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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Department of Commerce
Rockville, Maryland

On December 28, 1970, SA JOHN MINNO conducted the following investigation at the above captioned Federal Government Agency:

[redacted] Executive Assistant to Director of National Ocean Survey (NOS), NOAA has known the appointee, ROBERT MAYER WHITE since the spring of 1965. He mentioned that at this time the appointee was head of the Weather Bureau and he frequently conversed with him until the formation of Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) was created in the latter part of 1965. He mentioned that the appointee subsequently was designated as Administrator of ESSA. Mr. [redacted] stated that ESSA was created on July 13, 1965 and it continued until October, 1970 when NOAA replaced ESSA. On October 9, 1970, appointee was designated as Acting Deputy Administrator of NOAA by presidential directive.

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His association with the appointee has been mostly professional. He has visited at the appointee's home at 8306 Melody Court, Bethesda, Maryland. He stated that the appointee's family consists of his wife, MAVIS and two children, [redacted]. [redacted] All three are residing with the appointee at his present address.

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He described him as a "top notch administrator." He has the highest respect for him. He said, "I have found him to be extremely perceptive; one who has extensive knowledge of administrative procedures, and one who is very effective as a top executive manager." He vouched for his character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the United States. He recommended him highly for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.