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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: 11/23/87

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TO : DIRECTOR FBI  
(ATTN: LABORATORY DIVISION, LINGUISTIC UNIT  
[REDACTED] TRAINING DIVISION, BEHAVIORIAL  
SCIENCE INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT UNIT)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (9A-9712) (JTF-1)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
✓ WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION; [REDACTED]  
OO:NY

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Enclosed for the Laboratory Division, Linguistic Unit and Training Division, Behavioral Science Investigative Support Unit are copies of correspondence from the subject including the following:

1. Four letters sent to WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, dated 7/30/87, 8/29/87, 9/3/87 and 10/20/87.

2. Two letters to the [REDACTED]

3. An autobiographical sketch written in the summer of 1982 entitled, [REDACTED]

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For the information of the Bureau the subject in his letter to the victim, dated 8/29/87 stated, "that unless you are prepared to sign over \$1,000,000 - just pin money to you - to my war [REDACTED] right now I'm afraid you may find me to be the bitterest enemy you have ever had." BUCKLEY thought the threat could involve physical violence and request FBI assistance. [REDACTED] first came to BUCKLEY's attention in the 1970's when he approached BUCKLEY about publishing a book called, [REDACTED] which included segments on BUCKLEY, [REDACTED] and others. With BUCKLEY's assistance the book was published by [REDACTED] and was generally well received.

- ④ - Bureau (Encl. 14)  
1 - New York (9A-9712)

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Since that [redacted]  
[redacted] and is apparently very bitter about his lack of success.

[redacted] Recently he has written a number of semi-coherent letters expressing his bitterness toward BUCKLEY and the national review.

[redacted] was interviewed by Bureau Agents in [redacted]  
[redacted] on 10/19/87. [redacted] initially became highly agitated and refused to be interviewed. However, after speaking by telephone to another Agent who interviewed him previously for a similar incident he said he did not intend a threat of bodily harm toward BUCKLEY. He did, however, indicate he would continue writing letters.

Request of the Bureau:

[redacted] Laboratory Division, Linguistics Unit, Attn: [redacted]  
[redacted] is requested to submit the enclosed correspondence to Bureau Psycho Linguistic expert [redacted] for analysis.  
Training Division, Attn: Behavioral Science Investigative Support Unit is requested to review the enclosed correspondence and offer threat analysis.

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: ADIC, New York (9A-9712) (JTF-1)

January 15, 1988

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO. 71210053 D QS VF

Re: [redacted] WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

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OO: New York

*MLW*

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Communication dated November 23, 1987

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received December 10, 1987  
Specimens:

- Qc1 Photocopy of typewritten letter beginning "Bill:  
I've given ..."
- Qc2 Photocopy of three-page typewritten letter beginning  
"Dear Buckley: Yesterday I ..."
- Qc3 Second page beginning "not have been ..."
- Qc4 Third page beginning "tology (they represent ...")
- Qc5 Photocopy of typewritten letter beginning "Dear Bill  
(and if ...)"
- Qc6 Photocopy of typewritten letter beginning "Do you  
consider ..."
- Qc7 Second page beginning "kind of guy ..."
- Kcl Eight sheets of paper bearing purported known typewriting  
samples

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**ALSO SUBMITTED:**

Photocopies of Qc1 through Qc7 and K1

**Result of examination:**

Specimens Qc1 through Qc7 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The typewriter impressions appearing on specimens Qc1 through Qc7 and K1 are photocopies and preclude the identification of characteristics in these specimens necessary to associate both sets of typewriting as resulting from a common source.

The typewriter style of Qc1 through Qc7 and K1 appear to have no variations which may tend to separate these two sets of typewriting and they may, therefore, have occurred from a common source.

Specimens Qc1 through Qc7 and K1 were photographed and together with the ALSO SUBMITTED items are returned herewith.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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LAB. NO. 71210053 D QS VF

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1/4/87

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samples from [REDACTED]

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Photocopies of Qc1 through Qc7 and K1

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## Result of Errors:

Specs Qc1-Qc7 were recorded in the ACF who effected an ident. Copies.

The Fisher imprints on specs Qc1-Qc7 and Kc1 are photocopies and preclude the identification of *Chionotus*. It is often necessary to associate both sets of hairs as resulting from a common source.

The hair style of Qc1-Qc7 & Kc1 appear to have no variations which may stand to separate these two sets of hairs and they may therefore have received from a common source.

Spec Qc1-Qc7 & Kc1 was plotted and one set heuristically. You will be assisted by ~~examining~~ <sup>identifying</sup> the behavioral

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Motor Vehicle Title	_____	_____	_____	_____
Anonymous Letter File:	D W sect -	_____	_____	_____
Motive	_____	Typewriter Information:		
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Other	_____	_____		

**Standards Files Searched**

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Oct. 20, 1987

Dear Buckley:

Yesterday I received a visit from a pair of G-Men who had received a complaint from you concerning my correspondence. I was shown a copy of the letter that seemed to you so alarming that you informed the FBI. The G-Men do not, however, appear to have been handed copies of [redacted] and XK [redacted] and urged to read what I wrote about you there. After that stunt you had better think twice before you publicly criticize anti-intellectualism elsewhere in this country. If you or any of your senior editors -- or [redacted] [redacted] for that matter -- would like to appear at my doorstep, I would be delighted to kick the shit out of you personally. In the meantime, nasty letters are the cheapest and most effective form of communication.

Let's straighten a few things out. [redacted]

[redacted] After you recommended the book to [redacted] I attempted to keep my distance from you. I knew from my studies that you regularly attempted to worm your way into people's lives, as a father figure or whatever, and then through the employment of your money and charm, to get hold of people and in some sense to control their lives. You, being a corrupt character yourself -- these days I regard you as a Vidal-class schmuck -- found it difficult to understand that I did not write [redacted]  
[redacted] or anything else in order subsequently to sell out to you or your stinking right-wing political movement, which I intend to see completely destroyed. Indeed, you and your colleagues proved to be so shallow that you could not understand the profound and valuable alternative to the "conservative movement" that my works represented. You would start to sling around the "great talent" and "rooting fans" idiocy and refused to recognize me as the fierce competitor I have been right from the start. I don't intend to lose, and I intend to play hard-ball with National Reviewers until the kind of respect accorded such people as yourself, [redacted] etc., in the pages of National Review, is granted to [redacted] instead. I deserve that kind of respect and I intend to have it. And I don't even care to have my name mentioned at the same time as such hacks as [redacted]. A couple years ago your magazine was so far out in right field that I had to give these people a boost merely to get National Review into the ballgame. The self-infatuation level at National Review has been so high that none of you even seem to realize that [redacted] despite all his faults -- and to me he has been a jerk -- is still far superior to any National Reviewer as either a writer or editor. Your public praise for your employees can-

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not have been calculated to please me, particularly when you know that these turkeys have done so much better for than themselves than I have done. [REDACTED] "unquestionably the wittiest, most trenchant -- and yet, finally, lyrical moralist to have appeared in my time"? I didn't catch the joke in that blurb. [REDACTED] is a Catholic moralist, which is a synonym for jackass; worse, a right-wing Catholic moralist, which is to say a picking-and-choosing jackass. Both you and [REDACTED] deserve to be excommunicated from the Catholic Church, and I hope to see that happen. But, mainly, I repeat, [REDACTED] is a bookish schlub who does not know what he's talking about at least half the time. He's one of your stable boys, however.

