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Washington, D.C. 20530

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While processing your request dated October 26, 2006, for records about Jackson Northman "Jack" Anderson, the Office of Information Policy (OIP) located two records (items 1 and 2) which originated in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and referred them to us for our review and direct response to you. We received this referral on July 7, 2009.

In light of our review, we have determined to release both items in full. Copies of the records are attached.

The OIP also inadvertently referred records to us which are of primary interest to the National Security Division. Pursuant to Department practice, we have forwarded those records to the originating Division for review and direct response to you.

Sincerely,

Rena Y. Kim
by [signature]

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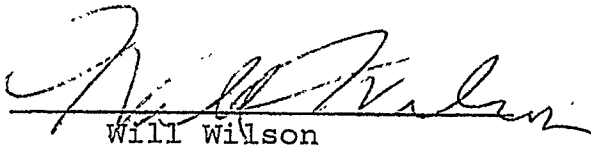
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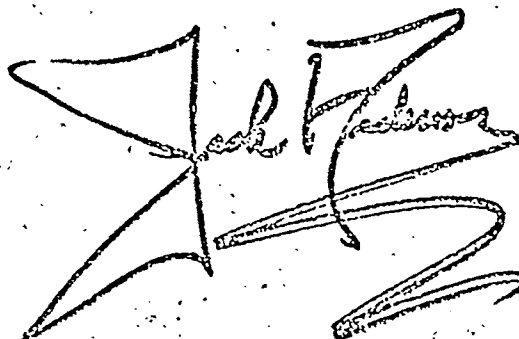
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Yet, for a year, the papers were lifted from history. A scholar-thief, for reasons unknown, stole them from their Library of Congress sanctuary. A year-long nationwide FBI dragnet could not turn them up.

Finally, the historian-bandit, in response to a published appeal from us, returned copies of the priceless papers to our offices.

Among the nuggets that would have been lost to history are the notes of Lyndon Johnson to Frankfurter on how to handle the heart ailments which eventually killed them both. The LBJ of these letters is no warmaking commander-in-chief, but a thoughtful friend.

LBJ'S 'LECTURE'

Johnson, then Senate majority leader, had recovered from his own heart attack when Frankfurter was stricken. LBJ wrote him in December 1958: "It is not often I have an opportunity to lecture a Supreme Court Justice on a subject I know a great deal more about than does he or any of his colleagues...."

"I have been sitting down here on my ranch watching the Pedernales River flow past my door...I have been thinking about you lying in the hospital and staring at the ceiling and remembering that I did quite a lot of it more than three years ago.

"The first bit of advice is to learn how to suffer in silence your well-meaning friends who don't know what they are talking about. You don't really know how much you are loved by so many ignorant people until you have been through one of these things...."

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THE 'JOHNSON FORMULA'

Frankfurter was soon back at the Supreme Court, and Johnson jotted off a note saying, "I am delighted to see you are following the Johnson Formula" for recovery. LBJ then slyly suggested that "some late afternoon when your body and my body are not in session, why don't you walk across the checks and balances line and come see me?" LBJ, who sometimes took a nip of whiskey at his office, told Frankfurter, "I keep some medicine here which both your doctor and mine have prescribed."

Even from his sickbed the Justice found inspiration. He proposed a hospital expansion plan, submitted it to Johnson and got a promise from the then Vice President to do something about it.

Wrote Johnson: "As a member of the exclusive group (of heart patients) to which you and I belong, I will take it upon myself to do some exploration." Characteristically, LBJ's energies produced some pioneer health legislation in line with Frankfurter's scheme.

In 1963, Frankfurter again became seriously ill as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy elevated Johnson to the White House. The new President, like his predecessors since Roosevelt, turned to Frankfurter for advice.

PRAISE FOR LBJ

Though gravely ailing, Frankfurter wrote to his friend, encouraging him and praising him for his service to the country.

Johnson wrote back with touching gentleness: "The affliction which has sapped your fist of strength has not, to the great good fortune of this nation, sapped the strength of your mind...I need your help -- I need your mind. We must erase the divisions in this country...This is the awesome burden I face. In this, I seek your counsel and your guidance."

Frankfurter quickly responded in longhand, although his slow glide to death had already begun. "Whatever strength is left in me is at the disposal of my country and therefore at your disposal."

So moved was Johnson by his painfully written note,

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told Frankfurter, "I have some new ideas."

NOTES OF HOPE

Through 1964, Johnson, sometimes in his Texas schoolboy scrawl, wrote notes of hope to Frankfurter. Once, after dropping in on him, LBJ urged him to obey his doctor although to know that unquestioning obedience is not in your tradition.

