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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 10/26/71

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination abroad concerning information obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding [REDACTED]

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the assassination. Mrs. BLEHR contended that while SIRHAN may have fired pistol shots at KENNEDY, the fatal bullets could have come from another gun. She charged that WOLFER's laboratory work was faulty and that it became impossible to present this theory in court. BLEHR also seeks the right to inspect police reports in the murder prosecution of Deputy District Attorney JACK KIRSCHKE and also the police report on one LEWIS TERRY.

Referenced airtel reflects that a report by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and a separate LAPD investigation found no fault with WOLFER's testimony in the SIRHAN case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 1/20/72

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

BOOK ENTITLED
"RFK MUST DIE"
BY (LNU) KAISER

At approximately 10:45 p.m., 1/16/72, writer received a telephone call at his residence as follows:

The male caller asked if this was [REDACTED] who worked for the FBI and was told yes. He said he had just finished reading the book "RFK Must Die" by KAISER and wanted to know if this was the agent who had interviewed [REDACTED]. He was asked to identify himself, [REDACTED] refused and was told that no information would be given to anyone regarding an official investigation especially someone who wished to remain anonymous. He was told if he had any questions regarding this case or any other official investigation he would have to contact the office and handle it in a business-like manner rather than disturb someone at their residence during a late hour. He apologized for calling so late and said he was just calling around to see if he could identify any of the agents whose names appeared in the book. He mentioned he did not appreciate the way [REDACTED] was interviewed and felt like something was still going to happen to the remaining KENNEDY. The conversation was terminated when the writer said he did not intend to give caller any information other than acknowledge the fact he was an agent and if he had any further questions to contact the office.

The caller refused two or three times to identify himself but based on the sound of his voice appeared to be a well educated white male in his twenties.

The above is being submitted for information purposes only should other agents connected with the KENSAIT investigation whose names appear in the captioned book receive similar telephone calls.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA ANDEE O. CHAPMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 1/31/72

On 1/30/72 an article appeared in the West section of the Los Angeles Times concerning the book FFK Must Die by ROBERT KAISER.

In this article Kaiser indicates that he advanced the Manchurian Candidate theory to augment the sales of the book.

A copy of this article is being forwarded to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ROBERT BLAIR KAISER

Robert Blair Kaiser, according to West Magazine which is published by the Los Angeles Times, on January 30, 1972, is a former newspaper reporter and who previously studied to enter the Jesuit priesthood. He spent approximately five years with Time Magazine while stationed in Rome, and in 1968 became a free lance writer.

Concerning Mr. Kaiser, the following article appeared in West Magazine on January 30, 1972:

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

In his article beginning on page 6, Robert Blair Kaiser introduces us to that curious breed of sleuths who have devoted enormous energy to searching for a conspiracy in the deaths of JFK, RFK and Martin Luther King. Kaiser should know, for he himself was a member of the obsessed tribe. In preparing his celebrated book "*RFK Must Die!*" he revised his last chapter "to mobilize the public to do something, since the FBI, CIA and other agencies had dragged their feet." His article recounts how, after E. P. Dutton published his book in October of 1970, Kaiser did "my junior G-man thing, trying to find a conspiracy myself to explain what Sirhan did." His hopes have since been dashed, but even today a peculiar glint shines in his eyes when he discusses his long and futile hunt for evidence of a conspiracy. Kaiser was particularly drawn to the case because of his personal admiration for Bobby Kennedy. They had first met during the 1960 Presidential race; the place was Phoenix where, he recalls, Bobby breezed into town as his older brother's "brash young campaign manager." Kaiser was then a newspaper reporter, having dropped plans to enter the Jesuit priesthood after 10 years of study. Clare Boothe Luce admired his work and introduced him to her husband; in due course Kaiser began a five-year stint with *Time* during which, while stationed in Rome, he won the Overseas Press Club's 1963 award for the best magazine reporting on foreign affairs. After quitting *Time* in 1966, he went to work on Tom Braden's campaign for lieutenant governor and got thick with "the Kennedy crowd." By 1968 he was a free-lance writer (Kaiser has contributed not only to *West* but to the *Ladies Home Journal*, *Playboy* "and everything in between"), and the morning after RFK's assassination *Life* assigned him to the Sirhan story. When his book came out two years later, he sent copies to such Kennedy stalwarts as Arthur Schlesinger, Pierre Salinger and Teddy White, all of whom "either sent it back or let me know they wouldn't read it. The title was too gruesome for them, and the whole memory caused too much pain." Kaiser believes that much of the public has similarly repressed RFK's death and that this, in part, explains the modest sales of "*RFK Must Die!*" (If alive, Kaiser thinks, RFK would now be President.) When he submitted his present article to *West*, what principally intrigued us was the ambiguous self-portrait the author had drawn. On the one hand, he described himself as at last freed from his obsessive belief that a conspiracy was involved; on the other hand, he could become a true believer all over again if even a minimum of evidence were to appear — or so we inferred from what he wrote. When we asked him about this apparent ambiguity, Kaiser agreed with the interpretation. "In the RFK killing," he said, "I was never able to prove a conspiracy, but I still think someone else may eventually be able to do that." As he spoke, the glint in his eye became a gleam.

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ROBERT BLAIR KAISER

The following article entitled, "Journey Through The Killing Ground" also appeared in the January 30, 1972, issue of West Magazine:

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JOURNAY THROUGH THE KILLING GROUND

The author of 'RFK Must Die' returns to reality

BY ROBERT BLAIR KAISER

"This is an obsession. And happy, typical Americans aren't obsessed. Jack Armstrong isn't obsessed. There's a fantastic way in which the assassination becomes a religious event. There are relics and scriptures and even a holy scene—the killing ground. People make pilgrimages to it. And, as in any religious event, what happened there isn't clear, it's ambiguous, surrounded by mystery, uncertain, dubious. I think there is a feeling with some of us that it has to be clarified. It's the symbolic status of it that's important. Somehow, one hopes to clarify one's own situation and one's own society by clarifying this . . ."

Joshua Thompson, assassination buff.

I first remember reading about the assassination buffs in a thoughtful piece in *The New Yorker* by Calvin Trillin. Trillin had scared me. He made it clear that the buffs—an underground network in obsessive pursuit of "the co-conspirators at Dallas"—threatened to consume themselves in a quest that was destined to end in doubt. Essentially, the buffs were hobbyists. In other, less troubled times, they might have collected stamps and read Agatha Christie. Now they were wrapped in a real game which, they fantasized, could get them killed. An exciting game for an exciting age.

At first the buffs worked in isolation, building their own research libraries, exhibits, mock-ups and blowups. Then they learned of one another's existence, began to compare notes, to canonize their own heroes, vilify their own villains. With the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Francis Kennedy, their numbers would increase. They would set up their own dues-paying organization, the national Committee To Investigate Assassinations, and produce a newsletter flagged with a provocative question next to its metered postmark:

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"Who Is Killing Our Leaders?"

Like the buffs, I, too, found it hard to believe that Oswald had acted alone, that he had changed the course of history because he had an argument with his life over a lousy washing machine. I refused to think life was that absurd. Somehow, it would be less absurd if Oswald were part of a Plan, anybody's Plan. But I was a Jack Armstrong. No obsessions for me. Let the authorities handle the case.

I made my resolve back in 1967, when, after five years with *Time*, I was building a new family and a new career as a writer with a name. I had a two-novel contract with New American Library, I had a free-lance contract with *Look*, I had made a beginning, to boot, in television news.

One year later, after the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles, where I lived, I put all that life aside and chose death. In Josiah Thompson's metaphor, I made a journey to the killing ground, collected the relics, pored over the scriptures. In the metaphor of my native Arizona, I chose the conspiracy trail and rode it as far as I could and found that it led nowhere; as in the Black Mountain area of the Navajo Indian Reservation, I found box canyons within box canyons within box canyons. I met a good many quaint characters along the way, most of them quaint enough to be certifiably crazy. But at the end of the trail there was nothing: no waterfall, no Indian maidens, no mother lode. And there was no way out, except the way I had come, back over my own tracks, wishing I had something to show for my trouble other than an empty canteen, squinting curiously again at the crazies I had met on the way in, wondering at myself for ever having begun the journey at all.

This is the story of my journey, of my ride in and my ride out and what I learned from it all. It is a piece of self-revelation hardly calculated to make me look like a hero. Okay. I don't want to be a hero—any more—just accepted as a member of the human race, sometimes wise, sometimes foolish, sometimes weak, sometimes strong, almost always curious, often a damn fool.