You are stupid to mistake silence for an absence of resentment. For years you did not know that my family was moderately wealthy, but you didn't care whether or not I was able to pay my bills. No, what you wanted to do was co-opt my life, but you failed, and now, in a sense, you are dependent upon my good graces. All you have that I need is money -- that's why I stayed on amiable terms with you for so long, and you know as well as I do that your checkbook has never really been opened to me. I have the respect of people whose respect you need.

I feel entitled to a \$1 million settlement from you. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has neither offered to reprint nor even acknowledged [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in its pages. Your game -- deny me and withdraw a bit, deny me and withdraw a bit -- continues. You began to play that game as soon as you realized that I was not one of the innumerable suckers who had crossed your path over the years. You stink, Buckley. You're a fourth-rate writer, a fifth-rate editor, an eighth-rate human being. I have no idea how many falsehoods you may have spread about me among people I've never met, who know me only as a writer but may have been wrongly led by you to look for a "real" [REDACTED] who is not represented in his own words. I certainly have learned from experience and study that you are not a man who can be trusted. Why don't you do this -- sit down and estimate the damage you have done to me over the past decade through your continued engineering of the "conservative movement"; your purchase of people's loyalty, either in the form of salaried jobs or rollicking good times with which I have been in no position to compete; your greedy egomania. I've known many presumptuous asses in my time, but you take the cake. Or have you forgotten your phone call to me from Chicago in springtime of 1983, when you showed the author of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the same kind of respect as that shown by the late Dr. Rosefield, except that your hustle was Catholic religion, not Scien-

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tology (they represent the same quality of thought)? Have you forgotten that in 1983 and again in 1984 you came to my city and collected fat speaking fees without paying me so much as a courtesy call . . . and if you couldn't understand what ailed me, you still knew that I felt lousy and yet you made no known effort to visit with me. I've seen how much mail is cranked out of your office, and so I've known not to place much stock in the fact that we corresponded regularly for several years. Relationships, <sup>diff</sup>, but with you what has mastered, from my standpoint, are face-to-face sessions, on-the-record statements, and clear evidence of personal support, behind-the-scenes or otherwise. There hasn't been much of that over the past decade or so.

As I say, I feel entitled to \$1 million from you as compensation for damages to my career caused by the behavior of William F. Buckley, Jr., over the past decade. (A big part of the problem, again, is not you individually but the engineering of the "conservative movement"). Could I collect anything in a court of law? I don't know. Am I ready to try to collect through the courts? Not yet. (I'll go the extra mile to avoid legal entanglements.) Moreover, I know National Reviewers (including the Wyoming Rifleman, who has never persuaded me that he is any more of a right-winger than I am; and especially Ypsilanti Fats) are, despite their promotion of muscular virtues, basically a bunch cf chicken-hearted sissies. I want to make them pay for all those Tuesday night dinners at the mai- sonnette from which I was excluded. I want to make you pay for them, too. I'm better than any of you -- better writer, better human being -- and it's time for you and your hired hacks to pay the piper. (At this point it doesn't make much difference to me whether or not [ ] reviews fiction [ ] in your magazine.) For the foreseeable future I shall have nonreal interest except my own fortunes, which will rise as yours decline. And need I add that [ ] merely a shallow gladhander who treasures his expense account, may before long be forced to consider the virtues of self-employment? The less help you offer, the more I'll want to hurt you. Tell [ ] in advance that it'll be nothing personal if I mug him and commandeer your limousine. My recollection is that he's a fairly burly fellow who could take good care of himself in such a confrontation.

Yours,

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m/ + Sv [redacted]

July 30, 1987

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Dear Bill (and if this one doesn't get results, it will probably be "Dear Buckley" from now on):

I have yet to see any notice of [redacted] in National Review, although I received the enclosed invoice in today's mail. (In light of all the literature I've sent to National Reviewers over the past year or so I ought at least to get a year's free subscription.) I also saw the enclosed review in today's Wall Street Journal. Whether or not you like the substance of this review you cannot deny that its appearance helps you and [redacted] to market your writings as I am currently unable to do. (By the way, just so there is no misunderstanding, I do not particularly like [redacted]: no deep animosity, but I never had the impression that he gave a damn about me. He is a good writer but vastly inferior to me, as, indeed, so are you.)

Now, I don't know how rough you want me to get with you, your relatives, staff, etc., but I assure you that I have access to resources that have not yet been tapped. You would be ill-advised to try any funny stuff through the Reagan administration or the use of your multi-millions of dollars. As [redacted] observed a few years ago, "Buckley thinks his shit doesn't stink." And I might add that the guy whose book you endorsed eleven years ago was also an experienced baseball umpire who had not been afraid to throw former major leaguers out of amateur softball games when they had the temerity to run their mouths at me. Your fame and fortune (aside from patrimony) are rightfully mine, and I intend to have them. You have found it difficult to understand that there is not enough room for both of us at the top of the heap. You have to be the one who finally tumbles because I am the one who is right. You cannot win: my stuff [redacted] (however poorly), is all down on paper, has circulated in the key places, and holds up. You might as well tilt at windmills as continue to resist me. You should not underestimate the number or ferocity of your enemies in this country, and you should take a look in the mirror as soon as you realize that your conduct has caused me, finally, to sympathize more with your enemies than with your friends. I have found you to be a shallow, spoiled, overrich, Catholic cad, and that is how I intend to treat you until you begin to give me my due, and clean up your own act. And I might as well add that, although I like your wife, I think she is quite spoiled, too.

Would you like me to initiate a lawsuit against you in order to collect earnings I have lost through your propagation of Catholic lies? I might just do that, and if you run to the hypocrites of the American Jewish Committee for help, you will only make me angrier.

Yours

[redacted]  
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Sept. 3, 1987

Do you consider [redacted] to be a better book reviewer than I am? Certainly in the 1980s she has made more appearances in your magazine than I have made. Although we never saw each other very often, [redacted] and I were on friendly terms from the time we first met -- because we agreed on most things. However, with the passage of time it became clear that [redacted] put loyalty to his assigned job -- and that's all it is to him, I assure you -- ahead of any regard that he felt for me. This was reflected in the progressive infrequency of my contributions to your magazine, for which I have always considered you -- as editor-in-chief -- to be responsible.

Your record, Bill, is not that of someone who has cared very much about me, and I am not currently inclined to do anything, such as contribute~~xx~~ articles to your magazine, that will make you look good. (The best way to fight a hypocrite is to make him look bad.) I also have never had the feeling that you know me very well, although that is because I have never had the feeling that you have read my published works very carefully. If you were to do that, you would know me pretty well. Like most people I am mindful of my digestion and my table manners, although in this respect I have been unable to achieve the hypocritical high standards that you cherish (I have had no desire to do so).

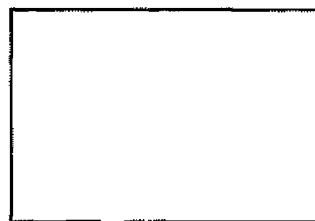
In any event, if you re-read the essay on Buckley in [redacted] you will see that my hostility toward [redacted] the "conservative movement" has always run deeper, and is indeed much more fundamental, than that of "liberals" who enjoy the bullshit of politics, and who like to politicize everything in sight. I don't mean to sound presumptuous, but I've often felt that I know you as well as, if not better than, people such as [redacted]. I don't really relish the prospect of dutiful invective against these people (there are so many bona fide assholes in this world to lambaste, and there are ~~xxxxxx~~ my relatives, too). I don't want to hire some moonlighting truckdriver to rough up [redacted] if I can help it. I'm not praying for the Pope to get mugged when he comes to Detroit in a couple of weeks, or anything like that, but I do resent each day that I must spend in the trenches while you and others make money and have fun. I know, since you really don't see things too clearly, that you never expected me to experience all these difficulties, especially after you had given me your blessing, and that you would never be miserable enough to inflict upon me the physical suffering that was my gift from the quantum devils. If I hadn't been zapped I probably would have spent the rest of my life as a very angry outsider and would not have been centrally situated to attack all these things that have gone wrong along the way. Beware all those who "go for it."

Bill, if I felt that, deep down, you were really a right-wing

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kind of guy -- and, let's face it, there are a lot of semi-Fascists in the "conservative movement" -- I would have become much harsher with you, much sooner. I have felt that you allow yourself to be a servant to old loyalties that might better be discarded. And, if they are not discarded fairly soon, readers of the future will probably be treated to such topics as "Adultery on the Right," "Alcoholism on the Right," "Greed on the Right," etc., etc. [redacted] will have to lose fifty pounds and learn how to box (taking lessons, perhaps, from that sister of yours who slugged the feminist several years ago) and [redacted] who has behaved toward me like a two-faced little jerk, may have to employ one of his Wyoming rifles for purposes of self-defence.

Are you up for that sort of thing, or are you getting a bit long in the tooth for it?



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Oct. 1, 1987

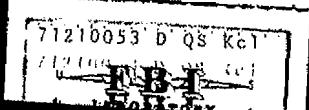
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To: [REDACTED]

From [redacted] Date [redacted]  
Re: Wednesday's Note

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F.S. be aware that this system will not even enable me to sat. and pay  
the amount that this is payment for the expenses due to this year pay  
and those are not my only expenses. Fairer of this year --  
and those are not my only expenses.



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Sept. 30, 1987

To [redacted]

That note I stuck in your door the other night has not yet been returned to me, signed. Sign it and return it at once . . . and get cracking along the lines I have already pointed out to you. If you or any other shithead to whom I happen, through no fault of my own, to be related, tries any more nonsense on me, you've ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> it. Your ~~head~~ head(s) cracked. I've identified what you have done wrong and I want it corrected. You're a silly little jerk who married a frigid bitch; neither one of you can stand to admit my superiority to you. I want a lot of money out of you jackasses now and I am prepared to kick the shit out of you if you try to deny me any longer. You stink, my brothers and sister are comparative nobodies about whom I care very little at this point, and I don't care about your feelings at all. You're an ass and it's about time you realized it. The rest of the schmuck-relatives, local Jews and sportspeople are no better, and, of course, the "journalists" of [redacted] are in a class by themselves.

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TO : MR. TOLSON  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
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DATE: October 20, 1950

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William F. Buckley, Jr., in the attached note advises that he will be in Washington next week. We had previously invited him to visit the Bureau. You will recall that Mr. Buckley was the editor of the Yale Daily News last year and sponsored the forum that I addressed. He was definitely pro-FBI and carried our banner at Yale.

I called him in New Haven this afternoon and told him I would not be here next week but arranged for him to call at my office at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, with his newly wedded wife and we will take them on a special tour of the Bureau. An Agent in Mr. Jones office will take Buckley on a very special tour.

I suggest that in view of Buckley's past interest in the Bureau and his future benefits that the Director shake hands with him if it is at all convenient. He has asked if he might have the privilege of meeting the Director.

I pointed out after I returned from the Yale Forum last year that someday we would hear from Buckley.

CC: Mr. Nease

CC: Mr. Jones

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WM. F. BUCKLEY, JR. 36 SWARTHMORE STREET HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Tel Streater 8-0386

October 19, 1950

Mr. Lewis B. Nichols  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I tried to telephone you this afternoon, but sensed from the conversation of the operator at your offices, that completing the call with you personally would be difficult, and I didn't feel like making an issue of it. Nor did I avail myself of her offer to speak with one of your assistants since my message was, and is, personal.

Almost a year has elapsed since you and Mr. Hoover very kindly invited me to visit you in Washington. I have been very busy since that fine evening at the Yale Law School when you dealt so admirably with your critics, and haven't had a chance to avail myself of your offer. I am planning a visit to Washington for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, however, and would very much like to pay my respects.

I know you are busy, and if either of these two days is inconvenient for you and Mr. Hoover, we can put it off again. If, however, you could give me a minute or two, would you be good enough to wire me to the above address, or else, if you won't know until Sunday or Monday, would you leave a message for me in care of [redacted] with whom I will be staying?

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My very best personal regards and continued congratulations on the work of the Bureau.

Sincerely,

Wm. Buckley Jr.

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : M. A. DODGE

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In view of the fact the above individual is coming to the Bureau on October 25, 1950, the following is a brief summary of our relationship with him.

As you know, in October of 1949, you went to Yale University and took part in a forum, in which you defended the Bureau's position.

The meeting was arranged by Buckley, who at that time was Chairman of the Editorial Staff of the Yale Daily News. Buckley arranged the meeting in order that a Bureau representative could put the record straight as to what the FBI does and does not do.

Buckley acted as chairman of the meeting, which was attended by approximately 500 persons. He introduced you and former SAC Gleason.

The reaction to the meeting was exceptionally fine and was most helpful in clarifying the Bureau's position.

