.)

On 5/31/45 passport number 14144 was issued to Jack Northman Anderson valid for travel to India and China as a war correspondent and through necessary countries enroute including Egypt, Iraq, Iran and others. Application filed 5/9/45 indicated Anderson was born 10/19/22, Long Beach, Calif., and his permanent residence was 2179 Fardown Ave., Murray, Utah. A change of address, undated, was 485 North Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. (Passport Division, Department of State)

In connection with above application, a letter was addressed to the Passport Division on 5/11/45, by the Desert News Publishing Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, signed by [redacted] requesting passport for Anderson, "a Salt Lake City newspaperman with whom we have associated for some time and who is en route to the India-China War Theater where he will represent us as a correspondent."

b6  
b7c

Correspondence in the passport file indicated Anderson was Midshipman in the US Naval Reserve and received permission to leave the US in connection with his duties as a war correspondent.



~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

A seaman's passport 272352 was also issued Anderson on 1/20/45. Application was filed 9/13/44 in San Mateo County, Calif. Address given was 362 California St., San Francisco, Calif. He furnished occupation as cadet midshipman and seaman's certificate was Z-456569.

Colonel [redacted] Intelligence Branch, USAF, made reference to two of Drew Pearson's "leg men," Jack Anderson and one [redacted] both of whom [redacted] considered "absolutely unscrupulous" but could give no specific reason for his opinion. [redacted] felt the "leak" probably occurred within the Far Eastern Command.

Major [redacted] Army G-2, stated that Colonel [redacted] from General Omar Bradley's office, advised him that a few days prior to 12/30/50, Colonel [redacted] received a telephone call from Jack Anderson who inquired if any damage had been done as a result of the 12/30/50 column. Major [redacted] indicated that Colonel [redacted] gave him the impression that he [redacted] had not made any commitments to Anderson concerning the question of whether any damage was done. Major [redacted] pointed out that he had not asked [redacted] whether or not [redacted] had furnished the necessary information to Anderson, as to enable him to prepare the 12/30/50 column.

T-1: Confidential Informant known to the Bureau and who furnished information to Inspector A. H. Belmont. On 2/17/51,

information was furnished to SA Supervisor [redacted] and SA [redacted]

T-2: [redacted]

[redacted] G-2  
WFO report 3/12/51

Re: Drew Pearson

Esp. -X

65-59762-73, pp. 1, 17, 43, 48, 49,  
71, 76, 78, 80, 81  
(8, 22, 27)

b6  
b7C  
b7D

~~SECRET~~

SI 7 and 9 above (as  
reported by T-1)  
65-59762-44

(22). (Director's notation:  
"wouldn't it be well to  
brief General Bellinger as  
he might help us on this." H.)

On 1/17/51 Senator Watkins of Utah made a speech on the floor of the Senate. Senator Watkins discussed this speech with Mr. Tracy and stated that Jack Anderson of Drew Pearson's staff, informed him confidentially that a General allowed him to read a military communication which was published in Drew Pearson's column in the 1/13/51 issue of the "New York Herald Tribune." He stated that Anderson insisted there was no stamp or indication that the material was restricted, classified, or confidential, and that the unnamed general told him it was quite all right if he published the material. Senator Watkins stated that he felt certain that Anderson read the dispatch in question or an exact copy because the wording as published was identical with the original communication. He stated that Anderson seemed worried over the speech by Watkins.

In a discussion concerning above speech, Senator Watkins informed Mr. Tracy very confidentially that what Jack Anderson did not know was that there was to be an investigation and that it would not be conducted by the service from which Anderson apparently got his information. Senator Watkins was very concerned over the fact that people like Anderson could get confidential documents and papers out of Government bureaus.

Copy of Senator Watkins' speech enclosed with letter to the Director from S. J. Tracy dated 1/19/51  
65-59762-7

(7)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On the Thursday before 2/17/51 Jack Anderson telephonically advised that he understood that Gordon Dean had mentioned the case of the bellboy at Las Vegas who was watching the rooms of a scientist to note when the scientist came in and out and that the Bureau had investigated the matter. The bellboy stated that he had been paid by a couple of newspaper men whom he could not identify. Apparently the newspaper men were interested in learning when the next atomic shot would be fired at Las Vegas.

The Bureau and the Salt Lake City Office had no knowledge of such a case.

The Salt Lake City Office checked with the Resident Agent at Las Vegas and advised that no one had reported this case and no investigation had been conducted by any representative of the FBI.

Anderson was informed that this was not a matter handled by the FBI. He stated he must have misunderstood Gordon Dean and would recheck with him.

Bureau memo 2/17/51

No caption

94-8-350-411

(15)

On 2/19/51 Bureau memo advised that a reliable informant, who desired that his identity not be known, stated that Jack Anderson had recently confided in [redacted] Senator Bridges' Office, that he had secured the information which appeared in the Pearson column on 12/30/50.

b6  
b7c

~~SECRET~~

Inferment also stated that Anderson would probably have difficulty in getting another newspaper job in view of his association with Drew Pearson.

By letter dated 3/22/51 the Bureau advised WFO of above information. The letter stated that the above information which was furnished by [redacted] should not be set forth under any circumstances in the investigative part of future reports. It should be set forth in the Administrative Section of investigative reports. Under no circumstances should the name of [redacted] appear either in the investigative or administrative part of the report since it was his desire that his name be kept confidential. A temporary symbol number should be used and designated as the source of information.

b6  
b7C  
b7D

65-59762-130  
(10)

On 3/12/51 WFO forwarded photostat copies of nine memoranda prepared in the office of General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which related to visits of Jack Anderson to the press offices of JCS. The memoranda dated January 12, 17, 29 and February 1, 13, 16, 19 and 20 (two) 1951, tended to show Anderson's manner of operation and activities.

