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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

October 22, 2010

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☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

FROM : D. M. Ladd

July 7, 1950

SUBJECT:

WAR PLANS - White House

While Mr. Roach was discussing other matters with Mr. Matthew Connelley this afternoon, Mr. Connelley mentioned the present war plans being drawn up by the White House, as they pertain to the operation of Government in case of an emergency. The information supplied by Mr. Connelley was elaborated upon by Presidential Adviser Mr. David Stowe, who is coordinating the activities.

The White House is drawing up the emergency plans while Mr. Symington of the National Resources Board has been called upon to draw up over-all plans for such an emergency. The immediate plans call for the installation, in the bomb shelter at the White House, today, of direct communication from the Eastern Coastal Defense Headquarters. This is for emergency notification in case of air attack from abroad. Starting tomorrow, the bomb shelter (this shelter will not withstand a direct hit from an atomic bomb) is being equipped with provisions to last for a short period for the President and his immediate staff. Three emergency committees are being formed, (1) concerning housing and buildings, headed by the Public Buildings Administration, (2) emergency communications, and (3) provisions.

A White House coordinator (probably Admiral Dennison, Naval Aide to the President) will be named. The committees will function on an emergency basis, beginning Monday, to handle emergency arrangements. Mr. Stowe is recommending to the President that the Bureau be represented on the Communications Committee, so that we may know how communications will operate, and so that messages may be transmitted in case of an attack.

The over-all plans being drawn up by Mr. Symington will recommend that in case of attack, or in case of danger of attack, the heads of Government be dispersed. The President and his immediate staff, plus liaison representatives from major government departments and agencies, will go either to Shangri-La (located at Thurmont, Maryland), or to Front Royal, Virginia. Essential Congressional representatives will be sent to Atlanta, Georgia. With reference to Cabinet members and the Supreme Court, Mr. Stowe stated no plans had been made, but that they would probably be sent to some other place, as a group.

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memo from Ladd
to Director
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The formal plans and definite arrangements will be on the President's desk Monday, July 10th, and Mr. Stowe has promised to keep Mr. Roach informed of the exact plans and of any changes that have been made. Mr. Stowe, as well as Mr. Connelley, indicated that it would be desirable for a Bureau liaison representative to be attached, along with other liaison representatives, to the President's headquarters, wherever he may be sent, in case of emergency.

Both Messrs. Connelley and Stowe stated the Bureau's role in emergency plans is very prominent, and the President has indicated he must be able to get in touch with the Director in case of emergency without delay, and on a continuing basis, no matter where the Director may be.

Observations - It is believed desirable that the Bureau participate in this emergency Communications Committee work, and that we send a representative upon request. Further, it is believed highly desirable that, should an emergency exist, a representative of the Bureau be attached to the President's personal staff at his emergency headquarters.

Mr. Roach will follow this matter and you will be kept currently informed of all developments.

I agree -

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I suggest

Mr. [redacted] be brought here so he will be available.

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I am designating
Mr. [redacted] to serve
on the Communications
Committee if & when
we are invited.

H.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE

DATE: July 11, 1950

Tolson ✓
Ladd ✓
Clegg ✓
Glavin ✓
Nichols ✓
Rosen ✓
Tracy ✓
Harbo ✓
Mohr ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Nease ✓
Gandy ✓

Mr. Roach was in contact today with Mr. David Stowe, a Presidential Aide, who supplied the following additional information concerning White House war plans.

Mr. Stowe stated that the White House Emergency Plan, as drawn up by himself in conjunction with others, has been approved by the President in substance. The idea of working through three separate Committees, Housing and Buildings, Emergency Communications and Provisions, has been abandoned, and the entire operation at the White House placed under the coordination of Admiral Dennison, Naval Aide to the President. Mr. Stowe stated that Admiral Dennison will in the near future meet with those persons to participate in the various phases of the planning, and in view of the fact that the FBI was mentioned in the recommendations approved by the President, we will be called upon.

The over-all emergency planning for the operation of the Government by Mr. Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, has not as yet been completed; therefore, there is no additional information available on this.