But there was no presidential power to stave off the inevitable. In 1965, at the age of 82, Felix Frankfurter died, preceding his White House friend's death by seven years.

Ironically, one of Johnson's many personal observations to Frankfurter might have been an epitaph for either man. Reflecting on what they had accomplished, Johnson wrote his ailing correspondent: "This 'heart' business is...not the only thing we have in common. I think that each of us in his own way tries to do the best he can for his country. When you get all through you can't say much more than that about anyone."

FOOTNOTE: The papers contain an intimate glance of postwar West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who stalked from a meeting with the French and British and secretly dropped a note with a single word on it upon the British delegate's desk. It said, "Oxenstierna," the name of a brilliant, cynical Swedish leader of the 17th century who tore Germany apart for decades. Adenauer, with the single word, apparently wished to express to the British what he thought the French were doing to postwar Germany. The incident was revealed in a letter to Frankfurter from the British delegate, Harold Caccia, later to become ambassador to the United States.

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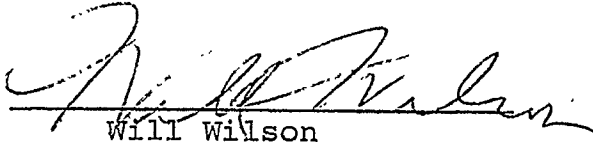
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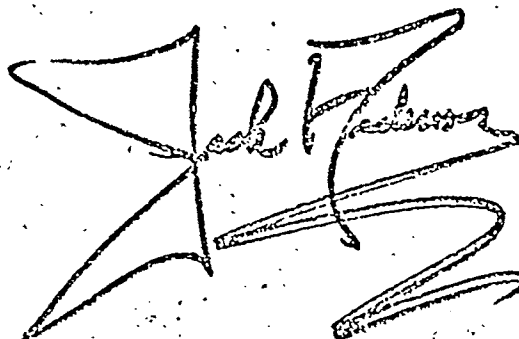
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The Johnson-Frankfurter Papers

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WASHINGTON -- The stolen papers of the later Justice Felix Frankfurter, like the intimate memoirs of statesmen down through the ages, are richer in the true history of their times than all the dry accounts of battles and debates. The eminent Justice's letters, memos and notes give a glimpse into the private lives, among others, of the late Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Yet, for a year, the papers were lifted from history. A scholar-thief, for reasons unknown, stole them from their Library of Congress sanctuary. A year-long nationwide FBI dragnet could not turn them up.

Finally, the historian-bandit, in response to a published appeal from us, returned copies of the priceless papers to our offices.

Among the nuggets that would have been lost to history are the notes of Lyndon Johnson to Frankfurter on how to handle the heart ailments which eventually killed them both. The LBJ of these letters is no warmaking commander-in-chief, but a thoughtful friend.

LBJ'S 'LECTURE'

Johnson, then Senate majority leader, had recovered from his own heart attack when Frankfurter was stricken. LBJ wrote him in December 1958: "It is not often I have an opportunity to lecture a Supreme Court Justice on a subject I know a great deal more about than does he or any of his colleagues....

"I have been sitting down here on my ranch watching the Pedernales River flow past my door...I have been thinking about you lying in the hospital and staring at the ceiling and remembering that I did quite a lot of it more than three years ago.

"The first bit of advice is to learn how to suffer in silence your well-meaning friends who don't know what they are talking about. You don't really know how much you are loved by so many ignorant people until you have been through one of these things....

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THE 'JOHNSON FORMULA'

Frankfurter was soon back at the Supreme Court, and Johnson jotted off a note saying, "I am delighted to see you are following the Johnson Formula" for recovery. LBJ then slyly suggested that "some late afternoon when your body and my body are not in session, why don't you walk across the checks and balances line and come see me?" LBJ, who sometimes took a nip of whiskey at his office, told Frankfurter, "I keep some medicine here which both your doctor and mine have prescribed."

Even from his sickbed the Justice found inspiration. He proposed a hospital expansion plan, submitted it to Johnson and got a promise from the then Vice President to do something about it.

Wrote Johnson: "As a member of the exclusive group (of heart patients) to which you and I belong, I will take it upon myself to do some exploration." Characteristically, LBJ's energies produced some pioneer health legislation in line with Frankfurter's scheme.

In 1963, Frankfurter again became seriously ill as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy elevated Johnson to the White House. The new President, like his predecessors since Roosevelt, turned to Frankfurter for advice.

PRAISE FOR LBJ

Though gravely ailing, Frankfurter wrote to his friend, encouraging him and praising him for his service to the country.