~~SECRET~~

On 3/22/51 the Department of Justice was advised of the information contained in above memo dated 2/1/51.

Serial described above  
65-59762-64  
(8)

On 2/21/51 Brigadier General Sery Smith, Director of Public Relations, USAF, identified Jack Anderson and [redacted] as Drew Pearson's regular men at the Pentagon. Smith stated that he had always released factual material to Pearson on exactly the same basis as to other newsmen. Smith could furnish no information regarding Pearson's possible sources.

b6  
b7C

WFO teletype 2/21/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-41  
(7)

On 2/27/51 Capt. [redacted] USMC, Naval Intelligence School, Anacostia, advised that he was assigned to Col. [redacted] staff, G-2, in December, 1950. [redacted] went to Army telecon room on numerous occasions to obtain daily copy of telecon for USMC. He acted as messenger and immediately gave the telecon to Major [redacted] Assistant G-2 Officer, USMC. [redacted] had no occasion to make notes from the telecon and stated that he seldom even read them. [redacted] did not know Drew Pearson or any of his associates and stated that he had not disclosed the material which appeared in Pearson's column of 12/30/50.

b6  
b7C

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

As of 2/27/51 surveillance conducted on Jack N. Anderson was unproductive.

An attempt to interview Senator Joseph McCarthy was to be made the following week.

WFO teletype 2/27/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-53  
(22)

On 3/1/51 Col. [redacted] and Cdr. [redacted] at Joint Chiefs of Staff, advised that Jack Anderson frequently contacted them for information. Since early January, 1951, they had adopted the practice of writing a memo relating full facts of Anderson's visits and remarks. Cdr. [redacted] advised that on 1/1/51, Anderson came to Col. [redacted] office in the Pentagon and was interviewed by Cdr. [redacted]. The dispatches quoted in Drew Pearson's column of 12/30/50 were discussed. Anderson admitted that he was the source for the quotes in that column. Anderson stated that the man who had shown them to him was not worried because only he and Anderson knew about it, and neither of them would reveal it. Anderson also stated that he had had access to a copy of the stenographic notes of the Wake Island Conference. [redacted] got the impression that Anderson's source was in the Pentagon.

b6  
b7c

[redacted] advised that a few days after 12/30/50, he saw Anderson and discussed the publication of the quotations. Anderson stated that the man who gave the information told him it would be all right to use it if he changed the date and changed the wording a little, stating that "he wouldn't break security if he did these things."

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

General Omar Bradley stated he did not authorize or clear any information for publication by Pearson. Other JCS officers stated they did not furnish information to Pearson or his staff and did not know Pearson's possible source of information.

WFO teletype 3/1/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-63  
(7)

A surveillance of Jack Anderson from 2/26/51 to 3/1/51 reflected no pertinent developments. Anderson did not visit the Pentagon during above period. He was apparently taking night courses at G.W. University.

WFO teletype 3/1/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-59  
(7)

On 3/6/51, Jack N. Anderson left his residence and drove alone to Colonial Gardens, Arlington, Va. Surveillance was discontinued for security reasons. Anderson approached vicinity of residence of [redacted] also a Drew Pearson employee.

b6  
b7c

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Anderson's auto was located at the Pentagon parking lot at 12:15 P.M. Anderson was observed having lunch with unknown civilian man. After lunch Anderson and unknown man then entered offices occupied by Directorate of Legislation and Liaison, USAF. Unknown man was apparently employed by this Directorate.

Anderson remained in these offices until 2:15 p. m. During this time he entered for two short periods, the offices of Directorate of Public Relations, USAF, which were across the corridor. Anderson left the Pentagon at 3:20 PM. He entered Loew's Columbia Theater, 1112 F. St., N.W., alone at 3:45 P.M. No further activity was observed.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/8/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-68  
(22)

On 3/8/51 Jack Anderson left Drew Pearson's office at 6:00 P.M. He attended class at George Washington University and returned home.

On 3/9/51 Anderson left home at 10:30 A.M. and drove to the Capitol and entered the Senate press gallery. He left there at 3:30 P.M. and proceeded to Pearson's Georgetown office.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/9/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-76  
(8)

~~SECRET~~



~~SECRET~~

Jack Anderson left home at noon (date not given) with woman believed to be his wife, proceeded to 3003 Fernside, Kensington, where woman entered house. Anderson then drove to Capitol, entered and went to Senate press gallery. Anderson left Capitol at 2:00 P.M., went to Pearson's ~~office~~ in Georgetown, and returned to Capitol at 5:40 P.M. and again entered the press gallery. Anderson left Capitol at 7:00 P.M. and went home.

Fisur  
WFO teletype (blockdate 3/10/51)  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-69  
(8)

On 3/9/51 Jack Anderson left Drew Pearson's office 9:30 P.M. and returned home.

On 3/10/51 Anderson drove unidentified woman to Garfield Hospital at 9:13 A.M. He then went to George Washington University Library and left at 12:00 P.M. He returned to Garfield Hospital and did not emerge by 4:30 P.M.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/10/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-77  
(8)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 3/10/51 Jack N. Anderson remained at Garfield Hospital until 11:00 P.M., then proceeded home with one unidentified woman. Indication other unidentified woman seen earlier with Anderson remained at Hospital.