The direct communication line between the Eastern Coastal Defense Headquarters and the bomb shelter at the White House has been installed. According to Mr. Stowe, consideration is being given to the idea at this time that a like direct line be installed between the FBI and the shelter. This is being considered in view of the fact that the White House feels that any crisis information concerning atom bomb attack could very well emanate from within the United States by parts of the bomb being smuggled in and assembled here. The White House feels that, if this should happen, the Bureau rather than the military would probably receive the first notification.

Neither Mr. Stowe nor Admiral Dennison have requested the presence of an FBI representative on communications as yet. However, Mr. Roach will keep in touch with this matter, and you will be informed if and when the request is received.

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TO : The Director

DATE: July 15, 1950.

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(Emergency Communications) -----

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Ladd	_____
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Glavin	_____
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Rosen	_____
Tracy	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Nease	_____
Gandy	_____

Yesterday evening Mr. David Stowe, Aide to the President, called Mr. Roach and stated that a very important conference was being held at the White House at 11:45 this morning and he desired that Mr. Roach attend. When queried as to the nature of the conference Mr. Stowe stated that he could not discuss it on the phone but that it had to do with White House war plans.

Mr. Roach attended this conference, which was held in the office of Admiral Dennison, Naval Aide to the President, and the subject discussed was that of emergency communications at the White House. In view of the fact that Admiral Dennison was not apprised of all the developments to date, Mr. Stowe brought him up to date and informed him that a direct emergency line had been installed between the FBI and the White House Security Communications Center. After much discussion between Mr. Stowe and Admiral Dennison they concurred in their beliefs that radio voice communication should be installed between the Bureau and the White House Emergency Center. They added that this was over and above the present installation and the addition of an alternate line over the same installation. Major [redacted] of the White House who was present, stated that he understood the Bureau had voice radio communication between its headquarters mobile units in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., and he suggested that the matter should be explored to determine whether a neutral frequency could not be introduced and used for this emergency radio communication. Mr. Roach pointed out to the gentlemen present that he was not the Bureau's representative on communications but that the matter would be called to your attention and the Bureau would probably desire to have its representative on this matter, Mr. Laughlin, get in touch with Major [redacted] to discuss the matter further. This was agreed upon and the conference was adjourned.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you concur, Mr. Laughlin will confer with Major [redacted] to determine details in the matter to see if it is advisable for the Bureau to participate.

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*Mr. Ladd advised
6:45 PM
Ladd held until
7-17 for him
HJ*

*Mr. Ladd
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HJ*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: *W* WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

DATE: August 21, 1950

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Ladd _____
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Nichols _____
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Tracy _____
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Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

Major [] of the White House was telephonically contacted today by Mr. Laughlin regarding the progress being made in connection with the obtaining of frequencies for the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau.

Major [] stated that thus far he had two choices of frequencies with a possible third, and that the question should definitely be settled within the next few days. *Laughlin*

The Major stated that there was a network already set up embracing Forts Myer, Meade and Belvoir, and he thought at first that this frequency could be utilized. However, upon looking into this matter he finds that this network will be pretty well loaded and, therefore, he feels that it might be far more desirable to wait until a clear circuit can be secured.

The Major stated that the Secret Service is expected to move and that this will leave a circuit open.

In any event, the question of frequency should be settled within the next few days, at which time Major [] stated he would get in touch with Mr. Laughlin.

LLL:mer

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD ✓
 FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*
 SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
 (EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

DATE: September 1, 1950

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
 Nichols _____
 Glavin _____
 Rosen _____
 Tracy _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Nease _____
 Gandy _____

Mr. Laughlin called Major [] today to determine whether anything definite had been decided upon in connection with the frequencies to be used for the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau.

Major [] advised that plans to have the Secret Service move to another frequency have solidified and this will leave a circuit open on 38 megacycles. He stated that an order already has been placed for new equipment to put the Secret Service on VHF (ultra or very high frequency - 165 megacycles) and as soon as this equipment comes in this change will be made. This 165 megacycle band will leave the 38 megacycle open. This is the circuit to be used between the White House and the Bureau and as soon as it is open, installation can take place.