Johnson wrote back with touching gentleness: "The affliction which has sapped your fist of strength has not, to the great good fortune of this nation, sapped the strength of your mind...I need your help -- I need your mind. We must erase the divisions in this country...This is the awesome burden I face. In this, I seek your counsel and your guidance."

Frankfurter quickly responded in longhand, although his slow glide to death had already begun. "Whatever strength is left in me is at the disposal of my country and therefore at your disposal."

So moved was Johnson by his painfully written note,

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told Frankfurter, "I have some new ideas."

NOTES OF HOPE

Through 1964, Johnson, sometimes in his Texas schoolboy scrawl, wrote notes of hope to Frankfurter. Once, after dropping in on him, LBJ urged him to obey his doctor although to know that unquestioning obedience is not in your tradition.

But there was no presidential power to stave off the inevitable. In 1965, at the age of 82, Felix Frankfurter died, preceding his White House friend's death by seven years.

Ironically, one of Johnson's many personal observations to Frankfurter might have been an epitaph for either man. Reflecting on what they had accomplished, Johnson wrote his ailing correspondent: "This 'heart' business is...not the only thing we have in common. I think that each of us in his own way tries to do the best he can for his country. When you get all through you can't say much more than that about anyone."

FOOTNOTE: The papers contain an intimate glance of postwar West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who stalked from a meeting with the French and British and secretly dropped a note with a single word on it upon the British delegate's desk. It said, "Oxenstierna," the name of a brilliant, cynical Swedish leader of the 17th century who tore Germany apart for decades. Adenauer, with the single word, apparently wished to express to the British what he thought the French were doing to postwar Germany. The incident was revealed in a letter to Frankfurter from the British delegate, Harold Caccia, later to become ambassador to the United States.

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Thief Heeds Plea to Return Papers

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In response to our appeal, documents of "incalculable value" stolen from the Library of Congress have been mailed secretly to us in five anonymous manila packages.

A light-fingered scholar made off with hundreds of pages of irreplaceable diaries, memos, letters and notes from the collection of the late Justice Felix Frankfurter. It was perhaps the most serious robbery in the Library's 173-year existence.

The thief stole with meticulous discrimination, carefully selecting items of huge autograph value and others of historical importance. Among the purloined items were personal letters to Frankfurter from President Lyndon Johnson and Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, records of conversations with Justice Louis Brandeis and intimate recollections on President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

We learned about the theft in September and published an appeal to the master-thief's sense of history. The intelligence and taste with which he stole convinced us he could be persuaded to share at least copies of the Frankfurter documents with history. If he would get the documents to us, we promised to return them to the Library, protect his identity and

request Attorney General Elliot Richardson to call on the FBI to launch a manhunt for him.

A few days ago, five brown manila envelopes arrived in the mail. Each contained a huge batch of copies of the remarkable papers. Only the valuable Frankfurter diaries and a few other papers still have not turned up.

For the sake of history, the scholar-thief has taken a considerable risk to copy and return the documents. We, therefore, are keeping our bargain.

A small sampling from the stolen papers gives a hint of their value to historians.

Eleven months before Pearl Harbor, Frankfurter arranged for then Australian Ambassador Richard Casey to send a "Personal Secret" cable to London for Winston Churchill's eyes only. Although it was a serious breach for a Supreme Court Justice to meddle in foreign affairs, Frankfurter urged Churchill to butter up President Roosevelt as a means of bringing the United States over to the British side in World War II. Churchill immediately took Frankfurter's advice and tailored his famous Jan. 9, 1941, speech to FDR's vanity.

In intimate letters over the years, Lyndon Johnson and Felix Frankfurter counseled one another on how to take care of their cardiac illnesses. Wrote Johnson to the ailing

Frankfurter: "I have been sitting down here on my ranch watching the Federnales... and cleaning my gun for the quail and deer hunting season... The important thing is to keep yourself in shape... so you can get back to work."

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The FBI had planted a bug in the hotel suite of lobbyist Fred Blaik. The hidden device recorded Blaik's end of the conversation with Ford. We have had access to the FBI's classified internal report which referred to the listening device as "informant WF 14-1-C."

"Say, Jerry," began Blaik, "I want to cut you in on this one thing. Out at Crosley's yesterday, they had an FBI man."

Responding to a remark from Ford, Blaik said someone "must have made some complaint to the Department of Justice. Wouldn't you think so?... That's what he is trying to do, trying to show that there is some stuff in here other than ordinary."

Ford acknowledged that he had received a number of calls from Blaik on his troubles with the Army contract. Ford explained he and Blaik had been close friends since their coaching days more than 35 years ago. Blaik coached at Dartmouth while Ford was an assistant coach at Yale.

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