On 3/12/51 Anderson left his residence at 10:36 A.M. and went to Drew Pearson's office in Georgetown. At 11:34 A.M. Anderson and unidentified woman proceeded by car to vicinity of Wisconsin and Prospect Sts., N.W., where he dropped off the woman, then went to area of 17th, 18th, F and G Sts., N.W. Exact destination was not ascertained.

At 12:40 P.M. Anderson went to Union Trust Co., 14th and G Sts., N.W., in which he suffered dizzy spell and became ill. At 2:00 P.M. Anderson went to the Senate press gallery, remained there until 2:50 P.M., and then drove to Garfield Hospital.

Fleur  
WFO teletype 3/12/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-78  
(23)

WFO memo 3/12/51 set out information regarding Mr. Tracy's acquaintance with Jack Anderson. This included the contact Anderson had with Mr. Tracy concerning the fact that he thought the FBI was investigating him. This was the inquiry the FBI made to G-2 concerning the complaint received from [redacted] that Anderson was a draft dodger (details set out).

b6  
b7c

-62-  
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Memo to WFO 3/27/51 set out background information regarding the inquiry to G-2 on 1/30/50 concerning Anderson.

Serial described above  
65-59762-115  
(9)

WFO recommended that the surveillance on Jack Anderson be continued during Anderson's working hours until the [redacted] angle (not explained) was fully developed and basic interviews at Pentagon were completed.

WFO teletype 3/14/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-95  
(8)

b6  
b7c

On 3/19/51 Jack N. Anderson spent the afternoon at Garfield Hospital where his wife was registered, and at the U.S. Capitol. He spent the evening at George Washington University and Garfield Hospital. He visited at [redacted] before he returned home for the night. Investigation disclosed this residence was occupied by [redacted]  
(Fisur)

~~SECRET~~

It was noted that 1948 City Directory listed  
one [redacted] possibly identical.  
Investigation at Garfield Hospital revealed that [redacted]  
[redacted] physician was also named [redacted]

b6  
b7C

On 3/14/51 Anderson spent some time at Drew  
Pearson's office and [redacted] Residence.  
(Risar)

On 3/14/51 interviews were conducted at office  
of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, US Army, which office  
received two copies of pertinent December telecons.  
All employees interviewed denied acquaintance with  
Pearson or his employees, and all denied they furnished  
information from telecons to any unauthorized persons.  
They also stated they could furnish no information  
regarding Pearson's sources.

WFO teletype 3/14/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-82  
(23)

believed to refer to [redacted]

b6  
b7C

On 3/14/51 Jack H. Anderson visited at the  
residence of Drew Pearson and at Garfield Hospital.  
Anderson also went to Viers Mill Theater, sat alone  
and made no contacts. After attending movie Anderson  
went home and surveillance was discontinued.

~~SECRET~~

On 3/15/51 Anderson went to Library of Congress Annex where he made inquiry as to location of study room of Commander [redacted] believed to be Lt. Commander [redacted] USNR, who resided at [redacted]. Anderson went to the fifth floor where [redacted] study room was located.

b6  
b7c

Later, Anderson and an unknown man left Library of Congress Annex and walked to Capitol Building where they had lunch. Anderson then went to Sinclair Station, Second and Constitution Ave., where he had his car washed. He then drove to Garfield Hospital. Surveillance was turned over to relief.

WFO teletype 3/15/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-99  
(23)

On 3/15/51 Jack Anderson visited Garfield Hospital, the Colony Restaurant, 177 DeSales St., N.W., where he had dinner, the Capitol, and then to George Washington University. He then went to Garfield Hospital and then to his home.

On 3/16/51 Anderson visited Drew Pearson, then went to the Pentagon, Rooms 2E756, 2 E 757 and 4 E 499. Surveillance was then passed over to relief at 4:15 P.M.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/16/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-92  
(23)

~~SECRET~~

On 3/16/51 [redacted]

b6  
b7C

[redacted] and former employee of Drew Pearson, advised that he did not know the identity of the source who furnished the material used in the Pearson column on 12/30/50. He stated that Jack Anderson was assigned to the Pentagon and the Senate. [redacted] indicated that Anderson would be the most likely reporter to have procured the secret messages used in the 12/30/50 column and stated that he would contact Anderson at the first opportunity and try to get information from him without making Anderson suspicious of his purpose. [redacted] stated that Anderson was sympathetic to him because of his dismissal by Pearson. He also stated that he was friendly with Anderson and would regret it if Anderson got into trouble.

[redacted] mentioned that [redacted] former press relations man in the USAF with [redacted] had been a contact of Anderson. He explained, however, that it was obviously in the course of regular duties for [redacted] to contact reporters such as Anderson ~~in the course of regular duties~~ and did not imply that there was any significance.

b6  
b7C

[redacted] furnished the following information concerning Jack N. Anderson:

Anderson was an energetic, conscientious young reporter, idealistic in character and temperate in all of his habits. He was somewhat talkative and indiscreet on occasions and reacted quickly to needling or criticism, and at such times he told more than he should about his sources and operations.