Following this meeting you made the comment that you were very much impressed with Buckley. You described him as being definitely pro-FBI and invited him to visit the Bureau and stated you would like for him to meet the Director. He was most enthusiastic and said he would like to do this sometime in the future. (94-1-4479)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols  
 FROM : M. A. Jones  
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM FRANK BUCKLEY, JR.  
 SPECIAL TOUR 10-25-50

DATE: 10-26-50

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Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent Wick of this Section met Mr. and Mrs. William Buckley, Jr., at 10:00 A. M., 10-25-50 in your Office at which time Mr. McGuire greeted them and extended your greetings to them. From your Office the Buckleys were taken directly in to meet the Director who chatted with them briefly. The fact that the Buckleys met the Director within a matter of minutes after their arrival at the Bureau impressed them immensely. Mrs. Buckley said, "I just can't get over it and he is so busy."

*WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, Jr.*

Thereafter for an hour and forty-five minutes the Buckleys were escorted through the Director's Reception room, the exhibit rooms, the Laboratory, Communications, the Traffic Diorama and the Range where each fired the Thompson submachine gun.

*WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, Jr.*

Mrs. Buckley, a Canadian, recently was married to Buckley. Both she and William Buckley asked a great number of questions which were answered by Mr. Wick. Buckley commented favorably again upon your representation of the Bureau at the Yale Forum, October 24, 1949. He advised he is currently living in Hamden, a suburb of New Haven, and engaged in writing a book on educational procedures. Following completion of this book next spring, it is his intention, he said, to seek a position in business or enter the armed forces.

Mr. Buckley appeared extremely well-read, cognizant of the Bureau's responsibilities and activities in a general way. He commented most favorably upon our role in the government loyalty program and expressed admiration for the Director's ability to withstand political, subversive and academic attacks. He said that this tour, coupled with his meeting with you a year ago, "rounded out" his understanding of the FBI and its methods of operation.

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Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
86 Swarthmore Street  
Hamden, Connecticut

Dear Bill: [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 5,  
1951.

I did appreciate the kind invitation to visit  
you either in Connecticut or in South Carolina. Maybe  
some day things will ease up and I will be able to take  
advantage of your kind invitation.

The memorandum which you enclosed has been  
made a matter of record in the files should any questions  
arise in the future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

D. B. Nichols

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The memorandum is background memo on William  
Frank Buckley, dated March 27, 1951.

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WM. F. BUCKLEY, JR. 86 SWARTHMORE STREET HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

April 5, 1951

Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I have been intending to write you for some weeks now to thank you for your unparalleled kindness and continued interest in me as evidenced by your willingness to advise me in regard to my situation. I delayed, though, because I wrote my father and suggested that he send me a short biographical sketch about his activities in Mexico which might be useful either to you personally, or else in my father's files.

He was very anxious to supply this information but was unable to do it for several weeks because of repeated trips to Texas to visit his very sick brother.

However, I received his memorandum today and I enclose it with this letter. I rely on your judgment to do with it as you will--even if it lands up in the waste paper basket!

Again, a thousand thanks for your kindnesses. I continue to hope that despite your oppressive schedule, you will some day be able to take off a couple of days and visit us either in Sharon, Conn., or else in Camden, South Carolina. (Incidentally, my father has recently struck up a friendship with [redacted] formerly in the Bureau, who spoke to him very highly of you. [redacted] is lunching with my Father on April 7, prior to the annual steeple chase races.)

Sincerely,

Bill B.

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M E M O R A N D U M

Re: William Frank Buckley

Born in Washington, Texas, July 11, 1881.

Graduated in the Academic Department, University of Texas, in 1904, and in the Law Department in 1905, where he was quiz master in law for the term 1905-06.

While at the University, he taught Spanish for four years. Was a member of the Tau Delta Fraternity there, and was Editor-in-Chief of "The Cactus," University annual.

After leaving school he became Spanish translator at the Texas Land Office.

Started to practice law in Mexico City on November 1, 1908, in the law office of Wilson & Gonzales Garza. Established his own law office in 1909, and was joined within two or three years by his brothers, Claude H. Buckley, and Edmund L. Buckley, under the firm name of Buckley & Buckley. This firm established an office at Tampico, Mexico, in about 1911. The members of the firm divided their time between the two offices. There were from two to four Mexican lawyers employed by the firm.  
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This firm represented a number of large oil companies. WFB left the firm in 1913 or 1914 and entered the oil business.

During the first two years of his residence in Mexico WFB attended the National School of Jurisprudence.

One of WFB's professors at this School was Luis Calbrera, who was the intellectual head of the Carranza movement and government. An associate and friend was Jose Vasconcelos, who was a candidate for President against Calles, and who has been regarded as Mexico's foremost writer.

WFB's associate counsel was Lic Emilio Rabasa, one of the foremost intellectuals in Mexico.

When the American Naval forces captured Vera Cruz in the Wilson administration, WFB was the only civilian who left Mexico City on the train of Mr. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American Charge.

On arrival in Vera Cruz, WFB did interpreting and translating for Admiral Fletcher, in charge of the American Naval forces, and later for General Funston, who was in charge of the land forces.

Admiral Fletcher formed a Civilian Government in Vera Cruz and appointed WFB governor, which office the latter declined, for the reason that he was not in sympathy with the Wilson Mexican policy or his intervention in that country.

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To prevent a war between the United States and Mexico, which was imminent, Argentina, Brazil and Chile offered their friendly offices to the two Governments and as a result the ABC Conferences were instituted at Niagara Falls in 1914.

The Huerta Government appointed a commission to represent that country, which was headed by Lic Emilio Rabasa, referred to above. The Mexican Commission arrived in Vera Cruz on its way to Washington and Niagara Falls and while in Vera Cruz named WFB counsel for the Commission, who left with them for Washington.

During the eight or ten weeks of conferences at Niagara Falls WFB remained in Washington where he was in continuous negotiation with Mr. William Jennings Bryan, President Wilson's Secretary of State, and the other members of the Wilson Cabinet who were from Austin, Texas, and with whom WFB was well acquainted.

In about 1918 WFB got a group together to prepare data for the so-called Fall Investigation on Mexican Affairs. This group had an office at the Murray Hill Hotel in New York.

In about 1917 or 18, when President Wilson was so ill, Secretary of State Lansing decided to withdraw recognition from the Carranza Government and asked Senator Fall to produce a witness who would be able to give a comprehensive statement of the Mexican situation, which Secretary Lansing proposed to use as a basis for the withdrawal of recognition. WFB was chosen to make this statement and it was printed as Part 6 of the record of this investigation, and was widely publicized and was translated into Spanish.

In the midst of this plan, President Wilson recovered his consciousness and broke up the plan and dismissed Secretary Lansing.

Carranza was succeeded by General Obregon, who asked, naturally, for American recognition. WFB formed a group, known as the American Association of Mexico, of which he was President, which formally opposed the recognition of the Obregon Government. During a period of one or two years WFB frequently saw Secretary of State Hughes in connection with this matter.