June 1968. Los Angeles. Another Kennedy killed. "God, not again!" Anguish. But a reportorial challenge. I found a way of getting to the assassin and I took it. For all my reservations about the assassination buffs, I wanted to know more, more than I thought the officials would tell. Would I become a buff? Hell, no. I was just a curious reporter in search of the facts, all the facts. Maybe I'd even learn something close to the total truth.

So I talked with the assassin. I talked to him two or three times a week for seven months. I went into his cell with his psychiatrists. I tape-recorded his sessions with them, even his sessions under hypnosis. I found that the assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, could not remember killing Kennedy, that his declared motives for doing so didn't make sense, that he was evasive about his associations during May and June of 1968, that he was inordinately curious to know what certain of his friends had told the FBI. I judged that he was covering up for others, including a girl who was with him in the Ambassador Hotel, and I couldn't dismiss the evidence of the notebook discovered in his room: it was full of jottings indicating he associated the killing of Kennedy with a payment (or a promise of a payment) of money to himself.

Neither the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor the Los Angeles police were allowed to talk with the assassin, but they produced thousands of pages of reports on their reconstruction of the events at the Ambassador Hotel and on the persons they thought might shed some light on the case. They ended up with the same uncertain verdict as I. Privately, they were inclined to agree with Sirhan's own judgment (expressed twice to me in moments of unusual bluster) that the FBI had done "a lousy job of investigation." Publicly, they said there was "no conspiracy."

And so, when I had finished my research, I could not say I had gotten absolute answers. (That depressed me more than it should have. After you've learned the multiplication tables, do you ever attain absolute anything? Absolute truth, absolute justice, absolute love, absolute freedom?) But I had collected every available piece of data on the case and I had a duty, I thought, to set it all down in a coherent narrative history. I began writing what turned out to be a 634-page book called (ghastly title, a quote from the assassin's incriminating notebook) "*R.F.K. Must Die*."

That's when I should have quit—when the book was finished. I made one stab at doing so; I tried to turn over my suspicions to J. Edgar Hoover:

... I wonder what your investigators think [I wrote to Hoover] about certain clues which point toward a conspiracy. I am not entirely convinced that Sirhan wasn't put up to this by somebody else and I have a few good reasons why I think so. Since I have talked to Sirhan and your people didn't, I assume my reasons might bear some examination.

But Hoover didn't want to hear them. I could hardly believe that. The vaunted FBI didn't want to know?

That made me mad. Maddened, I would go off on a flat trip, my conspiracy trip.

For some time, I had resisted the blandishments of some West Coast assassination buffs—Pete Noyes, Fernando Faura, Joan Christian, Bill Turner—even though they were newsmen with a professional "license" to be curious. Now I started comparing notes with them, urging them to travel certain avenues of investigation with me traveling theirs. I was getting obsessed with the idea that if the FBI wouldn't carry this on, I would, that I could (with a little help from my friends) do what several hundred agents of the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department could not do.

I took trips to a ranch near Corona, California, where Sirhan worked as an exercise boy. I interviewed friends of Sirhan whom he had tried to cover for. I poked into the privacy of some persons who, I fantasized, might have me killed. Once, before I interviewed a racetrack character in northern California, I visited the local sheriff's office, identified myself and said, "If I don't come back in two hours, you'd better come in with your sirens on." On the eve of my book's publication, I talked with Sheriff Peter Pitchess of L.A. and asked him to put a watch on my own home. He did, and when the deputies began making their rounds, flashing their spotlights into the house in the dead of night, my wife began to freeze with fear. She had special locks put on all the windows and doors.

Was I going beyond the bounds? In retrospect, I must say yes. I had forgotten, I guess, the injunction I used to hear on radio's old "Gangbusters." The announcer, I recall, used to read a list of the FBI's most wanted criminals and tell all of us 10-year-olds in the listening audience: "If you see any of these criminals, under no circumstances attempt to apprehend him yourself. Call your local FBI."

I was going too far in another sense, beyond my own standards of integrity. Balked by Hoover, I could have called quietly on other officials and given them my leads. Instead, I added a bit to the last chapter of my book to call for a reopening of the case. It was a play designed to draw attention from the fans in the bleacher seats. I think I did it in the great hope it would hurt J. Edgar Hoover (whose arrogance and unaccountability I resented) and in the small hope that the media attention would stimulate sales on a book that had already put me in a financial hole.

As it turned out, the public ho-hummed about "another conspiracy theory" (often failing to distinguish between the assassinations of JFK and RFK), and Hoover made only one counterattack on me (he implied that I had manufactured quotes from a Los Angeles FBI agent who, in fact, told me the case was still open) which the press ignored.

There was no public outcry and, with huge legal fees to pay after a suit by Sirhan to stop my book (because I wouldn't let him censor it), I have yet to make a nickel on "*R.F.K. Must Die!*"

The assassination buffs, however, loved me. That was something, but it was, I soon found, a love I could have done without. I traveled the country, doing the standard promotional bits expected of most authors these days, and the buffs would gather around. Some of them were fascinating, brilliant people, like a man I shall here call John Nelson of Dallas. In Dallas, Nelson took me to the killing ground, showed me all the famous points of reference: Lee Oswald's back yard, Jack Ruby's apartment, the spot where Officer Tippitt was shot, General Walker's living room window. And then he took me to his penthouse apartment.

Nelson's study was filled with card files and notebooks cataloging the most intimate, cross-indexed histories of more than 5,000 persons connected in the slightest way with the scenario at Dallas. Nelson had been near Dealey Plaza when the President was shot, he had a camera with him, he rushed over and started taking pictures. That started him on his own private inquiry, for he was saddened that such a thing should happen in his beloved Dallas and puzzled that the authorities couldn't get to the bottom of it all. I was impressed with Nelson's collection, in much the same way, I guess, I would be impressed with a man's collection of butterflies, or matchbooks. But here I began to wonder. This was a serious game he was playing and what was the use?

Nelson's shoulders seemed perpetually slumped, as if in defeat, and he was still comparatively young. The hours he'd expended to compile that mountain of data must have taken a toll on himself and, I guessed, on his business and on his family. I couldn't see that his investigation had gotten him close to Oswald's co-conspirators, and I found no names in his file on the JFK assassination corresponding to any of the names I had been collecting on the assassination of RFK. Yet Nelson told me he was afraid of reprisals against him and/or his family. He extracted a promise from me never to mention his name.

Other buffs embraced me. In New York, I met Paris Flammonde, the author of a book on the John Kennedy assassination, a bearded fellow blessed with an apparently total recall of every fact ever written about JFK and Dallas. Flammonde arranged a dinner for me with Bernard (Bud) Fensterwald, a Washington lawyer currently defending

James Earl Ray who served, in his spare time, as the executive director of the Committee To Investigate Assassinations, and, later, with Richard Sprague, an aerospace engineer from Hartsdale, New York, also a board member of the CTIA.

These people represented, as far as I could tell, the best of the buffs. They were, in general, a suspicious lot, but they had a healthy respect for facts and a contempt for buffs (like Mark Lane) who cheated, and I was tempted to join their ranks. I was lonely out there on the conspiracy trail.

The mail I received didn't make me feel any less lonely. Each weekend, on my return home to California, I would find a small pile of letters from other buffs. A woman from New York claimed in a se-

The real mystery is why conspiracy theories appeal to us

ries of notes that Sirhan was part of a plot by British Israelis who were really Freemasons. A woman from Ohio sent me a manuscript detailing the Rosicrucian - CIA - FBI - right wing - military-industrial plot to kill RFK. And a wealthy lawyer from Oklahoma who had read all 26 volumes of the Warren Report wanted to finance further research (to be directed by me) on his theory that both Kennedys were the victims of a plot hatched by the Red Chinese.

I got at least a dozen communications from persons who were living in the expectation of imminent death because they "knew too much" about one or another of the assassinations.

One day, a man who will be known here as Jim Hall phoned me from Phoenix. Hall said he knew the man behind Sirhan. He'd seen the man's name in Sirhan's notebook (which I had reproduced in my appendix): "Stokeley." Maybe, I said to myself, this is the break I've been looking for. No one had known the "Stokeley" scribbled in Sirhan's notebook and Hall sounded like a sober, intelligent fellow. I made arrangements to meet him in Phoenix on my next trip east. Hall turned out to be obsessed with injustice. He said he'd been done in pretty badly by a group in Texas, one of them a man named Stokeley. Therefore, said Hall, Stokeley and his friends must have had something to do with the killing of both Kennedys. No other evidence. But Hall had put all of his paranoia on paper, in a small mimeographed book. Maybe I could help him sell it?

In the last chapter of my book, I had propounded—very tentatively—the theory that Sirhan may have been programmed through hypnosis to kill RFK and programmed to forget that he had been programmed. I elaborated the theory to help explain some unexplained bits of evidence: the repeated assertions in Sirhan's notebook that "RFK must die" as if he were repeating instructions from another; his extreme susceptibility to hypnosis; his blocking and locking whenever, under hypnosis, he was asked about his involvement with others; his unusual, almost trance-like behavior on the night of the assassination.

Using that theory as a road map took me into one box canyon after another. Since Sirhan had played around with the occult and had scribbled in his notebook mysterious notations about black magic, the Illuminati and the Master Kuthumi, I plunged, with some local buffs, into a study of California's occultists. We didn't find the Master Kuthumi, but there are certain local buffs still out there on the conspiracy trail, sincerely looking for him. That may be harmless enough.

Not so harmless is another buff named Theo-

here Charach (pronounced sha-RACH), who has been trying for years to make it big in Hollywood and believes he is now on the verge of scoring with a film documentary which, he says, "breaks the case wide open." I first encountered Charach on my way up the conspiracy trail. He seemed determined to prove conspiracy no matter what the fact.

Charach proceeded in his research from a false premise: that Sirhan met Robert Kennedy face to face in the pantry and never got closer than two feet—and therefore couldn't have shot Kennedy behind the right ear.

Charach didn't know (or didn't care) about abundant testimony from others that Sirhan approached Kennedy from behind. It didn't fit his theory: if Sirhan was facing Kennedy and Kennedy was shot in the right mastoid, then Sirhan didn't shoot Kennedy, someone else did. JFK assassination buffs, who generally believe the President was caught in a cross fire at Dallas, liked that idea.

Who, then, was the other gunman? In the office of his attorney, Godfrey Isaacs, Charach told me it must have been a security guard hired for the night by the hotel. His name: Thane Eugene Cesar. Why Cesar? Because, it was in the official records, Cesar had drawn his gun in the pantry immediately after the shooting. He had admitted that he was behind Kennedy when Sirhan opened fire. Maybe, reasoned Charach, Cesar took advantage of the moment to kill Kennedy himself. But why? Charach interviewed Cesar and found that Cesar had voted for George Wallace. That did it. Logically, to Charach, anyone who voted for George Wallace had a motive to kill Senator Kennedy.

But did Cesar shoot Kennedy? No. The identifiable bullets recovered from pantry victims were all shot from a .22. Cesar had a .38 with him in the pantry. And, like everyone else in the pantry, he was startled and afraid when the shooting started. He fell to the floor, and stayed there until the shooting had stopped. Then he rose, pulled his gun and moved to Kennedy's side, "to protect the senator from further attack." With disgust, Bill Barry, Kennedy's aide, told Cesar, "Put the gun away. It's too late." It was all in the official reports of the police and the FBI, which were placed in evidence after the trial. And no one had seen anyone else shooting in the pantry.

Well, almost no one. Charach had some tape recordings, among them an interview given on the night of the shooting to reporter Ruth Ashton Taylor of KNXT, Channel 2 by a young man named Donald Schulman, a news runner for KNXT. Though Schulman's recollection was "fuzzy" he told Ruth Taylor he'd seen security men shooting back at the assassin.

I wondered what Schulman had actually seen or if he was even in the pantry. He wasn't on the police list of persons in the pantry. I guessed that Schulman was simply repeating some of the rumors that were flashing through the crowd that night at the Ambassador. One rumor: that the men who first jumped the assailant were Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson. Another, that the assailant was a man named Jesse Grier. Another, that Kennedy was all right, that he was only shot in the knee. Another, that a security guard had shot the assassin dead. All of these stories were carried by UPI and reported on L.A. radio and T.V.—all were false.

So I dismissed Charach and his prize witness, Schulman. So, also, in the summer of 1970, did most of the newsmen of L.A. except for the editors of the *Los Angeles Free Press*. The only thing difficult to understand: why Cesar didn't sue Charach for libel. ("I didn't sue," Cesar told me recently in an interview, "because Charach doesn't have any money and suing to clear my name isn't worth the money it would cost to sue.")

Out to the summer of 1971. I am coming off my conspiracy trip. I meet Charach once again and now he has not only his audio tapes but an hour-long documentary film, in color, which Charach says "proves" his theory of a cross fire in the pantry. Now here is the maître d', Karl Uecker, florid of face, babbling away about his moment of glory, insisting he stopped Sirhan well short of Kennedy. Here is a shot of a whirling tape recorder playing Cesar's words, out of context: in his interview with Charach, Cesar had told Charach he had a .38 revolver in the pantry, but, under prodding, described a .22 pistol he'd once owned, but sold in February 1968, before the assassination of RFK. Now in the movie, after judicious cutting and splicing, Cesar's voice appears to be describing the .22 he had in the pantry. Here is Schulman being interviewed by Charach on the Ambassador Hotel green. He is no longer "fuzzy," he's an expert eyewitness.

In fact, Schulman was not in the pantry at the time of the shooting. He was in the crowd back in the Embassy Room, where Kennedy had just spoken, standing next to Dick Gaitlier of KNXT and Frank Raciti, now a film editor at KNXT.

Charach has another star witness with more serious credentials. He is a veteran ballistics expert from Pasadena named William W. Harper. Under Charach's urging, Harper had visited the County Clerk's office and examined the evidence bullets from the Sirhan trial. Two of the bullets, Charach said he said, didn't match.

Apparent corroboration, therefore, of Charach's gun theory. Two bullets that didn't match. Therefore, two different guns hanging away in the pantry. Where was the other gun? Charach said the police had destroyed it, but he had evidence of its existence in the trial exhibits. It was a gun with the serial number H18602 and its number was written right across people's exhibit 55 which contained three test bullets, supposedly fired from Sirhan's gun. According to LAPD criminalist Wayne Wolfer, these three bullets matched those taken from victims in the Ambassador pantry. But the serial number of Sirhan's gun was H53725 and the serial number on the jacket of exhibit 55 was H18602.

Wow! According to that "evidence," the pantry victims were not shot by Sirhan's gun but by another gun. The implications of that were absurd. Gun number H18602 was a test gun, also an Iver-Johnson .22, which the police used for powder burn and decibel readings. The police had this gun on the night of the assassination. They had taken it on March 18, 1967, from a young man named Jake Williams and kept it in property until June, 1968. Wolfer used that gun for his test and wrote down its serial number by mistake, a stupid mistake, but nothing more than a clerical error.

What about Harper's conclusions? I went to Harper. Harper said he wasn't sure. He'd compared those two bullets to each other (but *not* to the test bullets in exhibit 55) by means of photographic blowups. He said he'd rather have the opportunity to do some further studies, to use a comparison microscope and compare those bullets to the test bullets in exhibit 55 and to a new set of test bullets taken from a new test firing of Sirhan's gun. Then, he said, he could make a final judgment.

All together, then, Charach's "evidence" is nonexistent, flimsy or uncertain. With it, however, he is able to produce (and finance!) a movie. And more. With it, he persuades the Sirhan family to dismiss their appeals lawyer, Luke McKissack, and hire Charach's own attorney, Isaacs. He hopes that on the basis of Charach's evidence he can get a new trial for Sirhan.

Sad to say, the court system in California may have to spend yet more time adjudicating this baseless claim. In fact, the state has already spent time

and money doing so. District Attorney Joseph Busch ordered an inquiry into the substance of Charach's assertions. His investigators found none. Privately, they gave Wolfer bad marks for bad bookkeeping and Cesar all the sympathy they could muster for the bum rap of the year, if not the decade—for Cesar didn't shoot Kennedy, and he wasn't a right wing radical, as Charach claimed, but simply a plumber and part-time security guard who had voted for George Wallace and once contributed \$3 to the Wallace campaign.

The D.A.'s investigators also found pretty poor security in the County Clerk's office; and a county grand jury gave the clerk a public reprimand for his "misfeasance in office." Almost anybody, it

At least 12 people lived in fear because they 'knew too much'

seems, could have gotten to certain trial exhibits and done almost anything to them, even, perhaps, to the evidence bullets themselves.