Anderson disliked [redacted] and [redacted]. He distrusted [redacted] but got along with [redacted] very well. He was loyal to Pearson and would not be likely to furnish information against Pearson. Even if threatened with prosecution, he might prefer to be a martyr to admitting anything. He was inclined to be critical of any Government Agency which endeavored to restrict the obtaining of news and was hostile to the FBI in this connection. He referred to efforts of the FBI and other intelligence agencies as tending toward police state methods in their functions.

b6  
b7C

Anderson was in Eastern Asia during the war in a civilian capacity (news reporter) and [redacted] thought, as a Mormon missionary. While there he cooperated with OSS in certain operations. In Burma he was taken from a plane along with a couple of OSS agents and was required to enlist and serve in that theatre.

[redacted] stated that Anderson had met [redacted] on the street and [redacted] informed him that the FBI was investigating Anderson for draft dodging. Anderson reported that immediately to Pearson, and Pearson visited Mr. Hoover who informed Pearson that [redacted] was the informant. When Anderson learned this, he had made inquiry with some FBI Agent contact and learned that the investigation was receiving high priority. He assumed that the investigation must have been ordered or authorized by someone in high authority, and mentioned the possibility of General Vaughan at the President.

b6  
b7C

Anderson received a salary of \$130.00 per week plus \$100 monthly as a regular and fixed expense account, plus actual expenses and car mileage, as he used his car extensively.

[redacted] advised that Pearson had an intense hatred for General Douglas MacArthur which dated back to 1939 or 1944 when MacArthur sued Pearson for \$1,850,000 in a complaint having eleven libel counts. The suit was later dismissed.

With reference to Pearson's hatred for MacArthur, Anderson felt that Pearson was in error in pursuing MacArthur, as he felt that MacArthur was a national hero and Pearson would injure himself. [redacted] stated that Anderson had no strong feelings against MacArthur but accepted his assignments as part of his job and did as Pearson requested.

b6  
b7C

Director's notation: "It is of course proper to accept information from [redacted] but 'never let your guard down' in any dealings with him." H.

WFO memo, 3/20/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-106, pp. 1, 2, 6, 7, 15  
(9)  
SI 65-59762-112  
(9)

On 3/21/51 [redacted] offered to contact Anderson with a view to convincing Anderson to come to the FBI with the whole story. [redacted] stated that he was unable to predict Anderson's possible reaction, and was therefore advised to make no direct approach to Anderson in that regard, since Anderson's confidence in [redacted] might thus be destroyed, thereby eliminating the future possibility of utilizing [redacted] as an informant regarding Anderson. [redacted] agreed to make no direct approach to Anderson until such time as the FBI might express no objection.

b6  
b7C

\*Believed to refer to Jack Anderson



~~SECRET~~

[ ] stated that he was completely agreeable to continue the same manner of relations with the FBI as he has been maintaining, and was anxious to be of every possible assistance to the Bureau's investigation.

b6  
b7c

WFO teletype 9/22/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-I  
65-59762-102  
(Not on search slip)

~~agreed to refer to Jack Anderson.~~

On 3/16/51 Jack Anderson left Pentagon, went to US Capitol, thence to Drew Pearson's office. Later, he went to Garfield Hospital, Shopping Center, Wheaton, Md., and then to his home.

gum

-68A-

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 3/17/51 Anderson went to George Washington University Library in the morning, and brought his wife home from Garfield Hospital in the afternoon.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/17/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-90  
(8)

On 3/19/51 Jack N. Anderson went to Drew Pearson's office and left office with [redacted]. They went to Mayflower Hotel, where he entered lobby. They were not further observed. About 2:50 P.M. Anderson and [redacted] went to vicinity of 25th and M Sts., N.W., where [redacted] left the car. Anderson proceeded to Capitol and went to Senate Press Gallery. Surveillance was discontinued.

b6  
b7c

WFO teletype 3/19/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-109  
(23)

On 3/20/51 Jack N. Anderson went to the press room in the Capitol Building and then to Drew Pearson's office. After lunch Anderson returned to Capitol Press Gallery and remained there most of the afternoon, then went to Pearson's office where surveillance was discontinued. No pertinent contacts were noted.

WFO teletype 3/20/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-107  
(23)

-69-  
~~SECRET~~

[redacted] made available to [redacted] of Senator McCarthy's staff, a group of carbon copies of memoranda dictated by Drew Pearson, which [redacted] had extracted from Pearson's files. [redacted] made these copies available (~~to the press~~) for photostating.

The following information was set out concerning Jack Anderson:

Drew Pearson's organization consisted of two "leg-men," Jack Anderson and [redacted] and five secretaries.

The work in Washington was divided according to Government departments. Anderson covered the Senate, Agriculture, Federal Security Administration, etc. [redacted] covered the House of Representatives, Commerce, Treasury, etc. Pearson covered foreign affairs-State Department, diplomatic corps, etc., and frequently covered any and every agency in Washington.

The "leg-men" took assignments from Pearson each morning, or at times they covered assignments on their own when stories developed.

The finished column or broadcast was checked by the American Broadcasting Company or the Bell Syndicate for libel.

As an illustration of how Pearson's staff worked, [redacted] informed Pearson that a Navy captain had flown a Navy plane from Moffet Field, California, to four football games. This was turned over to Anderson who covered the Navy. Anderson called Captain [redacted] the naval pilot in question at Moffet Field, and asked him the facts, which were admitted by [redacted] namely, that he had flown a Navy plane to four football games, Tulane, Princeton, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. The story was used in that form.

~~SECRET~~

~~Jack Anderson was from Salt Lake City, where he studied at the university. Later he went into the Army and worked on the "Stars and Stripes" in China. Shortly after he left the service he went to work for Pearson. (no dates or details given).~~

Director's notation: "Analyze these and let me see pertinent parts." H.