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ACTION: Contact will be maintained with Major [] until this matter is settled and installation completed.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*
 SUBJECT: *Q* WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
 (EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

DATE: September 20, 1950

Tolson ☒
 Ladd ☒
 Clegg ☒
 Glavin ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tracy ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Nease ☒
 Gandy ☒

Major [] of the White House was contacted telephonically today by Mr. Laughlin relative to the progress being made regarding the obtaining of frequencies for the ~~Installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau.~~ *Laughlin*

Major [] stated that the order has already been placed for some new VHF (ultra or very high frequency - 165 megacycles) equipment, and he has learned that this is expected to be delivered within the next six weeks and not later than eight weeks. As soon as this equipment arrives, the Major stated, this will leave the 38 megacycle equipment presently being utilized by the Secret Service available and when this occurs, arrangements will be made to go ahead with the installing of appropriate equipment between the White House and the Bureau.

This matter will be followed with Major []

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*What does this mean?
 Are we getting something
 left over from the Secret
 Service?*

H.

*memo Director
 9-21-50
 JJS*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 21, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)PURPOSE:

To advise, pursuant to your inquiry, that the 38 megacycle equipment which is presently being used by the Secret Service will be used for purposes of voice radio communications between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau when the Secret Service obtains its new high frequency equipment.

DETAILS:

By memorandum dated September 20, you were advised of a telephone conversation with Major [] at which time the Major stated that very high frequency equipment (165 megacycles) had been ordered for the Secret Service and as soon as this equipment arrives, the 38 megacycle equipment now being utilized by the Secret Service will be available and will be used for voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau. You asked what this meant - "Are we getting something left over from the Secret Service?"

In a discussion of this problem with Major [] by Mr. Laughlin on August 21, 1950, the Major stated that the question of frequencies present a problem and he advised that there was a network already set up embracing Forts Myer, Meade and Belvoir, and he thought at first that this frequency could be utilized. However, upon looking into this, he found that that particular network will be well loaded and, therefore, he felt it more desirable to wait until a clear circuit could be obtained. At that time the Major added that the Secret Service was expected to move and such a move would leave a circuit open.

Upon a follow-up on this matter with Major [] on September 1, he advised Mr. Laughlin that the plans to have the Secret Service move to another frequency had solidified and such a move would leave a circuit open on 38 megacycles. At that time the Major stated that an order had been placed for new equipment to put the Secret Service on VHF (ultra or very high frequency - 165 megacycles), and as soon as this equipment arrived the Secret Service would be changed from 38 megacycles to 165 megacycles. The Major added that when this circuit is open it would be used for the installation of facilities between the White House and the Bureau.

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On September 20, when the Major was again contacted regarding the progress in this matter, he stated that the new equipment ordered for the Secret Service was expected to be delivered within the next six weeks and not later than eight weeks, and when this equipment arrived, the transfer would be made, leaving the 38 megacycle equipment available to be used for radio transmission between the Bureau and the White House.

I still haven't the answer.
What is the advantage
which S. D. gets by this
change?

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 28, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

Tolson ☒
 Ladd ☒
 Clegg ☒
 Glavin ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tracy ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Nease ☒
 Gandy ☒

PURPOSE:

To answer your inquiry as to what advantage Secret Service gets by changing from its present frequency of 38 megacycles to a very high frequency of 165 megacycles.

DETAILS:

After several unsuccessful attempts, Major [] of the White House was contacted and in the conversation with him this question was raised discreetly.

Major [] advised that the primary reason for the move by the Secret Service was that because of the age of their present equipment, they were confronted with the problem of purchasing substantially new equipment throughout, and that in order to provide for possible future expansion of their radio activities on several adjacent frequencies, it was decided to move their operation into the higher band where such expansion more easily could be achieved. Although such expansion could not be easily achieved on the existing frequency of 38 megacycles, the existing frequency was stated by Major [] to be entirely adequate for the purpose of a short distance circuit between the Bureau and the White House.

With regard to the question of the equipment to be used on the proposed circuit between the Bureau and the White House, [] indicated that new equipment is being purchased by him for this circuit and that the old equipment of the Secret Service was being scrapped.

Accordingly, it appears that the advantage gained by Secret Service is primarily that of room for expansion and there are no factors which would adversely affect our use of the 38 megacycle frequency for the proposed Bureau-White House circuit.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

FROM : D. M. Ladd

July 12, 1950

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - White House

Tolson ✓
Ladd ✓
Clegg ✓
Glavin ✓
Nichols ✓
Rosen ✓
Tracy ✓
Mohr ✓
Tele. Rm. ✓
Holloman ✓
Nease ✓
Gandy ✓

With reference to my memorandum to you of yesterday, concerning the desire of the White House that direct communication be installed between the FBI and the bomb shelter at the White House, Mr. David Stowe, Presidential Aide, called Mr. Roach this afternoon and advised that the President desires that this be done immediately.

