

Paul Burgess Bernard "Red" Fay, Jr.

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Reference is made to San Francisco reports of SA [redacted] dated 1/27/61, 1/31/61 and 2/3/61 in captioned matter, in which extensive investigation of Mr. FAY, now Under-Secretary of the Navy, is reported.

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Mrs. [redacted] accompanied by, and at the request of her mother, Mrs. C. L. (ALMA) STEACH, 274 Arlington, San Francisco, California, furnished the following information at the San Francisco Office:

Mrs. [redacted] is a Yellow Cab driver in San Francisco. Some-time in February, 1961, at about the time FAY was appointed Under-Secretary, Mrs. [redacted] was having breakfast with a group of male cab drivers and "overheard" these drivers discussing FAY. According to Mrs. [redacted] it was generally agreed among the drivers that FAY was a homosexual.

Mrs. [redacted] said these men were drivers for independent cab companies in San Francisco and it was her impression that different ones had driven FAY to various well-known homosexual hangouts in San Francisco.

It is noted in rereps FAY was variously characterized as an "extrovert", a "clown", a "comedian", a "screwball" and a "court jester"; he was also characterized as an excellent father and a wonderful family man, it being noted that he has three minor children.

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No evidence of homosexuality was developed although a representative number of people who obviously knew him well and just as obviously were pleased with the appointment were interviewed.

In view of FAY'S present high-ranking position and his close affinity to the Presidential family, as noted in rereps and frequent national news items, this information is not being placed in report form and no investigation is contemplated. From the same standpoint, no memorandum is being prepared inasmuch as this unverified information does not appear of sufficient merit to warrant dissemination on any level.