Eventually, if the popular wisdom persists in impeaching the integrity of the official ballistics examinations, officials will do some new tests of Sirhan's gun and compare the slugs to the bullets in evidence. By then, of course, the buffs will be off on some new track. And the conspiracy trip will go on.

*B*ut not for me. I am off that trip now. I don't know whether there is a conspiracy or not. I never did know, but I thought that some day I might. Anyway, I am tired of dealing with death. I'd like to start living again in the present.

And the people I meet in the ranks of the buffs depress me. I encountered a brace of buffs recently, waiting to testify before the grand jury. All of us had been called because our names had appeared on the clerk's records as viewers of Sirhan trial exhibits. I saw that one of the buffs was carrying a copy of my book, and I was pleased—until the young man started talking to me. Then I realized he was crazy. Charach was there, chortling at his success in getting a part of the case reopened and boasting that he "got the case for Godfrey Isaac." Other buffs assaulted me with "new facts" which weren't facts at all but conjectures and imaginings calculated to feed their bias against "the system." I couldn't see that their hobby was doing them any good at all, maybe a good deal of harm.

I still get mail from buffs and potential buffs. There is an honest, hard-working fellow from Detroit named Harry Kruk, who is yearning to de-program a hypno-conditioned Sirhan (or see that some other expert does so). Kruk's hobby is hypnosis, and he can demonstrate, he says, that almost anyone can be programmed to do anything.

Bud Fensterwald, a man of heart and wit, keeps in touch. I have refused to become a member of the board of the CTIA, but he keeps writing and phoning and asking me to check up on obscure persons and movements which the underground network suspects of perfidy. I had lunch with Fensterwald not long ago in Los Angeles while he detailed some "new leads," then accompanied him to the headquarters of the Scientology movement in L.A. where we wasted two hours seeking information about a strange new Satanist cult called The Process.

When I am not being a died-in-the-wool, full blown, damn fool, paranoid assassination buff, however, I hold no hopes that I will ever "solve" the mysteries of either assassination. Deep down, maybe, I still hope that someone can put the pieces together and, bigger job, prove it all in a court of

law. But I don't think I'll be able to do it. The best I can hope for is to understand how it was that I ever believed I could, and why I thought I needed to do so.

This could be an adventure in the exploration of inner space, one that would lead me into the labyrinthine ways of my own psyche where I could palpate my primitive need to have explanations for the unexplainable, even if the explanations must be cast in the form of myth and legend. In my youth, I met these needs by immersing myself in the rationalistic mysticism of the Jesuit Order. When I left the Order some 13 years ago, I thought I had outgrown the need. Now I am not so sure: the hunger for meaning is still there; the chaos of the '60s and the '70s only intensifies the emptiness inside. Either I learn to live with chaos or I manufacture new myths.

This is nothing new. The Roman poet Virgil presented us with an elaborate analysis of our own myth-making propensities in a long passage of the *Aeneid* personifying Dame Rumor. But modern scholars (with the minor exception of Gordon Allport in his thin study on *The Psychology of Rumor*) have paid far too little attention to these weird workings within many of us.

I do not believe I have been alone in my needs. Gallup polls continue to reflect a general, even majority belief that there was a conspiracy to assassinate two Kennedys and a King, and the popular song, "Has Anybody Here Seen My Friend John?" only serves to underline the general acceptance of a legend which, if anything, is still growing among us.

Those who have a hard time living with chaos refuse to accept the judgement that Oswald and Ray and Sirhan were "just crazy." And so, undeterred by lack of any evidence that would stand up in a court of law, they concoct fantasies out of the available facts, and/or their pet hatreds and fears at a time in history when there is a built market in both. Thus, the plot is either left wing or it is right wing, big business or Mafia, the CIA, the FBI or the Pentagon, Zionist, Third World, the occult or, even, Getty, Onassis, Johnson, the Kennedy family itself, the Catholic Church, the Masonic Order. Everyone, it seems, has his own favorite co-conspirators; some manage to combine many or all in a plot that becomes rather vast.

Before one smirks and begins to feel superior to these simpletons, he had better examine his own deepest feelings. Glenn Akers, a student of contemporary folklore in Los Angeles, found one or another of these "co-conspirators" I just mentioned above lurking under the surface consciousness of *all* of the respondents he polled recently regarding the assassination of John Kennedy. He did his research in a sample of students, faculty and staff at San Fernando Valley State College. And some of his respondents expressed belief in another Kennedy legend: 42 percent of those polled by Akers have heard the story that John Kennedy is still alive and believe that the legend has some plausibility.

I don't think it does any good to call such beliefs "sick" in order to dismiss them. Such belief may, in fact, be a kind of emergency therapy, self-applied. Belief in a legend that Kennedy is still alive may help assuage the folk where they hurt the most, and half belief in a conspiracy may provide temporary answers where no answers exist.

In fact, as I explore my own inner space (a grueling affair), I am sometimes tempted to go back to that search for the easier answer, the whole conspiracy thing. If Fensterwald phoned me tomorrow and asked me to meet him at midnight in the middle of a swamp 14 miles outside Pascagoula, Mississippi, I'd probably grab my trenchcoat and catch the next jet headed south.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 2/1/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau telephone call to Los Angeles, dated 9/21/70, and Los Angeles teletypes to the Bureau, dated 9/21/70, 9/22/70, and 9/23/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned "ROBERT BLAIR KAISER."

KAISER is the author of the book entitled, "RICK MUST DIE!", which is the story of the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

As the Bureau is aware, in his book KAISER sets forth that SA R. J. LA JEUNESS, JR. of the Los Angeles Division, who is assigned to captioned investigation, confided in him, KAISER, that a "Manchurian candidate" theory existed in the assassination of KENNEDY. The enclosed LHM concerns articles appearing in West Magazine of the Los Angeles Times of 1/30/72.

Concerning the foregoing, Page 3 of the enclosed West Magazine article entitled, "Journey Through The Killing Ground", paragraph 5 of this article authored by KAISER makes reference to the "last chapter in my book." The article by KAISER states, "It was a play desired to draw attention from the fans in the bleacher seats...and in the small hope that the media attention would stimulate sales on a book that had already put me in a financial hole."

No further action is being taken by the Los Angeles Division pertaining to this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 3/27/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

[REDACTED] who identified himself as [REDACTED] with offices at [REDACTED] California (telephone number [REDACTED]) telephonically contacted the writer on 3/8/72, to advise as follows:

He stated he previously contacted the FBI in connection with the hijacking of an aircraft by Arab guerrillas during the fall of 1970. He reportedly read of attempting to extort money from TWA and is of the opinion that the same forces are responsible for the current attempt against TWA.

A review of office indices reflects this individual telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Division on 6/10/70, (see Serial 2950) at which time he claimed to have evidence that SIRAHAN SIRAHAN could not have been the man who fired the fatal shots that killed late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

At that time, his evidence consisted of contradictory facts that one shot was fired within several inches of KENNEDY while the accused, (SIRAHAN), was several feet away and therefore could not have fired the fatal shot.

It is obvious [REDACTED] is an overly concerned citizen who has not been able to demonstrate he has any knowledge or information of potential value in connection with the KENNEDY assassination or TWA extortion efforts.

In view of the foregoing, and because of [REDACTED] propensities, no further action is recommended.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 4/24/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 4/12/72, [REDACTED] who has previously been contacted concerning captioned matter, was recontacted in person. This contact was again at his request and during the discussion had with him, he advised he has continued to be engaged in a project concerning the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. The results of the evidence will be made into a movie and titled, "III", which is a reference to the assassinations of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, in 1963, the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1964, and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California, in 1968. In connection therewith, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made available a Xerox copy of a 1/21/72, newspaper article appearing in the Los Angeles Free Press captioned, "Expert: Sirhan Gun Didn't Kill". This article carries the subtitle, "Sworn Affidavit By Criminalist Harper". The article purports to be a copy of an affidavit prepared by WILLIAM W. HARPER, an individual engaged in the field of consulting criminalistics.

According to this article, HARPER had made a careful review and study of the physical circumstances of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY in Los Angeles. In that connection, he claims to have examined the physical evidence introduced in SIRHAN's trial, including the weapon, the bullets, and the shell cases.

On the basis of his experience, training background, and studies and examinations, HARPER claims that KENNEDY was fired upon from two (2) distinct firing positions, while he was walking through the kitchen pantry at the Ambassador Hotel.