Mr. Stowe has suggested that the Bureau representative on this matter get in touch with Major [redacted] U. S. Signal Corps, who is attached to the White House and has charge of communications.

In view of the fact that Mr. Laughlin has been designated to handle the matter of emergency communications between the FBI and the White House, I will have Mr. Laughlin contact Major [redacted] to discuss this installation, unless advised to the contrary.

RRR:csb

yes at once.

memo dir from Mr. Ladd
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 13, 1950

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BUREAU

Pursuant to your instructions, Messrs. R. R. Roach and L. L. Laughlin today talked to Major [] of the U. S. Signal Corp, who is in charge of communications at the White House, in connection with the installation of a direct emergency telephone line between the White House and the Bureau. Major [] advised that it was desired this direct line run from the Bureau switchboard to the security communication room in the White House. This room is presently manned on a twenty-four hour basis by military personnel. It is the emergency center of the White House communication system. At the present time the Security Room is located in the basement of the East Wing of the White House but because of its vulnerability to air attacks, it will be transferred within the next week or ten days to the bomb shelter underneath the front lawn of the White House, where all emergency communications will be centered.

In talking with Major [] he commented that he would like to see a complete set of alternate equipment for all agencies having direct communications with the White House. His reason for this is in the event of an emergency if one line is knocked out the other would still be usable. He suggested that the Bureau might wish to include an alternate installation.

After furnishing the substance of this information to Mr. Nichols, Mr. Nichols instructed that the appropriate official of the telephone company be advised to go ahead with the installation and that the Bureau desired this installation to be completed today. Mr. Nichols suggested that the alternate line be given consideration but that we hold up its installation at this time.

Accordingly, Mr. Laughlin discussed this matter with Messrs. [] and [] of the C & P Telephone Company. These men were advised that the Bureau wanted a direct tie line running from the emergency communication room in the White House to the Bureau switchboard. The name of Major [] was furnished to them as the person to contact at the White House in connection with this installation.

It has been determined as of 6:30 P.M. that this line has been installed.

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W. Byrd don't decide
quasily on this?

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: July 14, 1950

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BUREAU

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to Mr. Ladd's memorandum to the Director dated July 13, 1950, concerning the direct line which put in operation between the Bureau switchboard in this building and the emergency White House switchboard in the Security Communications Room at the White House. The Director inquired, "Why don't we decide quickly on this?" referring to the comment made by Major [] that he would like to see a complete set of alternate equipment for all agencies having direct communications with the White House, to which I had suggested that an alternate line not be installed at the moment.

[] of the C & P Telephone Company advised Mr. McGuire of my office today that the engineering department of the telephone company had not yet figured out an alternate routing but was currently giving full attention to this problem as Major [] had requested that alternate lines be put in all of the direct line communications facilities with the White House. [] said he did not know just where this routing would take place but that he would let me know as soon as possible as to the exact routing of the present line now connected with the White House and the suggested routing for an alternate line.

Mr. McGuire told [] that as soon as we had this information we would give him appropriate instructions as to whether the alternate installation should be made. [] volunteered that while the alternate routing would not be parallel to the routing of our existing line, he did not feel that it would extend far out of the downtown area.

We will follow this matter closely with []

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cc - Mr. Ladd

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Alternate White
House Tel. line
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White House Tel. line also
connected to Emergency
Switchboard in
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of Justice Bldg. 10-2-50 -
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 21, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*SUBJECT: *0* WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 17, 1950, which reflected the results of a conference between Major [redacted] Communications Officer of the White House, and Mr. Laughlin regarding the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau. As indicated in that memorandum additional details were to be obtained from Major [redacted] particularly the identity of the person transmitting the messages at the White House.

Mr. Laughlin conferred with Major [redacted] at the White House today. Major [redacted] stated that the operator of this equipment at the White House would be military personnel.

