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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. E. M. HOLROYD *EMH*

SUBJECT: FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
JAMES V. FORRESTAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: May 22, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is to advise that at 11:05 a.m., Inspector J. J. McGuire telephonically advised that former Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal committed suicide this morning by jumping out of a window at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Mr. McGuire advised that Mr. Forrestal's suicide had not yet appeared in the newspapers or on the radio but would probably be on the radio within the next two hours. Mr. McGuire requested that Mr. Ladd be notified of the suicide of Forrestal.

ACTION TAKEN

At 11:05 a.m., the home of Assistant to the Director Ladd was telephonically contacted and the information concerning the suicide of former Secretary of Defense Forrestal was given to Mrs. Ladd.

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