Above Photostat copies enclosed  
with  
WFO memo 3/21/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-104, encl. , pp.27,29,30  
(9)  
SI 65-59762-101  
(8)

On 3/21/51 Jack Anderson drove from his residence to Drew Pearson's office and then went downtown to Union Trust Bank. He then went to the National Press Building and from there to the Continental Hotel. He was next seen returning from vicinity of hotel with an unknown man, and both entered Anderson's car and drove to the Capitol and entered. Later, Anderson left Capitol and drove in direction of his residence.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/21/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-103  
(9)

~~SECRET~~

On 8/21/51 WFO telephonically advised that [redacted] of Senator McCarthy's office had advised that his informant had advised him that [redacted] had talked with Jack Anderson and persuaded Anderson to come to [redacted] office and relate to him the identity of the person in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's office who was his contact. This was presumably the individual who furnished Anderson the information which appeared in Pearson's column 12/30/50. [redacted] stated that Anderson would be in his office within fifteen minutes and he invited Agents of WFO to participate with him in the interview of Anderson.

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

WFO was advised that no Agents should participate in the interview. [ ] should be requested to immediately furnish to the Bureau the results of his conversation with Anderson.

WFO advised that [ ] called and said that he had made a mistake, that Anderson was not coming to see him, that [ ] had seen Anderson and obtained from him the information that Anderson's contact was in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but there was no indication that Anderson was coming to see [ ] or anyone else.

Bureau memo 3/21/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp. -X  
65-59762-133  
(10)

In accordance with a request from Mr. Tolson a search was made of Bureau files to locate any instructions from the Department of Justice concerning surveillances at the Capitol, and particularly instructions that Agents were to discontinue a surveillance when a subject entered the Capitol. The search revealed no instructions on this subject from the Department.

WFO was also requested to make a similar search with negative results. WFO also advised that no instructions to the contrary were issued in the case of [ ] Espionage. (Bureau file [ ])

b6  
b7C

~~SECRET~~

WFO also pointed out that Jack Anderson was as of 3/22/51, under surveillance and Agents had had occasion to surveil him within the Capitol Building, no instructions to the contrary having been received. A real hardship would occur if the surveillance was discontinued when a subject entered the Capitol in view of the many entrances and the great possibility that a subject would depart from an entrance different from the one which he entered.

It was recommended that no limitations be placed on surveillances on subjects in the Capitol in view of the practical difficulties that would result. Agents of WFO were to be cautioned to be most discreet in surveillances under such circumstances.

Notations: "Yes" T.

"Yes" H.

Bureau memo 3/22/51  
Re: Physical Surveillances  
in the Capitol  
66-4151-181  
(12)

On 3/22/51 Jack Anderson went to Drew Pearson's office. Later, after leaving Pearson's office he stopped at Courant Press, 1227 Wisconsin Ave., and then proceeded to U.S. Capitol. From the Capitol he went to the National Press Building and then to his home.

~~SECRET~~

On 3/23/51 Anderson also visited Pearson's office, the Pentagon, Senate Office Building and U.S. Capitol. He picked up an unidentified man at Library of Congress annex and they talked for fifteen minutes. Anderson then proceeded toward home. The unidentified man left in car which was [redacted]

b6  
b7C

[redacted] Indices of WFO were negative on [redacted]

Flour  
WFO teletype 3/26/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-117  
(9)

On 3/23/51 Don Surine advised that [redacted] had been acting as a go-between between [redacted] of the "Daily Worker," and Drew Pearson. Surine stated that [redacted] was willing to give an affidavit sworn to before a notary-public, to the effect that [redacted] met Pearson. [redacted] also felt that Jack Anderson might be a go-between between [redacted] and Pearson.

b6  
b7C

Bureau memo 3/23/51  
no caption  
65-59762-121  
(10)

~~SECRET~~



~~SECRET~~

On 3/27/51 Jack Anderson left his home and went to the office of Drew Pearson. He left with Pearson and an unidentified man and went to the Mayflower Hotel dining room. Later, Anderson and the unidentified man drove to the Capitol where Anderson entered and his companion entered the Senate Office Building. Anderson left Capitol at 6:00 P.M. and went to George Washington University and then proceeded toward home.

Fisur  
WFO teletype 3/27/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-R  
65-59762-122  
(10)

On 3/28/51 [ ] advised that he was again working for Drew Pearson. While he was seeking government employment, he needed the money.

b6  
b7c

On 3/27/51 in Pearson's office, [ ] talked with Jack Anderson and stated that he had badgered Anderson by telling him that he had heard at the White House that the Pearson quotations on the Wake Island Conference were all lies. He stated Anderson said this was false and that Pearson had stenographic notes of the Conference.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7c

On 3/27/51 in a conversation with Drew Pearson [redacted] was asked when he had seen Don Surine. [redacted] denied knowing or contacting Surine at any time and stated he had not seen Surine except on the occasion of his testifying before the Senate Committee investigating the recent Maryland Senatorial elections. [redacted] recalled that Anderson had seen him at that hearing on 3/22/51. [redacted] accompanied Pearson and Anderson to the Mayflower Hotel where they entered and he left them.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] was still associated with Pearson on a part time basis. [redacted] had told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had been questioned by the FBI and [redacted] added that only Pearson and Jack Anderson had the answer to what they wanted.

WFO memo 3/31/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-126  
(10)

On 3/28/51 Jack Anderson drove to Senate Office Building. He was observed leaving the office of Senator Fulbright of Arkansas. He left Senate Office Building and drove in the direction of his home. The surveillance was discontinued on above date.

WFO teletype 3/28/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-124  
(10)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 9/30/51 the Bureau discussed with WFO the fact that surveillance of Jack Anderson was to be discontinued.

It was pointed out to WFO that the objective of any surveillance on Anderson was to ascertain his contacts in the Pentagon. The Bureau agreed that a continuous surveillance on Anderson on the basis that it had been conducted in the past was unlikely to be productive.

WFO was instructed to analyze the surveillance of Anderson to date at the Pentagon and consider seriously the utilization of a number of Agent personnel, if necessary, in order to see if Anderson could be maintained under surveillance while at the Pentagon on a particular date, looking toward the identification of his contact there.

WFO was to further discuss above suggestion and make an effort to organize a surveillance which would be productive on Anderson.

Bureau memo 9/30/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp-X  
65-59762-123  
(10)

WFO was requested to submit a teletype regarding the completion date of the investigation pertaining to the 12/30/50 column ~~(Drew Pearson)~~.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 3/30/51 the Bureau discussed telephonically with WFO the possibility of reinstituting the surveillance on Jack Anderson, suspect in the case.

WFO was requested to advise what decision had been reached.

Bureau letter to WFO  
4/14/51  
Re: Drew Pearson (12/30/50  
column)  
Esp-X  
65-59762-144  
(10)

On 4/5/51 Captain [redacted] Office of Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, advised that he knew Jack Anderson but stated he did not supply Anderson with information contained in the Drew Pearson article 12/30/50. [redacted] stated that Anderson had contacted him on three or four occasions and asked him to verify information which Anderson had developed from a source which Anderson called "unimpeachable." Some of the information related to hunger among our troops in Korea, which was unclassified. He could not recall any other subject matter but would check on it and try to refresh his memory. He said that he had at no time assisted Anderson. He also stated Anderson had not contacted him regarding the information in the 12/30/50 article.

b6  
b7c

79  
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

[redacted] was unable to supply names of Anderson's sources or contact in Pentagon except that Anderson knew Lt. Col. [redacted] Joint Chiefs of Staff. [redacted] was previously interviewed.

b6  
b7C

[redacted] was to be re-contacted regarding subject matter of various requests made by Anderson.

WFO teletype 4/8/51  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-135  
(10)

A former SA furnished the following information approximately 4/10/51:

Jack Anderson was a personal friend of [redacted] [redacted] to Brigadier General Robert E.L. Eaton, head of the Legislation and Liaison Branch of the Air Force. General Eaton's office had access to top secret material and the informant concluded that this might be a possibility in the investigation which was being conducted at that time.

b6  
b7C

[redacted] was in Room [redacted] at the Pentagon.  
(no date given)

The informant specifically asked that his name not be put in the Bureau files. Assurance was given him that his identity would be protected.

Bureau memo 4/10/51  
No caption  
65-59762-157  
(11)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

The remaining investigation pertaining to the 12/30/50 column of Drew Pearson included interviews in offices of military and civilian personnel where Jack Anderson was known to have visited in the Pentagon, interview in Department of Defense Press Relations Division and possibly fifteen interviews of personnel within Joint Chiefs of Staff. All interviews were expected to be completed by 4/25/51.

There was a possibility that surveillance of Anderson in Pentagon would be reinstated in the near future.

WFO teletype 4/18/51  
Re: Drew Pearson (12/30/50  
column)  
Esp. -X  
65-59762-160  
(11)

This reference set out information regarding a Bureau interview on 4/20/51 of Mr. Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army, and Major General A. R. Belling, Army, G-2, concerning the Drew Pearson case, (~~column~~). This interview was the result of a suggestion by Mr. Peyton Ford, Deputy Attorney General. [redacted] Department of the Army employee, was discussed as a possible suspect in the Pearson case. Mr. Ford had requested that Mr. Pace consider the possibility of arranging for [redacted] to receive a decoy document. General Belling stated that he would advise against a decoy document plan inasmuch as the investigation by G-2 concerning the present and past activities of [redacted] had not indicated any close degree of relationship between Pearson and [redacted] or [redacted] and Anderson. (details set out).

b6  
b7c

~~61-~~  
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Director's notation: "Who originally suggested  
decoy package?"

WFO teletype 4/20/51  
Re: Drew Pearson (Pearson's  
column, 12/30/50)  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-154  
(10)

As of 4/24/51 Drew Pearson was under investigation as a result of his publication in a syndicated newspaper column on 12/30/50, of certain information which was taken from secret Army communications.

Investigation revealed that the information quoted by Pearson was obtained from an unknown source in the Pentagon by Jack Northman Anderson. It was determined by physical surveillances and other sources that Anderson frequently visited the Directorate of Public Relations, USAF, in the Pentagon. It was customary for reporters to take classified information to this office for "clearance" for publication. Pearson had stated to Army investigators that the material was cleared by high-placed officials whom he declined to identify.

[redacted] was formerly employed as  
[redacted] Brigadier General  
Sory Smith of the Public Relations Office, USAF.  
Information was received that [redacted] and [redacted]  
were recently considered for the position of Deputy  
Director and [redacted] was selected over [redacted] after  
the matter was carried to General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

b6  
b7c

-82-  
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

It was reported that [ ] had acquired some ill feeling toward his associates and that he resigned possibly as a result thereof. [ ] left his residence in Arlington, Va., and left a forwarding address in Nashville.