Obregon was recognized and WFB went to Mexico City in about 1919 or 20. After being there for a short time, President Obregon applied to him Article 33 of the Constitution which empowered the Executive to expel "pernicious foreigners." WFB spent several days in the American Embassy (Mr. Summerlin was then Charge) before leaving Mexico. Some two or three years later, President Calles made a statement, which appeared in the New York press, to the effect that the oil companies had pursued a hypocritical policy in Mexico, protesting their friendship with the Mexican Government in Mexico City, while

they advocated armed intervention in Washington. WFB was interviewed by the New York Times and stated that Calles' statements were true. Parenthetically, WFB was never in sympathy with the policy of the large oil companies in Mexico and enjoyed their enmity during this entire controversy over American rights in that country.

Calles then invited WFB to return to Mexico, which he did, and remained there for a few weeks. At that time Mr. Dwight Morrow was American Ambassador.

In the meantime, in about 1919, WFB sent an organization into Venezuela and eventually formed the Pantepec Oil Company, of which he was President for many years. This company was financed in about 1925, by E.A. Pierce & Company (now Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane). In 1924 WFB bought a home in Sharon, Connecticut, where he has lived continuously since. In 1938, he bought a home in Camden, South Carolina, where he and his wife spend the winters.

WFB has ten children:

Aloise (Mrs. Benjamin W. Heath), who lives at 44 West Hill Drive, West Hartford, Connecticut. Aloise graduated at Smith College in 1941.

John W. Buckley, who graduated at Yale in 1942, and then entered the Army and was later transferred to Army Intelligence, in which he served in North Africa and France. He is President of Catawba Oil Explorations Company, which represents various Venezuelan companies, a Canadian company, and an Ecuadorian company. His office is at 119 East 36th Street, New York, N.Y.

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Jane (Mrs. William F. Smith II), who graduated at Smith College in 1947. She lives at 3215 First Street, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

William F. Buckley, Jr., who graduated at Yale in 1950, and was chairman of The News there. He is now taking a post-graduate course at Yale and lives at 86 Swarthmore Street, Hamden, Connecticut. During the war he served as Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

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Maureen Buckley, who is a freshman at Smith College, where she resides at Wesley House..

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WFB took a decided stand against President Wilson's repudiation of international law in the case of Mexico. Wilson's policy was to withhold protection from American citizens and to intervene in the internal affairs of that country, quite the opposite of his obligations under international law. WFB was very close to the members of the old Diaz regime and their successors and did a great deal of work in connection with the political affairs of that country. For a number of years he represented in Washington, General Manuel Pelaez, who was the head of the revolutionary forces in southern Vera Cruz, which had charge intermittently in the oil fields from about 1915 to 1920.

WFB was a friend of the ex-governor of Lower California, Colonel Esteban Cantu, and did everything in his power to help him in the revolution which he started in Lower California in about 1920.

WFB always maintained, and still believes that when American citizens are abandoned by America, in violation of the precepts of international law, they have a perfect right to take the situation in their own hands. This upright policy was quite the opposite of that followed by the American oil companies who, true to the traditions of corporations and big business, never stood up for their rights. They continually ran to the Government in Mexico and the Government in Washington and told different tales in each place. Their pusillanimity was attacked by WFB in his statement before the Fall Committee and this attack and subsequent attacks incurred for WFB the lasting enmity of the powerful oil companies.

Wallack's Point  
Stamford, Conn.  
July 22, 1952

Mr. Louis Nichols, Ass't Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I wonder if the Bureau ever published or circulated an answer to the incredible smear published against it in a fall issue of Politics Magazine. If so, I would greatly appreciate a copy.

When last I called you in Washington, your secretary told me you had not been feeling well. I hope that by this time you are completely recovered from your illness.

I should certainly be pleased to see you if you are ever in the vicinity of Stamford.

Sincerely,

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Wm. F. Buckley, Jr.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: April 24, 1953

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For record purposes, William Buckley who was the editor of the Daily News and who promoted a forum at Yale Law School where I participated a few years ago, came in to see me recently. He is writing another book which is designed to counteract the Alan Barth and Biddle books denouncing loyalty and security investigations. He is centering his book around the State Department and has completed approximately 8 months of research.

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He stated that there is one point which he desires to deal with in the book, namely, making available to Congressional committees the transcripts of Loyalty Hearing Boards. He stated such transcripts are made available to the subjects involved who can publish them or do with them as they wish and that he could see no reason, if this be the case, why such transcripts cannot be made available to Congress. He is seeking the views of various individuals concerning it and he wanted something that he could attribute to the FBI. I told him that the matter of whether the transcripts of Loyalty Hearing Boards should or should not be made available to Congress was a matter not within the purview of the Bureau's authority; that obviously the Bureau is concerned with maintaining the integrity of the results of its investigations, which if made public would disclose the identity of confidential sources of investigation, confidential investigative technique or which would violate a confidence; that if such transcripts did any of these and the Bureau were consulted, obviously, we would object. However, it would appear that such instances would be rare.

He stated that he would send me a portion of his manuscript covering this point prior to its publication. He also inquired if the Director's views would be the same. I told him that obviously the Director would not inject himself to the matter pertaining to transcripts, but the Director would seek to protect those matters above mentioned.

cc - Mr. Ladd

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Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
Wallack's Point  
Stamford, Connecticut

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Dear Bill:

RECORDED - 119. The article that you referred to in your letter of July 22nd appeared in the magazine "Politics" in the winter issue of 1948 and was by a Mr. Clifton Bennett. The article was so full of lies, distortions and innuendoes and half-truths that we never elected to dignify it with any answer.

We did learn that Mr. E. Haldeman-Julius of the firm Haldeman-Julius Company, Girard, Kansas, got up a pamphlet "The F.B.I.--The Basis of an American Police State. The Alarming Methods of J. Edgar Hoover," which was a report of the Bennett article in "Politics" magazine. We, of course, made a very strong protest to this and it was withdrawn.

Bennett did call at the Bureau on April 14, 1947, and attempted to go on a general tour, asking numerous questions. His questions attracted sufficient attention to have him referred to one of the Agents, who endeavored to answer the questions for him; however, one would never know it in reading his article.

Perhaps the fact that Bennett was arrested by Special Agents of the FBI on July 24, 1945, for failure to report for induction under the Selective Service and Training Act might supply a partial answer to the article. Bennett pled guilty to a charge of draft evasion and was sentenced August 23, 1945, to serve a five-year term in prison. He was released, however, on December 24, 1946, by executive clemency, as were other so-called conscientious objectors.

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Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.

August 12, 1952

I was laid up for a while last November and December; however, I have been going at full speed ahead since my return to duty the day after Christmas and am in excellent shape.

I think of you often and remember our first meeting at Yale and certainly if I should ever be in the vicinity of Stamford you can expect a call. In the meantime, I hope that you will let us know if you ever happen to be in Washington.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

P. S. Incidentally, I got a tremendous kick out of your appearance on "The Author Meets the Critics" and thought you handled yourself exceedingly well.

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March 11, 1954

Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
Buckley and Bozell  
Wallacks Point  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Buckley:

The copy of "McCarthy and His Enemies" was received on March 9, 1954, and I want to thank you very much.

Your generosity and your kindness in autographing the book to me are deeply appreciated, and I hope you will convey my gratitude to Mr. Bozell as well.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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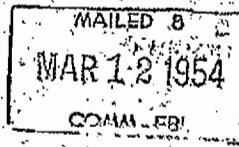
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Stamford, Conn.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 9, 1954

Attached book "McCarthy and His  
Enemies" by William F. Buckley,  
Jr., and L. Brent Bozell, was sent  
to the Director by the authors and  
autographed as follows:

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Winterrowd  
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Mr. Holloman  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

"For Mr. J. Edgar Hoover - with  
respect and admiration. RFCO

Wm. F. Buckley, Jr.  
L. Brent Bozell

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There are numerous references to the FBI; however, it is noted that the Director is mentioned in the book on pages 8, 179, 200, 353, and 355.

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William Buckley, Jr. was editor of the Daily News and promoted a forum at Yale Law School in 1949 where Mr. Nichols participated. In October, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Buckley met the Director and toured the Bureau. His correspondence with Mr. Nichols has been cordial and in April, 1953, he advised Mr. Nichols he was writing a book to counteract the Alan Barth and Biddle books denouncing loyalty and security investigations.

Brent Bozell, Jr., Class of 1950, Yale University, invited [redacted] to debate on a topic concerning possible Communist "domination and support" in the Progressive Citizens of America. [redacted] who was described by an informant as a member of the Communist Party, declined to debate on the topic.

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Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
Editor-in-Chief  
National Review  
211 East 37th Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Buckley:

Mr. Hoover showed me your letter of April 8, and I am taking the liberty of writing you this note to return your enclosures and give you the address of Lou Nichols with the thought in mind that you may wish to drop him a line.

As you may know, he is now affiliated with Schenley Industries, and his address is Mr. Louis B. Nichols, Executive Vice President, Schenley Industries, Inc., Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

Mr. Nichols has spoken very highly of you, and I certainly hope that I will have the pleasure of meeting you one of these days. Perhaps we could get together for a chat the next time you are in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. Nease

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NOTE: Buckley is an outspoken anticommunist who became friendly with former Assistant to the Director Louis B. Nichols. (94-42995)

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Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy  
*J. P. McFadden*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your good note. I am glad  
that in addition to the many points we have in common,  
we feel the same about Mr. Oakes!

Yours sincerely,

*Wm. F. Buckley Jr.*  
Wm. F. Buckley, Jr.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
Editor  
National Review  
211 East 37th Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Buckley:

I have just read your excellent article concerning the astute Mr. Oakes, and I wanted to drop you this note of thanks.

We have, of course, come to expect this sort of thing, but we are most thankful that all Americans do not share this ostrichlike attitude. You may be sure that your fine article was a source of much encouragement to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

ENCLOSURE

NOTE: Buckley is the outspoken anticommunist who wrote "God and Man at Yale" and "McCarthy and His Enemies." This is not the same Buckley who works for [REDACTED]  
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RE: WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

William F. Buckley, Jr., first gained national prominence in 1951 when he wrote the book, "God and Man at Yale." In 1954, he and L. Brent Bozell wrote the book entitled "McCarthy and His Enemies." They forwarded an autographed copy to the Director. Buckley is currently Editor and Publisher of "National Review," a weekly journal of opinion.

MAIN FILE ON WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

We have a main file on Buckley which reflects close friendship and cordial correspondence with Mr. Nichols. Mr. Nichols first met Buckley when he, Mr. Nichols, went to Yale University in October, 1949, and defended the Bureau's position in a forum. This was arranged by Buckley who at the time was Chairman of the Editorial Staff of the Yale Daily News. He acted as Chairman of the meeting which was attended by approximately 500 persons. Buckley made a very favorable impression on Mr. Nichols who described him as being definitely pro FBI, and Mr. Nichols consequently invited him to visit the Bureau and meet the Director.

Buckley and his wife did come to the Bureau on 10-25-50 and were given a very special tour of Bureau facilities and had the opportunity to meet with the Director.

George Sokolsky in his column of October 15, 1951, wrote most favorably concerning Buckley and his book, "God and Man at Yale."

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERTINENT REFERENCES IN BUFILES

In regard to Mr. Nichols' appearance at Yale University in 1949, you will recall that in June, 1949, the Harvard Crimson carried an article relative to FBI activities at Yale University which was most derogatory of the Bureau. There is considerable information in Bufiles concerning this matter, but briefly, it generated considerable public interest and our position was misinterpreted. The Yale Daily News, of which Buckley was Chairman of the Editorial Staff, invited a Bureau representative to come to Yale to explain

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the Bureau's position. It was originally thought this would be a closed session, but it developed into a public forum with approximately 500 in attendance. The Director reluctantly allowed Mr. Nichols to appear, but Mr. Nichols did an exceptionally fine job in explaining the Bureau's position which made a great impression at Yale University. Buckley's close friendship in defense of the Bureau developed from that time.

The Washington Times Herald of April 6, 1953, carried a story headlined "Press Labeled for Unfairness." The story stated a group of 28 writers, actors and others charged that segments of the press, radio and television have failed to give Senator McCarthy a fair break. The charges were contained in a statement sent to seven hundred newspapers and one of the signers of this statement was William F. Buckley.

As of April, 1953, William F. Buckley, Jr., was listed as the President of the Intercollegiate Society of Individuals. We have no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning this organization.

Although we have never investigated, the Bureau has received information from time to time on the organization, Foundation to Defeat Communism. As the name implies, the main objective of this organization is to defeat communism. Buckley has spoken before this group.

The Chicago Daily News of May 12, 1954, carried a story headlined "Charges McCarthy Distracts Nation." This news story stated that a debate was held the previous night between John Nuveen, a Chicago investment banker who was against McCarthy, and William F. Buckley, who defended McCarthy.

On August 14, 1954, Buckley and Leroy Gore, founder of the "Joe Must Go" movement discussed "McCarthy A Force for Good or Evil" on the American Forum of the Air. Buckley, of course, was strong in his defense of the late Senator McCarthy.

According to the Daily Worker issue of June 11, 1956, Buckley debated the Smith Act with Norman Thomas.

✓ According to a flyer, Buckley is on the National Advisory Council of the organization "Campaign for the 48 States!" The objectives of this organization are as follows: (1) The limitation of the power of Congress to tax.

- (2) The limitation of the power of Congress to spend. (3) The decentralization of power and the restoration of the sovereignty of the individual states.  
(4) The recovery and maintenance of the freedom of the individual. (5) The maintenance of the solvency of the nation.

