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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Birth : November 20, 1925, Boston, Massachusetts

Marriage : Wife, Ethel Skakel

Children : (7) Kathleen Hartington, July 4, 1951; Joseph Patrick, September 24, 1952; Robert Francis, January 23, 1954; David Anthony, June 15, 1955; Mary Courtney, September 9, 1956; Michael LeMoyné, February 27, 1958; Mary Kerry, September 9, 1959

Education

Milton Academy, Milton, Massachusetts
1948 Harvard University -- B.A. Degree -- played varsity football, 1946-47
1948-51 University of Virginia Law School -- LL.B.
1951 Admitted to Massachusetts State Bar
1955 Admitted to practice before U.S. Supreme Court

Employment Background

1951-52 Attorney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, investigating a number of internal security cases. (On February 28, 1952 designated Special Assistant to the Attorney General -- held a grand jury investigation in New York involving Joseph Nunan, Daniel Bolich and Henry "The Dutchman" Gruenwald. This is one of the biggest tax prosecution cases ever held.)
1952 Campaign Manager for Congressman John F. Kennedy -- organized and operated a statewide campaign for the purpose of electing then Congressman Kennedy to the U.S. Senate
1953 Assistant Counsel -- Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
1953 Assistant Counsel -- Hoover Commission
1954 Chief Counsel to the minority -- Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
1955 Chief Counsel and Staff Director -- Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
1957-59 Chief Counsel -- Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field
1960 Campaign Manager, Senator John F. Kennedy-for-President

Military Record

1944-46 U.S. Naval Reserve -- served as seaman aboard the destroyer "Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr."

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Awards

1954 Selected as "One of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the United States" by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce
1957 Selected "Outstanding Investigator, 1957" by the Society of Professional Investigators, Inc.
1958 Patriotism Award -- Senior Class of the University of Notre Dame
1958 Lantern Award -- Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus

Honorary Degrees

1957 LL.D. -- Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts
1958 LL.D. -- Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland
1958 LL.D. -- Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

Travel

1948 Correspondent covering the war in Palestine for the BOSTON POST
1951 Traveled around the world -- including the countries of Israel, India, Indo-China, Pakistan, Laos, Vietnam and Japan
1955 Traveled in Central Asia and Republics of the Soviet Union

Organizations

Member of the Advisory Counsel for the Law School of the University of Notre Dame
President of the Joseph p. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation