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# Memorandum

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TO : [Redacted]  
FROM : [Redacted]

DATE: 9/9/77

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SUBJECT: BERT LANCE  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

*Harper*  
*Dunn*

On 9/9/77 at approximately 9:48 a.m., SAC James Dunn, Atlanta, telephonically furnished me the following:

By way of background he advised that the Atlanta newspapers had been carrying reports that former U.S. Attorney John Stokes, Atlanta, has been called to testify in the Lance matter and charged that the Justice Department obstructed justice in the probe of Lance. SAC Dunn advised it had been reported that Stokes would hold a press conference at 10 a.m. in the law office of a business partner. It appeared that the purpose of the press conference was to give comment regarding the alleged obstruction of justice charges.

SAC Dunn advised that he had just received a phone call from the current U.S. Attorney William Harper who informed Dunn that he, Harper, had just been in conversation with [Redacted] who is the Associate Attorney General. Harper indicated that [Redacted] had informed him that he, [Redacted] was calling for the Attorney General who was concerned with what Stokes may say at the news conference regarding the Department. U.S. Attorney Harper informed Dunn that [Redacted] requested that if it were possible it was desired that a Special Agent attend the press conference if this could be done without identifying himself in order to pay particular attention to statements that Stokes may make regarding the activities of the Justice Department and obstruction of justice. SAC Dunn requested approval to send an Agent to the conference advising that he had an Agent who has just arrived in the office who is totally unknown in the community.

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I advised SAC Dunn considering the facts presented that he should send an Agent as requested; however, judgment would have to be exercised at the scene depending on the circumstances. For example, if it was a small group the Agent should not attend, however, if it were a large public gathering and the chances of his being recognized or identified negligible then he should participate.



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Memorandum for Mr. Adams  
RE: BERT LANCE

At 11:10 a. m. , 9/9/77, SAC Dunn spoke with Inspector [redacted] at which time he advised that in accordance with prior discussion with FBIHQ an Agent was dispatched to cover the press conference of former U.S. Attorney Stokes, however, the Agent arrived at the press conference quite late. SAC Dunn stated that there was no problem from the standpoint of gaining access to the conference since it was a relatively large public gathering. Based on what the Agent heard during the time he was present at the conference nothing was said regarding the Justice Department or the FBI falling down on the job. Former U.S. Attorney Stokes did indicate that the background investigation of Lance was furnished to the Executive Branch of the Government but not to the Legislature, but made no comment as to how he arrived at this conclusion. SAC Dunn stated he would monitor the noontime newscasts and would submit a teletype concerning this matter to FBIHQ.

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ACTION:

None. For information.

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Date 7/28/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (72-139) (C) (SQ 6)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);  
MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL  
OF BERT LANCE;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
OO: ATLANTA

Reference Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 7/17/81.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

One copy of this LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] (protect identity) indicated that [redacted] possessed detailed information about jury tampering in the Bert Lance trial.

With departmental approval, [redacted] consented to wear a Nagra body recorder and engaged [redacted] in a conversation on [redacted] in Gwinnett County, Georgia, wearing a recorder, with negative results.

In view of the lack of evidence obtained in regard to the [redacted] conversation, on [redacted] JG 10 1981

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Approved: M. J. [signature] Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Acting United States Attorney [redacted] Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, was contacted and furnished the above details, at which time he indicated the case contained no prosecutive merit, and no further investigation should be conducted.

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In view of the above, this case is being placed in a closed status.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

July 28, 1981

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2);  
MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL  
OF BERT LANCE;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

On July 16, 1981, Acting United States Attorney  
[redacted] Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta,  
Georgia, was advised of the following details by a  
Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] indicated that the allegations, if substantiated,  
would be prosecutable and he did not see any entrapment  
violation.

A source considered to be reliable indicated  
that [redacted]  
had furnished information to him that two jurors had been  
bribed in the Bert Lance trial.

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[redacted] indicated that the two jurors had been  
instructed on how to have some of the counts not considered  
by the jury, leaving only the counts which were really  
questionable, so that all counts against Lance could be  
dismissed. One of the two jurors, a female, had been  
compromised by unknown methods. The compromised female  
juror in return then compromised a fellow male juror by  
having sex with him. The source could furnish no further  
details.

In regard to the Lance trial, the presiding Federal  
Judge directed verdicts of acquittal on 14 of 33 counts of  
the original indictment. The Lance jury returned verdicts  
of not guilty on 9 of the 12 counts against Lance; not guilty  
on 3 of the 41 counts against defendants [redacted]

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and [redacted] and not guilty on all four counts against [redacted]. All remaining counts were dismissed by the United States Department of Justice in June, 1980.

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On July 22, 1981, the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., authorized the use of a body recorder transmitter to obtain further details from [redacted] via the source.

The source consented to wear the body recorder, indicated he was willing to testify concerning the results and the source instituted a conversation with [redacted] on [redacted] with negative results.

On July 27, 1981, Acting United States Attorney [redacted] was contacted and advised of the lack of evidence obtained in the source [redacted] conversation.

[redacted] indicated the case contained no prosecutive merit and agreed no further investigation was necessary.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI IMMEDIATE

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[REDACTED] UNSUBS (2); MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL OF BERT

LANCE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; OO: ATLANTA

SUBJECT MATTER INVOLVES ALLEGATIONS OF COMPROMISING TWO JURORS IN THE TRIAL OF THE CASE ENTITLED "THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, ET AL; BANK FRAUD AND EMBEZZLEMENT; OO: ATLANTA", ATLANTA FILE 29-2819, BUREAU FILE 29-32413.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, TRIAL OF LANCE BEGAN IN JANUARY, 1980 AGAINST THREE DEFENDANTS IN ADDITION TO LANCE AND DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL, U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CHARLES MOYE DIRECTED VERDICTS OF ACQUITTALS ON FOURTEEN OF THE THIRTY THREE COUNTS OF THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENT. THE LANCE JURY RETURNED VERDICTS OF NOT GUILTY ON NINE OF THE TWELVE COUNTS AGAINST LANCE, NOT GUILTY ON THREE OF THE FOUR COUNTS AGAINST

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DEFENDANT [REDACTED] NOT GUILTY ON THREE OF THE FOUR COUNTS AGAINST DEFENDANT [REDACTED] AND NOT GUILTY ON ALL FOUR COUNTS AGAINST DEFENDANT [REDACTED] ALL REMAINING COUNTS WERE DISMISSED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN JUNE, 1980.

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DETAILS OF THE ALLEGATION REGARDING THE SUBJECT MATTER ARE AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED] ADVISED FBI AGENTS THAT HE WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED OF [REDACTED] IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND IS AWAITING SENTENCING ON THIS CONVICTION.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE IS ACQUAINTED THROUGH [REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] WHO WAS A FELLOW [REDACTED] AT BUFORD, GEORGIA, IN THE PAST, AND STATED THAT [REDACTED] IS A [REDACTED] IN THE LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, AREA BELIEVED TO BE EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] AND AT THE PRESENT TIME, [REDACTED] LIVES WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED]

APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO DURING THE BERT LANCE TRIAL, [REDACTED] TOLD HIM [REDACTED] THAT TWO JURORS HAD BEEN BRIBED IN THE BERT LANCE TRIAL AND INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO HAVE SOME OF THE COUNTS NOT CONSIDERED BY THE JURY, LEAVING ONLY THE COUNTS

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WHICH WERE REALLY QUESTIONABLE, SO THAT ALL COUNTS AGAINST LANCE  
COULD BE DISMISSED.

[ ] STATED THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH [ ]  
IT GKS INDICATED BY [ ] THAT THE LADY ON THE JURY WHO WAS  
EMPLOYED AS EITHER A [ ] OR A [ ] FROM  
[ ] GEORGIA, HAD BEEN COMPROMISED. [ ] STATED THAT  
[ ] ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT PERHAPS THIS FEMALE MAY HAVE  
WORKED WITH [ ] TOLD [ ] THAT AFTER COMPROMISING  
THE FEMALE, THEY (UNKNOWN) UTILIZED THE FEMALE TO COMPROMISE THE  
[ ] MALE JUROR FROM [ ] AND INDICATED THAT THIS FEMALE  
COMPROMISED THE MALE JUROR BY HAVING SEX WITH HIM.

HE STATED THAT HE [ ] LOOKED AT THE JURY LIST AND BELIEVED  
THAT THIS [ ] JUROR FROM [ ] MAY HAVE BEEN NAMED  
[ ]

[ ] ALSO STATED THAT IN REGARD TO THIS POSSIBLE JURY TAMPERING  
HE SURMISED (UNSUBSTANTIATED) THAT [ ] WHO HE IDENTIFIED  
AS [ ] OF A BANK IN SNELLVILLE, GA., MAY HAVE HANDLED SOME  
OF THE MONEY TRANSACTIONS REGARDING THE BRIBERY (UNKNOWN).

[ ] COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

THE ATLANTA DIVISION IN REGARD TO THIS ALLEGATION PLANS

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TO REQUEST [REDACTED] WEAR A NAGRA BODY RECORDER AND CONVERSE IN  
DETAIL WITH [REDACTED] REGARDING THE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS.

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IF THE ALLEGATIONS ARE SUBSTANTIATED, DISCUSS THE OUTCOME  
OF THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION WITH LANCE TRIAL JUDGE MOYE AND OBTAIN  
JUDGE MOYE'S PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW JURORS IN THE LANCE TRIAL.

INTERVIEW BANK OFFICIALS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME  
TYPE OF "MONEY OPERATION" IN THE COMPROMISING OF THE JURORS  
IN THE LANCE TRIAL.

ON JULY 16, 1981, ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WAS  
ADVISED OF THE ABOVE FACTS AND HE INDICATED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS  
IF SUBSTANTIATED WOULD BE PROSECUTABLE. THE FACT THAT THE FBI  
WOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] WOULD WEAR A NAGRA BODY RECORDER  
WAS DISCUSSED WITH [REDACTED] AND HE STATED HE DID NOT SEE ANY  
ENTRAPMENT IN THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD BE  
KEPT ADVISED OF ALL FACTS IN THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF THIS  
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TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS [REDACTED]; UNSUBS (2); MEMBERS  
OF JURY IN TRIAL OF BURT LANCE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; OO:  
ATLANTA."

REFERENCE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JULY 16, 1981,  
AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA, JULY 17, 1981.

REVIEW OF REFERENCE TELETYPE INDICATES [REDACTED] SHOULD  
NOT BE LISTED IN TITLE, THEREFORE THIS CASE WILL BE CARRIED AS  
ABOVE (UNSUBS). FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE UNITED  
STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, WILL BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO ANY INVESTIGATION OR INTERVIEW

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OF JURORS FROM THE BURT LANCE TRIAL.

PURPOSE: AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO UTILIZE ELECTRONIC

DEVICE TO MONITOR AND/OR RECORD PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) AND [REDACTED] RELATING TO AN  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE VIOLATION, TITLE 18, SECTION 1503, UNITED  
STATES CODE.

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DETAILS: [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR  
AGO THAT TWO JURORS HAD BEEN BRIBED IN THE BURT LANCE TRIAL AND  
INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO HAVE SOME OF THE COUNTS NOT CONSIDERED BY THE  
JURY, LEAVING ONLY THE COUNTS WHICH WERE REALLY QUESTIONABLE, SO  
THAT ALL COUNTS AGAINST LANCE COULD BE DISMISSED.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED], IT  
WAS INDICATED BY [REDACTED] THAT THE LADY ON THE JURY WHO WAS EMPLOYED  
AS EITHER A [REDACTED] OR A [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED]  
GEORGIA, HAD BEEN COMPROMISED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] ALLUDED  
TO THE FACT THAT PERHAPS THIS FEMALE MAY HAVE WORKED WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT AFTER COMPROMISING THE FEMALE, THEY  
(UNKNOWN) UTILIZED THE FEMALE TO COMPROMISE THE ONLY [REDACTED] JUROR  
FROM [REDACTED] AND INDICATED THAT THIS FEMALE COMPROMISED THE MALE  
JUROR BY HAVING SEX WITH HIM.



[ ] ALSO STATED THAT IN REGARD TO THIS POSSIBLE JURY TAMPERING, HE SURMIZED (UNSUBSTANTIATED) THAT [ ] WHO HE IDENTIFIED A [ ] OF A BANK IN SNELLVILLE, GA., MAY HAVE HANDLED SOME OF THE MONEY TRANSACTIONS REGARDING THE BRIBERY (UNKNOWN).

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[ ] COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS. [ ] WILL WEAR THE MONITORING DEVICE TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS WITH [ ] AND OBTAIN SPECIFIC DETAILS AND NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE JURY TAMPERING ALLEGATION.

[ ] IS WILLING TO WEAR THE BODY RECORDER/TRANSMITTER AND GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT. [ ] IS WILLING TO TESTIFY IN ANY FUTURE JUDICIAL PROCEEDING IN THIS MATTER.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OPINION: ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [ ] NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CONTACTED ON JULY 16, 1981, REGARDING THIS MATTER, STATES NO ENTRAPMENT IS INVOLVED, AND FEELS THIS TO BE A LOGICAL AND FEASIBLE AVENUE OF INVESTIGATION.

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ATLANTA DIVISION WILL ADVISE THE BUREAU OF ANY PERTINENT INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

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Office of Enforcement Operations  
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Director, FBI

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EDWARD GARDNER, CONSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Attached is a copy of a communication in which authorization is requested for the use of an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party.

Additional information concerning this investigation has been included in the communication. It is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant approval.

Monitoring of this conversation is recommended in the best interest of effective law enforcement in that it will corroborate evidence and protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Enclosure

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OF JURORS FROM THE BURT LANCE TRIAL.

PURPOSE: AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO UTILIZE ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO MONITOR AND/OR RECORD PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SOURCE AND [REDACTED] RELATING TO AN OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE VIOLATION, TITLE 18, SECTION 1503, UNITED STATES CODE, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS YET UNKNOWN FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS.

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DETAILS [REDACTED] TOLD SOURCE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO THAT TWO JURORS HAD BEEN BRIBED IN THE BURT LANCE TRIAL AND INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO HAVE SOME OF THE COUNTS NOT CONSIDERED BY THE JURY, LEAVING ONLY THE COUNTS WHICH WERE REALLY QUESTIONABLE, SO THAT ALL COUNTS AGAINST LANCE COULD BE DISMISSED.

SOURCE STATED THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] IT WAS INDICATED BY [REDACTED] THAT THE LADY ON THE JURY WHO WAS EMPLOYED AS EITHER A [REDACTED] OR A [REDACTED] AGENT FROM [REDACTED] GEORGIA, HAD BEEN COMPROMISED. SOURCE STATED THAT [REDACTED] ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT PERHAPS THIS FEMALE MAY HAVE WORKED WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TOLD SOURCE THAT AFTER COMPROMISING THE FEMALE, THEY (UNKNOWN) UTILIZED THE FEMALE TO COMPROMISE THE ONLY [REDACTED] JUROR FROM [REDACTED] AND INDICATED THAT THIS FEMALE COMPROMISED THE MALE JUROR BY HAVING SEX WITH HIM.

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SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT IN REGARD TO THIS POSSIBLE JURY TAMPERING, HE SURMIZED (UNSUBSTANTIATED) THAT [REDACTED] WHO HE IDENTIFIED A [REDACTED] OF A BANK IN SNELLVILLE, GA., MAY HAVE HANDLED SOME OF THE MONEY TRANSACTIONS REGARDING THE BRIBERY (UNKNOWN).

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SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

SOURCE WILL WEAR THE MONITORING DEVICE TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN SPECIFIC DETAILS AND NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE JURY TAMPERING ALLEGATION.

SOURCE IS WILLING TO WEAR THE BODY RECORDER/TRANSMITTER AND GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT. SOURCE IS WILLING TO TESTIFY IN ANY FUTURE JUDICIAL PROCEEDING IN THIS MATTER.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OPINION: ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [REDACTED] NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CONTACTED ON JULY 16, 1981, REGARDING THIS MATTER, STATES NO ENTRAPMENT IS INVOLVED, AND FEELS THIS TO BE A LOGICAL AND FEASIBLE AVENUE OF INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA DIVISION WILL ADVISE THE BUREAU OF ANY PERTINENT INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

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7/30/81

1 - Mr. Jackson

Director, FBI

SAC, Atlanta (72-139) (SQ. 16)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL OF  
BURT LANCE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

ReATtel to the Bureau, 7/17/81, and Butelcal to  
Atlanta, 7/22/81.

This is to confirm reButelcal wherein you were advised  
written authority was obtained from the Criminal Division,  
Department of Justice, for the use of electronic device to moni-  
tor and/or record conversations between [redacted]  
and others unknown for a period of 30 days beginning [redacted]

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You are requested to submit a letter within 30 days of  
this authorization furnishing information regarding use of this  
equipment in accordance with Part II, Section 10-10.2(4),  
Volume III, MIOG.

Comment specifically concerning any of the points set  
forth in the MIOG that are applicable.

In addition, you should insure that all persons identified  
as having been monitored, are suitably included in the field office  
and FBIHQ ELSUR indices, commensurate with existing instructions as  
outlined in Bureau airtels to all offices dated 4/12/77, 6/8/77,  
and 10/21/77, entitled "Microphone and Telephone Surveillance."  
Strict administrative controls must be established to insure these  
requirements are met.

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NOTE: ReButelcal was made to Secretary [redacted] AT, on  
7/22/81, by [redacted] FBIHQ.

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See Bureau letter to Office of Enforcement Operations  
dated 7/20/81. No Bureau markings or stamps to be placed on original  
memorandum.

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- Exec AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Exec AD LES \_\_\_\_\_
- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Servs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Crim. Inv. 12/10
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- Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,

MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL

OF BURT LANCE, DOJ

AT (72-139) (SQ. 16)

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# Memorandum



To : Office of Enforcement Operations Date July 20, 1981  
Criminal Division

From : *WHW/RAP*  
Director, FBI

Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL OF  
BURT LANCE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Attached is a copy of a communication in which authorization is requested for the use of an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party.

Additional information concerning this investigation has been included in the communication. It is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant approval.

Monitoring of this conversation is recommended in the best interest of effective law enforcement in that it will corroborate evidence and protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Enclosure

Approved:

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Director, Office of Enforcement Operations

Date: *7/21/81*

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TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
- UNCLAS

Date 8/13/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (72-139) (Sq. 6) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
MEMBERS OF JURY IN TRIAL OF  
BERT LANCE;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
OO: AT

*Lance, Burt*

*72-2772-4*

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 7/30/81.

The purpose of this communication is to advise the Bureau of the results of the usage of consensual monitoring equipment in the subject matter for which DOJ granted authority on 7/21/81.

In regards to Part II, Section 10-10.2(4) Volume III, MIOG (C), [redacted] (PI) wore a Nagra body recorder in a conversation with [redacted] on [redacted], in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and no information of value was obtained.

A radio transmitter was placed in a Bureau vehicle to overhear the actual conversation with negative results.

This matter is currently in a closed status.

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- ② - Bureau /cc [redacted]
- 2 - Atlanta (1- 72-139)  
(1- 66F-2330)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

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DECEMBER 23, 1976

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 TO WASHINGTON FIELD PRIORITY  
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ENCLOSURES FOR WASHINGTON FIELD FORWARDED BSM.

THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, *Encl. 1, 3* SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED DECEMBER 30, 1976,  
 WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTELS NOVEMBER 15 AND NOVEMBER 16, 1976, CAPTIONED  
 "SPECIAL INQUIRY INVESTIGATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER."

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTI-  
 GATION OF LANCE WHO IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY PRESIDENT-ELECT  
 FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

BORN JUNE 3, 1931, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, MARRIED TO FORMER

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**EX-109 REC-2** 161-12218-1

NOTE: Request received today from [redacted]  
 Personnel Director, Carter-Mondale Transition Staff.

- Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Training \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN TO [redacted] ROOM 3117.

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[REDACTED] HAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] RESIDES 10 HABERSHAM WAY, NORTHWEST, AND SINCE JANUARY, 1975, HAS BEEN PRESIDENT, NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, 34 PEACHTREE STREET, BOTH ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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ATTENDED EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, 1948 TO 1950; UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA, 1950 TO 1952; SCHOOL OF BANKING OF THE SOUTH, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, 1953 TO 1955; AND STONIER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, 1961 TO 1963. DOES NOT INDICATE ANY DEGREES RECEIVED.

EMPLOYED 1951 TO 1974, CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD. FROM DECEMBER, 1970, TO MARCH, 1973, WAS COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA.

RELATIVES SHOWN AS PARENTS, DR. T. J. AND ANNIE ROSE LANCE, CALHOUN, GEORGIA.

REFERENCES LISTED AS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH CALHOUN, GEORGIA; [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH ROME, GEORGIA; AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

RESIDENCES SINCE 1954 SHOWN AS 1954 TO 1975, 409 EAST LINE



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STREET, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, AND FROM MARCH, 1975, TO OCTOBER, 1975, COLONY SQUARE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DECEMBER 3, 1976, THAT IN EARLY 1976 BANK EXAMINERS AT CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK DISCOVERED WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS "SLOPPY HANDLING" REGARDING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES PERTAINING TO LANCE'S ACTIVITIES DURING HIS PRIMARY RACE FOR GOVERNOR. EXAMINERS REFERRED INFORMATION TO OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, AND MATTER SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR EXAMINATION. NO VIOLATIONS DISCOVERED AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, ATLANTA, CONSIDERED MATTER CLOSED. INFORMATION FURNISHED REVEALED SEPARATE BANK FUNDS AND BANK APPARENTLY WAS PAYING CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES WITH ITS FUNDS AND BILLING CAMPAIGN AT LATER DATE. ALTHOUGH NO CRIMINAL VIOLATION DISCLOSED, THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION BY OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER

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OF THE CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON FIELD REVIEW FILES CRIMINAL DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE  
CURRENCY REGARDING ABOVE.

ALEXANDRIA CHECK CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

APPROPRIATE RELEASES AND COPY OF SF 86 FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED  
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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CARTER - MONDALE  
TRANSITION PLANNING GROUP

P.O. Box 2600  
Washington, D.C. 20013

MEMORANDUM

*Expedite 14 day*

TO: SECTION CHIEF, EMPLOYEES SECURITY & SPECIAL INQUIRY  
SECTION

FROM:

SUBJECT: FBI BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

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- ✓ Subject's Name THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE
- ✓ Date of Birth June 3, 1931 Place of Birth Gainesville, Georgia
- ✓ Present Address 10 Habersham Way, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30305

- We request:
- Copy of Previous Report
  - Name Check
  - Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- Transition Staff Position
- Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

- SF 86 (in duplicate)
- SF 87 (Fingerprint Card)
- Consent & Release Forms

Remarks:

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*WFO, AT, WG, NK, NY*  
*12-3-81*  
*R. P. [unclear]*  
 -5- ENCLOSURE 161 - 12218

Standard Form 86,  
AUGUST 1964  
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
(F.P.M. CHARTER 136)  
16-107

SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA  
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

INSTRUCTIONS.— Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME  <i>(Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)"</i>	(LAST NAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	2. DATE OF BIRTH
	Lance	Thomas	Bertram	June 3, 1931
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)				3. PLACE OF BIRTH
				Gainesville, Ga.
				4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5. HEIGHT		WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
6:5		250	Brn	Brn

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.)
	Dalton, Georgia - [redacted]

8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
10/1975	Present	10 Habersham Way	Atlanta	Ga. <b>AT</b>
3/1975	10/1975	Colony Square	Atlanta	Ga.
1954	1975	409 E. Line St.	Calhoun	Ga.
1941	1954	Various addresses	Calhoun	Ga.
1931	1941	Young Harris		Ga.

9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN	CERT. NO.		PETITION NO.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).			
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Calhoun High	Calhoun, Ga.	1944	1948	
Emory Univ.	Atlanta	1948	1950	<b>AT</b>
Univ. of Ga.	Athens	1950	1952	
School of Banking of the South	Baton Rouge, La.	1953	1955	<b>NO</b>
Stonier Grad. School of Banking	New Brunswick, NJ	1961	1963	<b>NK</b>

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 253-40-5562

13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)

SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
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14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS?  YES  NO.  
 (If answer is "Yes," give details in item 23.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)</u>	<u>ADDRESS (Where employed)</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>REASON FOR LEAVING</u>
1/1975	Present	Natl Bank of Ga.	-34 Peachtree	President	Resigned to run for Governor and to come with NBG
12/1970	3/1973	Dept. of Trans.	2 Capitol Sqr.	Commr.	
1951	1974	Calhoun First Natl Bank	Calhoun, Ga.	C/Brd	

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16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON?  YES  NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON?  YES  NO.  
 (If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY? (You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.)  YES  NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION?  YES  NO.  
 (If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Various Business Trips to Europe			AX

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION?  YES  NO

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?  YES  NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
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24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
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Please see attached

25. RELATIVES. (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Dr. T. J. Lance	1886	Calhoun, Ga.	USA	USA
Mother	Annie Rose Lance	1892	Calhoun, Ga.	USA	USA
			10 Habersham	USA	USA
			"	USA	USA
			"	USA	USA
			"	USA	USA
			"	USA	USA

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26a. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
	Calhoun, Ga.		30
	Atlanta, Ga.		10
	Rome, Ga.		20

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26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
	Calhoun, Ga.		30
	Atlanta, Ga.		20
	Rome, Ga.		

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?  YES  NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form is punishable by law.

12/21/76  
(DATE)

*John B. ...*  
(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 88 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			



CARTER - MONDALE  
TRANSITION PLANNING GROUP

P.O. Box 2600,  
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear *Mr. Lance* :

In connection with your employment with the President-elect, it will be necessary to request that you provide this office with personal information about your background. This information will be provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assist in an investigation of your background and it may be provided to other Federal agencies in connection with your employment.

You should be aware that the authority to collect this background information is based on the President's executive powers in Article II of the Constitution. The information will be used to obtain necessary clearances to assist you in your work. Furnishing this information is voluntary, but necessary to our effectiveness. Willfully making a false statement or concealing a material fact may constitute a violation of Section 1001, Title 18 of the U. S. Code.

If you provide any information which indicates a violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, it will be referred to the appropriate Federal, state, local or foreign agency.

If you provide any information about how you exercise rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, it will be assumed that you are expressly authorizing the maintenance of this information in the records of any Federal agency.

This personal information and the results of the FBI's investigation will be used principally in connection with the consideration of your employment; however, there are other uses for it when necessary to fulfill obligations imposed by law, FBI regulation or presidential directive or executive order. The background information which includes a review of FBI files will be disclosed to another Federal agency, to assist in its process of clearing you.

The FBI investigation will include the collection and use of relevant information in the files of various Federal agencies and it is necessary that you authorize the disclosure of such information to the FBI. For example, the Internal Revenue Service will be asked to provide the FBI with the following limited information:

1. Whether you have filed income tax returns for the past three years; and
2. Whether you have a record of unpaid taxes, liens, criminal tax investigations or civil penalties for fraud or negligence.

In order to locate this Federal tax information, it will be necessary for you to voluntarily disclose your Social Security number.

If you consent to such an FBI investigation and the disclosure of relevant information by Federal agencies, and if you understand and accept the terms of this letter, please sign your name below and return the original of this letter to   A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your files.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Approved: Thomas Betts  
(Signature)

12-15-76  
(Date)

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P.O. Box 2600  
Washington, D.C. 20013

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any Special Agent or other authorized representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my educational records including, but not limited to, academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records; employment records; and credit records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Consent is granted for the FBI to furnish such information, as is described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, credit bureau or consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE

Type or print name

Parent or Guardian:  
(if required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

10 Habersham Way, N. W.,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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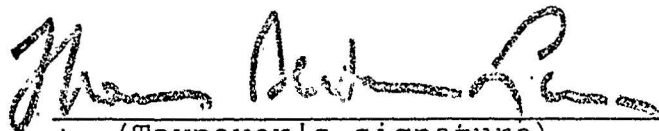
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In connection with the consideration of my possible appointment to a position in President-elect Carter's administration, I hereby authorize (pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 6103 (c) as amended) the Internal Revenue Service to provide President-elect Carter, [redacted] of his transition team, and the FBI acting on behalf of President-elect Carter with tax information, limited to the following:

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1. Whether I have filed returns with respect to Federal income taxes for the immediately preceding 3 years.
2. Whether I have failed to pay any tax within 10 days after notice and demand, or have been assessed any penalty under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, for negligence, in the current year or immediately preceding 3 years.
3. Whether I have been or am under investigation for possible criminal offenses under the Internal Revenue laws and the results of any such investigation.
4. Whether I have been assessed any civil penalty under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, for fraud.

In order to assist you in locating this Federal tax information, I am voluntarily disclosing my Social Security Number which is 012-40-5572.



(Taxpayer's signature)

10 Habersham Way, N. W.  
(Taxpayer's address)

Atlanta, Georgia 30305

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 3, 1976

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THOMAS B. LANCE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Department of Justice advised as follows on December 3, 1976. Early in 1976, bank examiners at the Calhoun First National Bank, Calhoun, Georgia, during a routine examination, discovered what is now described as "sloppy handling" regarding campaign expenses pertaining to Mr. Lance's political activity during his primary race for Governor of Georgia. The examiners in turn passed this information on to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and it was then referred to the Department of Justice for examination - no recommendations were made. The Department was looking for possible violations of the following Sections of Title 18, United States Code: Section 610 (Contributions or expenditures by national banks, corporations or labor organizations); Section 656 (Theft, embezzlement, or misapplication by bank officer or employee); Section 1005 (Bank entries, reports, transactions). No violation of Section 610 was revealed and the United States Attorney in Atlanta advised that as of December 2, 1976, no violations pertaining to Sections 656 or 1005 were found. He considered the matter closed.

The information revealed separate bank funds. The bank was apparently paying campaign expenditures with its funds and billing the campaign fund at a later date. At that time the campaign fund was honoring payment. There was some question that at certain points during these procedures the campaign fund was issuing checks without sufficient funds to support same, that is, expenditures were made for more than was in the campaign account. Mr. Lance had, however, given his personal guarantee to the bank he would make good any campaign fund expenditures.

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Thomas B. Lance  
Information Concerning

Although no criminal violation of the law was disclosed in connection with this matter, this does not preclude administrative action, if any, which could be taken by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Any decision on its part to do so would have to be obtained from that office.

The aforementioned information was orally furnished to [redacted] Director of Personnel, Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group, Washington, D. C., at approximately 1:00 p.m. on December 3, 1976.

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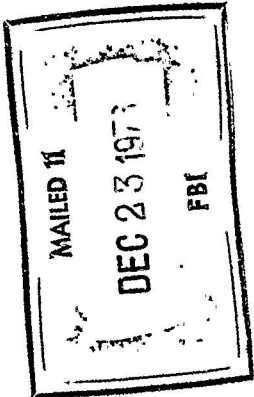
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SPECIAL INQUIRY  
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Enclosed is copy of background and appropriate release of information form received with request for investigation.



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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE; SPIN

RE: BUTEL TO NEWARK, DECEMBER 23, 1976.

REFERENCED TEL LISTED ATTENDANCE BY LANCE AT STONIER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, HAVING ATTENDED THE SESSIONS IN 1961-63. ON DECEMBER 27, 1976, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 2, 1977. IT WAS FURTHER DETERMINED THAT THE STONIER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING IS LOCATED AT 84 COLLEGE AVE., NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ. ON DECEMBER 27, 1976, [REDACTED] ASSISTANT TO THE VP, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, ADVISED THAT STONIER SCHOOL OF BANKING IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE 1120 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW, WDC. THE SESSIONS FOR STONIER ARE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE US, AND NOT RECORDED WHILE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND SOME RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED AT RUTGERS, FINANCING AND OPERATIONS ARE UNDER AMERICAN BANKERS

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SPONSORSHIP. INASMUCH AS NO LOCATION WAS OBTAINED AT RUTGERS, FOR THE 1961-63 STONIER SESSIONS, A CHECK WAS CONDUCTED AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NJPD, ON DECEMBER 27, 1976, FOR LANCE. THERE WAS NO RECORD ON FILE IDENTIFIABLE WITH LANCE ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] RECORD CLERK.

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[REDACTED] SUPERVISOR, THE CREDIT BUREAU INC., TINTON FALLS, NJ, WHICH COVERS THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADVISED THERE IS A RECORD FOR THOMAS B. LANCE, SR., 10 HABERSHAM WAY, ATLANTA, GA., ON FEBRUARY 20, 1974. HIS TITLE IS PRESIDENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, GA., EMPLOYED JANUARY, 1975, VERIFIED JUNE, 1976. NO TRADE, NO LITIGATION AND NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

WFO: AT WDC: WILL CONTACT AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION 1120 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW, WDC, OBTAIN RECORDS PERTAINING TO LANCE'S ATTENDANCE AT THE STONIER COURSES IN THE YEARS 1961-63. SET FORTH LEADS AS APPROPRIATE. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME EACH YEAR FOR SELECTED BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE.

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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: DECEMBER 30, 1976  
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, DECEMBER 23, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 27, 1976, [REDACTED] SECRETARY, BANKING  
SCHOOL OF THE SOUTH (BSS), 4229 HIGHLAND ROAD, BATON ROUGE, LA.,  
ADVISED THAT HER RECORDS REVEAL APPOINTEE ENROLLED AT BSS FROM  
MAY, 1954 THRU JUNE, 1956, AT WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED A  
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF A COURSE IN BANKING FROM BSS.  
APPOINTEE ACTUALLY ATTENDED CLASSES DURING TWO WEEKS OF EACH  
SUMMER IN THE YEARS 1954 THRU 1956, AND THAT HE COMPLETED THE

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THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS EACH ADVISED THAT HE/SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE A RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH EITHER APPOINTEE OR [REDACTED]:

SGT. [REDACTED], CRIMINAL RECORDS, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE; LT. [REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION RECORDS, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SO; LT. [REDACTED] CRIMINAL RECORDS, BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT; [REDACTED] CLERK, CREDIT BUREAU OF BATON ROUGE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY ARE SO NOTED.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO AND OTHER OFFICES, DATED  
DECEMBER 23, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED IN CALHOUN,  
GEORGIA ON DECEMBER 27, 1976 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:

EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] ASSISTANT CUSTOMER  
RELATIONS OFFICER AND IN CHARGE OF THE BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT  
AT THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK (CFNB), 215 NORTH WALL  
STREET, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT  
SHE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE CFNB SINCE NOVEMBER, 1965;  
HOWEVER HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

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SHE HAS CONSIDERED LANCE TO BE A HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE PERSON, NEVER HAVING HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY OR DETRIMENTAL NATURE CONCERNING LANCE. SHE HAS ALWAYS RECEIVED TREATMENT OF AN EQUAL NATURE FROM LANCE, CONSIDERING HIS TREATMENT OF ALL EMPLOYEES REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITION IN THE BANK EQUALLY. SHE HAS FOUND THAT HE KEEPS AN OPEN MIND TO ALL SITUATIONS AND APPEARS TO WANT TO SERVE HIS FELLOW MAN. SHE RECOMMENDS HIM HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CFNB, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD HIMSELF BEEN WITH THE CFNB FOR APPROXIMATELY 42 YEARS BEGINNING AS AN ASSISTANT CASHIER AND RISING THROUGH THE RANKS TO CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE SINCE LANCE WAS IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL. HE BECAME ACQUAINTED THROUGH HIS BEING A MANAGER AND COACH OF THE BASEBALL TEAM AT THE TIME THAT LANCE AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO CALHOUN, LANCE'S FATHER BECOMING PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL AT CALHOUN. HE ADVISED LANCE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL AT CALHOUN, ENTERED COLLEGE, AND WHILE

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ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, MARRIED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DURING THE MANY YEARS OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH LANCE IN THE BANK, THROUGH THE MANY OFFICES OF THE BANK, AND POSITION TO THE PRESENT DAY, HE KNOWS OF NO INCIDENT, ACTION, OR CONDUCT ON THE PART OF LANCE WITHIN THE BUSINESS WORLD OR IN LANCE'S PERSONAL LIFE WHICH WOULD BE OF A DETRIMENTAL NATURE OR CONSIDERED UNETHICAL. LANCE HAS BEEN INVOLVED GREATLY IN CHURCH WORK AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CALHOUN AND HAS BEEN EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY, GIVING OF HIS TIME TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCH WORK, AND FULFILLING HIS RESPONSIBILITY AS A FATHER. HE CONSIDERS LANCE EXTREMELY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED AND RECOMMENDS HIM HIGHLY FOR THAT POSITION.

[REDACTED] ASSISTANT LOAN OPERATIONS OFFICER, CFNB, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE CFNB FOR THREE YEARS, HOWEVER HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. LANCE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CFNB APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AFTER HE CAME WITH THE BANK AND THEN WAS APPOINTED TO THE GEORGIA STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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OF TRANSPORTATION. HIS PERSONAL CONTACT WITH LANCE HAS BEEN LIMITED, HOWEVER HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY OR DETRIMENTAL NATURE WITH REGARDS TO LANCE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES, OR OF ANY MEMBER OF LANCE'S FAMILY.

[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE CFNB AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CFNB IN HIS PRESENT POSITION SINCE JUNE, 1968, AND HAS KNOWN LANCE SINCE JUNE, 1968, THROUGH HIS EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH LANCE BOTH THROUGH THE BANK AND CHURCH RELATED WORK IN CALHOUN. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE OF GOOD REPUTATION AND CHARACTER AND STATED THAT HE HAS ALWAYS SHOWN A DEEP CONCERN FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE FOR ALL OF HIS EMPLOYEES, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR POSITION WITH THE BANK. HE STATED THAT LANCE HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION BOTH WITH THE BANK AND WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER LANCE AS BEING VERY LOYAL TO THE U. S. AND CONSIDERED HIS LOYALTY TO HIS COUNTRY BEYOND QUESTION. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE AS HIGHLY

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CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE JOB FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN  
CONSIDERED AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM WITHOUT RESERVATION.

NEIGHBORHOOD. [REDACTED] BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED  
AT THE CFNB AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. [REDACTED]  
STATED THAT BY PROFESSION, HE IS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANT (CPA), AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS FOR THE BANK AND MAINTAINS A BUSINESS OFFICE  
AT [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN A  
DIRECTOR OF THE CFNB FOR APPROXIMATELY TWELVE YEARS AND HAS  
KNOWN LANCE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1943 WHEN LANCE MOVED TO  
CALHOUN WITH HIS PARENTS. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT HE LIVES  
NEXT DOOR TO THE LANCE AND HAS KNOWN BOTH LANCE AND HIS  
FAMILY WELL FOR MANY YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS  
LANCE TO HAVE AN UNUSUALLY GOOD REPUTATION AND STATED  
HIS CHARACTER IS OUTSTANDING. HE STATED LANCE HAS VERY  
HIGH MORAL STANDARDS AND HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS  
WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER. HE STATED  
THAT HE HAS NO DOUBTS AS TO THE LOYALTY OF LANCE TO HIS COUNTRY,  
AND CONSIDERS HIM TO HAVE AN UNUSUAL SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO HIS

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COUNTRY AND TO HIS STATE. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE [REDACTED] HAS A LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSITION TO WHICH LANCE HAS BEEN NOMINATED, HE COULD THINK OF NO ONE HE WOULD RATHER SEE IN THAT POSITION SINCE LANCE HAS AN EXTREMELY GOOD BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS AND SEEMS TO THRIVE ON ANY POSITION WHICH OFFERS HIM A CHALLENGE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE CFNB AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS AND HAS WORKED WITH LANCE AT THE BANK FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 YEARS. HE ADVISED HE HAS LIVED IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD AND KNOWS LANCE AND HIS FAMILY WELL. HE STATED HE CONSIDERS LANCE'S CHARACTER BEYOND REPROACH AND HAS AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED HE CONSIDERS LANCE A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE U.S. AND FURTHER STATED THAT HE FEELS LANCE HAS A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD HIS COUNTRY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE FEELS LANCE IS QUALIFIED TO PERFORM THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF

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THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED AND WOULD  
RECOMMEND HIM VERY HIGHLY FOR THIS POSITION.

ADVISED THAT LANCE'S FAMILY IS WELL THOUGHT OF IN THE  
COMMUNITY AND ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCH AND ARE  
GOOD NEIGHBORS.

WILLIAM C. BURDETTE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN AND  
OF THE WILLIAM C. BURDETTE INSURANCE AGENCY, 600 SOUTH  
PISGAY WAY, SERVING HIS SECOND TERM AS MAYOR ADVISED HE  
HAS KNOWN LANCE SINCE EARLY 1940'S WHEN LANCE AND HIS  
FAMILY MOVED TO CALHOUN. HE ATTENDED GRAMMAR SCHOOL THROUGH  
HIGH SCHOOL WITH LANCE AND CONSIDERS HIMSELF A GOOD FRIEND  
OF LANCE. HE ALSO HAS LIVED WITHIN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD  
AS LANCE AND HIS FAMILY FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. HE  
HAS NEVER BEEN GIVEN ANY REASON BY LANCE OR LANCE'S FAMILY  
TO DOUBT THEIR GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, LOYALTY TO THE  
U. S. AND ASSOCIATIONS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS NEVER BEEN DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED WITH LANCE IN BUSINESS, HE IS FAMILIAR WITH  
LANCE'S PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE BANK AT CALHOUN AND  
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH THE STATE OF  
GEORGIA AND CONSIDERS LANCE QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO

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WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED. HE DOUBLE DATED WITH LANCE DURING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE'S WIFE AS WELL AS HER PARENTS, AND DURING HIS YOUNGER YEARS BELONGED TO THE SAME CHURCH AS LANCE. HE RECOMMENDS LANCE HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] LAY HALL GROCERY WHOLESAL  
CO, 200 PIEDMONT ST, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] AND  
DIRECTOR OF CALHOUN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION,  
226 SOUTH WALL ST, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH LANCE  
BETWEEN 1945 AND 1972 IN AN INVESTMENT CLUB AND BOTH HAD  
BELONGED TO A BRIDGE CLUB WHICH MET ON SATURDAY NIGHTS ONCE  
A MONTH UP TO APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO WHEN THEY BECAME  
TOO INVOLVED IN THEIR BUSINESSES TO CARRY ON THE CLUB. AS  
A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION,  
HE HIMSELF HAS RELIED HEAVILY ON LANCE FOR ADVISE IN THE FIN-  
ANCIAL WORLD AND HAS NEVER BEEN STEERED WRONG BY LANCE.  
HE HIMSELF CONSIDERS LANCE AS ONE OF THE TOP MEN IN THE  
BANKING BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL WORLD AND IS UNABLE HIMSELF  
TO REALIZE LANCE'S FULL CAPABILITIES AS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
AMAZED AT LANCE'S CAPACITY TO LEARN NEW AND DIVERSE BUSINESSES.

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HE ALSO ADVISED THAT LANCE HAS AN UNUSUAL KNACK FOR PICKING  
OUT THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB. HE CONSIDERS THE [REDACTED]  
INCIDENT AT THE CFNB UNFORTUNATE AND CONSIDERS TOO MUCH  
DEPENDABILITY AND RELIANCE WAS PLACED IN [REDACTED] HE ADVISED  
[REDACTED] WAS AN OFFICER OF THE CFNB WHO WAS PROSECUTED DURING  
1976 FOR EMBEZZLEMENT AT THE CFNB. HE HAS KNOWN LANCE'S  
WIFE, [REDACTED] SINCE EARLY CHILDHOOD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
BEING OFFICERS OF THE CFNB, WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY [REDACTED]  
IT WAS THROUGH LANCE'S MARRIAGE TO [REDACTED] THAT HE BECAME  
EMPLOYED WITH THE CFNB. AFTER [REDACTED] C. B. DAVID  
DIED, [REDACTED] WHO IS ON THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALHOUN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN  
ASSOCIATION. [REDACTED] IS ALSO A NEIGHBOR OF LANCE'S PARENTS.  
[REDACTED] CONSIDERS LANCE, HIS PARENTS, AND [REDACTED] AS WELL  
AS [REDACTED] ALL TO BE OF HIGH CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND  
RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN POSSESSION OF FULL DETAILS,  
HOWEVER, UNDERSTOOD THAT LANCE HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED] AFTER

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THEY MOVED TO ATLANTA SOME FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO, HOWEVER HE UNDERSTANDS THIS WAS QUICKLY REMEDIED.

[REDACTED] HEAD DOORMAN, COLONY HOUSE WEST, 145 15TH ST, NE, ATLANTA, RESIDING AT [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT THE COLONY HOUSE. HE STATED THAT MR. LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE ALL ABOVE REPROACH AND THAT HE IS A VERY FINE MAN. HE COULD SUPPLY NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING LANCE AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] MANAGER OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES FOR COLONY HOUSE WEST, 145 15TH ST, NE, ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT THE LEASE SIGNED BY THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE COVERED THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 15, 1975 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 1975, AND ALSO INDICATES THAT HE MOVED OUT SEPTEMBER 10, 1975. SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW MR. LANCE PERSONALLY, BUT THAT HE WAS A VERY GOOD RESIDENT AND COULD SUPPLY NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE APARTMENT BUILDING IS NOT THE TYPE WHERE YOU WOULD NECESSARILY KNOW ANY OTHER

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RESIDENTS ON YOUR FLOOR, BECAUSE THE MANAGEMENT BELIEVES  
IN PRIVACY AND SECURITY.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA, ADVISED  
SHE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE HE MOVED IN, IN OCTOBER OF  
1975. SHE STATED THAT HIS CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION,  
AND LOYALTY ARE ALL ABOVE REPROACH, AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A  
GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN, AND GOOD NEIGHBOR. SHE KNOWS OF NO  
DEROGATORY INFORMATION ABOUT MR. LANCE, AND WOULD RECOMMEND  
HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA,  
ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE OCTOBER 1975. SHE  
STATED THAT LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION,  
AND LOYALTY ARE ALL BEYOND REPROACH, AND DESCRIBED HIM AS  
A GOOD NEIGHBOR. SHE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION  
REGARDING MR. LANCE, AND WOULD ABSOLUTELY RECOMMEND HIM FOR  
A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA,  
ADVISED THAT SHE AND HER FAMILY JUST MOVED NEXT DOOR TO  
BERT LANCE IN AUGUST OF 1976, AND HAS MET HIM SOCIALLY  
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. SHE WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT OR RECOMMEND

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HIM BECAUSE SHE FEELS THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIM WELL ENOUGH.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE KNOWN MR. LANCE SINCE OCTOBER OF 1975. THEY ADVISED THAT LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ARE OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE AND THAT HE IS STRONG IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED]

ALSO ADVISED THAT HE HAS DEALT WITH LANCE PERSONALLY IN FINANCIAL MATTERS ON ONE OCCASION, AND ADVISED THAT HE IS VERY CAPABLE AND LEARNED MAN IN THE FIELD OF FINANCE. THEY KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING LANCE AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT SHE KNOWS BERT LANCE AND FAMILY SOCIALLY, AND HAS KNOWN THEM SINCE THEY MOVED IN, IN OCTOBER OF 1975. SHE STATED THAT LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ARE ALL BEYOND REPROACH, AND DESCRIBED THEM AS DESIRABLE NEIGHBORS. SHE THINKS VERY HIGHLY OF HIM AS A PERSON, AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE

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[REDACTED] ATLANTA

ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE OCTOBER OF 1975. HE STATED THAT MR. LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE ALL EXCELLENT, AND HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING LANCE. HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA,

ADVISED SHE HAS NEVER MET BERT LANCE, BUT KNOWS OF HIS REPUTATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SINCE HIS FAMILY MOVED IN, IN OCTOBER OF 1975. SHE STATED THAT HIS CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ARE ALL BEYOND REPROACH AND DESCRIBES HIM AS AN EXCELLENT NEIGHBOR. SHE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ABOUT HIM, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

REFERENCES. [REDACTED] BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] BUSINESS ADDRESS

219 PIEDMONT ST, WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE CFNB AND FURNISHED

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS KNOWN

BERT LANCE AND HIS FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS. HE

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STATED THAT LANCE'S FATHER, AT ONE TIME, WAS THE PRESIDENT OF YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE AND BOTH LANCE AND HIS FATHER HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE COULD DESCRIBE LANCE'S CHARACTER AS BEING SUPERIOR AND STATED THAT HE HAS BECOME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE, BOTH THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE BANK AND ACTING AS THE PERSONAL ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR FOR LANCE. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE TOTALLY HONEST, A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR, VERY THOROUGH AND METICULOUS IN HIS WORK, AND VERY WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT LANCE HAS UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY TO HIS COUNTRY. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED LANCE IS THE BEST QUALIFIED MAN IN THE COUNTRY TO PERFORM ANY JOB TO WHICH HE MIGHT BE ASSIGNED AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

ASSOCIATES. [REDACTED] ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT THAT BANK FOR APPROXIMATELY 18 YEARS AND HAS HAD THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT SINCE

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JUNE, 1976. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR 18 YEARS AND WHILE LANCE SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHE ACTED AS HIS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AT THE BANK. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE HAS KNOWN LANCE AND HIS FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS AND CONSIDERS LANCE AND HIS FAMILY TO HAVE AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AND FURTHER CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. SHE ADVISED THAT LANCE IS A GOOD PERSON AND ONE WHO IS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE HAS THE ABILITY TO MOTIVATE PEOPLE AND IS WELL LIKED BY ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM AT THE BANK SINCE THEY ALL ADMIRER HIM BECAUSE OF HIS HARD WORK AND LONG HOURS AT THE BANK. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE U. S. AND CONSIDERS HIM HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR ANY POSITION FOR WHICH HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED SINCE SHE FELT THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY POSITION WHICH HE FELT HE WAS NOT FULLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING. SHE WOULD, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE POSITION WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.

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[REDACTED] CUSTOMER RELATIONS OFFICER,

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CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THAT BANK SINCE MARCH, 1966, AND HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE HER EMPLOYMENT AT THE BANK. SHE STATED THAT LANCE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH HER DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE BANK WENT ON COMPUTER AND DURING THIS TIME SHE RECOGNIZED THE FACT THAT LANCE HAS THE ABILITY TO BRING OUT THE GREATEST POTENTIAL IN EVERYONE THAT HE WORKS WITH. SHE STATED THAT HE IS A VERY FAIR PERSON AND HAS ALWAYS HAD TIME TO LISTEN TO ANYONE'S PROBLEMS AND ALWAYS MADE EVERYONE FEEL THAT THEIR WORK WAS IMPORTANT. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE WOULD DESCRIBE LANCE AS BEING EXTREMELY FAIR AND STATED THAT THE COUNTRY IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM. SHE ADVISED THAT LANCE HAS GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND WOULD CONSIDER HIM EXTREMELY ABLE TO HANDLE ANY RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO HIM. SHE STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE LANCE WOULD ACCEPT ANY POSITION WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO HANDLE AND SHE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION HE WOULD CONSIDER.

[REDACTED] BANK PRESIDENT, CFNB,  
RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE

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SINCE LANCE WAS 11 YEARS OLD WHEN HE MOVED TO CALHOUN WITH HIS PARENTS. HE ADVISED THAT HE AND LANCE ARE PERSONAL FRIENDS AND HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND HAVING AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS A HARD WORKER AND ABLE TO HANDLE ANY COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING PROBLEM. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE U. S. AND WOULD CONSIDER HIM WELL QUALIFIED TO HANDLE THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS WELL ROUNDED IN HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FINANCE AND HAS THE BACKGROUND TO DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT LANCE'S FAMILY IS WELL THOUGHT OF IN THE COMMUNITY AND HE (LANCE AND HIS FAMILY) HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN CIVIL AFFAIRS AS WELL AS ACTIVE IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCH. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND LANCE HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] RESIDENCE [REDACTED] MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CFNB, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II AND HAS HAD A CLOSE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH LANCE THROUGH THE CFNB SINCE 1958.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH LANCE HAS BEEN PRIMARILY THROUGH HIS POSITION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THAT BANK AND THROUGH ACTIVITIES OF SEVERAL LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE OF GOOD REPUTATION AND CHARACTER AND ADVISED THAT HE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT LOYAL TO THE U. S. AND WOULD CONSIDER LANCE AS EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED SINCE HE IS QUICK MINDED AND DEDICATED TO ANY POSITION WHICH AFFORDS A CHALLENGE. HE STATED THAT LANCE IS A HARD WORKER AND THROUGH HIS YEARS OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE BANK HAS WORKED LONG HARD HOURS. HE CONSIDERS LANCE AS AN ASSET TO BOTH HIS COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY AND WOULD RECOMMEND LANCE WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY AND DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, 208 N. WALL ST, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ALSO ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF CALHOUN, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH BERT LANCE SINCE 1937, WHEN HE ENTERED YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE WHERE LANCE'S FATHER WAS THE PRESIDENT. FOLLOWING THIS HE BECAME A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE FAMILY. HE, HIMSELF, WAS CLOSELY

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ASSOCIATED WITH LANCE AS HE WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND SERVED ON THE BANKING COMMITTEE OF THAT LEGISLATURE, SEEKING ADVICE FROM LANCE FROM TIME TO TIME. HE CONSIDERS LANCE OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, CONSIDERS HIM AN EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR, HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD AND CONSIDERS HIM IMMINENTLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED. HE HAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND AS TO LANCE'S INTEGRITY AND HONESTY AND RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED. DURING 1976, AN OFFICER OF THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK WAS PROSECUTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT, HOWEVER, HE HAS NO CONCERN THAT LANCE WAS IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR OR KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THIS OFFICER'S ACTIONS AND UPON LEARNING OF THE MATTER, IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF PROPERTY INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES.

[REDACTED] CONSUMER CREDIT OFFICER, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS AND HAS KNOWN HIM CLOSELY AS A NEIGHBOR AND THROUGH HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BANK FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE OF GOOD

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CHARACTER AND REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO  
CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN. [REDACTED] STATED  
THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT LANCE'S LOYALTY TO THE U. S.,  
AND STATED THAT LANCE APPEARS TO PLACE HIS DUTY TO HIS  
COUNTRY ABOVE ANY PERSONAL OR BUSINESS INTERESTS. HE  
FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE WELL QUALIFIED FOR  
THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE WAS NOMINATED AND WOULD HIGHLY  
RECOMMEND HIM FOR THAT POSITION.

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[REDACTED] AUDITOR, CFNB, RESIDENCE  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED THE BANK FOR A  
PERIOD OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS, AND HE HAS KNOWN BERT  
LANCE WELL FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED  
THAT HE WORKED PART TIME FOR THE BANK DURING THE SUMMER  
MONTHS WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE. HE STATED HE CONSIDERS  
LANCE TO BE OF UNQUESTIONABLE CHARACTER AND REPUTATION,  
AND FURTHER CONSIDERS HIM TO BE GENERALLY ABOVE  
REPROACH. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE  
TO BE VERY LOYAL TO THE U. S. AND VERY WELL QUALIFIED TO  
PERFORM ANY JOB GIVEN TO HIM. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED HE WOULD  
HIGHLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR THE POSITION WHICH HE HAS BEEN

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NOMINATED.

[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT, CFNB, RESIDENCE

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CFNB FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS, HOWEVER HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAS MAINTAINED BOTH A PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH LANCE AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE OF UNBLEMISHED REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS HAVING AN OUTSTANDING CHARACTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THROUGH THE YEARS HE HAD TRAVELED WITH LANCE ON BOTH BUSINESS AND SOCIAL OCCASIONS AND STATED THAT AT ALL, LANCE HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF AS A GENTLEMAN AND AS ONE WOULD EXPECT A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COMMUNITY TO CONDUCT HIMSELF. HE STATED HE KNOWS OF NO REASON TO QUESTION LANCE'S LOYALTY TO THE U. S. AND HE FEELS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL PERFORM ANY RESPONSIBILITY WHICH MAY BE GIVEN TO HIM. HE FEELS THAT LANCE IS WELL QUALIFIED AND, THEREFORE, WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM.

[REDACTED] ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] RESACA, GA, ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE BANK FOR 16 YEARS AND HAS BECOME ACQUAINTED



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WITH BERT LANCE THROUGH HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BANK. SHE STATED SHE CONSIDERS LANCE A FINE MAN WITH HIGH MORAL STANDARDS AND ONE WHO EXPECTS THE SAME FROM CO-WORKERS. SHE STATED LANCE IS COMPASSIONATE WITH HIS FELLOW MAN AND ENJOYS AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION IN HIS COMMUNITY. SHE STATED SHE CONSIDERS LANCE AS AN UNQUESTIONABLE LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE U. S. AND ALSO THAT LANCE IS HIGHLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY SITUATION WHICH HE MAY BE GIVEN. SHE STATED SHE FEELS LANCE WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY POSITION WHICH HE WAS NOT FULLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING AND, THEREFORE, SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED.

[REDACTED] ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BANK FOR 20 YEARS AND HAS BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH BERT LANCE DURING HER PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BANK. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE THE FINEST PERSON SHE HAS KNOWN, BEING HONEST AND FAIR IN ALL OF HIS DEALINGS. SHE STATED THAT LANCE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AND HIS CHARACTER IS OUTSTANDING. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE U. S. AND

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CONSIDERS HIM AN EXPERT IN THE AREA OF ECONOMICS AND,  
THEREFORE WELL QUALIFIED TO DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED. [REDACTED] STATED  
THAT SHE WOULD RECOMMEND LANCE HIGHLY FOR THIS POSITION.

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[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT AND  
TRUST OFFICER, CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STATED  
HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR AND ONE-HALF  
YEARS AND HAS KNOWN HIM THROUGH HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE  
BANK. HE STATED THAT THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH LANCE HE  
WOULD CONSIDER HIM TO BE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION  
AND FURTHER STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED HIM TO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING  
REPUTATION IN GENERAL AND AS WELL AS IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.  
HE STATED HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE  
U. S. AND WELL GROUNDED IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC  
PRINCIPLES AND COULD THINK OF NO REASON LANCE SHOULD NOT  
BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]  
STATED THAT HIS SOCIAL CONTACT WITH LANCE HAS BEEN LIMITED  
TO TENNIS PLAYING, HOWEVER, HE IS AWARE THAT LANCE IS ACTIVE  
IN HIS CHURCH. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER LANCE WELL  
QUALIFIED AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM.

[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT, CFNB, RESIDENCE

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[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS BOTH AS A BUSINESS AND SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE AS ONE OF THE HARDEST WORKING MEN HE HAS EVER KNOWN AND ONE WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAIR IN HIS DEALINGS WITH OTHERS. HE STATED THAT LANCE KNOWS HOW TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY AND EXPECTS ONE TO USE IT ONCE HE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE AUTHORITY. HE STATED THAT LANCE HAS A PERSONALITY WHICH TENDS TO DRAW THE BEST PERFORMANCE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL AND HAS ALWAYS HAD THE LOYALTY AND ADMIRATION OF THOSE WORKING WITH HIM. HE STATED THAT LANCE IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND HAS A COMPLETE AND TOTAL LOYALTY TO THE U. S. PASS STATED THAT LANCE FEELS THAT EVERYONE HAS A DEBT TO THEIR COUNTRY AND HAS ALWAYS PLACED HIS COUNTRY ABOVE PERSONAL GAIN. HE STATED THAT LANCE HAS HIGH MORAL STANDARDS WHICH HE LIVES UP TO ; HE WOULD CONSIDER HIM VERY TRUSTWORTHY AND FAIR, AS WELL AS BEING QUALIFIED FOR ANY POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO HIM.

[REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR ANY POSITION TO WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

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[REDACTED] MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED  
WITH BERT LANCE AND HIS FAMILY AND HAS KNOWN THEM SINCE  
APPROXIMATELY 1942 WHEN HE HIRED LANCE'S FATHER AS THE SUPER-  
INTENDENT OF THE CALHOUN SCHOOL SYSTEM. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS  
INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING LANCE TO THE CFNB AND THROUGHOUT THE  
YEARS, HAS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH HIS CAPABILITIES. HE STATED  
THAT HE HAS KNOWN LANCE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 11 YEARS OF AGE  
AND HAS CONSIDERED HIS CHARACTER AND REPUTATION TO ALWAYS BE  
ABOVE REPROACH. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS LANCE  
TO BE A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE U. S. AND ALTHOUGH LANCE NEVER  
SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES, HE STATED THAT HIS FAMILY  
HAS SACRIFICED ONE BROTHER WHO WAS LOST AT SEA DURING  
WORLD WAR II. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS LANCE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ANY  
ASSIGNMENT GIVEN TO HIM AND EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE  
POSITION TO WHICH HE WAS NOMINATED AND [REDACTED] RECOMMENDS HIM.

[REDACTED] ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER,  
CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STATED SHE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE  
FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS AND HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HIM  
THROUGH HER EMPLOYMENT AT THE BANK. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT

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*BROTHER  
DECEASED.*

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LANCE IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN HIS COMMUNITY. SHE FURTHER STATED HE IS THE TYPE THAT WILL GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO HELP A LITTLE MAN. SHE STATED THAT LANCE IS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH. SHE CONSIDERS HIM LOYAL TO THE U. S. AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN NAMED. SHE STATED SHE CONSIDERS LANCE TO HAVE A SOUND BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND IS A VERY ADAPT BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS ALWAYS DISPLAYED LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES IN HIS COMMUNITY. SHE STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

[REDACTED] TRUST OPERATIONS OFFICER,  
CFNB, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN  
BERT LANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS THROUGH HIS  
ASSOCIATION WITH THE BANK AND HAS KNOWN LANCE ALL OF HER LIFE.  
SHE STATED THAT LANCE IS OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION  
AND SHE CONSIDERS HIM AS AN HONEST, DILIGENT, HARD WORKER  
WHO STRIVES TO GET THE BEST RESULTS FROM EVERYONE HE IS  
ASSOCIATED WITH. SHE KNOWS OF NO REASON TO QUESTION LANCE'S  
LOYALTY TO THE U. S. AND WOULD CONSIDER HIM QUALIFIED AND

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SUITED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN

NOMINATED. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED LANCE HIGHLY FOR THIS POSITION.

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[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, GORDON COUNTY BANK, 315 SOUTH WALL ST, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE BOTH WERE APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS OF AGE, BOTH HAVING GROWN UP TOGETHER, ATTENDED GRAMMAR SCHOOL TOGETHER, HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL AS BEING FRATERNITY BROTHERS AT EMORY UNIVERSITY AND RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSE WHILE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA IN ATHENS, GA. AFTER COLLEGE, HE, [REDACTED] JOINED THE USAF, RETURNING, AND BECOMING ASSOCIATED WITH THE C&S BANK IN ATLANTA, UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO, WHEN HE CAME TO CALHOUN AS PRESIDENT OF THE GORDON COUNTY BANK. HE HAS KEPT IN TOUCH WITH LANCE AND HIS FAMILY SINCE COLLEGE DAYS, AND HAS FOUND LANCE TO BE A HIGH MORAL PERSON, VERY ACTIVE IN CHURCH WORK AND ALWAYS DURING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, DETERMINED TO CONDUCT HIMSELF IN A RESPECTABLE MANNER. HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY OR DETRIMENTAL CONCERNING LANCE'S CHARACTER OR REPUTATION, CONSIDERS HIM FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND

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RECOMMENDS LANCE HIGHLY FOR THIS POSITION.

[REDACTED] SEMI-RETIREE, DIRECTOR WITH THE CFNB,  
HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE  
PERSONALLY FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, BEING ASSOCIATED  
WITH HIM FOR THE PAST TEN OR TWELVE YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
CFNB. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH LANCE AS CO-DIRECTOR  
IN A BUSINESS FOUNDED BY HE AND LANCE AND [REDACTED],  
KNOWN AS GEORGE BRUNT ASSOCIATES. THIS COMPANY MANUFACTURED  
LATEX FOR THE CARPET INDUSTRY AND LATER SOLD IT AT A GOOD  
PROFIT TO ALL STOCKHOLDERS. THIS COMPANY IS NO LONGER IN  
EXISTENCE. HE KNOWS OF NOTHING ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL LANCE  
HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AND CONSIDERS THE INCIDENT IN WHICH ONE  
OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CFNB WAS PROSECUTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT,  
AS VERY UNFORTUNATE. LANCE WAS NOT NEGLIGENT AND HAD  
NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OFFICER, [REDACTED] EMBEZZLEMENT.  
HE KNOWS OF NOTHING WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED A CONFLICT  
OF INTEREST AS TO LANCE'S NEW POSITION AND ALTHOUGH HE HAS  
NOTED SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE ATLANTA PAPERS CONCERNING  
A LOAN BY THE NATIONAL BANK OF GA TO JIMMY CARTER, HE KNOWS OF  
NO LOANS OR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CFNB AND JIMMY

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CARTER. HE ADVISED LANCE HAS BEEN A GOOD ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY OF CALHOUN, HAVING OBTAINED NEW BUSINESS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY, AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW GOODYEAR PLANT LOCATING IN CALHOUN. HE RECOMMENDS LANCE HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] DIRECTOR, CFNB, BUSINESS ADDRESS STARR-MATHEWS AGENCY, INC., 108 NORTH COURT ST, RESIDENCE

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1950, ABOUT TWENTY-SIX YEARS, CONSIDERING LANCE A VERY GOOD FRIEND AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, SINCE HIS BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CFNB, TWENTY YEARS AGO. HE IS ALSO A NEIGHBOR OF LANCE, IS ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE'S PARENTS, WIFE AND SONS, CONSIDERS ALL OF THEM TO BE OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, CONDUCT AND MORALS. HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DETRIMENTAL CONCERNING LANCE'S CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND BEING INVOLVED WITH HIM IN BUSINESS, CONSIDERS LANCE HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE IS APPOINTED. HE CONSIDERS LANCE AS HAVING ONE OF THE BEST MINDS HE HAS EVER KNOWN AND CONSIDERS HIM ABLE AND CAPABLE TO GRASP THE CONCEPT OF ANY BUSINESS TO WHICH HE BECOMES ATTACHED.



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HE ADVISED WORKING HOURS MEAN NOTHING TO LANCE WHO WILL AND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO WORK TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY OR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO COMPLETE A JOB. HE RECOMMENDS LANCE HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

IDENTIFICATION. PAT BAKER, SHERIFF, GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 101 SOUTH PIEDMONT ST, ADVISED RECORDS OF THAT OFFICE CONTAIN NO ARREST OF THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS PARENTS. HE HAS KNOWN LANCE SINCE BOTH ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER AND FOR THE PAST FIVE TO SIX YEARS, HAS KNOWN LANCE THROUGH HIS CAPACITY AS SHERIFF OF GORDON COUNTY. HE KNOWS NOTHING DETRIMENTAL CONCERNING THE CHARACTER OR REPUTATION OF LANCE HIS FAMILY OR PARENTS, CONSIDERS HIM A CHRISTIAN MAN AND WOULD RECOMMEND LANCE HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO. HE HAS NO QUESTION CONCERNING LANCE'S INTEGRITY AND HONESTY, AND CONSIDERS HIM VERY CAPABLE IN HIS FIELD OF WORK.

HUGHDON W. DAVIS, CHIEF OF POLICE, 101 S. PIEDMONT ST, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE SINCE THE EARLY 1950'S, HAVING ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER AND HAS NO

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RECOLLECTION OF ANY INCIDENT OR CONDUCT ON THE PART OF LANCE,  
HIS FAMILY OR PARENTS, WHICH WOULD BE QUESTIONABLE. THE  
RECORDS OF HIS DEPARTMENT ARE NEGATIVE CONCERNING ANY ARRESTS  
OF LANCE OR HIS FAMILY MEMBERS. HE RECALLS VERY VAGUELY  
THAT [REDACTED] ALSO  
KNOWN AS [REDACTED] WAS INVOLVED IN SOME TYPE OF TROUBLE AFTER  
THE FAMILY MOVED TO ATLANTA FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO, HOWEVER  
HE IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS. HE RECOMMENDS LANCE  
HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

MISCELLANEOUS. AUSA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE  
HANDLED THE PROSECUTION OF [REDACTED] WHO WAS VICE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CFNB. DURING THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING  
[REDACTED] MET WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, BERT LANCE,  
AND ADVISED THAT LANCE WAS VERY COOPERATIVE DURING THEIR  
INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] AND IF THE CASE WOULD HAVE GONE TO  
TRAIL, LANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN A KEY GOVERNMENT WITNESS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE VIOLATION OF  
OVERDRAWN CHECKING ACCOUNTS BY CERTAIN BANKING OFFICIALS  
INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, BERT LANCE, AT THE CFNB.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE MATTER WAS REASSIGNED TO USA, JOHN W.

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STOKES, JR., AND THAT STOKES CONFERRED WITH MR. MARK RICHARDS, CHIEF OF FRAUD SECTION, DEPT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND THAT IT WAS STOKES WHO DECLINED PROSECUTION OF BANK OFFICIALS IN THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] DID NOT HAVE THE COMPLETE CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY REPORT CONCERNING THE OVERDRAWN CHECKING ACCOUNTS OF BANK OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HE CONTACTED [REDACTED] CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY, WDC, FTS NUMBER 447-1983, WHO WAS THE PERSON WHO HAD THE COMPLETE REPORT AND EXHIBITS OF BANK OFFICIALS CARRYING OVERDRAWN CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW LANCE WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, OR LOYALTY.

U. S. ATTORNEY JOHN W. STOKES, JR., NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT THE MATTER CONCERNING OVERDRAWN CHECKING ACCOUNTS AT THE CFNB WAS REVIEWED BY HIM AND THAT PROSECUTION WAS DECLINED AS HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THE MATTER WARRANTED PROSECUTION. (IT IS NOTED THAT THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CFNB) THE REPORT FROM THE CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY OUTLINING A POSSIBLE CAMPAIGN VIOLATION CONCERNING BERT LANCE IN

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WHICH IT WAS ALLEGED THAT THE BANK PAID CERTAIN EXPENSES OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THEN CHARGED THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE'S CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE EXPENSES CAUSING AN OVERDRAFT SITUATION WAS DECLINED PROSECUTION IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ELECTION LAW SECTION. THE OTHER POSSIBLE VIOLATION WAS THE CARRYING OF OVERDRAWN BALANCES OF CHECKING ACCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN BANK OFFICIALS AND THEIR FAMILIES WAS DECLINED ON BY HIM AFTER CONFERRING WITH [REDACTED] CHIEF OF THE FRAUD SECTION, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, AND CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FRAUD SECTION. MR. STOKES ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN MR. LANCE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1963 OR 1964 WHEN HE, STOKES, WAS IN PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE IN DALTON, GA. HE STATED HE FIRST HAD OCCASION TO CONTACT LANCE REGARDING A CASE HE WAS HANDLING FOR CONSULTATION ON PARTICULAR BANKING PROCEDURES. HE STATED HE WOULD COME IN CONTACT WITH MR. LANCE ON OCCASION ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT SOCIAL OR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES, BUT THAT THESE CONTACTS WERE BASICALLY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. STOKES ADDED THAT SINCE HIS RETURN TO ATLANTA IN 1966, HE HAS SEEN MR. LANCE VERY INFREQUENTLY. HE ADVISED THAT TO HIS

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OWN KNOWLEDGE HE KNOWS NOTHING OF AN UNFAVORABLE NATURE CONCERNING MR. LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES OR REPUTATION AND FEELS HE IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND POSSESSES GREAT ABILITY IN HIS FIELD. MR. STOKES ADDED THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT MR. LANCE'S LOYALTY TO THE U. S. AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA IS CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1977. ATLANTA WILL CONDUCT EDUCATION INVESTIGATION ON JANUARY 3, 1977.

THE BUREAU SHOULD FURTHER NOTE THAT BUFILE 29-74209 CONTAINS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IRREGULARITIES AT THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK AS REPORTED IN THIS COMMUNICATION.

ANY LEAD FOR WFO REGARDING THE CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY REPORT CONCERNING THE ABOVE MATTER IS BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE BUREAU. THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IS

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CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY, WDC, FTS NUMBER

447-1983.

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER WERE ADVISED OF  
THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 AND NONE DESIRED  
CONFIDENTIALITY.

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD DECEMBER 23, 1976, COPY TO ATLANTA, AND WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 29, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 29, 1976, [REDACTED] TRIAL ATTORNEY, PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION, CRIMINAL DIVISION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ADVISED THE ENTIRE MATTER CONCERNED IRREGULARITIES AT CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, REFERRED TO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ATLANTA, MARCH, 1976, AND THAT AT THAT TIME, DEPARTMENT FILES CONCERNING THIS MATTER WAS FORWARDED TO [REDACTED]

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, DATED DECEMBER 29, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON DECEMBER 28 AND 29, 1976:

MARITAL STATUS

HARBIN KING, JUDGE OF PROBATE, GORDON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, VERIFIED FROM RECORDS OF THAT OFFICE THAT ON AUGUST 28, 1950, THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, DATE OF BIRTH JUNE 3, 1931, WHITE MALE, OF NO PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, FATHER T. J. LANCE, MOTHER MRS. T. J. LANCE OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA, AND [REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

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NO PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, FATHER DECEASED, MOTHER [REDACTED]  
OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA, MADE APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE.

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FURTHER, HIS RECORDS REVEALED CERTIFICATION BY MINISTER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, THAT BERT LANCE,  
AGE 19, AND [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] WERE MARRIED BY HIM AT CALHOUN,  
GEORGIA, IN SEPTEMBER OF 1950. THIS CERTIFICATION REFLECTED IN  
RECORD BOOK G, PAGE 436 OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE'S OFFICE.

REFERENCES

[REDACTED] CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, NATIONAL BANK OF  
GEORGIA (NBG), 34 PEACHTREE STREET, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE PROFESSIONALLY AND  
SOCIALLY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIS CHARACTER, MORALS,  
ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY TO THE U. S. TO BE ABOVE REPROACH AND  
STATED HIS REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY AS A BUSINESS, CIVIC AND  
RELIGIOUS LEADER TO BE OUTSTANDING. HE DESCRIBED LANCE AS BEING  
VERY RELIGIOUS, EXTREMELY HARD WORKING, PUTTING IN A 14-16 HOUR  
DAY, 6 DAYS A WEEK, AND EXTREMELY CONSCIENTIOUS AND DILIGENT IN  
ALL OF HIS MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES. HE ADVISED HE KNEW OF NO  
DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING LANCE AND THAT IN HIS OPINION  
LANCE'S APPOINTMENT WAS AN OUTSTANDING CHOICE AND HE PERSONALLY

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WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE ONLY RESERVATION BEING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S GAIN IS NBG'S LOSS.

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[REDACTED] ENTREPRENEUR, 4370 PEACHTREE ROAD, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] NORTHWEST, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE PERSONALLY AND CLOSELY FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS AND KNOWN HIM PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH VARIOUS BUSINESS ENTERPRISES FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. HE STATED IN HIS OPINION LANCE'S REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY, HONESTY, LOYALTY, MORALS, ASSOCIATES AND CHARACTER WERE ALL UNBLEMISHED AND IMPECCABLE. HE STATED HE COULD THINK OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING LANCE AND THAT HE DOUBTS THAT ANYONE ELSE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO. HE ADVISED LANCE IS ONE OF THE HARDEST WORKING INDIVIDUALS HE HAS EVERY MET WORKING 15-18 HOURS A DAY AND THAT HE PURSUED A WIDE RANGE OF BUSINESS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES. HE STATED THAT HE AND LANCE WERE VERY CLOSE, THAT THEY PLAYED GOLF EVERY SATURDAY, AND THEY HAD TRAVELED TO EUROPE TOGETHER FOR A VACATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THAT HE WOULD UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND LANCE IN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE TERMS FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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ASSOCIATES

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[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, FIRST GEORGIA BANK, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE FOR TWO YEARS BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. [REDACTED] ADVISED LANCE IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER WHO MAINTAINS THE HIGHEST OF ASSOCIATES. [REDACTED] ADVISED LANCE ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND IN HIS PRIVATE LIFE AND HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. [REDACTED] STATED HE FEELS LANCE IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE DUE TO HIS VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, HIS PROVEN TRACK RECORD, AND THE FACT THAT HE PROGRESSED FROM A SMALL TOWN FINANCIAL ATMOSPHERE INTO THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE BANKING BUSINESS.

[REDACTED] STATED LANCE IS AN HONEST INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY GOVERNMENT JOB. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED BY RECOMMENDING LANCE FOR ANY POSITION IN THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR 15 YEARS. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE CONSIDERS LANCE A RELIGIOUS INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST ETHICS AND UNQUESTIONABLE CHARACTER. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT LANCE MAINTAINS THE VERY FINEST OF ASSOCIATES AND ENJOYS A FAVORABLE REPUTATION

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BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE FEELS CERTAIN THAT LANCE WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ONE OF HIS BANK OFFICERS WHICH RESULTED IN UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR THE BANK AND CHARGES BEING FILED AGAINST THE BANK OFFICER. [REDACTED] STATED HE COULD NOT THINK OF ANYONE MORE QUALIFIED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE LUCKY TO GET MR. LANCE, AND THUSLY RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, PEACHTREE BANK, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE PROFESSIONALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT LANCE IS AN HONEST, HIGHLY REGARDED INDIVIDUAL, WHO ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION THROUGHOUT THE BANKING COMMUNITY. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE STATING THAT LANCE IS AN EXPERIENCED MANAGER OF A LARGE AGENCY, A GOOD NEGOTIATOR BETWEEN OPPOSING FACTIONS AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO GETS ALONG WELL WITH PEOPLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE KNOWS ONLY OF FAVORABLE THINGS CONCERNING LANCE.

#### IDENTIFICATION

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION OFFICER, ROME, GEORGIA, CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AFTER A SEARCH OF THE CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC

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RECORDS OF THAT AGENCY FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
OF THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE) [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE COULD  
LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE ABOVE OTHER THAN A \$10  
FINE LEVIED AGAINST [REDACTED] IN 1970 FOR RUNNING A RED  
LIGHT.

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION OFFICER, FLOYD COUNTY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, AFTER A SEARCH OF THE CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC RECORDS OF  
THAT AGENCY, ADVISED THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
ROME, GEORGIA.

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION OFFICER, FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE, AFTER A SEARCH OF THE CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC RECORDS OF  
THAT AGENCY, ADVISED THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] ROME,  
GEORGIA, EXCEPT FOR TWO TRAFFIC FINES LEVIED AGAINST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONE MADE IN APRIL, 1973, FOR SPEEDING 70 MILES PER HOUR  
IN A 50 MILES PER HOUR ZONE FOR WHICH HE WAS FINED \$30; AND ONE  
ON JULY 2, 1974, FOR SPEEDING 70 MILES PER HOUR IN A 55 MILES  
PER HOUR ZONE FOR WHICH HE WAS FINED \$20.

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[REDACTED] MANAGER, CREDIT BUREAU OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA,  
INCORPORATED, 368 SOUTH PIEDMONT STREET, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION FROM FILES OF THAT AGENCY:

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THEIR FILES RECORD INFORMATION UNDER THE NAME THOMAS BERT  
LANCE, WIFE [REDACTED] SINCE 1964. THIS FILE WAS LAST  
BROUGHT UP TO DATE IN JUNE, 1976. CREDIT REFERENCES CONTACTED  
WERE THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SEARS AND PENNEY'S DEPART-  
MENT STORES, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, AS WELL AS DAVIDSON'S AND RICH'S  
DEPARTMENT STORES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA; ALL REFERENCES SATIS-  
FACTORY WITH NO LOAN OUTSTANDING AT THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL  
BANK. THERE WAS NO DETRIMENTAL OR DEROGATORY INFORMATION IN FILES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
PRIVACY ACT BUT NONE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY. INVESTIGATION  
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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED DECEMBER 30, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 28, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

BIRTH. [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, PROVIDED A COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH NUMBER 31-25282, WHICH REFLECTED THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, MALE CHILD, WAS BORN ON JUNE 3, 1931 AT GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, TO PARENTS THOMAS JACKSON LANCE AND ANNIE ROSE ERWIN.

EDUCATION. [REDACTED] REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, EMORY UNIVERSITY, ADVISED THAT THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE ENTERED

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EMORY UNIVERSITY ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1948 AS AN INCOMING FRESHMAN. LANCE ATTENDED EMORY THROUGH THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 1950 WHEN HE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AT ATHENS, GA. DURING HIS STAY AT EMORY, LANCE TOOK 18 COURSES FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT. HE RECEIVED TWO F'S, FIVE D'S, EIGHT C'S, AND THREE B'S. THERE WAS NO ACADEMIC INDEX OR CLASS STANDING AVAILABLE. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT LANCE GRADUATED FROM CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1948.

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EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] FORMER BOARD MEMBER, GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT), ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR 15 YEARS. [REDACTED] ADVISED LANCE IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER WHOSE ASSOCIATES ARE ABOVE REPROACH. [REDACTED] ADVISED LANCE ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED] STATED HE SAT ON THE GEORGIA DOT BOARD IN 1970 WHEN THE BOARD EXAMINED LANCE IN REGARDS TO HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ABILITIES, AND HIS SUITABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THAT AGENCY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE AND THE BOARD FOUND LANCE HIGHLY QUALIFIED. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE OVERSAW LANCE'S WORK PERFORMANCE AT THE GEORGIA DOT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS



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AND HE CONSIDERS HIM HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT. [ ] STATED LANCE POSSESSES AN ENORMOUS WORK CAPACITY AND THE ABILITY TO MOTIVATE PEOPLE HE COMES IN CONTACT WITH. [ ] CONCLUDED BY RECOMMENDING LANCE VERY HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED.

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[ ] SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPT, STATE OF GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT BERT LANCE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA HIGHWAY DEPT., FROM JANUARY 1, 1971 UNTIL HE VOLUNTARILY RESIGNED ON MARCH 1, 1973. [ ] FURTHER ADVISED THAT LANCE RESIGNED TO RUN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GA.

[ ] STATED HE SERVED UNDER LANCE DURING HIS TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPT. [ ] STATED THAT LANCE MADE A BREAK-THROUGH IN MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT AND PUT THE DEPARTMENT ON A BUSINESSLIKE BASIS. LANCE INTRODUCED TO THE DEPARTMENT, SOUND MANAGERIAL TECHNIQUES. [ ] STATED THAT LANCE WORKED CLOSELY WITH ALL HIS ASSOCIATES, WAS EASY TO GET ALONG WITH, FRIENDLY, AND CORDIAL. [ ] FURTHER ADVISED THAT LANCE WAS AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKER. HE SAID THAT LANCE WOULD ARISE EARLY IN THE MORNING, DRIVE FROM

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CALHOUN TO ATLANTA, STAY AT THE HWY DEPT UNTIL 6:00 PM AT NIGHT, AND THEN DRIVE BACK TO CALHOUN WHERE HE THEN WORKED AT HIS BANK. [ ] DESCRIBED LANCE AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO THRIVED ON HARD WORK. [ ] STATED THAT LANCE IS OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER, UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY, WHO ASSOCIATES WITH ONLY REPUTABLE PEOPLE. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND LANCE FOR THE JOB FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED, AND STATED HE FEELS THAT HE IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION.

[ ] DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, STATE OF GEORGIA, WAS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT HE SERVED IN THE STATE HWY DEPT WHEN BERT LANCE WAS COMMISSIONER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPT. [ ] DESCRIBED LANCE AS AN INTELLIGENT HARD WORKING INDIVIDUAL WHO ENJOYED LONG HOURS. [ ] STATED THAT LANCE IS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND WHILE AT THE HIGHWAY DEPT HE BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE. [ ] FURTHER DESCRIBED LANCE AS A VERY HONEST AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD INDIVIDUAL. HE STATED THAT LANCE WOULD LISTEN TO DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW ON A VARIOUS SUBJECT, BUT THAT WHEN IT CAME TIME TO MAKING THE FINAL DECISION ON AN ISSUE, LANCE WOULD MAKE

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THAT DECISION. [ ] STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT LANCE  
WOULD DO THE JOB AS HE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE DONE. HE  
FURTHER DESCRIBED LANCE AS A STRONG WILLED INDIVIDUAL WHO DID  
SOMETIMES SHOW HIS TEMPER, HOWEVER WHEN LANCE LOST HIS TEMPER  
HE USUALLY DID IT SO OTHERS AROUND HIM DID NOT REALIZE HE  
HAD LOST HIS PATIENCE. [ ] STATED THAT LANCE IS OF  
OUTSTANDING CHARACTER, UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY, WHO  
ASSOCIATES WITH ONLY REPUTABLE PEOPLE. HE STATED HE WOULD  
RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POST IN THE GOVERNMENT.

[ ] DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, STATE  
TRANSPORTATION DEPT, STATE OF GEORGIA, ADVISED HE WORKED IN  
THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPT WHEN BERT LANCE WAS COMMISSIONER OF  
THAT DEPARTMENT. [ ] DESCRIBED LANCE WAS A TREMENDOUS  
PERSON AND ADMINISTRATOR. HE STATED THAT LANCE HAD AN OUT-  
STANDING PERSONALITY, WAS EASY TO GET ALONG WITH, AND WAS A  
VERY UNDERSTANDING PERSON. HE STATED THAT LANCE LISTENED TO  
PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH WHEN IT CAME TIME TO MAKE A FINAL  
DECISION, IT WAS HE, LANCE, WHO MADE THAT DECISION. [ ]  
STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED LANCE TO BE AN OPEN MINDED INDIVIDUAL  
WHO WAS EXTREMELY HARD WORKING. HE STATED WHEN LANCE WAS AT

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THE STATE HWY DEPT, HE WAS USUALLY THE FIRST ONE IN THE MORNING AT WORK, AND THE LAST ONE OUT AT NIGHT. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED LANCE TO BE A VERY CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER, UNQUESTION LOYALTY, WHO ASSOCIATES WITH ONLY REPUTABLE PEOPLE. HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION, STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPT, STATE OF GEORGIA, ADVISED HE SERVED IN THAT DEPARTMENT WHEN BERT LANCE WAS COMMISSIONER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPT. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED LANCE AS AN ASTUTE, CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS EXTREMELY HARD WORKING. HE STATED THAT LANCE INSTILLED CONFIDENCE IN HIS PEOPLE, AND WAS ABLE TO GET A LOT OF WORK OUT OF HIS SUBORDINATES. [REDACTED] STATED THAT WHILE LANCE WAS AT THE HIGHWAY DEPT, HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF ADMINISTRATING AND DEALING WITH THE DEPT. HE STATED THAT LANCE CAME TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING A PERIOD WHEN IT WAS REORGANIZED, AND THAT LANCE DID MOST OF THE REORGANIZING. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE DID AN EXCELLENT AND VERY COMPETENT JOB OF REORGANIZING THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPT. [REDACTED] STATED

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THAT IN THE AREAS OF BUDGETING AND FINANCE, LANCE IS ESPECIALLY COMPETENT. HE STATED THAT LANCE IS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] COMMISSIONER, STATE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF GA, ADVISED HE IS THE CURRENT COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HAVING SUCCEEDED BERT LANCE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WORKED FOR LANCE WHEN LANCE WAS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPT, FROM JANUARY 1971 UNTIL MARCH 1973. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED LANCE AS A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR WHO WAS CIVIC MINDED AND A LEADER IN HIS CHURCH. HE STATED THAT LANCE IS OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY. HE HAS OUTSTANDING ABILITIES AND CAPABILITIES. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKER WHO SEEMS TO THRIVE ON HARD WORK. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED BY RECOMMENDING LANCE VERY HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER, DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF GA, ADVISED HE WORKED UNDER BERT LANCE WHEN HE WAS THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE

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STATE OF GA. [ ] STATED HE HAS THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR LANCE. HE STATED HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKING, DEDICATED, COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THE JOB WHICH HE DOES. [ ]

STATED THAT LANCE IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES WITH ONLY REPUTABLE POEPL. HE STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

[ ] FORMER BOARD MEMBER, GA. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, PRESENTLY GENERAL COUNSEL, NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR SEVEN YEARS. [ ] ADVISED LANCE IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF GREAT INTEGRITY, FIRST CLASS ASSOCIATES, WHO ENJOYS A REPUTATION AS A FAMILY MAN IN HIS PRIVATE LIFE, AND OF INTEGRITY IN HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE. [ ] STATED LANCE POSSESSES THE ABILITY TO MANAGE AND MOTIVATE PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE WORKS AND HE CONSIDERS LANCE ONE OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S BEST APPOINTMENTS. [ ] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

ASSOCIATE. [ ] PRESIDENT, FULTON NATIONAL BANK, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR 25 YEARS. [ ] CONTINUED THAT LANCE WAS EXTREMELY CAPABLE, HARD WORKING,

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AND MOST ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FIELD OF BANKING AND FINANCE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY EVERYONE AND FURTHER COMMENTED MOST FAVORABLY AS TO LANCE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY TO THE U. S. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED BY RECOMMENDING LANCE VERY HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

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CREDIT. [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR, CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF HER FILES REVEALED THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, 10 HABERSHAM WAY, ATLANTA, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, HAS BEEN ON FILE SINCE FEBRUARY, 1974. [REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT LANCE HAS A SATISFACTORY RATING WITH NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION NOTED.

IDENTIFICATION. [REDACTED] CLERK, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, ATLANTA POLICE DEPT, ADVISED AFTER A SEARCH OF HER FILES, SHE COULD FIND NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE OR HIS FAMILY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: ON AUGUST 4, 1971, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED BY THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPT FOR A VIOLATION OF THE GEORGIA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT. [REDACTED] HAS ATLANTA POLICE DEPT NUMBER [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] WAS

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DECLARED A FIRST OFFENDER AND FINED \$300 AND GIVEN THREE YEARS  
PROBATION.

SUPERVISOR, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
FULTON COUNTY POLICE DEPT, ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT AFTER A  
SEARCH OF HIS RECORDS, HE COULD FIND NO FILE IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE OR HIS FAMILY.

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ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND NONE DESIRED CONFIDENTIALITY.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DECEMBER 30, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED IN ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, ON DECEMBER 28-30, 1976.

EMPLOYMENT. [Redacted] VICE PRESIDENT

AND COMPTROLLER, NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, NBG, HOME ADDRESS

[Redacted] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE PERSONALLY

SINCE HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF NBG IN JANUARY, 1975, AND PROFES-  
SIONALLY SINCE JANUARY, 1970. HE STATED HE CONSIDERS LANCE'S  
REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY, HIS CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES,  
AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES TO BE ABOVE REPROACH.

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HE STATED LANCE WAS A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS MAN WITH STRONG AND CLOSE FAMILY TIES AND HAD A STRONG SENSE OF CIVIC PRIDE AND DUTY AND HE WAS PROUD TO RECOMMEND HIM IN THE HIGHEST TERMS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED.

ASSOCIATES

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, CITIZENS AND SOUTHERN BANK, 35 BROAD STREET, NORTHWEST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN MR. THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS, KNOWING BOTH LANCE AND HIS WIFE. HE ADVISED THAT WITH REGARD TO THE LANCES' CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATES, HE HOLDS MR. LANCE AND HIS WIFE IN HIGHEST ESTEEM AND THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF HIS INTEGRITY; HE KNOWS OF NOTHING OF AN UNFAVORABLE NATURE CONCERNING LANCE'S ABILITIES AND CAPABILITIES, HE FEELS HE IS A VERY QUALIFIED ADMINISTRATOR AND BANKER AND THAT MR. LANCE ENJOYS A VERY FINE REPUTATION IN THE BANKING COMMUNITY. HE STATED HE HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT MR. LANCE'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD MOST DEFINITELY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND CONVENTION SERVICES, ATLANTA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, 229 PEACHTREE STREET, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED BERTRAM LANCE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THIS BUREAU. [REDACTED] STATED SHE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE AND PERSONS WHO COULD VERIFY THE EXACT DATES OF LANCE'S MEMBERSHIP ARE ON VACATION UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

[REDACTED] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY, 455 EAST PACES FERRY ROAD, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT MR. THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE HAD AGREED TO BE ACCEPTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY IN AUGUST, 1976, AND ACTUALLY WENT ON THE BOARD IN SEPTEMBER, 1976. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT PRIOR TO THIS MR. LANCE HAD WORKED ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS IN A FUND-RAISING CAPACITY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH MR. LANCE, HAVING COME WITH THE ORGANIZATION IN OCTOBER, 1976.

[REDACTED] GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR, ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION, 230 PEACHTREE STREET, NORTHWEST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED BERTRAM LANCE REPRESENTED THE GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FROM AUGUST 11, 1975, UNTIL

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DECEMBER, 1975, AND FROM MARCH, 1976, THROUGH JUNE, 1976.

[REDACTED] STATED SHE IS ONLY SLIGHTLY ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE; HOWEVER, SHE HAS ADMIRERD HIS WORK AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] MEMBERSHIP DIVISION, GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ADVISED LANCE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THROUGH NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, DATES UNAVAILABLE. HE STATED HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE AND, THEREFORE, COULD MAKE NO COMMENTS AS TO LANCE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, OR LOYALTY.

[REDACTED] EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GEORGIA BANKERS ASSOCIATION, WILLIAM OLIVER BUILDING, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA BANKERS ASSOCIATION, PER SE, BUT THAT THE MEMBERSHIP IS WITH THE PARTICULAR BANKING INSTITUTION. BANKERS, THEMSELVES, ARE ELECTED TO OFFICES SUCH AS PRESIDENT, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MR. LANCE HAD BEEN ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WHICH HE HELD FOR TWO YEARS FROM 1970 TO 1972. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THAT TWO-YEAR PERIOD, HE COULD HAVE GONE ON TO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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BUT DECLINED THAT WHEN HE WENT WITH GOVERNOR CARTER'S GEORGIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WHEN MR. LANCE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CALHOUN, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED CONNECTED WITH THE GEORGIA BANKERS ASSOCIATION AS THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CALHOUN GOES BACK MANY YEARS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. LANCE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1960, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY, AND OVER THE YEARS, THEY HAVE BECOME GOOD FRIENDS. HE ADVISED THAT WITH REGARD TO MR. LANCE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATES, THERE COULD BE NO BLEMISH ON HIS RECORD WITH REGARD TO MR. LANCE'S ABILITIES AND CAPABILITIES; HE CONSIDERS HIM ONE OF THE MOST ASTUTE MEN IN FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS OTHER FIELDS. HE STATED HE WOULD MOST CERTAINLY, WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, RECOMMEND MR. LANCE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE HAS NO DOUBTS AS TO MR. LANCE'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

[REDACTED] EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GEORGIA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, ADVISED BERTRAM LANCE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, ORIGINALLY THROUGH CALHOUN BANK AND PRESENTLY THROUGH NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA.

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LANCE HAS BEEN A LOYAL BOARD MEMBER AND [REDACTED] STATED HE THINKS VERY HIGHLY OF LANCE. HE DESCRIBED LANCE AS A COMPLETE GENTLEMAN WHO POSSESSES UNQUESTIONABLE INTEGRITY AND A PHENOMENAL MEMORY. LANCE IS VERY LIKEABLE AND [REDACTED] FEELS IT IS FORTUNATE THAT SUCH A MAN WILL BE WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED LANCE.

[REDACTED] RECEPTIONIST-SECRETARY, GEORGIA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, 181 WASHINGTON STREET, SOUTHWEST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED FROM HER RECORDS THAT NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA BECAME A MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION JANUARY 31, 1975. LANCE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTING THE BANK (NBG). [REDACTED] STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW LANCE WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING HIM.

[REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, HENRIETTA EGLSTON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, 1405 CLIFTON ROAD, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED BERTRAM LANCE IS AN ADVISORY TRUSTEE, WHICH MEANS HE IS NOT A VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[REDACTED] STATED SHE DID NOT HAVE A RECORD OF THE DATE LANCE BECAME A MEMBER AND SHE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE.

[REDACTED] ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, GEORGIA

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CONSERVANCY, INCORPORATED, 3110 MAPLE DRIVE, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT THE CONSERVANCY WAS A NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION BASED IN GEORGIA AND THAT TO BECOME A MEMBER THE INDIVIDUAL MAKES A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION. SHE ADVISED THAT SOME MEMBERS WERE ACTIVE IN DOING WORK ON PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND ALTHOUGH MR. LANCE DID NOT TAKE ACTIVE PART IN SOME OF THESE PROJECTS, HE WAS IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHEN HE WAS WITH THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION. SHE ADVISED THAT THIS HAD TO DO MOSTLY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN GEORGIA AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM WHICH MR. LANCE AND THE BOARD WOULD NEGOTIATE TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION. SHE ADVISED THAT MR. LANCE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORGANIZATION IN MARCH, 1970, AND HAD RENEWED HIS MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR. SHE ADVISED THAT MR. LANCE WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND THAT THE ELECTION WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER, 1975, AND HE WENT ON THE BOARD JANUARY, 1976, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE IS SOMEWHAT ACQUAINTED WITH MR. LANCE, ALTHOUGH NOT CLOSELY, BUT SHE DID STATE THAT SHE FEELS HE IS A VERY FINE PERSON AND THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE, HIS CHARACTER AND REPUTATION

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WOULD BE WITHOUT QUESTION AND SHE FEELS HE IS VERY DEDICATED. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS NO REASON NOT TO RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] SECRETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, SOUTHERN COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 3400 PEACHTREE ROAD, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT THE SOUTHERN COUNCIL WAS A NON-PROFIT, EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH PUTS ON PROGRAMS PERTAINING TO INTERNATIONAL MATTERS SUCH AS LAW, ECONOMICS, AND POLITICS. SHE ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE VARIOUS SPEAKERS FROM OVERSEAS AS WELL AS FROM THE UNITED STATES. SHE STATED THAT THEY HAVE VARIOUS TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS, SUCH AS INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATE, AND FOUNDATIONS. SHE ADVISED THAT YOU BECOME A MEMBER BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION AND FOLLOWING THAT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. SHE ADVISED THAT MR. LANCE JOINED THE ORGANIZATION IN EARLY 1972 AND HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THAT TIME. SHE ADVISED THAT THIS WAS A PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP AND THEN THROUGH HIS BANK, THE NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, MADE A CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION IN 1975. SHE ADVISED THAT THESE ARE CONTRIBUTIONS AND NOT DUES AS SUCH. SHE STATED THAT THE BANK WOULD HAVE MADE A CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION,

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TO ITS HAVING AN INTERNATIONAL DIVISION AND A PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION. SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH MR. LANCE AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT COMMENT ON HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, OR ASSOCIATES BUT COULD SEE NO REASON NOT TO RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] AUDITOR, CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE PURPOSE OR BACKGROUND OF THE LANCELOT COMPANY AS THAT IS THE PERSONAL BUSINESS OF BERT LANCE. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] IS BERT LANCE'S [REDACTED] IS ALSO BERT LANCE'S [REDACTED] IS BERT LANCES'S WIFE'S UNCLE, AND [REDACTED] IS THE WIFE OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, PIEDMONT DRIVING CLUB (PDC),  
1215 PIEDMONT AVE, NE, BUSINESS, CARTER AND ASSOCIATES,  
1100 SPRING ST, ADVISED THAT BERT LANCE IS A MEMBER OF  
THE PDC, DATE UNAVAILABLE, AND THAT LANCE HAS NOT AS YET  
FORMALLY RESIGNED. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT ANY RESIGNATIONS  
FROM THE CLUB WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE CLUB BOARD MEETING  
ON JANUARY 18, 1977, THEREFORE, LANCE HAS NOT AS YET OFFICIALLY  
RESIGNED. [REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT IT IS THE PRACTICE OF PDC  
NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY MINORITY.

THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, OMB DESIGNATE, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL  
BANK OF GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT "LANCELOT" WAS A FAMILY  
PARTNERSHIP INVOLVED IN FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LOCATED IN  
CALHOUN, GA.

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ALL PERSONS CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER WERE ADVISED OF  
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[REDACTED], PRESIDENT, PIEDMONT DRIVING CLUB (PDC),  
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ALL PERSONS CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER WERE ADVISED OF  
THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND NONE DESIRED CONFIDEN-  
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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED DECEMBER 30, 1976 WITHOUT FAIL.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA (NBG), 34 PEACHTREE ST, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] GRIFFIN, VERIFIED LANCE'S EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG BEGINNING JANUARY 1975 AND CONTINUING TO PRESENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING LANCE. HE ADVISED THAT

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LANCE'S CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY TO THE U.

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ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND HIS REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY IS UNBLEMISHED. HE DESCRIBED LANCE AS BEING DYNAMIC, AGGRESSIVE, PATRIOTIC, A FISCAL CONSERVATIVE, A CIVIC MINDED INDIVIDUAL WITH DEEP RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND A GOOD FAMILY MAN WHO IS VERY DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY. HE STATED LANCE IS VERY HIGHLY THOUGHT OF BY BOTH PEERS AND SUBORDINATES AND IS CAPABLE OF GENERATING ENTHUSUASM AND EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE FROM ALL INDIVIDUALS HE WORKS WITH. HE STATED HE THINKS LANCE IS THE BEST APPOINTMENT [REDACTED] HAS MADE AND HE RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE MANNER.

[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, NBG, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE FOR 10 PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY AND HE WAS ABLE TO VERIFY LANCE'S EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1975 AND STILL CONTINUING. HE CONSIDERS LANCE'S CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY TO THE U. S. TO BE IMPECCABLE AND STATED HE KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING LANCE WHATSOEVER. HE STATED HE PERSONALLY KNOWS NO ONE WITH HIGHER STANDARDS AND HE CONSIDERS

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LANCE TO BE A GOOD CHRISTIAN FAMILY MAN WHO WORKS 14 - 16 HOURS A DAY, SIX DAYS A WEEK. HE STATED LANCE WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN SERVING BOTH HIS COUNTRY AND HIS CHURCH AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE IS BEING APPOINTED.

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[REDACTED] SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, NBG, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] VERIFIED LANCE'S EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG AND DATED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH LANCE, BEGINNING JANUARY 1975 AND CONTINUING TO PRESENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE AN HONEST, STRAIGHT-FORWARD STRONGLY RELIGIOUS AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ABLE TO INSTANTLY GRASP A PROBLEM AND GET TO THE HEART OF IT IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO INSURE A PROMPT SOLUTION. HE STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, LANCE'S REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY, HIS CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY TO THE U. S. WERE ABOVE REPROACH AND HE WOULD UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF NBG, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] COLLEGE PARK, ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AND

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SHE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE HARD WORKING, PEOPLE ORIENTED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED BY ALL THE BANK EMPLOYEES. SHE STATED THAT HIS CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY WERE ABOVE REPROACH AND SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PERSONNEL, NBG, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] VERIFIED FROM LANCE'S PERSONNEL RECORD THAT HE BEGAN HIS EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG OFFICIALLY ON JANUARY 22, 1975 AND STATED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIS CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY TO BE EXCELLENT. HE ADVISED THAT LANCE IS A VERY RELIGIOUS FAMILY MAN WHO IS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND A LEADER IN THE BUSINESS AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. HE STATED HE WOULD UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND LANCE FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NBG, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] VERIFIED LANCE'S EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 1975 AND CONTINUING TO THE PRESENT AND ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY

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FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND PERSONALLY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE STATED THAT LANCE IS A VERY RELIGIOUS FAMILY MAN WITH HIGH MORAL STANDARDS WHO IS HARD WORKING AND WELL THOUGHT OF BY EVERYONE WHO COMES IN CONTACT WITH HIM. HE STATED LANCE'S LOYALTY TO THE U. S. IS UNQUESTIONABLE AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, NBG,

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] GAINESVILLE, GA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY SINCE 1966 AND THAT HE WAS ABLE TO VERIFY LANCE'S EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1975 AND CONTINUING TO THE PRESENT. HE STATED THAT LANCE WAS A VERY RELIGIOUS FAMILY MAN WHO WAS EXTREMELY HARD WORKING AND HONEST. [REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] SECRETARY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, NBG, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] CLARKSTON, GA, ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY SINCE HE BEGAN EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NBG IN JANUARY 1975 AND SHE CONSIDERS HIS CHARACTER, MORALS, ASSOCIATES, LOYALTY AND REPUTATION TO BE EXCELLENT AND SHE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A

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SINCERE, TRUTHFUL CHRISTIAN MAN AND SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING APPOINTED.

REFERENCE. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CITY BANK OF ROME (NCBR), 501 BROAD ST, ROME, GA, HOME ADDRESS

[REDACTED] ROME, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS, HAVING ATTENDED BANKING SCHOOL WITH LANCE AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU), IN 1954, 1955, AND 1956, AND ROOMED WITH HIM. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HIM OVER THESE MANY YEARS IN THE BANKING BUSINESS.

HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO RESENTLY RESIDES AT

[REDACTED] ROME. [REDACTED] WOULD TRUST LANCE IMPLICITLY,

KNOWING NOTHING WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHARACTER OR REPUTATION OF LANCE, CONSIDERING LANCE A COMPLETELY OPEN AND HONEST PERSON. HE CONSIDERS LANCE'S MOTIVES ALL GOOD AND EXCEPTIONAL, AND IS VERY PLEASED AND FEELS HIGHLY CONFIDENT THAT SOMEONE AS LANCE HAS BEEN PLACED IN A HIGH POSITION IN THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. HE HAS SOCIALIZED CONSIDERABLY WITH LANCE OVER THESE PAST 25 YEARS AND HAS NEVER KNOWN OF LANCE TO HAVE USED ALCOHOL EXCESSIVELY; IN FACT, HE KNOWS OF LANCE

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TO BE EXTREMELY MODERATE IN CONSUMING ANY ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES.

[REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, NCBR, HOME [REDACTED] ROME, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE FOR 20 YEARS, HAVING BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN VARIOUS BANKING AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS SOCIALLY. HE HAS VISITED IN THE HOME OF LANCE, BOTH AT CALHOUN, GA AND MOST RECENTLY IN ATLANTA. HE IS ACQUAINTED THROUGH THESE SOCIAL VISITS WITH LANCE'S WIFE AND [REDACTED] WHO LIVES IN ROME. LANCE, PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED HEAD OF THE GEORGIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT), ASKED HIM HIS ADVICE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO TAKE THE JOB, AT WHICH TIME LANCE GAVE HIM HIS IDEAS AS TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S DUTY TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND EXPOUNDED ON HOW EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS THE DUTY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT. FROM THIS AND OTHER COMMENTS AND ACTIONS OF LANCE, HE CONSIDERS HIM TO HAVE A SINCERE DESIRE TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT AND TO DO WHAT HE THINKS IS BEST FOR ALL PEOPLE. FROM HIS EXPERIENCES WITH LANCE IN THE BANKING BUSINESS,

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AS WELL AS IN THEIR POLITICAL ENDEAVORS, HE CONSIDERS LANCE VERY CAPABLE AND DETAILED IN WHATEVER PROBLEM HE IS WORKING ON. HE CONSIDERS LANCE VERY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS APPOINTED. HE KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE THAT LANCE IS AN UNTIRING WORKER WHO IS DETERMINED TO GET THE JOB DONE.

[ ] KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY OR DETRIMENTAL CONCERNING LANCE, HIS PARENTS OR HIS FAMILY. HE CONSIDERS LANCE AND HIS FAMILY TO BE "DOWN TO EARTH" PEOPLE OF THE PUREST CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, LANCE BEING INVOLVED IN THE METHODIST CHURCH ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE IS APPOINTED.

ASSOCIATES. [ ] PRESIDENT, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATLANTA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN LANCE PROFESSIONALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 YEARS. [ ] ADVISED LANCE IS AN HONEST, CHRISTIAN MAN WHO MAINTAINS IMPRESSIVE ASSOCIATES. [ ] ADVISED LANCE HAS A REPUTATION AS A GOOD BANKER, AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. [ ] STATED LANCE RUNS A GOOD BANK, MANAGES HIS TIME WELL, AND IS AN EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR. [ ] RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT STATING "HE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE ADMINISTRATION."

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[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, CALHOUN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND  
LOAN ASSOCIATION, 226 SOUTH WALL ST, CALHOUN, GA, HOME ADDRESS

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE APPROXIMATELY  
25 YEARS WITH MOST OF HIS ASSOCIATION AND ACQUAINTANCE BEING  
THROUGH BANKING CONNECTIONS AND SOME SOCIALLY. HE HAS KNOWN  
LANCE'S PARENTS AS WELL AS HIS WIFE, HER FAMILY AND HIS SONS.  
HE IS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] WHO  
LIVES IN ROME, GA., AND ALSO WAS SLIGHTLY ACQUAINTED WITH HIS  
BROTHER, BOB LANCE, WHO WAS KILLED IN WWII. [REDACTED] HAS NO  
QUESTION AS TO THE EXCELLENT CHARACTER OF LANCE AND HIS  
ENTIRE FAMILY, AND CONSIDERS THEM LOYAL AND DEVOTED CITIZENS  
OF THE COMMUNITY. HE HAS WORKED CONSIDERABLY WITH LANCE  
IN THE COMMUNITY IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS WORKED WITH HIM  
IN THE RAISING OF FUNDS FOR CHARITY AND RELIGIOUS PURPOSES.  
FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE OF LANCE'S BUSINESS LEADERSHIP IN THE  
CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND OTHER BANKS, HE WOULD CONSIDER  
HIM FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN  
NOMINATED AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR THIS POSITION.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND  
LOAN ASSOCIATION OF CALHOUN, GA, 208 NORTH WALL ST, HOME ADDRESS

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[REDACTED] CALHOUN, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN BERT LANCE LONGER

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THAN TWENTY YEARS, AND HE REMEMBERED LANCE AS A YOUNGSTER  
IN CALHOUN AND WAS CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE'S FATHER.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH LANCE IN THE BANKING  
BUSINESS AND DID ATTEND THE SAME SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WHERE  
LANCE TAUGHT AND WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES.  
HE ALSO SERVED WITH LANCE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CALHOUN. LANCE WAS ONE OF  
THE LARGER FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS OF THE CHURCH AND A VERY  
ACTIVE LAY LENDER. LANCE HAS BEEN INVOLVED AND VERY ACTIVE  
IN ALL AREAS OF COMMUNITY WORK, BELONGING TO NUMEROUS CIVIC  
ORGANIZATIONS AND IN CHARGE OF A NUMBER OF FUND RAISING  
ACTIVITIES FOR THESE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CHURCH.  
BOTH HE AND LANCE WERE DIRECTORS TOGETHER, BEGINNING JUNE 27,  
1966, IN A SMALL BUSINESS IN CALHOUN SOME YEARS AGO, KNOWN  
AS GEORGE BRUNT AND ASSOCIATES, WHICH PRODUCED LATEX WHICH  
IS USED IN THE BACKING OF CARPETS. THIS COMPANY MERGED INTO  
A CORPORATION WHOLLY-OWNED BY SYBRON CORPORATION WHICH IS  
LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, FEBRUARY, 1970.  
AFTER THE MERGER, IT WAS KNOWN AS BRUNT TANETEX CORPORATION

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AND LANCE AND THE OTHER PREVIOUS OWNERS CEASED AFFILIATION BY DISPOSING OF THEIR STOCK. LANCE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY AND AT THE TIME HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

[REDACTED] ADVISED IS ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE'S WIFE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECALLING THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HAS [REDACTED] WHO RESIDES IN CALHOUN AND OPERATED BARKER FLOWER HOUSE, HE'S A FLORIST. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWS OF NO CHARACTER FLAWS OR ANY VIOLATION OF THE LAW, INVOLVEMENT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, OR UNETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES ON THE PART OF LANCE OR HIS FAMILY OTHER THAN ONE INCIDENT INVOLVING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN FULTON COUNTY, GA, WHEN LANCE AND HIS FAMILY WERE LIVING NEAR ATLANTA AND POSSIBLY INVOLVED MARIJUANA. AS HE RECALLED, THIS WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE, AND APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPERS. THERE WAS, DURING THE PAST YEAR, AN INCIDENT AT THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, THIS BEING AN EMBEZZLEMENT AT THE BANK BY

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AN [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT LANCE HAD ANY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE THAT [REDACTED] WAS CARRYING OUT SUCH AN EMBEZZLEMENT. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED LANCE FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED.

[REDACTED] PASTOR, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 205 LINE ST, CALHOUN, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN PASTOR OF THE ABOVE CHURCH FOR THE PAST TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AND HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH BERT LANCE AS HIS PASTOR FOR THE PAST TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS. HE IS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE'S PARENTS AND RELATIVES ON BOTH SIDES INCLUDING [REDACTED] OF ROME, GA. HE CONSIDERS THEM ALL OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER AND THROUGH THE PEOPLE AND MEMBERSHIP OF HIS CHURCH WHO HAVE KNOWN LANCE, HIS FAMILY AND HIS WIFE'S FAMILY OVER THE PAST MANY YEARS SINCE LANCE'S CHILDHOOD, HAS LEARNED THAT LANCE AND HIS FAMILY ARE DEEPLY RELIGIOUS, HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER PEOPLE, AND HAVE ALWAYS HAD A CLEAN, UNTARNISHED REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. HE HAS NO QUESTION AS TO THE INTEGRITY AND INTENT OF LANCE AND CONSIDERS HIM VERY UNUSUAL IN HIS FEELING OF HAVING A DUTY TO HIS FELLOW

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MAN AND TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE HAS BEEN IN LANCE'S PRESENCE MANY TIMES DURING MEETINGS AND OTHER GATHERINGS OF A CHURCH NATURE AND HAS NEVER OBSERVED LANCE CONDUCTING HIMSELF IN ANY MANNER WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON HIM OR HIS FAMILY. HE ADVISED LANCE IS NOT A SHOW-OFF, DOES NOT TRY TO IMPRESS ANYONE, AND IS COMPLETELY OPEN WITH EVERYONE, TREATING EVERYONE IN AN EQUAL MANNER. HE HAS NOTED THAT LANCE, REGARDLESS OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN BUSINESS OR GOVERNMENT, IS ALWAYS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED AS TREASURER FOR THE CHURCH FOR TEN YEARS OR MORE PRIOR TO MOVING TO ATLANTA. HE HAS BEEN ELECTED TWICE AND POSSIBLY THREE TIMES AS THE GEORGIA DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WHICH IS THE HIGHEST BODY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE U. S.; THIS CONFERENCE MEETS EVERY FOUR YEARS. [REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS LANCE FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY, FORMERLY ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF GORDON AT CALHOUN, BUSINESS ADDRESS 204 NORTH WALL STREET, CALHOUN, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN AACQUAINTED WITH LANCE SINCE 1960. HE HAS BEEN COUNTY

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS AND HIS OFFICE, LOCATED  
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, IS  
ALSO THE OFFICE OF [REDACTED] PARTER OF HIS IN LAW AT  
CALHOUN. [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH LANCE IN POLITICS,  
HAVING BEEN HIS SEVENTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN WHEN LANCE RAN  
FOR THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GA, AND HAS SERVED IN THE  
LEGISLATURE FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA. HE IS BIASED CONCERNING  
LANCE, AND CONSIDERS THERE IS NO MAN MORE QUALIFIED THAN  
LANCE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT  
AND BUDGET AND CONSIDERS THERE IS NO MAN MORE HONEST OR OF  
A CLEANER REPUTATION THAN LANCE. HE HAS OBSERVED LANCE OVER  
THE YEARS IN HIS WORK AT THE BANK AND IS PERSONALLY AWARE  
OF LANCE'S WORK, OBSERVING HIM MANY TIMES WORKING EXTREMELY  
LATE HOURS, AND COMING INTO THE BANK AT 4:00 AM IN THE MORNING  
OR OTHER TIMES, PUTTING IN THE TIME NECESSARY TO DO THE JOB.  
HE KNOWS LANCE TO BE A GOOD, LEVEL-HEADED BUSINESSMAN WHO DEALS  
IN PEOPLE, PLACING TRUST IN THEM AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM  
HIGHLY TFOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE IS NOMINATED.

IDENTIFICATION. [REDACTED] GORDON COUNTY SUPERIOR

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COURT CLERK, 100 SOUTH WALL ST, CALHOUN, HOME ADDRESS TATE

[REDACTED] MADE AVAILABLE THE CRIMINAL AND ISSUE DOCKETS OF

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THAT OFFICE WHICH CONTAINED NO REFERENCES TO THOMAS BERTRAM

LANCE OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE

HAS KNOWN LANCE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1945, AS WELL AS HIS

FATHER AND SISTER. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH LANCE'S

FOUR SONS, AND ATTENDED SCHOOL WITH LANCE'S WIFE [REDACTED]

OF LANCE'S FAMILY, FROM HIS PARENTS THROUGH HIS SONS,

HE KNOWS OF NO PROBLEMS OR TROUBLE WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCIES OR COURTS, OTHER THAN ONE INCIDENT WITH REGARDS

TO [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

HE IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS, BUT RECALLS THAT [REDACTED]

SOME FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO, WAS INVOLVED IN SOME PROBLEM WITH

FULTON COUNTY AUTHORITIES, HAVING TO DO WITH MARIJUANA.

HE RECALLS THAT LANCE AND [REDACTED] WERE MARRIED WHILE

LANCE WAS ATTENDING COLLEGE, AND UPON LANCE'S RETURN TO

CALHOUN, HE JOINED [REDACTED] IN THE BANK AT CALHOUN WHICH

WAS THEN BEING OPERATED BY [REDACTED] WHEN LANCE

ENTERED THE BANK AT CALHOUN, IT BEGAN TO PROSPER AND BECAUSE

OF THE BOOM IN THE ECONOMY AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF LANCE'S

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ABILITIES, THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY AND IS A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION MAINLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LANCE. HE CONSIDERS LANCE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST HONEST INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO HIM, AND HE CONSIDERS HIM FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS LANCE TO HAVE A CLEAN AND UNTARNISHED CHARACTER AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE.

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND NONE DESIRED CONFIDENTIALITY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Date: 12/30/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (161-1099) (P)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE,  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 12/30/76

Re Bureau telcall to Atlanta, 12/30/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a computer printout, showing the overdraft report of the Calhoun First National Bank, dated 10/30/74.

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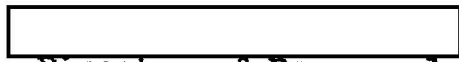
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January 7, 1977

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Director of Personnel  
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group  
HEW Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear

In accordance with a request received from you on December 23, 1976, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Thomas Bertram Lance. Enclosed herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

When a check of the files of the Internal Revenue Service and copies of reports from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, have been obtained, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*

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NOTE: Request received from Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group. Lance has been designated for appointment by the President-elect as Director, Office of Management and Budget.

[REDACTED] has a marijuana arrest in Atlanta, Georgia. Investigation revealed bank examinations by Comptroller of Currency concerning an overdraft situation at Calhoun First National Bank, Calhoun, Georgia. Results of those bank examinations referred to U. S. Attorney, Atlanta, and Department of Justice, both rendering declinations. Bank examinations revealed large, numerous overdrafts by Lance's gubernatorial campaign committee and by other bank officials and relatives. Investigation otherwise favorable to date. IRS and additional reports from Comptroller of Currency are outstanding.



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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED DECEMBER 30, 1976.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU DECEMBER 30, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT ATLANTA,

GEORGIA UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

EDUCATION:

[REDACTED] SECRETARY, MICROFILM RECORDS DEPARTMENT,  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GA, ADVISED THEIR RECORDS  
SHOWED THAT THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, DATE OF BIRTH JUNE 3, 1931,  
AT GAINESVILLE, GA, ATTENDED THE OFF-CAMPUS CENTER OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AT ROME, GA, FOR THE SUMMER QTR, JUNE  
THROUGH AUGUST, 1949, AND EARNED 10 CREDIT HOURS. SHE STATED  
THAT LANCE HAD 30 CREDIT HOURS IN ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDITS FROM

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EMORY UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA. [REDACTED] FURTHER INFORMED THAT LANCE ATTENDED THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GA AT ATHENS, FOR THE FALL QUARTER OF 1950, WINTER AND SPRING QUARTERS OF 1951, AND EARNED 50 CREDIT HOURS. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT LANCE ATTENDED THE OFF-CAMPUS CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF GA, ROME, GA, FOR THE WINTER QUARTER, JANUARY THROUGH MARCH, 1953 AND EARNED 10 CREDIT HOURS. THE RECORDS SHOW THAT LANCE EARNED ADDITIONAL COLLEGE CREDITS FROM EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, IN THE AMOUNT OF 40 HOURS. HE REENTERED THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, MAIN CAMPUS AT ATHENS, JUNE 1, 1953 AND COMPLETED THE SUMMER QUARTER IN AUGUST OF 1953 AND EARNED 10 ADDITIONAL CREDIT HOURS. HE WITHDREW AS A STUDENT AND WAS CLASSIFIED AS A SENIOR CLASS STUDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS WITHDRAWAL, AUGUST 16, 1953. SHE ADVISED THAT HIS DEGREE OBJECTIVE WAS A BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE AND THAT HE EARNED A TOTAL OF 150 CREDIT HOURS TOWARDS THIS DEGREE; HOWEVER, DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH CREDIT HOURS TO EARN THE DEGREE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LANCE MAINTAINED AN OVERALL GRADE AVERAGE OF 82.3 THROUGHOUT HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AND WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SYSTEM. SHE STATED THAT

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THERE WAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IN THEIR FILES CONCERNING LANCE. SHE POINTED OUT THAT SHE COULD NOT SUGGEST THE IDENTITY OF ANYONE CURRENTLY ON THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN LANCE DURING HIS ATTENDANCE.

CREDIT:

[REDACTED] SECRETARY, CREDIT BUREAU OF ATHENS, GA, ADVISED THEIR RECORDS CONTAINED NO CREDIT INFORMATION FOR THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE.

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IDENTIFICATION:

SERGEANT [REDACTED] ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND [REDACTED] CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARKE COUNTY, ADVISED THEIR RECORDS CONTAINED NO IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE.

MISCELLANEOUS:

[REDACTED] REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF NATIONAL BANKS, 6 REGIONAL DISTRICT, COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, ADVISED THAT THE EXAMINATION OF THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK BEGAN ON APRIL 28, 1975. [REDACTED] CAME TO ATLANTA, GA TO ASSUME HIS PRESENT POSITION ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1975, AND RECALLS THAT ONE OF THE FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT HE HAD TO DEAL

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WITH WAS THE EXAMINATION CONCERNING THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK. HE RECALLS THAT THERE WERE THREE DEPOSITIONS SITTING ON HIS DESK CONCERNING IRREGULARITIES AT THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK (CFNB), AND THAT IT WAS UNCOVERED BY AN AUDIT OF THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY THAT OCCURRED IN APRIL, 1975. HE RECALLS THAT [REDACTED] ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE SECTION, COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, D. C., CAME TO ATLANTA, AND DID SOME FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND THAT [REDACTED] TOOK DEPOSITIONS FROM [REDACTED] PRESIDENT, CFNB, AND BELIEVES THAT A DEPOSITION WAS TAKEN FROM BERT LANCE. *!!!* HE DOES NOT RECALL WHO THE OTHER DEPOSITION WAS TAKEN FROM. ALL THREE DEPOSITIONS SHOULD BE IN THE FILE CONCERNING THE CFNB AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WDC. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AFTER HE REVIEWED THE EXAMINATION REPORT OF THE CFNB, IT WAS HIS OPINION AND THAT IT WAS CONCURRED UPON || BY [REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE, COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, WDC, THAT THERE WAS NO WILLFUL WRONG DOING ON ANYBODY'S PART INVOLVING THEIR IRREGULARITIES. THERE WAS NO LOSS INCURRED BY THE BANK AND HE RECALLS THAT THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF PERSONAL GUARANTEE ON FILE OF BERT LANCE TO THE

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BANK. IN HIS OPINION, THE IRREGULARITIES WERE CAUSED BY "JUST POOR BOOKKEEPING, WITHOUT WILLFUL INTENT". HE ADVISED THAT IN CERTAIN STATES WHERE UNIT BANKING IS REQUIRED, SUCH AS GEORGIA, THAT HIS AGENCY GENERALLY FINES POOR SLOPPY BOOKKEEPING. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO UNCOVER DURING EXAMINATION THAT AN OVERDRAFT OF A CHECKING ACCOUNT IS MAINTAINED BY A BANK OFFICER, AND THAT THIS IS GENERALLY FOUND IN SMALL COUNTRY BANKS IN RURAL GEORGIA. HE BELIEVES THAT ANY NUMBER OF SMALL COUNTRY BANKS IN GEORGIA WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING AS THE CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK DID IF AN OFFICER OF THE BANK WAS RUNNING FOR A POLITICAL OFFICE.

ADVISED THAT MANY COUNTRY BANKS "LACK PROCEDURAL SOPHISTICATION".

HE BELIEVES THAT LANCE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON AT THE TIME AS FAR AS THE PAYMENT OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AS LANCE WAS BUSY CAMPAIGNING DURING THIS TIME. A COPY OF THE COMPLETE EXAMINATION REPORT CONCERNING CFNB WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT HIS OFFICE AND ALSO AT THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY IN WDC. IN HIS OPINION, THE IRREGULARITIES THAT WERE UNCOVERED COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED.

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IN DECEMBER, 1975, THE BANK ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HIS AGENCY THAT THE BANK WOULD HIRE SOMEONE TO HANDLE THE LOAN PORTFOLIO FOR THE BANK AS IT WAS UNCOVERED DURING EXAMINATION THAT THERE WAS A LARGE VOLUME OF CLASSIFIED ASSETS UNCOVERED. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR SMALL COUNTRY BANKS TO LOAN MONEY TO INDIVIDUALS WITH NO TYPE OF REPAYMENT SCHEDULE SET, PARTICULARLY TO INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE INFLUENTIAL IN THE COMMUNITY. ANOTHER REQUIREMENT OF THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS ENTERED INTO WITH THE BANK, WAS THAT ALL LOANS WOULD HAVE A REPAYMENT PROGRAM SET, AND THAT ALL CHECKING ACCOUNT OVERDRAFTS WOULD BE PAID AND THAT ANY INTEREST DUE TO THE BANK WOULD BE PAID FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE OVERDRAFT WAS CARRIED. HE ADVISED THAT IN THE MONTH FOLLOWING, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN JANUARY, 1976, ALL OF THE ITEMS IN THE AGREEMENT WERE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE BANK. SINCE DECEMBER, 1975, TWO EXAMINATIONS WERE CONDUCTED OF THE BANK, AND THAT THE BANK DID TAKE STEPS TO CONFORM TO THE ITEMS IN THE AGREEMENT AND SINCE THEN THE BANK HAS HANDLED THESE MATTERS IN AN ACCEPTABLE MANNER. IN NOVEMBER, 1976, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE BANK MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO CORRECT THESE

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ITEMS IN THE AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT WAS RELEASED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY.

U. S. ATTORNEY JOHN W. STOKES, JR., NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA (NDGA), ADVISED THAT WHEN HE REVIEWED THE FILE IN HIS OFFICE ENTITLED "CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK" WHICH RELATED TO IRREGULARITIES INVOLVING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES BEING PAID BY THE BANK FOR BERT LANCE'S CAMPAIGN WHEN HE WAS RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR OF GA. BASED ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FILE, HE WAS NOT LOOKING AT POSSIBLE PROSECUTION OF LANCE, BUT THAT THE VIOLATION INVOLVED WOULD HAVE CONCERNED OTHER BANK OFFICIALS AND NOT LANCE. HE REVIEWED THE INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROSECUTION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 656 AND SECTION 1005, USC, BUT THAT HE DECLINED PROSECUTION AFTER CONFERRING WITH [REDACTED] OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CONCERNING BOTH SECTIONS INVOLVED. STOKES WAS NOT EVEN CONSIDERING PROSECUTION UNDER TITLE 18, SECTION 613, USC, AS THAT VIOLATION CONCERNING THAT SECTION WAS PREVIOUSLY DECLINED ON BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. STOKES STATED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE LANCELOT COMPANY.

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ON DECEMBER 30, 1976, A REVIEW OF THE U. S. ATTORNEY FILE

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NUMBER 76-0389, ENTITLED "CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK"  
CONCERNING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18, SECTION 656  
AND SECTION 1005, USC, WAS CONDUCTED. THE FILE REFLECTED  
THAT THE FILE WAS CLOSED WITHOUT PROSECUTION ON DECEMBER 2, 1976  
BY USA JOHN W. STOKES, JR.

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ENCLOSED IN THE FILE WAS AN U. S. GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM  
DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1975, ADDRESSED TO "FILES" FROM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ATTORNEY, ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE SECTION, COMPTROLLER  
OF CURRENCY, SUBJECT OF MEMO, CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK.  
UNDER SECTION IN MEMO ENTITLED "FACTS", IT STATED THAT FROM  
AT LEAST OCTOBER, 1973 TO AUGUST, 1974, THE BANK ADVANCED  
PAYMENT FROM ITS OWN FUNDS ON CERTAIN BILLS AND EXPENSES  
THAT WERE FOR THE BERT LANCE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION  
WITH LANCE'S GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY CAMPAIGN. THE COMMITTEE  
WOULD REIMBURSE THE BANK BY A CHECK DRAWN ON ONE OR TWO  
ACCOUNTS THAT IT MAINTAINED AT THE BANK OF WHICH, AT CERTAIN  
TIMES, HAD INSUFFICIENT BALANCES. A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$69,000  
WAS ADVANCED TO THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FROM OCTOBER, 1973,  
TO AUGUST, 1974, FOR PAYMENT OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

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ON AUGUST, 1974, THE BANK PAID CAMPAIGN EXPENSES TOTALING



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\$4,773.93, AND SENT A STATEMENT TO THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS DISPENDED AND THE STATEMENT WAS RETURNED UNOPENED TO THE BANK. ON FEBRUARY 24, 1975,

PRESIDENT, CFNB, ENTERED THE AMOUNT OF \$4,773.93 ON ITS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEDGER. THAT AMOUNT REMAINED AS AN ACCT RECEIVABLE UNTIL AUGUST 18, 1975 WHEN LANCE PAID THE BANK A TOTAL OF \$5,160.74 FOR THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT PLUS INTEREST. 11

THE MEMORANDUM STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO CHECKING ACCOUNTS, ONE ENTITLED "TBL" OPERATING ACCOUNT, AND "BERT LANCE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE" ACCOUNT, IN WHICH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS WERE DEPOSITED AND CAMPAIGN EXPENSES WERE PAID FROM BOTH OF THESE ACCOUNTS. FROM JANUARY, 1974 TO DECEMBER, 1974, THESE ACCOUNTS WERE OCCASIONALLY CARRYING AN OVERDRAWN BALANCE, AND THAT THE BANK PAID CHECKS PRESENTED FOR COLLECTION AGAINST THESE ACCOUNTS, AND THAT THE BANK DID NOT ASSESS THE ACCOUNTS SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE OVERDRAWN BALANCES. ON OCTOBER 13, 1973, LANCE PROVIDED A CHECK TO THE BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 WITH A LETTER STATING THAT THE CHECK IS IN PAYMENT OF EITHER OVERPAYMENT OR UNDERPAYMENT OF CAMPAIGN

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EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BANK ON HIS BEHALF AND THAT IT RELATES TO ANY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. THE BANK NOTED THE RECEIPT OF THE \$5,000 IN A SPIRAL NOTEBOOK, AND FROM OCTOBER 15, 1973 TO FEBRUARY 4, 1974, THE BANK PAID CAMPAIGN BILLS AND NOTED THE PAYMENTS IN THE SPIRAL NOTEBOOK WHICH EXHAUSTED THE BALANCE. HOWEVER, AFTER THE BALANCE WAS EXHAUSTED, INSTEAD OF REQUESTING FURTHER ADVANCE FROM LANCE, THE BANK CONTINUED TO PAY CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND NOTED THEM IN THE SPIRAL NOTEBOOK. ON JANUARY 31, 1975, LANCE PAID THE BANK A BALANCE OF \$9,259.07 WHICH WAS THE BALANCE THAT WAS NOTED IN THE SPIRAL NOTEBOOK, HOWEVER, NO INTEREST ON THAT MONEY WAS PAID. *PAID 8/15 9/15 - NO AMOUNT KNOWN.*

UNDER THE SECTION ENTITLED "POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS", THE MEMO STATED THAT THERE WERE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18, SECTION 610, USC, NOTING THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY NATIONAL BANK TO MAKE AN EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ELECTION. THERE WAS A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 656, CONCERNING THE ADVANCING OF PAYMENTS FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES BY CHECKS THAT WERE GIVEN TO THE BANK DRAWN ON AN OVERDRAWN CHECKING ACCOUNT. THERE WAS ALSO A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 1005, NOTING TECHNICALLY, THE CHARGING OF THE

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SEVERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE BANK FOR WHICH WERE IN FACT THE BANK PAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

UNDER SECTION OF THE MEMORANDUM ENTITLED "MITIGATING FACTORS" THE MEMO STATED THAT DETAILED RECORDS WERE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES OF ADVANCED PAYMENTS FOR THE CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND THAT THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE, HIDE, OR DESTROY THE RELEVANT RECORDS OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES. THERE WAS NO INTENT TO

"COVER UP" THE BANK'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT NO LOSS OF MONEY OCCURRED TO THE BANK. IT WAS NOTED THAT BOTH OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS WERE PAID IN FULL ON DECEMBER 16, 1974, AS THAT WAS THE BALANCE SHOWING ON THE MONTHLY STATEMENT.

LANCE REIMBURSED THE BANK FOR EXPENSES RECORDED IN THE SPIRAL NOTEBOOK ON JANUARY 31, 1975 AND THAT LANCE REIMBURSED THE BANK ON AUGUST 18, 1975 FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BANK INVOLVING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES FOR AUGUST, 1974. ON AUGUST 18, 1975, AND ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1975, LANCE PAID THE OVERDRAFT CHARGES AS ASSESSED BY THE BANK FOR THE PERIODS OF WHICH THE TWO ACCOUNTS THAT WERE USED FOR CAMPAIGN FUNDS WERE OVERDRAWN. IT IS NOTED THAT LANCE HAD ON FILE WITH THE BANK, AN UNLIMITED GUARANTEE AND THAT LANCE HAD A SAVING CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT

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OF \$112,000 WITH THE BANK.

UNDER THE SECTION OF THE MEMORANDUM ENTITLED "RECOMMENDATIONS", IT REFLECTED THAT THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY SHOULD EITHER TRANSACT OR EXTRACT FROM THE BANK A BOARD RESOLUTION, AGREEMENT, OR AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST PROHIBITING THE BANK FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN ANY FORM INVOLVING ANY CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE OF T. BERTRAM LANCE AND ANY OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE BANK, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY STATUTE OR RULING, AND THEN ONLY AFTER PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE WAS OBTAINED. THE SECOND ITEM NOTED UNDER RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO DISCUSS THE FACTS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUSTICE DEPT AND TO ASCERTAIN IF THIS CASE IS WORTHY OF REFERRAL TO THEM. IT IS NOTED THAT IT STATED THAT IT IS IN THE WRITER'S OPINION THAT AN U. S. ATTORNEY WOULD NOT PROSECUTE THIS MATTER.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER WERE ADVISED OF

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 AND NONE DESIRED  
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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, SPECIAL INQUIRY, RUDED PAST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA, JANUARY 4, 1977.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN FURTHERANCE OF OVERDRAFT  
IRREGULARITY AT CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK (CFNB), CALHOUN,  
GEORGIA.

[REDACTED] AUDITOR, CFNB, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, ADVISED  
THAT AS OF JUNE, 1974, THE BANK BEGAN CHARGING INTEREST ON ALL  
OVERDRAFT CHECKING ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF DAILY PRIME. THE  
INTEREST CHARGE WOULD BE COMPUTED AND CHARGED ON THE MONTHLY  
CHECKING ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS A FEE DUE THE BANK JUST LIKE THE  
MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE.

ON AUGUST 30, 1975, CFNB SENT AN INVOICE TO BERT LANCE IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$6,821.30 FOR THE INTEREST DUE THE BANK FOR THE

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OVERDRAFTS OF THE CHECKING ACCOUNTS OF "TBL," AND THE BERT  
LANCE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ACCOUNT. THIS INVOICE WAS PAID BY  
LANCE, DATE UNAVAILABLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE BANK BEGAN THE POLICY OF ALLOWING OVERDRAFT CHECKING AC-  
COUNTS WITHOUT INTEREST. THE MONTHLY CHECKING ACCOUNT  
STATEMENTS SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST PAID FOR THE OVER-  
DRAFTS IS ON MICROFILM WITHIN THE BANK.

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January 19, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Robert J. Lipshutz  
Counsel to the President-elect  
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group  
HEW Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lipshutz:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 7, 1977, to [redacted] of your office, which furnished the results of investigation concerning Mr. Thomas Bertram Lance.

The Internal Revenue Service has advised that income tax returns were filed for the years 1973, 1974, and 1975 by Mr. Lance. There is no record of failure to pay any tax within ten days after notice or demand or penalties for negligence during the tax years of 1973, 1974, and 1975. There is no record of criminal tax investigations or civil penalties for fraud under the internal revenue laws concerning these returns.

When copies of reports from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, have been obtained, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-11541) (RUC)  
THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 12/30/76

Re WFO airtel 1/4/77.

Enclosed is one copy of "Report of Examination of Comptroller of the Currency dated 8/6/73" and one copy of memorandum dated 12/24/75 from [redacted] First Deputy Comptroller of the Currency to [redacted] Esquire, Fraud Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

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On January 25, 1977, [redacted] Attorney, Division of Enforcement and Compliance, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, advised SA [redacted] that in accordance with request of SA [redacted] 12/30/76, upon return to his office from a business trip 1/24/77, he had reviewed reports of bank examinations at the Calhoun First National Bank for the years 1972, 1973, and 1974 concerning overdrafts in the accounts of appointee and his wife. He stated that results of this review disclosed no overdrafts occurring during those years for appointee or his wife with the exception of one in the report dated 8/6/73 in the amount of \$312.00 in the name of BERT LANCE, then President of the Calhoun First National Bank. Copy of this report was furnished by [redacted] and is attached.

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Concerning overdrafts in the account of the BERT LANCE Campaign Committee, he stated this information had been furnished to Department of Justice by memorandum dated 12/24/75 for its determination of possible violations under Section 610 of Title 12 United States Code. He furnished a copy of this memorandum which is attached. He said that because of banking laws <sup>reports</sup> of these examinations by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency could not be made further available without a subpoena. He noted that reports of bank examinations made available to the FBI to date were done with the consent of the appointee.

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On January 4, 1977, SO [redacted] determined that records of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, contained no information concerning the appointee.

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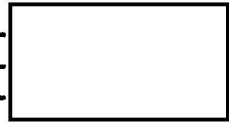
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January 31, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Robert J. Lipshutz  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lipshutz:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 19, 1977, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Mr. Thomas Bertram Lance. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of additional investigation conducted in this matter.

This concludes the investigation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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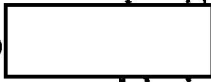
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January 20, 1977

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — SENATE

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NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 20, 1977:

THE CABINET

The following-named persons to the positions indicated:

Cyrus Vance, of New York, to be Secretary of State.

W. Michael Blumenthal, of Michigan, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Harold Brown, of California, to be Secretary of Defense.

Griffin B. Bell, of Georgia, to be Attorney General.

Cecil D. Andrus, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Bob S. Berglund, of Minnesota, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Juanita M. Kreps, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Roy Marshall, of Texas, to be Secretary of Labor.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Patricia Roberts Harris, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Brockman Adams, of Washington, to be Secretary of Transportation.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Thomas Bertram Lance, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Charles L. Schultze, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Andrew J. Young, of Georgia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Cecil D. Andrus, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bob S. Berglund, of Minnesota, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Juanita M. Kreps, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Patricia Roberts Harris, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Charles L. Schultze, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees' commitments to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 20, 1977:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cyrus Vance, of New York, to be Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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September 15, 1977

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

The Honorable Clarence Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

BY HAND

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Dear Director Kelley:

During testimony before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on September 14, Agent [redacted] was unable to explain to the Committee why he did not begin conducting interviews for a background check on Mr. Bert Lance until December 27, 1976. This was 24 days after Mr. Lance was designated by President-elect Carter to be the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

[redacted] also was unable to tell the Committee whether Mr. Lance in any way withheld information or caused a delay in the FBI background check.

As Ranking Minority Member of the Governmental Affairs Committee, I would like assurance that there was no problem in conducting the background check on the OMB nominee. Therefore, it would be extremely helpful to know:

- 1) When the FBI began conducting interviews concerning Mr. Lance.
- 2) When the FBI began reviewing documents regarding Mr. Lance and his activities.
- 3) Whether, at any time, Mr. Lance declined to cooperate or allow the FBI to review documents in his possession or control? Please provide details if he declined such cooperation.
- 4) Was there any other factor that delayed initiation of the FBI background investigation or impeded its conduct?

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In view of pressing time factors, it is urgently requested that you reply at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Percy/jic  
United States Senator

(ILLINOIS)

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

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*Thomas Bertram Lance*

ATTENTION SECTION CHIEF JOSEPH HENEMAN, ROOM 5155.

JOHN WILLIAM STOKES, JR., MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ON OCTOBER 4, 1977, SAC, ATLANTA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] DEPUTY CHIEF OF PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), WASHINGTON, D.C. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS IN TOWN WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, NOT IDENTIFIED, AND THEY WERE LOOKING INTO THE "CLOSING OF LANCE CAMPAIGN OVERDRAFT CASE BY FORMER U. S. ATTORNEY JOHN STOKES."

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[REDACTED] REFERRED TO A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1977, SENT TO MR. STOKES BY SAC, ATLANTA, A COPY OF WHICH IS IN THE POSSESSION OF [REDACTED] IN THIS LETTER REFERENCE IS MADE TO MR. STOKES' LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24, 1977, TO SAC, ATLANTA. [REDACTED]

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REQUESTED THAT HE BE FURNISHED A COPY THEREOF.

THIS LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU BY TELECOPIER ON  
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[REDACTED] CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CALHOUN, GEORGIA, BF & E,  
OO: AT, BUFILE 29-74289."

SAC'S LETTER TO MR. STOKES, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1977, ALSO  
MENTIONED INTERVIEWS OF MR. STOKES REGARDING MR. LANCE, CONDUCTED  
BY THE ATLANTA OFFICE ON DECEMBER 27, 1976, AND DECEMBER 30, 1976.

[REDACTED] REQUESTED HE BE FURNISHED WITH COPIES OF THE RESULTS  
OF THESE INTERVIEWS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE BUREAU IS DIRECTED  
TO ATLANTA TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, DECEMBER 28, 1976, AND JANURAY  
3, 1977, CAPTIONED "THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, SPECIAL INQUIRY." THE  
RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER 27, 1976, INTERVIEW OF MR. STOKES WERE  
SET FORTH ON PAGES 32-34 OF ATLANTA'S TELETYPE DECEMBER 28, 1976,  
AND THE RESULTS OF STOKES' INTERVIEW ON DECEMBER 30, 1976, WERE  
SET FORTH ON PAGE 7 OF THE ATLANTA TELETYPE JANURAY 3, 1977.

[REDACTED] INDICATED HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
ON OCTOBER 5, 1977, AND BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISHED

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COPIES OF INFORMATION REQUESTED BY  TO HIM.

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ADDENDUM CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (CID) GIK/saf 10/6/77

This teletype relates to an investigation presently being conducted by the Public Integrity Section, (PIS), Criminal Division, headed by [redacted] Assistant Chief of that section, concerning the prosecutive declinations of former USA John W. Stokes, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia, relating to overdrafts in the bank accounts of T. Bertram Lance and his family in the Calhoun First National Bank, Calhoun, Georgia. PIS, which is jointly participating in the various Lance investigations with the Fraud Section, Criminal Division, has not as of this time requested any assistance from the FBI re its investigation of Stokes. However, at a meeting, 10/5/77, chaired by [redacted] Chief of the Fraud Section, participated in by FBI representatives and Departmental Attorneys directly concerned with the conduct of other phases of the Lance investigation, [redacted] indicated that the FBI would soon be requested by PIS to conduct investigation re campaign overdrafts by Lance during his unsuccessful bid for the Governorship of Georgia in 1973 and 1974.

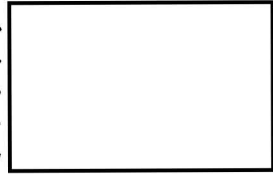
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Therefore, on 10/6/77, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] to determine what he needed at this time from the FBI. [redacted] said he was trying to obtain records pertaining to any interviews of Stokes re his declinations concerning Lance and that he had only been partly successful in doing so in contacts with the USA, Atlanta, whose files are not complete. Consequently, our files entitled [redacted] aka, [redacted] Calhoun First National Bank, Calhoun, Georgia, BF&E", Bufile 29-74209, and "Thomas Bertram Lance, Special Inquiry", Bufile 161-12218, were reviewed and the following documents were copied therefrom and furnished to [redacted] on 10/6/77:

Special inquiry case, Atlanta teletypes to Bureau, 12/28/76, and 1/3/77, both containing interviews of Stokes pertinent to Lance's application for Director, OMB.