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In the article HARPER claims that one of the positions, which he labels "Firing Position A", is the location of SIRHAN directly in front of KENNEDY on a face to face basis. "Position A", according to the article, is well established by eye witnesses. HARPER referred to a second position, "Firing Position B", which he claims is clearly established by the autopsy report. According to HARPER, "Firing Position B" was located in close proximity to Senator KENNEDY immediately to his right and rear. The article goes on and deals to some extent with the powder residue patterns produced from "Firing Position B". He claims, in marked contrast, the shots from "Firing Position A" produced no powder residue patterns and the shots were widely dispersed.

The article claims further that there exists a confliction between eye witnesses of the automatic firing which is totally irreconcilable with the hypothesis that SIRHAN was the only one involved in the assassination.

b7K [redacted] restates HARPER's opinion that the circumstances surrounding the actual shooting firmly establish that two guns were being fired from the kitchen pantry.

[redacted] maintained, as he has in the past, that there exists a conspiracy in the connection of the assassination of the late Senator KENNEDY and claims that the remarks of HARPER (paraphrased above), as they appear in his affidavit, definitely substantiate that two weapons were fired the night KENNEDY was killed.

The above mentioned Los Angeles Free Press article is attached hereto.

Los Angeles Free Press

January 21, 1972

Expert: Sirhan gun didn't kill

Sworn affidavit by Criminalist Harper

1. WILLIAM W. HARPER, being first duly sworn, depose as follows:

1. I am a resident of the State of California and for approximately thirty-seven years have lived at 615 Prospect Boulevard in Pasadena, California.

2. I am now and for thirty-five years have been engaged in the field of consulting criminalistics.

3. My formal academic background includes studies at Columbia University, University of California at Los Angeles and California Institute of Technology where I spent four years, including studies in physics and mathematics with the major portion devoted to physics research.

4. My practical experience and positions held include seven years as consulting criminalist to the Pasadena Police Department where I was in charge of the Technical Laboratory engaging in the technical phases of police training and all technical field investigations including those involving firearms. I was, during World War II, for three years in charge of technical investigation for Naval Intelligence in the 11th Naval District, located at San Diego, California.

After my release from the Navy, I entered private practice as a consulting criminalist. Extending over a period of 35 years I have handled roughly 300 cases involving firearms in homicides, suicides and accidental shootings. I have testified as a consulting criminalist in both criminal and civil litigations and for both defense and prosecution in both State and Federal Courts. I have qualified as an expert in the courts of California, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Nevada, Arizona and Utah. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

5. During the past seven months I have made a careful review and study of the physical circumstances of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles, California. In this connection I have examined the physical evidence introduced at the trial, including the Sirhan weapon, the bullets and shell cases. I have also studied the autopsy report, the autopsy photographs, and pertinent portions of the trial testimony.

6. Based on my background and training, upon my experience as a consulting criminalist, and my studies, examination and analysis of data related to the Robert F. Kennedy assassination, I have arrived at the following findings and opinions:

A. An analysis of the physical circumstances at the scene of the assassination discloses that Senator Kennedy was fired upon from two distinct firing positions while he was walking through the kitchen pantry at the Ambassador Hotel. *Firing Position A*, the position of Sirhan, was located directly in front of the Senator, with Sirhan face-to-face with the Senator. This position is well established by more than a dozen eyewitnesses. A second firing position, *Firing Position B*, is clearly established by the autopsy report. It was located in close proximity to the Senator, immediately to his right and rear. It was from this position that 4 (four) shots were fired, three of which entered the Senator's body. One of these shots made a ~~fatal~~

penetration of the Senator's brain. A fourth shot passed through the right shoulder pad of the Senator's coat. These four shots from *Firing Position B* all produced powder residue patterns, indicating they were fired from a distance of only a few inches. They were closely grouped within a 12 inch circle.

In marked contrast, the shots from *Firing Position A* produced no powder residue patterns on the bodies or clothing of any of the surviving victims, all of whom were walking behind the Senator. These shots were widely dispersed.

Senator Kennedy received no frontal wounds. The three wounds suffered by him were fired from behind and he had entrance wounds in the posterior portions of his body.

B. It is evident that a strong conflict exists between the eyewitness accounts and the autopsy findings. This conflict is totally irreconcilable with the hypothesis that only Sirhan's gun was involved in the assassination. The conflict can be eliminated if we consider that a second gun was being fired from *Firing Position B* concurrently with the firing of the Sirhan gun from *Firing Position A*. It is self-evident that within the brief period of the shooting (roughly 15 seconds) Sirhan could not have been in both

No eyewitness saw Sirhan at any position other than *Firing Position A*, where he was quickly restrained by citizens present at that time and place.

C. It is my opinion that these circumstances, in conjunction with the autopsy report (without for the moment considering additional evidence), firmly establish that two guns were being fired in the kitchen pantry concurrently.

D. There is no reasonable likelihood that the shots from *Firing Position B* could have been fired by a person attempting to stop Sirhan. This is because the person shooting from *Firing Position B* was in almost direct body contact with the Senator. (Please turn to page 37)

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This person could have seen where his shot would strike the Senator, since the fatal shot was fired (muzzle) from one to three inches from the Senator's head. Had Sirhan been the intended target, the person shooting would have extended his arm beyond the Senator and fired directly at Sirhan. Furthermore, two of the shots from *Firing Position B* were steeply upward; one shot actually penetrating the ceiling overhead.

E. The police appear to have concluded that a total of eight shots were fired with seven bullets accounted for and one bullet unrecovered. This apparent conclusion fails to take into account that their evidence shows that a fourth shot from *Firing Position B* went through the right shoulder pad of the Senator's coat from back to front. This shot was fired from a distance of approximately one inch according to the testimony. It could not have been the shot which struck Victim Paul Schrade in the forehead since Schrade was behind the Senator and traveling in the same direction. The bullet producing this hole in the shoulder pad from back to front could not have returned by ricochet or otherwise to strike Schrade in the forehead. This fourth shot from *Firing Position B* would indicate 9 (nine) shots were fired, with two bullets unrecovered. This indication provides an additional basis for the contention that two guns were involved, since the Sirhan gun could have fired only 8 (eight) shots.

F. The prosecution testimony attempted to establish that the Sirhan gun, and no other, was involved in the assassination. It is a fact, however, that the only gun actually

and scientifically with the shooting of a second gun, not the Sirhan gun. The serial number of the Sirhan gun is No. H53725. The serial number of the second gun is No. H118602. It is an Iver Johnson 22 cal. caliber. The expert testimony, based on matching the three test bullets of Exhibit 52 in a comparison microscope to three of the evidence bullets (Exhibit 52 removed from the Senator, Exhibit 53 removed from Goldstein, and Exhibit 54 removed from Weisel) concluded that the three evidence bullets were fired from the same gun that fired the three test bullets of Exhibit 55. The physical evidence shows that the gun that fired the three test bullets was gun No. H118602, not the Sirhan gun. Thus, the only gun placed at the scene by scientific evidence is gun No. H118602. Sirhan's gun was taken from him by citizens at the scene. I have no information regarding the background history of gun No. H118602 nor how the police came into possession of it.

G. No test bullets recovered from the Sirhan gun are in evidence. This gun was never identified scientifically as having fired any of the bullets removed from any of the victims. Other than the apparent self-evident fact that gun No. H53725 was forcibly removed from Sirhan at the scene, it has not been connected by microscopic examinations or other scientific testing to the actual shooting.

H. The only reasonable conclusion from the evidence developed by the police, in spite of their protestations to the contrary, is that two guns were being fired in the kitchen pantry of the Ambassador Hotel

at the time of the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

I. From the general circumstances of the shooting the only reasonable assumption is that the bullet removed from victim Weisel was in fact fired from the Sirhan gun. This bullet is in near perfect condition. I have, therefore, chosen it as a "test" bullet from the Sirhan gun and compared it with the bullet removed from the Senator's neck. The bullet removed from the Senator's neck, Exhibit 47, was one of those fired from *Firing Position B*, while the bullet removed from Weisel, Exhibit 54, was one of those fired from *Firing Position A*, the position of Sirhan. My examinations disclosed no individual characteristics establishing that Exhibit 47 and Exhibit 54 had been fired by the same gun. In fact, my examination disclosed that bullet Exhibit 47 has a rifling angle approximately 23 minutes (14%) greater than the rifling angle of bullet Exhibit 54. It is, therefore, my opinion that bullets 47 and 54 could not have been fired from the same gun.

The above finding stands as independent proof that two guns were being fired concurrently in the kitchen pantry of the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the shooting.

