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May 9, 1963.

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Attention: Mr. J.J. McCardle

Re: "ROCK BOTTOM"

This case deals with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and has been allotted the file number and
code name as noted. In view of the delicacy of the
information, I would request that the same restrictions
be observed as indicated in paragraph 6 of my letter to
you dated April 17, 1963 concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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3. At the time that [REDACTED] we were in possession of information which suggested that WATKINS is a homosexual. This information was not of a strong nature. A self-admitted homosexual who knew WATKINS stated that in his own mind he was convinced of WATKINS' homosexuality. He had arrived at this conclusion having observed WATKINS' mannerisms and interests. He had no other reason for believing as he did.

4. We have since received information which leaves no doubt that WATKINS is a homosexual. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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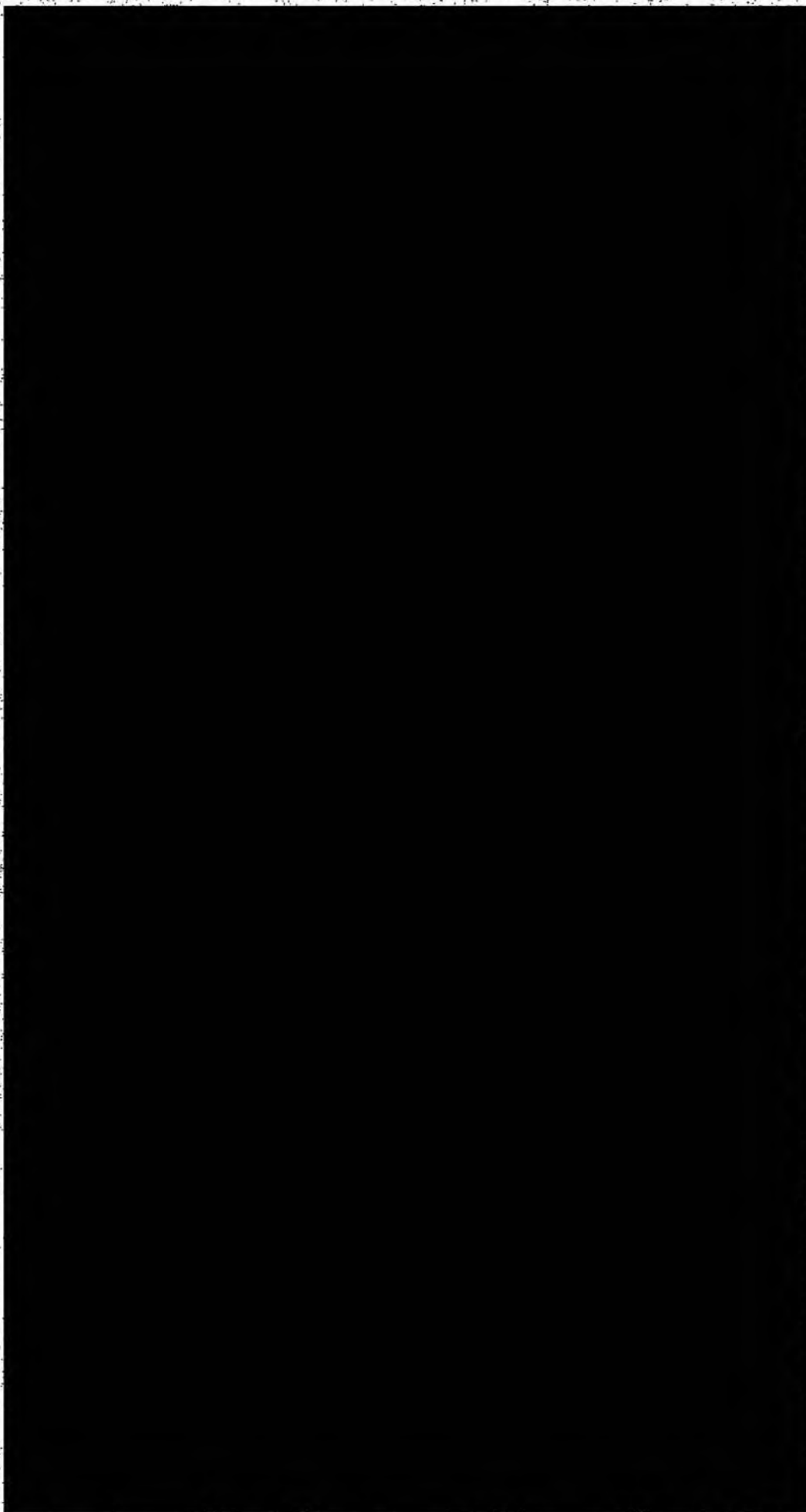
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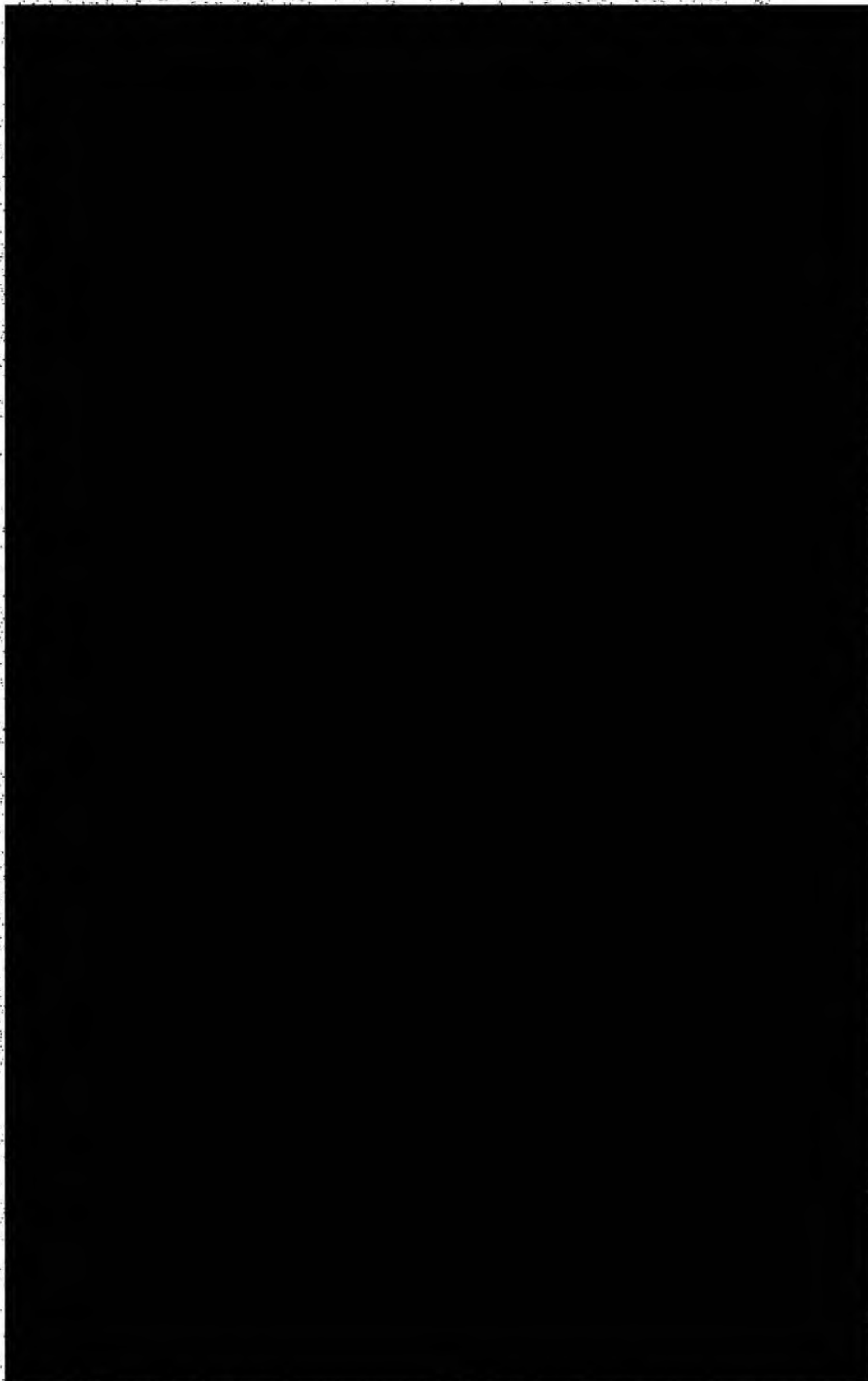
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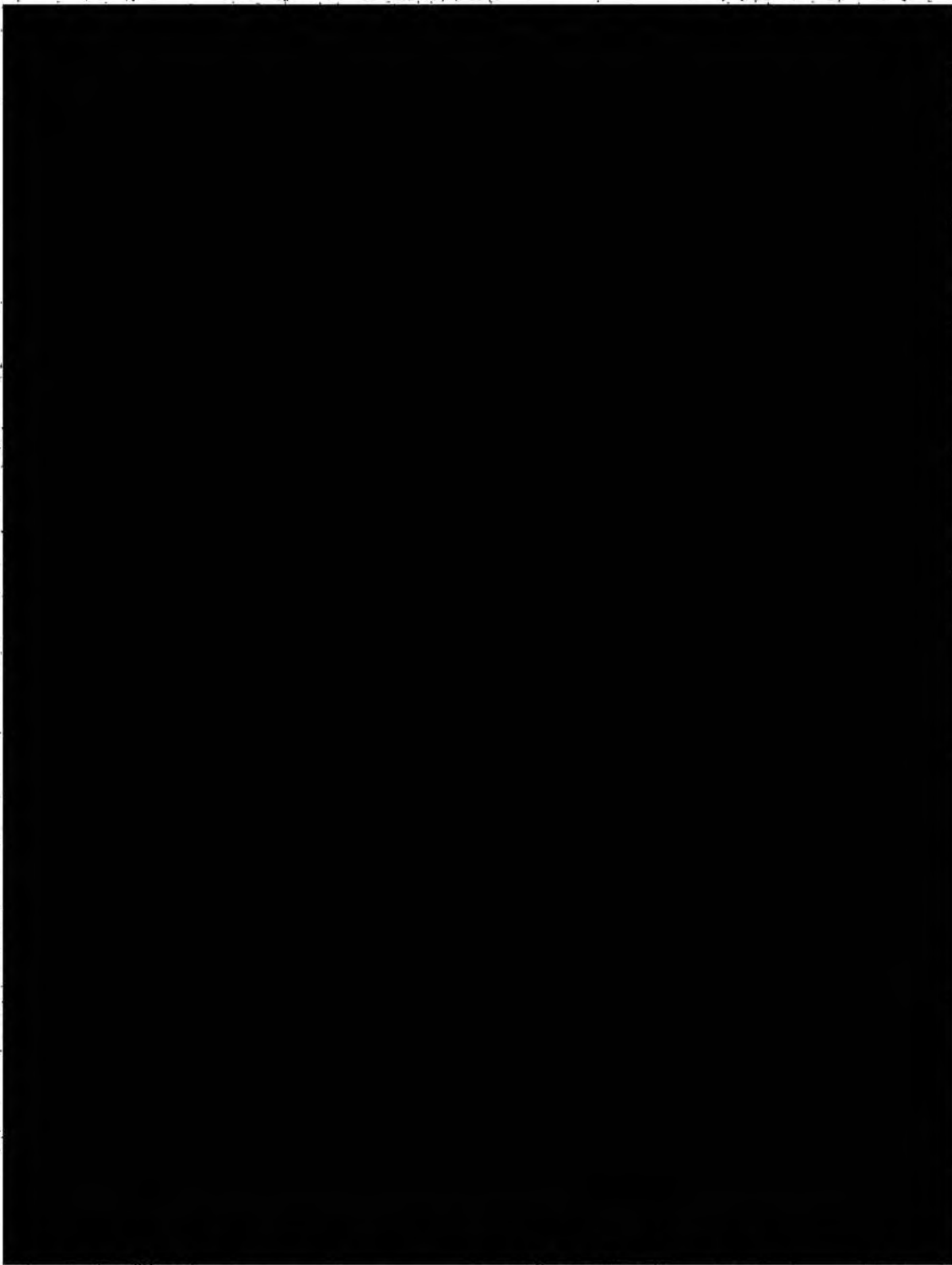
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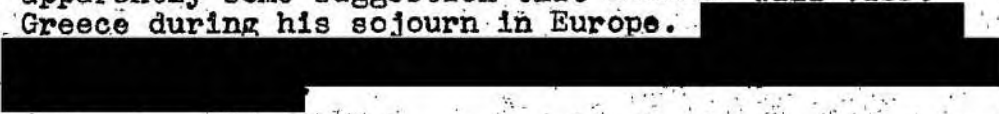


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7. We are aware that WATKINS resigned from the Department at the end of February, 1963, had closed his apartment in Ottawa, and travelled to Europe where his forwarding address was given as c/o Hotel Lenox, 9 Rue de la Universite, Paris, France. There is apparently some suggestion that WATKINS will visit Greece during his sojourn in Europe.



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8. I am sure you will agree that action must be taken to investigate as fully as possible the implications of this case. I would be grateful for any assistance you may provide in background information regarding WATKINS' service in the Department, especially insofar as that service ties in with the information embodied above. Most helpful would be full details of

[REDACTED] any reports submitted by WATKINS indicating first of all any approaches made to him by the K.G.B.; any reports of his contact with [REDACTED] any oblique references he might have made to the blackmail attempt in Denmark; and any current information as to his present whereabouts. Perhaps you will see fit to have Mr. TIMMERMAN of your Department verbally discuss this whole matter with the appropriate desks here, at which time I am sure some concrete plan of operation can be agreed upon.

(J.R.W. Bordeleau),
Assistant Commissioner,
Director,
Security & Intelligence.