[redacted] case, [redacted] letter to Stokes, 2/18/77; Stokes letter to SAC, Atlanta, 2/24/77; SAC, Atlanta, letter to Stokes, 2/28/77; and Stokes letter to [redacted] 3/3/77, all relating to inquiry by [redacted] in his letter of 2/18/77 re Stokes' knowledge of irregularities in Lance's bank account. Also, Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 11/1/76, and Atlanta LHM, 12/20/76, concerning prosecutive opinion of AUSA [redacted] Atlanta, re bank overdrafts by Lance.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

September 16, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Charles H. Percy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Percy:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 15, 1977, in which you requested certain information concerning this Bureau's background investigation of Mr. Thomas Bertram Lance.

With regard to your interest in determining when the FBI began conducting interviews concerning Mr. Lance, it is noted that the request for the investigation of Mr. Lance was received by the FBI on December 23, 1976, and our field offices were expeditiously instructed to initiate the necessary inquiries. As Friday, December 24, 1976, was a holiday, interviews in this matter were first conducted on Monday, December 27, 1976. The results of our investigation were furnished the Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group by summary memorandum dated January 6, 1977, and the results of an additional inquiry were furnished the Counsel to the President in a summary memorandum dated January 31, 1977, it being noted that the individual interviewed was unavailable until late January, 1977. All interviews and review of documentary material were conducted during the aforementioned period.

During our investigation there was no indication Mr. Lance failed to cooperate with this Bureau and there were no apparent factors that delayed the initiation or impeded the conduct of our investigation.

I trust the foregoing will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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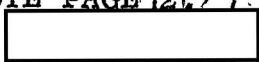
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Honorable Charles H. Percy

NOTE: Letter directed to Senator Percy with copy to Deputy Attorney General per advice of [redacted] Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, through Office of Congressional Affairs.

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THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU FROM SAC, ATLANTA,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, STORY IN SEPTEMBER 9,  
1977 ISSUE OF THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION INDICATED THAT  
FORMER U. S. ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA,  
JOHN W. STOKES, JR., WOULD HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 9,  
1977, AND CHARGE THAT "OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE" OCCURRED  
IN THE HANDLING OF INFORMATION ON MR. LANCE PRIOR TO HIS  
CONFIRMATION AS FEDERAL BUDGET DIRECTOR. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE  
INDICATED THAT STOKES' LAW PARTNER, [REDACTED], STATED  
STOKES WOULD ALSO DISCLOSE FINDINGS THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION

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OFFICIALS "PURPOSEFULLY STOPPED" FBI INFORMATION ON LANCE FROM REACHING THE SENATE COMMITTEE THAT CONFIRMED LANCE. ARTICLE INDICATED [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT PERSON WHOM STOKES WOULD ACCUSE OF OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

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AS RELATED IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, SAC RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1977, FROM MR. WILLIAM HARPER, U. S. ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA. HARPER STATED HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL MICHAEL EGAN, WHO INDICATED HE WAS CALLING FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL. HARPER STATED THERE WAS SOME CONCERN AT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE STATEMENTS TO BE MADE BY STOKES AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND HARPER STATED THAT AT EGAN'S REQUEST, HE WOULD LIKE AN AGENT TO BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE, IF THIS COULD BE DONE DISCREETLY, AND THAT THE AGENT SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ANY ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST BUREAU OR DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL.

PRESS CONFERENCE IN QUESTION WAS HELD IN LAW OFFICES OF MARGER AND STOKES, 6666 POWERS FERRY ROAD, ATLANTA,

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BEGINNING AT TEN AM. TIME OF HARPER'S CALL TO SAC AND SUBSEQUENT CALL FROM SAC TO BUREAU DID NOT ALLOW AGENT TO BE PRESENT IN TIME FOR BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, ATLANTA AGENT DID ARRIVE AT CONFERENCE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES AFTER IT COMMENCED. AGENT WAS ABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE WITHOUT ANY DISCLOSURE OF HIS OFFICIAL FBI STATUS.

BASED ON AGENT'S ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE, HIS INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH TWO REPORTERS WHO WERE PRESENT AT CONFERENCE FROM THE BEGINNING THEREOF AND MONITORING BY ATLANTA OFFICE OF LOCAL TWELVE O'CLOCK NEWS TODAY, FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF PERTINENT FACTS DEVELOPED FROM PRESS CONFERENCE.

STOKES CLAIMED THAT HIS FILE ON THE FBI HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE FBI AS PART OF ITS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WHEN LANCE WAS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR THE POSITION OF BUDGET DIRECTOR. STOKES CLAIMED THAT THE REPORT WAS NEVER GIVEN TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE AT THE TIME OF LANCE'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. STOKES STATED HE THOUGHT THAT SOMEBODY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S STAFF KEPT THE REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE AFTER THE FBI HAD FURNISHED THE REPORT TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. HE CLAIMED THAT HE COULD NOT PROVE THIS BECAUSE NO ONE ON THE COMMITTEE HAS TOLD HIM THAT THEY DID

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NOT RECEIVE THE REPORT.

STOKES STATED HE CLOSED THE LANCE CASE JUST BEFORE LANCE'S CONFIRMATION BECAUSE IT WAS NOT PROYECUTABLE. STOKES CLAIMED THAT HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT LANCED USED BAD JUDGEMENT IN HIS BANKING PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF OVERDRAFTS, BUT STOKES STATED HE WAS NEVER ABLE TO PROVE THAT LANCE EVER COMMITTED AND CRIMINAL OFFENSE. STOKES CLAIMZD THAT LANCE HAD PAID BACK THE MONEY WITH INTEREST AND THAT THERE WAS NO INTENT TO DEFRAUD ON LANCE'S PART.

ABOVE RELATED BY SAC TO USA HARPER.

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ATTENTION [REDACTED] DIVISION 9

THOMAS BERTRAM LANCE; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: PAST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO WASHINGTON FIELD (WFO),  
AUGUST 30, 1977, INSTRUCTING THAT SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AUGUST 30, 1977,  
BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS).

INTERVIEW OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] WAS CONDUCTED  
AUGUST 30, 1977, AT OFFICES OF IRS BY INSPECTORS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH OF INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION.

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] WAS REQUESTED TO RE-ITERATE  
SUBSTANCES OF INTERVIEWS HE CONDUCTED IN INSTANT MATTER  
DECEMBER 29, 1976, OF ROBERT BLOOM, THEN ACTING COMPTROLLER  
OF THE CURRENCY AND ATTORNEY [REDACTED] OF SAME OFFICE  
ON DECEMBER 30, 1976, AND JANUARY 25, 1977. THIS WAS DONE

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BY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN WFO AIRTELS  
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BOTH ABOVE INSPECTORS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN  
STATEMENT MADE BY ROBERT BLOOM CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY  
OF "AGREEMENT" MADE BETWEEN COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY AND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CALHOUN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, AND  
WHETHER BLOOM REFUSED TO MAKE "AGREEMENT" AVAILABLE.

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] RESPONDED THAT BLOOM HAD EXPLAINED  
THAT UNDER THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY ACT OF  
1966, HE COULD NOT MAKE IT AVAILABLE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM  
THE BANK. IT WAS POINTED OUT BY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]  
THAT NO DISCUSSION WAS HAD AS TO BLOOM'S OBTAINING SUCH  
PERMISSION FROM THE BANK. BOTH INSPECTORS NOTED THAT BLOOM,  
AS ACTING COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENTLY, POSSESSED AUTHORITY  
UNDER THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY ACT OF 1966  
TO EXERCISE DISCRETIONARY JUDGMENT IN RELEASING INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THE "AGREEMENT" AND HIS DECISION COULD BE  
QUESTIONED ONLY AS A MATTER OF JUDGMENT.

CONCERNING ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ABOVE INSPECTORS

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FURNISHED THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HE IS PRESENTLY  
IN PROCESS OF RESIGNING HIS POSITION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE  
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

THE ABOVE IS FURNISHED THE BUREAU FOR INFORMATION. NO  
FURTHER INQUIRY IS CONTEMPLATED IN THIS MATTER BY WFO.

~~BUREAU ADVISED VIA MAIL.~~

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THOMAS RIBICOFF  
**Lance on the Carpet**

**A**lmost from the moment Bert Lance was appointed director of the Office of Management and Budget, troublesome snippets about his previous career have been surfacing. And oddly for the paper millionaire who wants to stroke the Federal budget into balance within four years, Lance himself has emerged a deficit spender. His expenses exceed his income, and his debts, at \$5.3 million, come perilously close to his assets. Last week, reporters unearthed more artifacts from Lance's past—one of them a possible sweetener for one of his personal loans. Within hours, the Comptroller of the Currency began an investigation and a Senate committee called the OMB chief on the carpet to testify yet again on his own behalf.

But still more difficulties could be unfolding for Lance over his stewardship of Georgia's tiny (assets: \$50 million) Calhoun First National Bank. Lance ran the Calhoun bank from 1963 to 1974, before moving into the big time as head of the National Bank of Georgia in Atlanta. During the early 1970s, NEWSWEEK has found, a pattern of corner-cutting and dubious banking practices prevailed at Calhoun First National. Lance's friends maintain that such practices are not at all uncommon to small-town banking, and an investigation by the Justice Department was closed without criminal indictments. But NEWSWEEK learned that the inquiry was ended over the objections of the assistant U.S. attorney who was conducting the case and felt that more time was needed.

**'Way of Life':** The salient feature of the latter Lance years was persistent overdrafting by officers and relatives, including his wife, LaBelle; Lance and LaBelle's family's shares amount to controlling interest in the bank's stock. In Lance's 1974 campaign for governor, his campaign committee regularly overdrew its account as well. "Overdrafting was a way of life," a Washington official familiar with the bank's affairs told NEWSWEEK's Rich Thomas. "Those folks played that bank as their private fief."

Other problems for Lance center on his subsequent role as head of Atlanta's

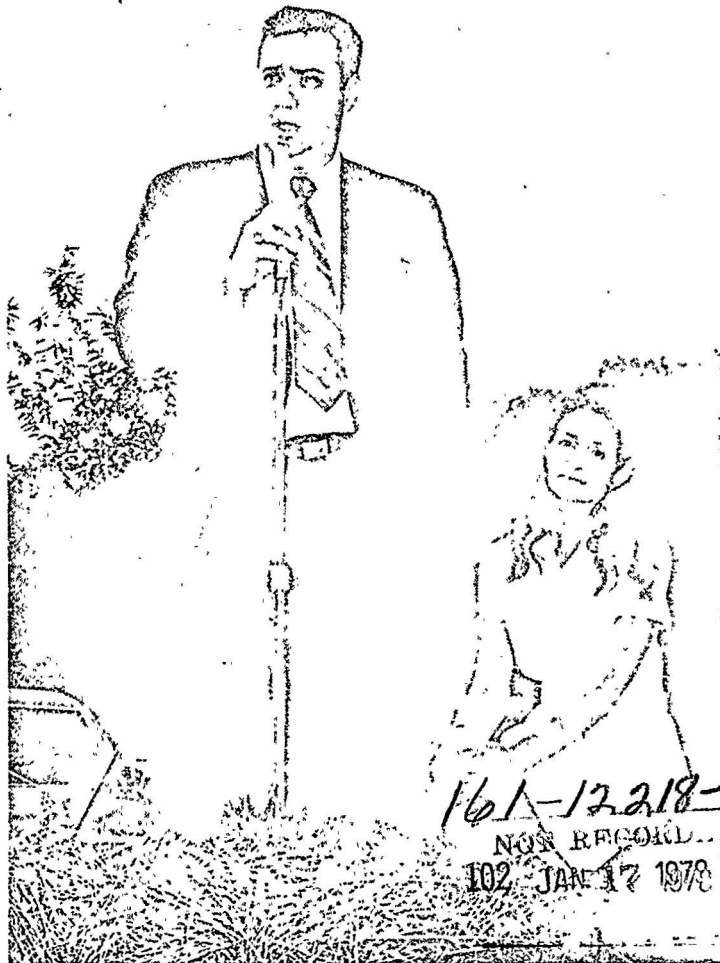
National Bank of Georgia. The Washington Post last week disclosed that late last year, NBG formally established a "correspondent" banking relationship with First National Bank of Chicago and deposited \$200,000 in an interest-free account in the Chicago bank. Just one month later, First Chicago granted Lance loans totaling \$3.4 million.

misapplication of bank funds. At the weekend, NEWSWEEK learned that Lance had made a similar arrangement with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., almost simultaneously taking a personal loan and setting up a correspondent relationship for NBG. This loan was later switched to First Chicago.

Pressed by reporters, the Comptroller of the Currency acknowledged that it would have to investigate the First Chicago loan. More important to Lance's immediate future, Sen. Abraham Ribicoff's Governmental Affairs Committee suspended a decision on Jimmy Carter's request that it give the OMB director more time to sell his NBG stock.

**Forced Sale:** Lance bought his 200,000 shares in NBG—21 per cent of the bank's stock—for about \$17 a share, and the stock is now part of the collateral for his First Chicago loan. The threat of his forced sale, plus the bank's recent problems with real-estate loan losses, drove the price as low as \$8.50 before Atlanta businessmen moved in to support it. Earlier, the committee had been sympathetic to Carter's request for an extension of the deadline, since Lance might stand to lose as much as \$1.6 million. But after last week's disclosures, the committee decided to question Lance on his version of the NBG-First Chicago relationship, with special emphasis on the timing of NBG's deposit.

The committee will also take up another episode in Lance's NBG career: his involvement, if any, in Teamster pension-fund deposits at the bank. In April 1976, the Teamsters' Central States Pension Fund—still under Labor Department investigation—pumped \$18 million into a trust account to be managed by NBG. According to bank spokesmen, Lance himself, who was then gaining celebrity as front-running Jimmy Carter's friend and adviser, had nothing to do with the arrangement. Last week, however, New York Times columnist William Safire reported that in late November, with Carter elected and Lance an apparent shoo-in for a top Administration post, the NBG chairman met at the bank with three top Teamster officials. Through a spokes-



Bert and LaBelle seeking votes in 1974: Deficit campaigning

Spokesmen for Lance and First Chicago deny any connection between the deposit and the loan. But the Post also quoted a First Chicago spokesman as saying that on Dec. 2, 1976, six days before the deposit was made, officials of NBG "came to us as a result of the correspondent banking relationship and asked if we would be interested in bidding" on the Lance loan. If this were found to be a sweetheart arrangement, the Atlanta bank's deposit would amount to a "compensating balance" for the personal loan to Lance. Such arrangements sometimes result in Federal charges of



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may, Lance said the meeting was "routine" discussion.

In 1973, fresh from a stint as Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter's Transportation Chief, Lance opened his own campaign for the Statehouse, and a campaign committee was established. Not surprisingly, it banked at Calhoun First National, which Lance still headed as president and chief executive officer. An account of \$5,000 was opened, and Lance went off to campaign. The problem, his former campaign treasurer recalled last week, was simply that "Bert spent money faster than I could raise it." But that problem had been foreseen: Lance had signed a pledge to make good any overdrafts by his committee.

**Easy Come:** There was other overdrafting. The Comptroller's accountants examined the bank's books in 1975 and found a persistent pattern at Calhoun. During 1974 and early 1975, for instance, several insiders, including Lance's wife LaBelle and members of her family, overdrew their checking accounts. NEWSWEEK learned that the overdrafts averaged about \$100,000—and on one occasion, jumped to \$300,000. Starting in 1971, a bank officer named Billy Lee Campbell had been permitted overdrafts as high as \$197,000; four years later, Campbell was tried and convicted for embezzling an estimated \$1 million from Calhoun First National.

When investigators discovered the overdrafts by family and friends, the Comptroller's office ordered the practice ended. It wasn't actually illegal, says former Comptroller Robert Bloom; "in fact, we didn't even have a formal rule. But it absolutely violates all sound bank-

ing practice. We have made this, and we stop it wherever it occurs." The bank complied, and no further action was taken. But the campaign overdrafts were "another matter. By the time the campaign ended in a primary defeat for Lance, the campaign deficit stood at \$400,000. Lance has said he had certificates of deposit in the bank that were effectively collateral for the overdraft, but one source told NEWSWEEK that they may have totaled only \$100,000, and that the overdraft was allowed to stand for more than a year, until the examiners uncovered the situation.

The overdraft could be interpreted as an illegal contribution to Lance's campaign, because Lance didn't have to pay interest for the use of the funds. After discovering the overdraft, the Comptroller's office sent its report to the Justice Department for examination. (NEWSWEEK requested a copy of the Comptroller's report under the Freedom of Information Act, but the request was denied.) Justice ultimately decided it couldn't make a case, since proof was lacking of "willful intent" to break the law.

**A Close Call:** Yet on reviewing the facts, NEWSWEEK learned, some Justice lawyers thought a viable case could be made under section 656, a statute that bars "willful misapplication" of bank funds by "any officer, director, agent or employee." Washington bucked the case to the U.S. attorney's office in Atlanta in March 1976. In September, it was assigned to Jeffrey Bogart, a lawyer who had helped prosecute Billy Lee Campbell and was thus familiar with the Calhoun bank. Bogart had just got his probe launched, and he thought it could lead to an indictment. His superiors disagreed. "It just wasn't something that had prosecutable potential," said a top Justice official last week. "There just wasn't a hell of a lot there." In any event, Atlanta U.S. attorney John Stokes took Bogart off the case and declared it closed on Dec. 2. The next day, Carter named Lance director of OMB.

Before Lance's nomination, the FBI looked into the Calhoun case. NEWSWEEK learned that a report was sent to Carter's staff. Robert Lipshutz, now White House counsel, said he didn't consider it damaging enough to block Lance's appointment. The report was not sent to the Ribicoff committee before its first hearings on the nomination.

**Meeting Mike:** Once in office, Lance may have used his influence to benefit old banking contacts. In March, said The Washington Post last week, he arranged a meeting between Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and Jake Butcher, chairman of Knoxville, Tenn.'s United American Bank, which had a \$443,466 loan outstanding to Lance. Lance's press aide said the session was set up to promote an energy exposition planned for Knoxville in 1982. But Jake's brother, C.H. Butcher, offered a different version. "We asked for the meeting," he told the Post; "because we had never met [Blu-



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menthal], and he does regulate our business as Treasury Secretary."

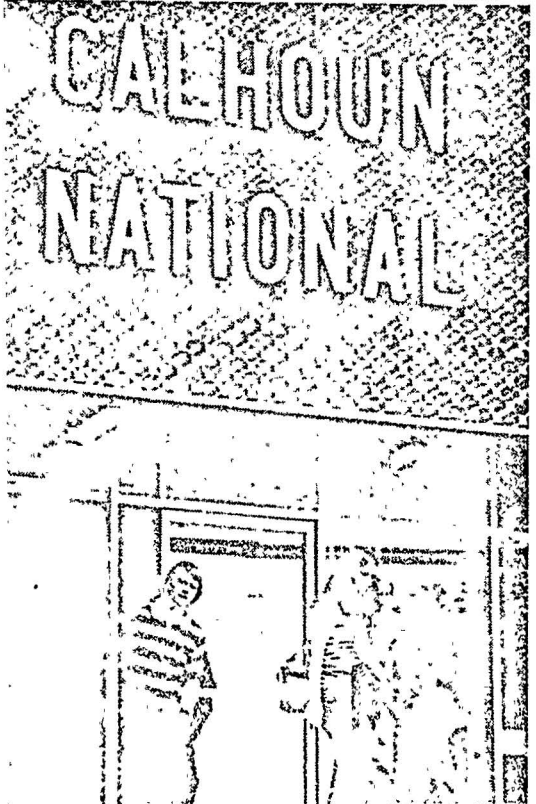
In his official role, Lance has also angered some senators with words and deeds that seem to violate his promise to avoid personal participation in banking issues. In early June, for instance, he spoke out against rising interest rates—a conflict, critics argue, since interest payments on his own big loan with First Chicago rise and fall with the prime rate. And later last month, Lance, still a bank owner, signed an Administration letter urging Congress to reject an anti-reddling amendment to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 that would require banks to tailor their loan policies to the credit needs of their communities. Accused of a conflict, Lance said the legislation concerned housing, not banking; even so, the budget director last week appointed his No. 3 man, Bowman Cutter, to handle all policy issues affecting banking.

**Tough Questions:** Whether any such moves will satisfy Lance's critics is increasingly in question—and it's safe to say that this week's Congressional questions will be tougher than he has faced in the past. The White House still expresses every confidence in Lance, and while Lance himself was unavailable to the press last week, a statement issued under his name said he "is prepared to answer fully any questions." With no evidence thus far of anything more than dubious behavior, Lance may well survive his newest travails. But his reputation has been tarnished and his finances remain precarious. Given those facts, it's an open question how effectively he can do his government job.

—MICHAEL RUBY with RICH THOMAS in Washington

Calhoun bank: Whose money?

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