The Memphis Office was requested to interview [ ] concerning the following:

1. Acquaintance with Anderson, Pearson or any other Pearson reporters.
2. The Pearson article 12/30/50.
3. Individuals within the Directorate of Public Relations who were normally contacted by Pearson's representatives.
4. Approach by Anderson, Pearson or other representative concerning clearance for a publication for a story.
5. Anyone in the Directorate of Public Relations who normally had access to the secret Army telecons which set forth the daily war front situation.
6. Any other persons who were known contacts of Pearson.
7. Any of Pearson's or Anderson's informants within military establishments.
8. Whether he had ever furnished classified information to Pearson or any of his employees.

WFO memo 4/24/51  
Re: Drew Pearson (Pearson's  
column 12/30/50)  
Esp.-X  
65-59762-148  
(23,27)

~~SECRET~~



~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

On 4/27/51 Jack Anderson telephonically inquired as to the incident in Hawaii where [redacted] to Senator McCarthy, broke her hip and why she was with [redacted]. He stated that he had been informed that [redacted] had produced a letter sent by someone in the Bureau introducing her to [redacted] requesting that the Honolulu Office extend services to her and he presumed the letter was signed by "Hoover." He wanted to know how come "Hoover" signed that kind of a letter to an employee of McCarthy. Anderson was advised the matter would be checked. (details set out).

Anderson was later advised that no such letter of introduction had been given to [redacted] that, however, the Honolulu Office had been advised of her visit and told to extend such courtesies as possible as we would to any Senator, Congressman or their Administrative Assistants.

Anderson stated that the reason he was interested was to see if there was a connection between the Bureau and McCarthy. He was advised that the Bureau steered a middle of the road course with everybody and merely did its duty.

Anderson also inquired concerning the Don Surine matter. He wanted to know if Surine was working with [redacted]. He was informed the Bureau was not responsible for what Surine did; that obviously if Surine or any other person wanted to furnish information it was the duty of the Bureau to receive it (other details set out).

b6  
b7C

Anderson stated that he hadn't intended to use this information either on the radio or in the column and that it would not be used.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Director's notation: "This fellow Anderson and his ilk have minds that are lower than the regurgitated filth of vultures."

Bureau memo 4/30/51

Re: [redacted]

Senator McCarthy's [redacted]

b6  
b7c

[redacted]  
(16)

On 6/21/51 Jack Anderson called Mr. Nichols and asked if Mr. Nichols would do him a personal favor. He stated that there were two minor individuals connected with the Atomic Energy Program who had deserted and skipped behind the Iron Curtain. He didn't think the Bureau had investigated them but had reason to believe the Bureau had their names, and he wanted the names. Anderson stated that his source was indirectly the Director and that the Director had had a conversation with a friend of his at which time there had been a discussion on [redacted] and [redacted] the two missing Britishers. The Director had been asked whether there were any missing Americans in connection with the Atomic Energy Program. The Director had stated there were two minor individuals who had been connected with the program, who were missing, but that the Bureau had not conducted any investigation.

b6  
b7c

~~SECRET~~

Anderson was advised that the matter would be checked on and he would be called back. He stated that if possible he would like to have an item to use on the Sunday night program, and they would handle it as coming from the Bureau or without attribution to the Bureau, whichever was desired.

Bureau memo 6/21/51  
No caption  
65-59762-219  
(not on search slip)

Jack Anderson was called regarding above conversation. The matter had been discussed with the Director and he recalled that he had recently had a discussion with Bob Allen, wherein the two missing Britishers, [redacted] and [redacted] were discussed. The question came up as to whether any Americans had disappeared behind the Iron Curtain. The Director stated that he had never heard of any except Bruno Pontecarvo who was a British subject. The question then came up as to whether or not there were any lesser characters whom the Bureau had never investigated. The Director stated the Bureau had not investigated any such situations.

b6  
b7c

Anderson stated that his source was not Bob Allen; he didn't know Bob Allen was present, but that he would check further with Allen as certainly the Director would know what he did or didn't say.

Bureau memo 6/23/51  
No caption  
65-59762-218  
(11)

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

On 7/9/51 Senator McCarran called Mr. Nichols and stated that the next time he (Mr. Nichols) was on the Hill he would like to see him. In the event he was not in, [ ] would explain the matter to him.

On the afternoon of 7/9/51 Mr. Nichols called on [ ] She stated that Senator McCarran was very much concerned about Drew Pearson. He had just learned that Jack Anderson's wife was employed by the Bureau, and that McCarran assumed we knew about this but was fearful that if this ever came out there would be criticism and McCarran thought we should be on guard.

[ ] was informed that Anderson's wife was on maternity leave and that we, of course, were thoroughly aware of the situation. When she married Anderson her assignments were such that she did not have access to anything of a restricted nature.

On checking, Mr. Nichols found that on 5/19/51 at the expiration of [ ] three months of maternity leave she was advised by letter that in the event she could not return to duty she should submit her resignation. She did submit her resignation under date of 5/22/51, which was accepted by letter dated 5/28/51.

b6  
b7C

On 7/10/51 [ ] was advised of [ ] resignation.

Bureau memo 7/10/51  
No caption  
67-392561-61  
(13)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 7/12/51 Don Surine called Mr. McGuire from Senator McCarthy's office and advised him that he heard several reporters talking about the Pearson column that morning, particularly Bill Strand. They were discussing the feasibility of calling the FBI to find out why Mr. Hoover furnished confidential information to a guy like Pearson on Andrew Older.