J. The conclusions I have arrived at based upon my findings are as follows:

- (1) Two 22 calibre guns were involved in the assassination.
- (2) Senator Kennedy was killed by one of the shots fired from *Firing Position B*, fired by a second gunman.
- (3) The five surviving victims were wounded by Sirhan shooting

from Firing Position A

(4) It is extremely unlikely that any of the bullets fired from Sirhan's gun ever struck the head of Senator Kennedy.

(5) It is also unlikely that the shooting of the Senator could have accidentally resulted from an attempt to shoot Sirhan.

Dated: December 28, 1970.

William W. Harper
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

On this ... day of December, 1970, before me appeared, personally, WILLIAM W. HARPER, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Notary Public in and for
said County and State
(Seal)

Notes on People Vs Sirhan

Assume that Sirhan had escaped from the scene of the Kennedy assassination with the gun without being seen by any eye witnesses. Assume also that the autopsy and medical reports and other physical evidence were the same as we find them today. What effect would these circumstances have had on the investigation? Would the police have been searching for one assassin or for two?

Upon completion of the autopsy it would have been immediately evident that the Senator had been fired on by some gunman in close proximity to him and to his right and rear.

It was also apparent at this time, or very shortly thereafter, that the five additional victims were following the Senator and to his rear. Had the gunman after shooting the Senator, turned to his left and fired apparently indiscriminately into the crowd of his followers. If so, why?

The Senator was the "target" victim. The shooting of the additional victims would certainly have to be considered as accidental. No one could reasonably believe that Sonrade Stroll, Goldstein, Evans and Weisel had been deliberately chosen for elimination as well as the Senator. The trajectories of the shots wounding these accidental victims necessarily came from a position ahead of the Senator, not from behind him.

These circumstances would suggest to any experienced homicide detective as well as to any criminalist, that two guns were involved and two gunmen had to be tracked down.

Multiple-gun shootings are not a rarity in police work. When bullets of different calibers are removed from victims and/or found at the crime scene, it is obvious that more than one gun is involved. When all recovered bullets are the same caliber the conclusion that a single gun is involved must not be hurriedly reached.

The capture of Sirhan with his gun at the scene resulted in a total mesmerization of the investigative efforts. The fact that all recovered evidence bullets were the same caliber further contributed to the general euphoria. The well established teachings of criminalistics and forensic pathology were cast aside and by-passed in favor of a more expeditious solution and, unfortunately, an erroneous oversimplification.

January 1, 1971

William W. Harper

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Mr. H. Allen Smith, Congressman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

June 12, 1972

Dear Sir:

ALL
b7c THIS MIGHT BE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE PROSECUTION
OF SIRHAN-SIRHAN. This is information that may not yet be had on
file.

In a conversation today, my landlady of some years back, made known information to me, that I told her should be put into your hands. It was suggested that she write you, but decided that I should write you with the freedom to give the following information as I heard it.

[REDACTED] rented at one time the [REDACTED] here in Pasadena, from a [REDACTED] who came from the country that Sirhan-Sirhan came from. It was commented that she took in those from the country she came from.

[REDACTED] a honest christian person with better then average intelligence, explained to me how troubled she was when Robert Kennedy was shot in that she was sure it was the same Sirhan-Sirhan (a strange name indeed) that used to live up stairs with her at the above Oakland address.

This Sirhan-Sirhan was getting checks in the mail, and asked [REDACTED] to watch for them, because in his words, his brother, or maybe brothers, might get ahold of them.

Now is it not strange that one brother, if a brother to one of the other men living at that address at one time, would not trust his other brother to recieve his mail. Also the name Sirhan-Sirhan was noticed by [REDACTED] long before the shooting of Robert Kennedy.

One of my major questions is, "Who did those checks come from." Secoundly, "What were those checks for." Could it have been his support until he could or should carry out a plan of predetermined action in the United States? To me, if the government is not already aware of those checks, they seem rather important in establishing where the direction of the action came from.

Since you have been with the F. B. I., I am sure you can take this from here. - Hope you are well, and would like you to let me know if you have any plans after your retirement, XX and if you will, let me know what you plan as an activity.

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, California [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 4/21/72 [REDACTED]
Sincerely yours [REDACTED]

H. ALLEN SMITH
20TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
(200-47TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

COMMITTEE
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 14, 1972

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, California

Dear [REDACTED]

ALL
b7C
In reply to your letter of June 12th, although former Director Hoover considered me as a rather outstanding Agent to the FBI, I must admit that in all honesty, unless [REDACTED] has more information as to time, dates and possible return address or like information from any communications, I would not know where to start. About the only thing an investigator could do would be to talk to Sirhan-Sirhan. He might be able to explain it, but on the other hand, he might not be willing to answer any questions. From your conversations, do you think there is anyone an investigator could talk to in an effort to obtain any more details?

Of course, I will forward your communication to the appropriate Agency but I thought I would give you my comments.

Mrs. Smith and I have no plans after my retirement excepting that we are going to come back to the 20th District. We will see what happens at that time, but I imagine I will find plenty to do.

Sincerely yours,

H. ALLEN SMITH
M.C.

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H. ALLEN SMITH
20TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
(20-47TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

COMMITTEE
RULES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 14, 1972

Mr. Thomas E. Bishop
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

Enclosed is the original letter which I
received from a constituent as well as a copy
of my reply to him. You can do with it what
you want so far as I am concerned.

Sincerely,

Allen

H. ALLEN SMITH
M.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

FROM : */* Acting Director, FBI (62-587)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/16/72

b7c Enclosed is one copy of a letter from [REDACTED] Pasadena, California 91106, dated 6/12/72, to Honorable H. Allen Smith, Congressman, Washington, D. C., one copy of Smith's letter to [REDACTED] dated 6/14/72, and a letter from Smith to the Bureau dated 6/14/72. Letters are submitted for information and for the completion of the Los Angeles file.

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F.B.I.
Mr. H. Allen Smith, Congressman
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

June 18, 1972

Dear Sir:

In your letter of June 14, 1972, you mentioned "time," "dates," & possible "return address." Further information on those points.

ALL
b7C
[redacted] moved into [redacted] place at [redacted] about May 1, 1964, and moved out about November 3, 1964. Sirhan-Sirhan and his brother moved in shortly before July 4, 1964. Sirhan-Sirhan's brother moved out first and then in August or September Sirhan-Sirhan moved out.

Shortly after July 4, 1964, Sirhan-Sirhan asked [redacted] to watch for his mail so he might intercept it and prevent his brother from seeing it. It appears that Sirhan-Sirhan only asked this once. A long envelope did arrive, supposedly without a return address and containing a check. [redacted] does not remember what kind of stamps were on the envelope. That letter was picked up by [redacted] after which she called Sirhan-Sirhan at another location. He came right over and got the letter so that his brother would not see it when he came home, and this is what [redacted] had expected Sirhan-Sirhan to do.

Maybe this can mean something. - After Sirhan-Sirhan had moved out, [redacted] went in and cleaned up and painted the place. While doing that, an empty T.V. shell was found. Everything had been taken out of it. Is it possible that the inside of that T.V. once held a short-wave radio set? Those two brothers were at that address less than a full three months so it appears.

Might I suggest, that if [redacted] or myself spoke to [redacted] that we might botch the job. So I suggest that a qualified officer go out to see [redacted] California, with a current phone or [redacted] This way information might be acquired that is not already known.

LAST OF ALL, [redacted] asked me to see if I could not get a mug shot of Sirhan-Sirhan, so she may verify for sure that it was the same person. Can you have a mug shot sent to me for that purpose. After I show it to [redacted] I will return it with my letter to you.

Sincerely yours

Pasadena, California [redacted]

56-156-3110

H. ALLEN SMITH
85TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
(85D-47TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 21, 1972

Mr. Thomas E. Bishop
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Tom:

Reference is made to my letter of June 14
in which I enclosed the original of a letter from
a constituent of mine [REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] if he could give me some
additional information and I am now in receipt
of a letter from him dated June 18, the original
of which is enclosed herewith.

As I stated to you in my letter of June 14,
you may do with it what you wish, so far as I
am concerned.

Sincerely,

H. ALLEN SMITH
M.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156) *2*

DATE: 6/26/72

FROM : *✓* Acting Director, FBI (62-587)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

ReBulet dated 6/16/72.

b7C Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letter from Congressman H. Allen Smith (Republican - California) to the Bureau dated 6/21/72 and two copies of a letter from [REDACTED] Pasadena, California.