In a letter to Mr. Nichols dated 7-30-57 Buckley advised that a Mexican Colonel had requested him to arrange an introduction to the Director as this individual had information which he wished to give to the Director. This Mexican individual was a Colonel Emiliano Izaguirre reportedly a personal agent of the President of Venezuela engaged in determining the activities <sup>of the enemies</sup> of the Venezuela President. We advised Buckley that he should refer this individual to the [ ] as any information he might have would probably be within their jurisdiction. Buckley did do this but [ ] refused to see this individual.

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#### MAIN FILE ON WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

It should be noted that we have a main file on William F. Buckley, father of William F. Buckley, Jr. There are numerous references to him in Bufiles, and in the past he has been a rather controversial figure. Buckley, Sr., was connected with the oil business in Texas prior to World War I and was expelled from Mexico in 1922 by the Obregon Government allegedly for activities opposing the Obregon Government. We disseminated a rather lengthy memorandum of information in Bufiles concerning Buckley, Sr., to [ ] in August, 1953.

#### NATIONAL REVIEW

We have a main file on National Review, the weekly magazine which Buckley, Jr., publishes. This file reflects limited but cordial relations with Buckley as Editor and Publisher of this magazine.

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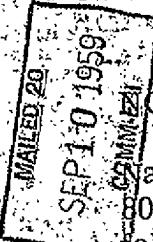
Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
National Review  
150 East 35th Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Buckley:

Thank you very much for forwarding me a copy of your new book, "Up From Liberalism." You were most thoughtful to inscribe it to me, and I am looking forward to reading it at an early opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Files reflect limited but cordial contacts with Buckley, Editor of the

National Review. The Director and the FBI are mentioned in passing on pages 80 and 82. Buckley defends the "conservative" philosophy and describes it as follows: "Conservatism is the tacit acknowledgement that all that is finally important in human experience is behind us; that the crucial explorations have been undertaken, and that it is given to man to know what are the great truths that emerged from them. Whatever is to come cannot outweigh the importance to man of what has gone before." Much of the book consists of a defense of McCarthy and an attack on his critics. His attacks on everyone who doesn't agree with him are vitriolic, and a quick review indicates that it is neither a balanced nor an effective presentation.

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September 8, 1959

The attached book "Up From Liberalism" by William F. Buckley, Jr., was sent to the Director from National Review, 150 East 35th Street, New York 16, New York.

The book is autographed: "For J. Edgar Hoover with admiration, /s/ Wm. F. Buckley, Jr."

The Director is mentioned on page 80 of the book.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. McGuire ✓  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 10, 1959

5<sup>th</sup> FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DEBATE BETWEEN  
WILLIAM BUCKLEY, EDITOR, NATIONAL REVIEW, AND  
 JAMES WECHSLER, EDITOR, NEW YORK POST  
 HUNTER COLLEGE AUDITORIUM  
 NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
 APRIL 9, 1959

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Buckley and Wechsler conducted a debate on the subject, "Should We Repudiate Liberalism" last night before an audience of approximately 1500. The lecture was discreetly covered by Special Agents of our New York Office, [redacted]

SA [redacted] telephonically advised this morning, in accordance with Bureau instructions, that Buckley opened the debate with a prepared speech of approximately 20 to 30 minutes. He was followed by Wechsler who gave a 15 to 20 minute discourse, which according to [redacted] was not as well prepared as Buckley's. The prepared statements were followed by a series of questions asked of Buckley by Joseph Lash, United Nations Correspondent for the New York Post. Frank Meyer, political analyst of the National Review, then cross-examined Wechsler. The debate concluded with Wechsler's summation followed by Buckley's summation.

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The only mention made of the FBI during the entire debate concerned the case of Paul Hughes who sold data concerning Senator McCarthy to Joseph Rauh of the Americans for Democratic Action. Buckley said that while he could sell false data to Rauh, when he tried to sell it to the FBI he wound up in court.

SA [redacted] advised that primarily the debate was a theoretical discussion and no ill feeling on the part of either Buckley or Wechsler was evidenced. The major point of discussion related to the containment of international communism. Wechsler said that liberals were just as interested in halting communism as conservatives but the basic disagreement was on methods of containment. Wechsler believes in negotiations while Buckley stated that after 40 years exposure to the world it was evident that Russia was not about to be contained by negotiations and that after such incidents as occurred in Hungary and Tibet we should break off diplomatic relations and impose economic sanctions.

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 The New York Office is forwarding to the Bureau a detailed analysis of the debate.

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 Please furnish information.

DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATT: CRIME RECORDS SECTION  
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J. WECHSLER v. W. BUCKLEY - DEBATE  
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*PW* Re Bureau phone call 4/9/59 requesting coverage of debate in NYC between JAMES WECHSLER, editor of the "New York Post" and WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, editor of "National Review".

At 8:30 PM on 4/9/59 approximately 1,500 people were in attendance at the "National Review Forum" held in the auditorium of Hunter College, Park Ave. at 68th St., NYC. The topic for the evening was "Should We Repudiate Liberalism?" SAS

[redacted] attended this forum which was open to the public for an admission of \$1.00. Appearing on the affirmative side was WILLIAM BUCKLEY and FRANK MEYER, political writer for the "National Review". For the negative was JAMES WECHSLER and JOSEPH LASH, UN reporter for the "New York Post".

BUCKLEY opened the debate with a prepared statement followed by a similar statement by WECHSLER. BUCKLEY was then "cross examined" by LASH concerning statements made in his opening speech and MEYER performed a similar task with regard to WECHSLER and his opening speech. This was followed by a five minute summation first by WECHSLER and then by BUCKLEY.

The only speaker to mention the FBI was BUCKLEY and this reference was complementary in nature. This reference came about when BUCKLEY was referring to the incident where JOSEPH L. RAUH, Jr., of the Americans for Democratic Action, "bought" so-called secret information from PAUL HUGHES to the effect that the cooking editor of the "New York Post" was a spy for the late Senator MC CARTHY.

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BUCKLEY said that while RAUH "bought" this and other information, HUGHES was unable to "sell" it to the FBI and this resulted in his legal difficulties.

Basically, the debate dealt with the principles underlying Conservative and Liberal political thought, especially as it pertained to the question of the containment and defeat of Communism. It was WECHSLER's position that the most important facet of the Liberal "faith" was that every man should be absolutely free to determine his own destiny by the use of his reason. BUCKLEY countered by contending that this reflected the Liberal's preoccupation with methods regardless of the results they may produce. WECHSLER maintained that Liberals were just as interested in containing Communism as were the Conservatives, but felt it should be done through negotiations with the Soviets. BUCKLEY, on the other hand, said that in view of the 40 year history of the Soviets' lack of good faith in negotiations, a much firmer stand was necessary. BUCKLEY made reference to Liberal support of security-risks employed in non-sensitive positions in the government but WECHSLER did not touch on the issue.

While the overwhelming majority of the audience appeared to favor BUCKLEY's viewpoint, they were courteous to WECHSLER and LASH, and, in fact, WECHSLER complimented them for their forbearance in listening to his point of view.