With reference to the technical details of the installation, the Major further indicated that the final decision as to the radio frequency to be utilized had to await a determination of whether the entire Secret Service radio system would be moved from its present low frequency to a high frequency of approximately 160 megacycles. The Major was advised that the Bureau was prepared to furnish equipment for the Bureau installation immediately if that were desired. Major [redacted] stated, however, that while he had no equipment at the moment, he planned to look into the availability of military equipment and felt that he could obtain whatever was necessary. Since this equipment was of an older type, he proposed ordering entirely new equipment and offered to order terminal equipment for the Bureau, pointing out that this would insure uniformity of material.

The Major was advised that this appeared satisfactory and that the Bureau undoubtedly would be willing to go along with this offer. The Major said that he would place this order in the immediate future and hoped he would get delivery within ten days or two weeks. He then suggested, in view of the fact that the new equipment might be delivered within this period, it might be better not to make any attempt to install other equipment since it would only necessitate changing upon the arrival of the new material.

Major [redacted] stated that the question of frequency had been decided upon and when the new equipment was received, he would get in touch with the Bureau, at which time the installations could be made.

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What is this & where?

With reference as to where the equipment should be placed at the Bureau, it is suggested that consideration be given to installing it at the Bureau's Switchboard, with a second control point located in the Bureau's Emergency Communications Room.

Mr. Conrad of the Laboratory was introduced to Major [] and discussed with him the equipment which he proposed to use, as well as the equipment he examined while he was in Chicago on his recent trip.

It is noted that the Bureau recently purchased several units from the Motorola Company of the type which Major [] contemplates ordering for this installation; however, these units are earmarked for other purposes in the Bureau and will be utilized for such purposes inasmuch as equipment for the White House installation is being ordered by Major []

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ACTION:

Upon hearing from Major [] regarding the frequency and the arrival of the new equipment, the Bureau will go ahead with the installation if you concur and agree that the Bureau's terminal point should be at the Bureau's switchboard with an alternate control in the Bureau's Emergency Communications Room.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 7-28-50

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to my memorandum of July 21, 1950, regarding the conference between Mr. Laughlin and Major [redacted] Communications Officer at the White House, concerning the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau. It was suggested that consideration be given to installing the Bureau's equipment in connection with this set up at the Bureau's switchboard with a second control point located at the Bureau's Emergency Communication's Room. You inquired, "What is this & where?"

You will recall that during the last war two switchboards and two teletypes were installed in the basement range for use in the event of an emergency. A recommendation has been submitted by the Crime Records Division that the Bureau obtain two switchboards and four teletype machines for placing in the basement range where they can be hooked up to lines presently installed at that point. This was the set up referred to in the referenced memorandum as the Bureau's Emergency Communication's Room.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 17, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*b6
b7CSUBJECT: *11.9*
WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

Pursuant to Mr. Ladd's instruction, Mr. Laughlin today contacted Major [redacted] Communications Officer of the White House, regarding the installation of ~~voice~~ radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau, as suggested by Mr. David Stowe, Aide to the President, and Admiral Dennison, Naval Aide to the President, and as reflected in the attached memorandum to you from Mr. Ladd dated July 15, 1950. 62-92531-3

Major [redacted] stated he believed the installation of radio facilities between the White House Security Communications Center and the Bureau would be further insurance of communication between these points in the event the direct emergency telephone line, which already has been installed, were to be put out of commission.

Major [redacted] said he thought a 60 watt transmitter probably would suffice. He pointed out that such equipment operating on a frequency of about 38 megacycles would furnish satisfactory radio communication between the White House and the Bureau. Specific inquiry was made of the Major as to whether a larger transmitter would not be necessary. (It is noted that at the present time the Bureau utilizes a transmitter of 250 watts as well as a smaller transmitter of 60 watts, although no mention of this equipment was made to the Major.) The Major replied that he thought a 60 watt transmitter would suffice; that was the type of equipment used successfully between the White House and other points during the last war and although they did encounter some little interference, nevertheless, it was generally intelligible and satisfactory.

The Major stated that he just received orders to proceed to Chicago and was scheduled to leave in approximately 15 minutes. While there he said he intended to look over some new equipment, particularly some manufactured by the Motorola Company. He added that at the present time he is working with equipment left over from the last war and, therefore, somewhat outdated. He said any 50 or 60 watt equipment operating on a low megacycle would suffice, and that he "would look around" and see if they did not have some equipment which could be made available to the Bureau in connection with this project.