These letters are submitted for your information and for the completion of your file.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-699)

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JULY
TWENTY FOUR LAST AND BUREAU TEL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS
ANGELES JULY TWENTY FIVE INSTANT.

[REDACTED] HOMICIDE, PASADENA,

CALIFORNIA PD, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PASADENA, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TALKED WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ABOUT THE MATTER, BUT THEY DID NOT
APPEAR FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO FILING COMPLAINT AGAINST

[REDACTED] TALKED WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE AND
APPARENTLY [REDACTED] ASKED
THAT A COMPLAINT BE FILED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THAT SIRHAN
SIRHAN DID NOT KILL SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WANTS A STAGE
TO PUT ON HIS ACT.

ON [REDACTED] TALKED
WITH [REDACTED] BELIEVED UNKNOWN
PERSON MUST HAVE TALKED WITH THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOW
WILLING TO SIGN COMPLAINT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SAN FRANCISCO IS REQUESTED TO THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW
[REDACTED] FOR COMPLETE
AND FULL DETAILS CONCERNING HIS RELATIONSHIP AND CONVERSATIONS
[REDACTED] WILL ALSO OBTAIN FROM SOURCE, OR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MENTIONED
IN REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO TEL.

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AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION FROM SAN FRANCISCO,
AND UACB, LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED.

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY CONCERNING THE
ALLEGED MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
ON JUNE 5 - 6, 1968 AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

For four years prior to Senator Kennedy's coming to Los Angeles I had investigated the shooting in Dallas, Texas of President John F. Kennedy. The result of this work revealed a photograph of a man (whom I believe to be the actual assassin) firing at a look alike car containing Security Agents disguised as the presidential party. (See murder map & photographs). I also found evidence that the man shot while taking the President's place was a man named J. D. Tippit.

I went through all the necessary steps of properly advising the appropriate Governmental Agencies of my findings. (F.B.I, Secret Service, My Congressman, the Warren Commission, Kennedy Family, Los Angeles County Grand Jury, U. S. Attorney General, etc.) to no avail.

Several weeks prior to [REDACTED]

At this meeting I expressed the view that President Kennedy actually was not John F. Kennedy, the son of the former Ambassador to Great Britain, and I gave information and evidence to support this contention.

Since the press nor the authorities would expose the fact that JFK had not been the one who was shot, and when RFK announced his candidacy for the presidency and was constantly being referred to as a martyr's brother, I had 1,000 bumper stickers made exposing this deception as a hoax.

Some of these stickers were passed out at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium by a lady who lived at the rear of the auditorium next to a pharmaceutical delivery house which was, I was told, frequented by Sirhan.

Bumper stickers (EXPOSE THE JFK DEATH HOAX SCANDAL) were passed out to students at San Fernando Valley State when Senator Mc Carthy spoke there and widespread distribution of these stickers was achieved for approximately 3 weeks prior to June 5, 1968.

On the night of June 5, 1968 I, with members of my family and a friend went to the Ambassador Hotel in an effort to induce Senator Kennedy to tell the truth. Stickers were passed out to the dismay of the Kennedy staff and supporters.

At approximately 10:00 P.M. at a location in the 2nd floor lobby in front of the registration desk I overheard a group of people excitedly say "It's the man in the sweat shirt and blue jeans". Thinking that RFK had actually appeared dressed in this manner I attempted to hear more, but the group dispersed.

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The following is what the press carried at the time that the presumed assassin was wearing a sweat shirt and blue jeans. My over-hearing of the chance conversation led me to believe that some incident had been planned for that evening, and possibly this was the reason no one interfered with the "Bumper Sticker Caper", for fear that such interference would jeopardize the planned incident.

At around 10:30 P.M., after seeing a group of three men looking at us and obviously talking about us, our entire group exited through the rear doors of the lobby to the rear parking lot. It took us about 20 minutes to drive down Wilshire Blvd., to the Beverly Hilton Hotel, where the raucous young Mc Carthy supporters, at that time, thought they were going to win the election.

And so it was that it was with amazement and incredulity that we heard at approximately 12:15 A.M. the excited female voice cry out in the coffee shop "Senator Kennedy has just been shot",

We then returned to the Ambassador Hotel area and saw an amazing sight. The entire area in front of the hotel was cordoned off and floodlighted, with an ambulance slowly pulling out of the driveway and heading East on Wilshire Blvd.

In the ensuing weeks and months, no mention of "The Bumper Sticker Caper" appeared in the press nor was it mentioned on Radio nor T.V.

Chief of Detectives Robert Houghton, in his book, later described the large hotel security force on duty that evening, and it is astonishing to me that their perception was not sharpened due to the possible reaction which might result from the mass exposure of the fact that J.F.K. had indeed not been shot.

I was later told by a witness to the later incident in the kitchen that Kennedy personell, including Jimmy Breslin, the famous journalist and associate of RFK, were quite excited when they were confronted by the red and black bumper sticker.

As the months passed, and the trial of Sirhan Sirhan came and went, it persisted in my mind that there had to be a connection between the two incidents.

I knew that JFK had not been shot and killed in Dallas, Texas and that his look alike car, with a disguised presidential party riding in it, had been fired upon with three bursts of automatic gun fire. I knew that firecrackers had been used in Dealey Plaza to effect the disappearance of the President (because of his alleged co-operation for peace with foreign governments) and that this fake assassination had been thwarted and his disappearing act ruined by a murderous fire of bullets directed at the car containing his security personnel.

The motive for his disappearance was obvious. The President of the U.S.A. did not wish to be exposed as representing other than strictly "American" interests.

Was this once related? Was it similar? It had the "Assassin" at the range practising episode just as in Dallas. It had the press reports of bursting firecrackers. Was this also a fake and if so what was the motive? Was R.F.K.'s life in danger from an exposure just as JFK's life had been endangered. His own group including Mr. Jimmy Breslin, Ed Guthman of the L.A. Times, and Rafer Johnson knew of the deception, --knew that RFK was not "martyr's brother". Also he had been hit in the head with a rock at Valley State college a few days before. What would happen when the kids found out?

With this 3 week prelude to a political disaster of the first magnitude it is not difficult to imagine the dismay at the Ambassador that night when news mobile sound trucks and city busses were passing the hotel exclaiming to the world "Expose the J.F.K. Death Hoax Scandal".

On Thursday, June 13, 1968, or thereabouts I observed a picture in the L.A. Times of a man named Adrian Carreon with a news account that he had observed a man similar to Sirhan practising with a gun at a rifle range. Coincidentally that evening I was invited to a lady's house and met at her house a man who, to me, was a very close look alike to the picture of Adrian Carreon in the paper. The man I met was [redacted] (Tel [redacted]) and I went to the Ambassador on Friday at 9:30 A.M., June 14, 1968 at which time [redacted] pointed out a location in the lower Ambassador Ballroom where he said he had seen a man reach his hands to his head, moan, and sink to the floor. We inspected the area and it appeared to both of us that there were blood stains on the carpet. We pulled the carpet back and it appeared to both of us that there was also blood stains on the hardwood. The location was 14' 8" from the building column and 36' from the lobby wall. [redacted] later played a recording in my presence of a telephone call to a man named [redacted] in which the caller [redacted] represented himself as being from [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] I had no prior knowledge of this nor did I ever give my consent to such action). On this tape, [redacted] asked [redacted] about the Sirhan gun and he said he had given the gun to Sirhan's brother. [redacted] said "I am not in trouble yet".

I found out later that [redacted] and Carreon had both been students at East Los Angeles College and that Carreon was a nephew of Police Commissioner Dr. Carreon.

[redacted] one time said that he couldn't see me because he had a date with a girl who was a playground director and a friend of his cousin who was also a play ground director. I believe Carreon was reported in the press to have been a play ground director. Whether there was a relationship between Carreon and [redacted] I do not know.

Viewing later T.V. shots of a commotion in a large ballroom area led me to believe that there was a strong possibility that a shooting had occurred in the crowd in the lower ballroom.

The above information was given to [redacted] during the Sirhan trial as it was also given to Michael McGowan representing the defense.

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It is worth mentioning that one Sunday in Santa Barbara a few days after the oil spill during a chance meeting with [REDACTED] I asked him how Sirhan could have shot RFV in the back when Sirhan was supposed to be firing from the front. [REDACTED] answer was that "Maybe somebody bent him over".

