

March 6, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In accordance with your request of February 10, 1961, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. James Smith Bush covering his activities since August, 1959.

It is noted that a prior applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Bush and a summary of that investigation, dated August 5, 1959, has previously been furnished to you. The enclosed supplemental summary memorandum brings that investigation up to date.

The investigation of Mr. Bush covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

This concludes the investigation.

BY COURIER SVC.

COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Investigation requested 2-10-61 and case sent to field on same date. Results of current inquiries are favorable. When requesting investigation Mr. O'Donnell, White House, requested copies of any memoranda of previous investigations. A copy of summary memorandum dated 8/5/59 delivered to Mr. O'Donnell by Mr. Evans on 2/13/61. (continued on page 2)

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1959 investigation generally favorable with exception Bush described as heavy drinker and lost one position in a bank due to drinking; however drinking was described as slight during preceding six or seven years. Bush is brother of United States Senator Prescott Bush (Republican - Connecticut). Subsequent to 1959 investigation Bush complained to White House that FBI had revealed position he was being considered for to persons interviewed. This was checked into and it developed that Bush was doing the talking himself and the White House was so advised.