The question arises as to where our transmitting and receiving facilities for this equipment should be installed at the Bureau. Since the equipment is to be used for furnishing information to the Bureau under emergency conditions, the possible locations which might be considered

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I do hope our own Laboratory is keeping abreast of all new developments in our own interests. H

are the Bureau's switchboard or Mr. Belmont's Office. It is noted that there is 24-hour coverage at both of these locations. According to Major [redacted] present plans call for a routine or test check approximately every three or four hours. He said that during the last war when things got "hot," this check was run every hour. Hence, wherever the receiving point is in the Bureau, consideration must be given to the fact that it will require 24-hour coverage.

Major [redacted] expressed regret over the fact that he had to depart so quickly and stated that he and Mr. Laughlin would get together and discuss this matter further upon his return, which should be sometime late Wednesday or Thursday of this week. At that time more details will be obtained as to the operation of this equipment and, particularly, who will handle the transmitting of messages at the White House, that is, whether they will be handled by a Communications Officer or a high official. This might be an important factor in the Bureau's consideration as to where the receiving equipment will be placed at the Bureau.

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ACTION:

Mr. Laughlin will contact Major [redacted] on either Wednesday or Thursday and furnish you with further details obtained at that time.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ABg*

SUBJECT: *D* WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
(EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

DATE: December 18, 1950

Tolson _____
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Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Belmont _____
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Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

Major [] of the White House was telephonically contacted today by Mr. Laughlin and inquiry was made regarding the progress being made in connection with the obtaining of necessary equipment for the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau.

Major [] stated the equipment has not yet arrived, that he intends to call the factory in a day or two to inquire about its status and see what he can do about expediting the shipment.

The Major expressed the opinion that there was little chance of receiving this equipment until after the holidays. He stated that he would get in touch with me upon its arrival.

Mr. Laughlin will continue to follow this with Major []

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*
 SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
 (EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

DATE: January 29, 1951

Tolson ☒
 Ladd ☒
 Clegg ☒
 Glavin ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tracy ☒
 Harbo ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Nease ☒
 Gandy ☒

Mr. Laughlin called Major [] of the White House today regarding developments in connection with the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau.

Major [] stated that some equipment had been received although all of it had not arrived as yet. He stated that he hoped that the rest of the equipment would be in shortly and that work on the actual installation would be able to commence in approximately ten days to two weeks.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *pl*
 FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*
 SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
 (EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS)

DATE: April 5, 1951

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Mr. Roach of the Liaison Section determined from Major [] of the White House today that all of the equipment necessary to proceed with the installation of voice radio facilities between the White House Emergency Center and the Bureau had been received and was ready to be installed. Major [] stated that he would appreciate instructions from the Bureau as to when and where this equipment should be delivered to the Bureau and, further, whether the Bureau desired any of Major [] technicians to assist in this installation. Major [] stated that the equipment in question is a Motorola 51, which would be used for broadcasting on an FM frequency of 38.180 which has been cleared for this purpose.

Additionally, Major [] stated that any procedure of transmission desired by the Bureau could be worked out.

ACTION:

Major [] was contacted by Mr. Laughlin and requested to have this equipment delivered to the Bureau, at which time the Bureau's technicians will proceed with the installation. Major [] also was thanked for his kind offer of assistance. He was told that there will be no necessity for his help at this time.

Upon the receipt of this equipment its installation will go forward. In the interim, details of operational procedure such as signals, etc. will be worked out.

CC: Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Conrad
 Mr. Roach

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ADDENDUM: April 7, 1951. With reference as to where this equipment should be placed at the Bureau, it was previously suggested and approved by the Director that it be installed at the Bureau's switchboard.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. P. T. HARBO *Let*

FROM : C. F. DOWNING *1*

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL FILES MAINTAINED
IN ROOM 6527

DATE: July 16, 1952

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Tele. Room _____

Nease _____

Gandy _____

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. NICHOLS to you dated June 16, 1952.

Re memo requests that the files maintained in the Confidential Room, Room 6527, be reviewed by the appropriate Supervisor to determine whether they should continue to be so maintained. It was also requested that a memorandum be prepared stating the reason for such maintenance and setting forth what security measures should be observed, both as to the possession of the file and the dissemination of its contents. As will be seen from the information set forth below concerning the files under the jurisdiction of the Laboratory Division, practically all of them are either Administrative Files or files containing highly classified technical information wherein problems of dissemination of information would not arise. The requested information concerning each file is set forth below.

62-78171 - WHITE HOUSE SECURITY SURVEY

Although the Laboratory does not have primary responsibility for this file, it does contain information of importance to the Laboratory which should receive utmost security. It is felt that before any dissemination is made of technical information contained in this file it should be cleared by Mr. HARBO, Mr. PARSONS or Mr. CONRAD.

62-92531 - WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE

While this file is not the primary responsibility of the Laboratory, it too contains information which is important for the Laboratory to have safeguarded. All of the information in this file is highly confidential and before disseminating any technical information therein it is felt that clearance should be had with Mr. HARBO, Mr. PARSONS or Mr. CONRAD.

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Sullivan _____
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TO : MR. CONRAD

DATE: 7-31-61

FROM : W. S. TAVEL

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
BUFILE 62-92531

The above captioned file is presently maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division. You are requested to have the substantive supervisor, responsible for this matter, review the file to determine if it is necessary to continue to maintain the file in the Special File Room, or whether it may be returned to the regular file sequence. The appropriate notation should be made on this memorandum which should be returned to the Filing Unit, Room 1113 IB. This memorandum will be filed in the case file to record the action taken in connection with this review.

See memorandum C. F. Downing to Mr. R. T. Harbo dated 7-18-52, (62-92531), for the previous authorization to maintain this file in the Special File Room.

Addendum: RLM 8/2/61 The operation referred to in Bufile 62-92531 is still current. The material included in file has same need at this time to be safeguarded as originally. Believe file should remain in Conf. room and file info be cleared by Mr Conrad before any dissemination made.

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Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 11-27-64

FROM : W. S. Tavel *WST*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE

Bufile: 62-92531

The above captioned file is presently maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division. You are requested to have the substantive supervisor, responsible for this matter, review the file to determine if it is necessary to continue to maintain the file in the Special File Room, or whether it may be returned to the regular file sequence. The appropriate notation should be made on this memorandum which should be returned to the Filing Unit, Room 1113 IB. This memorandum will be filed in the case file to record the action taken in connection with this review.

This file is not the primary responsibility of the Laboratory Division but it was authorized to be maintained in the Special File Room due to observations set forth in memorandum from C. F. Downing to Mr. R. T. Harbo, 7-18-52 (66-17404-5).

In the event the Laboratory Division feels this file can be removed from the Special File Room, this memorandum should then be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for review, since that Division has primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

LWB: *WST*

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*Addendum RLM 11/30/64
memo referred to above and 62-92531
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Return Special File.
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Room

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Joe how about
letting us
remove this
from
Spec
File Rn?

We defer to
Down. Ind. as
primary interest.

I. W. Conrad
Room 7621, Ext. 777

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Director's Office

*Were trying desperately to clean out
all but really Secret stuff
from Confid File Room, which
is about at capacity now.*

*There's nothing in file since
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super confidential in it. The
equipment it refers to sits in
Switchboard in full view of
mailmen & others who come in on business.
What's so Confidential about it? ST*

E. W. Conrad
Room 7621, Ext. 777

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. *ROHRAD*

DATE: APR 24 1967

FROM : *W. S. TAVEL*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - WHITE HOUSE
BUFILE: 62-92531

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In the event the Laboratory division feels this file can be removed from the Special File Room, this memorandum should then be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for review, since that Division has primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

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ADDENDUM BY LABORATORY DIVISION (AJB:bwd 4/28/67)

Same conditions exist as set forth in memorandum mentioned above, and ~~file should be retained in special file room.~~

however Laboratory refers to Domestic Intelligence Div as to need for further retention in Special File Room.
In Council

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SEE DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE ADDENDUM MOVED



ADDENDUM BY DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION (GAD:hc 5/16/67)

So far as Domestic Intelligence Division interests are concerned, there is nothing in this file requiring the security protection of maintenance in the Special File Room.

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File removed from Special File
Room May 30, 1973.
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