It was recommended that if the FBI received any inquiries the response would be "no comment" unless the Director instructed to the contrary.

Surine also stated that [redacted] formerly on Pearson's staff, advised him that he had learned at the time he was working for Pearson, from Jack Anderson, that Pearson did confer with the Director and the Director gave him information on Older at the same time that he gave him data on [redacted]. According to [redacted] Anderson told [redacted] that Pearson called both [redacted] and Older into the office and told them they would have to drop their Communist connections.

b6  
b7c

Director's notation: "no comment. It sounds like a Surine-[redacted] 'line'."

Bureau memo 7/12/51  
No caption  
65-59762-210  
(11)

CUM

-88-  
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

b6  
b7C

WFO memo dated 9/19/51 advised that [redacted] Enforcement Division of the Office of Stabilization and former employee of Drew Pearson, advised that approximately September, 1951, in a discussion with [redacted] also a former employee of Pearson, concerning the publication by Pearson of excerpts from classified messages (the 1/30/51 column), [redacted] stated that he had been questioned by the FBI regarding the matter. [redacted] stated that he, [redacted] was one of the few persons who knew the source of Pearson's information for that column. He added that, in that connection, Jack Anderson acted merely as a "front man" in securing the information.

[redacted] also stated that Drew Pearson had told him that he, Pearson, had been to see J. Edgar Hoover on the matter, and that the case was closed.

Director's notation: "I never told Pearson any such thing." H.

Bureau letter dated 10/3/51 to Department of Justice advised of above information.

The attention of the Department was called to memo dated 3/22/51, which advised that on 2/1/51, Jack Northman Anderson appeared at the Press Relations Officers Office at the Joint Chiefs of Staff [redacted] and was interviewed by Commander [redacted]. The 12/30/50 column of Pearson was discussed and Anderson admitted that he was the source for the quotes in Pearson's column. Anderson advised [redacted] the person who had shown the dispatches to him was not worried since no one else knew but Anderson that the source had furnished information to him, and that neither the source nor Anderson would reveal his identity.

b6  
b7C

Serial described above  
65-59762-238  
(11)

-89-  
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

On 10/19/51 Jack Anderson telephonically advised that he had a tip that three Japs were taking a special course of instruction in the Bureau on how to combat Communism. He wondered if the Bureau would furnish him their names.

He was advised the Bureau knew of no such incident, that this would be a matter under CIA, the State Department or the Army.

Anderson asked to be called if he could ever be of any assistance.

Bureau memo 10/19/51  
No caption  
94-8-350-442  
(15)

On 11/7/51 Jack Anderson telephonically advised that he had received a tip from friends of his at the Bureau of Internal Revenue to the effect that the FBI had been requested to conduct investigations of certain allegations of bribery involving Treasury Department personnel but that the FBI had been refused cooperation by Treasury Department officials. He also stated that the FBI had been unable to conduct investigations of these matters.

Anderson also advised he was calling to inquire off the record if this was true as he did not want Drew Pearson to make any comments concerning it unless it was true.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Anderson was advised that this was something  
he simply could not assist him on. He thoroughly  
understood.

Director's notation: "Right, no comment."

Bureau memo 11/8/51  
No caption  
62-10093-854  
(3)

The following synopsis of the book "McCarthy-  
The Man, The Senator, The 'Yan'" by Jack Anderson  
and Ronald W. May was set out:

This book would appear to be a "hatchet  
job" on Senator McCarthy. From the first paragraph  
"where a dark figure suddenly appears" the authors  
strive to depict the Wisconsin Senator as a sinister  
figure—a man obsessed by personal ambitions; a man  
"too preoccupied with hunting headlines to spend much  
time on the Senate floor"; a man "worst Senator of all  
96," whose power had frightened and silenced many of  
his colleagues.

A comprehensive review of  
above described book enclosed  
with Bureau memo 8/21/53  
Re: Book Review  
"McCarthy—The Man, The  
Senator, The 'Yan'" by  
Jack Anderson and Ronald  
W. May  
94-37708-93  
(16, 28)  
SI Bureau Library Card  
(Copy of above described book  
in Bureau Library)  
(2)

Published in 1952

SUM

-91-  
~~SECRET~~



On 4/14/52 [redacted]  
[redacted] The Munitions Board, Pentagon,  
discussed the Jewel Bearing Plant and a probable  
press release about choosing a sight for that plant  
(not identified) with [redacted]  
[redacted] from Senator William Langer's office.  
[redacted] stated that a man from Drew Pearson's office  
had called her and inquired how things were going  
along on the Jewel Bearing Plant.

[redacted] asked if this was a fellow named  
Jack Anderson. [redacted] stated that it was [redacted]  
[redacted]

On 4/18/52, [redacted] had a luncheon engagement  
with [redacted] and Jack Anderson in  
the General and Flag Officers Dining Room in the  
Pentagon.

G-2  
WFO report 6/19/52  
Re: Drew Pearson  
Esp. -X  
65-59762-340, pp.19,21  
(11)

On 8/13/52 Jack Anderson telephonically  
advised that he and [redacted] were handling  
Drew Pearson's television program during the  
month of August. They would like very much to  
have the Director on one of their programs, at  
which time they would give him the buildup he  
so justly deserved. They would submit questions  
in advance.