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In his introduction to the Hillman paperbound edition of Up From Liberalism, Senator Barry Goldwater calls William F. Buckley, Jr. "the chief spokesman for the young conservative revival in this country."

That there is such a revival and that it is growing with incredible rapidity is now an established fact. The long article, "Campus Conservatives," in the February 10th issue of Time pointed out in detail the scope and vigor of the movement. Up From Liberalism and Senator Barry Goldwater's The Conscience of a Conservative are largely responsible for this remarkable change in the thinking of the young intellectuals, as well as for a re-dedication of conservatives of all ages.

Hillman Books is publishing Up From Liberalism on March 23rd, and the response to advance announcements has already made necessary a large second printing before publication. In addition to the introduction by Senator Barry Goldwater, there is also a Foreword by John Dos Passos.

About the author: William F. Buckley, Jr. was born in New York in 1925. He served in the Army during the Second World War and graduated from Yale in 1950 where he was chairman of the college paper. He is now editor of National Review, a leading journal of conservative opinion. The hardbound edition of Up From Liberalism was originally published by McDowell, Obolensky Inc. 94-42995-10

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WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.  
EDITOR, NATIONAL REVIEW  
SPECIAL BUREAU TOUR

For your information, Mr. Buckley and [redacted] were conducted on a special tour of the Bureau on 10-26-62, after visiting briefly with me in my office. Mr. Buckley expressed high regard for the FBI and was most appreciative of the courtesies extended to him.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)  
1 - Miss Holmes (sent with cover memo)  
1 - Tour Room (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach memo dated 10-26-62, captioned: "William F. Buckley, Jr., Editor, National Review, Special Tour, 10-26-62."

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-26-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.  
 EDITOR, NATIONAL REVIEW  
 SPECIAL TOUR  
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Mr. Buckley and [redacted] were conducted on a special tour of the Bureau on 10-26-62 by SA [redacted] Crime Records Division, after visiting briefly with the Director in his office.

Mr. Buckley was very interested in the various exhibits and commented particularly concerning the excellence of our communism exhibit.

After the tour Mr. Buckley and [redacted] were furnished Bureau transportation to the White House where they were to take the public tour. Mr. Buckley was very appreciative of the courtesies extended and spoke very highly of the Director and the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be sent to New York Office advising of Mr. Buckley's visit.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (Enclosure)  
 1 - Miss Holmes (Enclosure)  
 1 - Tour Room (Enclosure)

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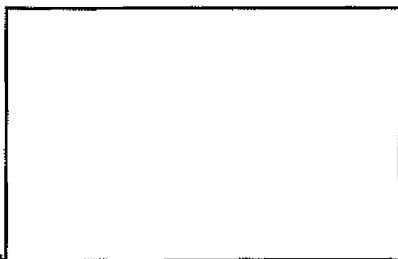
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WM. F. BUCKLEY JR.  
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DEBATE BETWEEN GORE VIDAL AND  
WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.  
MODERATOR DAVID SUSSKIND

On 10/21/62 a debate between the captioned individuals was telecast over WGBH (Channel 2), the educational channel in the Boston area. This program was viewed by SA [redacted] and he indicates that the comments between BUCKLEY and VIDAL were quite caustic and vitriolic. SA [redacted] states that during one discussion concerning Civil Rights, VIDAL mentioned that the Director had indicated that there were about 22,000 known Communists in the United States. VIDAL added that if the Director did not have a complete dossier on these 22,000, "he is not doing his job." VIDAL then said that there must be at least 22,000 FBI agents.

On another occasion while discussing Civil Rights, BUCKLEY made the remark, "I wouldn't awaken an individual at 3 o'clock in the morning for an interview either." SA [redacted] stated that the above were the only references made to the FBI.

The foregoing is furnished to the Bureau for its information.

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Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
Wallack's Point  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Buckley:

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It was certainly good of you to stop by my office this morning with [redacted] and I was glad to autograph his copy of my book, "A Study of Communism." I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the book. I also thought you might like to have the enclosed photograph taken while you were here as a memento of your visit.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Jones (sent direct)  
USC Material--"A Study of Communism"

NOTE: Mr. Buckley decided to visit the Smithsonian Institute and return to his home about 1:30. It was impossible to deliver the photograph to him before his departure.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BUCKLEY  
EDITOR  
"NATIONAL REVIEW"  
NEW YORK CITY

DATE: October 25, 1962

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Bill Buckley called at 3:45 p.m. this afternoon from New York. He is bringing [redacted] to Washington, arriving at approximately 8:00 tomorrow morning (10-26-62). He would like very much to take a tour of the Bureau at approximately 10 a.m. tomorrow morning and have the opportunity of shaking hands with the Director while in the building if at all convenient to the Director.

Buckley is friendly, cooperative and is a prominent conservative speaker, lecturer and author. He is a controversial figure.

Buckley, at one time, was an assistant to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. He wrote "McCarthy and His Enemies" and a number of other books and pamphlets defending Senator McCarthy. He is best known for his book, "God and Man at Yale." He has debated against numerous Communist Party members and left-wing journalists. On a number of occasions, he has made James Wechsler look rather silly in debates before New York audiences. The Director allowed me to attend the Tenth Anniversary of "National Review" in New York City approximately one year ago after having received an invitation from Buckley.

Buckley does not desire to waste the Director's time. He merely wants the privilege of shaking hands and to introduce [redacted]

ACTION:

In the event the Director's schedule permits, it is suggested he might desire to briefly shake hands with Buckley and [redacted] tomorrow morning, 10-26-62. If approved, I will introduce Buckley and [redacted] to the Director.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Stapleton

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your very thoughtful letter of October 26th. It was good of you to write, and I am glad that you enjoyed your tour. Mr. DeLoach, Mr. Wick and [redacted] share my pleasure in having had you with us and are looking forward to seeing you again.

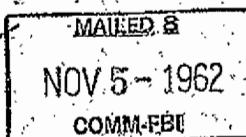
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: William F. Buckley, Jr., [redacted] is the editor of the "National Review." Correspondent and [redacted] were given a special tour of the Bureau on 10-26-62 by SA [redacted] Crime Records Division, after visiting briefly with the Director in his office.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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A note to tell you that you corrupted

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As we walked out of the FBI building, he turned to me and said:

I'm going to be an action man, like Mr. Hoover, not like you, sitting all day doing nothing except writing books!"

Many thanks to you for your great courtesies, and my repeated congratulations on your fine work.

Yours cordially,

*Bill*  
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Honorable William F. Buckley, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Buckley:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the remarks contained in your column entitled "Dissent to Warren" which appeared in the October 16th issue of "The Washington Daily News."

Your timely comments have certainly put this matter in its proper perspective, and my associates and I are indeed grateful for your support. We hope our future endeavors will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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