The following week I observed a change in the description of the alleged firing by a principle witness on the witness stand at the resumption of the trial.

Following the Sirhan trial a copy of Dr. Noguchi's autopsy report came to my attention. The correlation of facts in this report combined with conversations I had had with Dwayne Wolfer of the LAPD convinced me that Sirhan was not the assassin. Later Wolfer told me that the D.A. would not permit him (Wolfer) to talk to me about the case, anymore.

I contacted Mrs. Sirhan and she referred me to Luke McKissick. I informed Mr. McKissick of the evidence I had, but nothing materialized (about 6 months ago).

On April 24, 1970 I was interviewed by [REDACTED] On this program I outlined some of the discrepancies between the Noguchi autopsy and the eye witness evidence which had indicted and convicted Sirhan.

On June 4, 1970 a law suit was filed on behalf of Ted Charach setting forth evidence similiar to that described [REDACTED] I had no part in the preparation of the law suit nor did I at that time know its participants.

Just prior to the filing of the law suit I had two meetings with [REDACTED] Intelligence LAPD) regarding my convictions that confrontations between police and students were the work of agent provocateurs.

I told [REDACTED] that the news media by tacit agreement would not give the information I had to the general public. I expressed the conviction that public exposure was the only way since John Howard of the District Attorney's office had told me that he would do nothing to open the case.

[REDACTED] explained to me that by procedure the police had to refer evidence to the D.A. and that if the D.A., upon review, refused to take action it was extremely difficult for the LAPD to go further.

[REDACTED] then called [REDACTED] and the next day [REDACTED] interviewed me in my office. [REDACTED] agreed with my position (re: exposure) but said the New York control of CBS TV would not allow this subject to be given proper exposure on his news program.

Since this was suppression of the public's right to know (and the reason I had filed a complaint with the grand jury when John Howard was counsel) I requested this meeting we are having today.

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There are, at present, trials in progress which are related to the information presented to you today. In the furtherance of justice it is imperative to determine as soon as possible what motives, other than proper procedural matters, are behind some of the actions taken by certain members of the judiciary, private attorneys, the District Attorney's office and other related agencies.

Regarding the RFK case, in view of the discrepancies not only in the manner in which the victim was shot but also in the physical difference between the corpse (as contained in the Autopsy) and the recorded physical characteristics of the presumed victim, it would be well to ascertain if there is a possibility that Mr. Kennedy may still be alive.

At 11 A.M. this morning, June 23, 1970, a [REDACTED] called me and told me that she had just hung up the telephone after talking to Dr. Roland Dean.

She said that Dr. Dean had told her that he was the first doctor to reach RFK and that he approached RFK from the rear with RFK on the floor. He said that he could see no evidence of injury and did not think that RFK had been shot. He said that as he was preparing to examine RFK a bodyguard came up and "clouted" him across the room and that he never was able to ascertain whether or not RFK had suffered any injuries. He also said that [REDACTED] was Martin Luther King's cousin.

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DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN PRESS REPORTS AND AUTOPSY RESULTS

PRESS REPORTS

1. L.A. Times, June 6, 1968
Part 11, Page 1
Jimmy Breslin
"Deep Set Blue Eyes"
2. Height
Approx. 5' 9"
3. No prior struggle at
shooting scene
4. Shorts
no data
5. Shoes
no data
6. Appendix
no data
7. Blood type
no data
8. Shot Fired by Sirhan by
Richard Herwood, June 6, 68
San Francisco Chronicle
Page 2, Column 1
"He was only 5 feet from the
Senator"

AUTOPSY

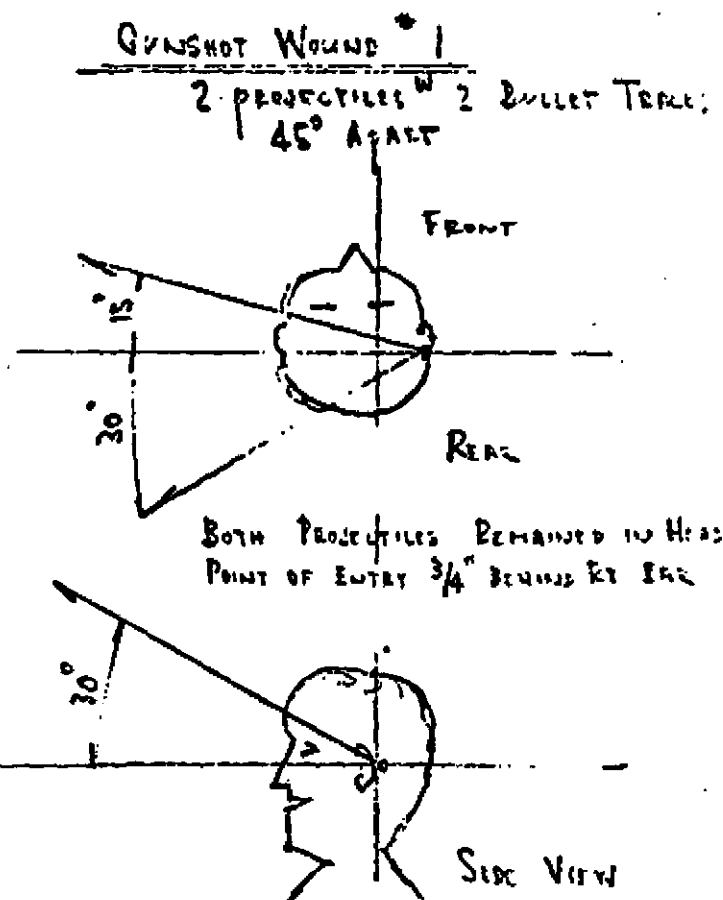
1. Page 29
"Eye color is hazel"
2. Page 28
5' 10½" Wgt 165 lbs.
3. Coat cut or torn in left sleeve area
Shirt torn in corresponding fashion
Page 26
4. Shorts - Size 34
Would correspond to a man
5' 10½" Wgt 165 lbs.
5. Shoes not examined
(not submitted)
6. Page 33
The appendix is not identified
7. Blood type A₁ Rh positive
8. Page 40
Test firing showed weapon held
1" from right "ear"

PRESS REPORTS

9. San Francisco Chronicle
Page 2, Col 5 by Mankiewicz
Frank Wankiewicz was told there
were two head wounds

The press in general said there
was only one wound in head

AUTOPSY



As per Autopsy Pages 10 to 17
"Two bullet tracks in head upward at
30° to horizontal 45° apart in plan
view

EVIDENCE OF 5 PROJECTILES:

G.S.W 1	2 PROJECTILES
G.S.W 2	1 PROJECTILE
G.S.W 3	1 PROJECTILE
THRU SHOULDER FABRIC	1 PROJECTILE
TOTAL	5 FOR ONE VICTIM

POSITION OF GUN MUZZLE 1" ± FROM
VICTIM'S HEAD

PRESS REPORT

10. Dewayne Volfer told me that chemical tests indicated these shots were fired at very close range in the order of 1" to 2" away from fabric

11. Press photograph show no wound or blood on the right upper chest (wound of exit)

10. Page 20 - 21
Gunshot 2 & 3 reveals dense metallic impregnation of skin
Page 24
Wounds 2 & 3 elliptical zone of mottled recent ecchymosis*
3½" X 1½" in area

11. Page 23
Wound of exit in right shoulder
1" X 3 1/16"

*Ecchymosis means a purplish patch caused by extravasation of blood into the skin.

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

DATE: 3/13/72

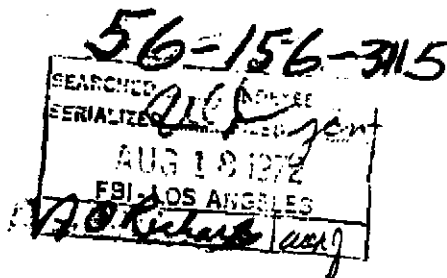
FROM : Acting Director, FBI (62-537)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a proposed statement of [REDACTED] to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury regarding the alleged murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This document was received at FBIHQ in an envelope of the ITT, 320 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and postmarked Glendale, California. There is no indication as to who sent this document although it is assumed it was sent by [REDACTED] who is well-known to your office.

Los Angeles should make available to the Los Angeles Police Department a copy of this document.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 10/2/72

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-5481) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for Los Angeles and Mobile is one copy each of a letter addressed to Mr. SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, c/o State Prison, San Quentin, California.

The letter is from [REDACTED] Alabama. The content is self-explanatory.

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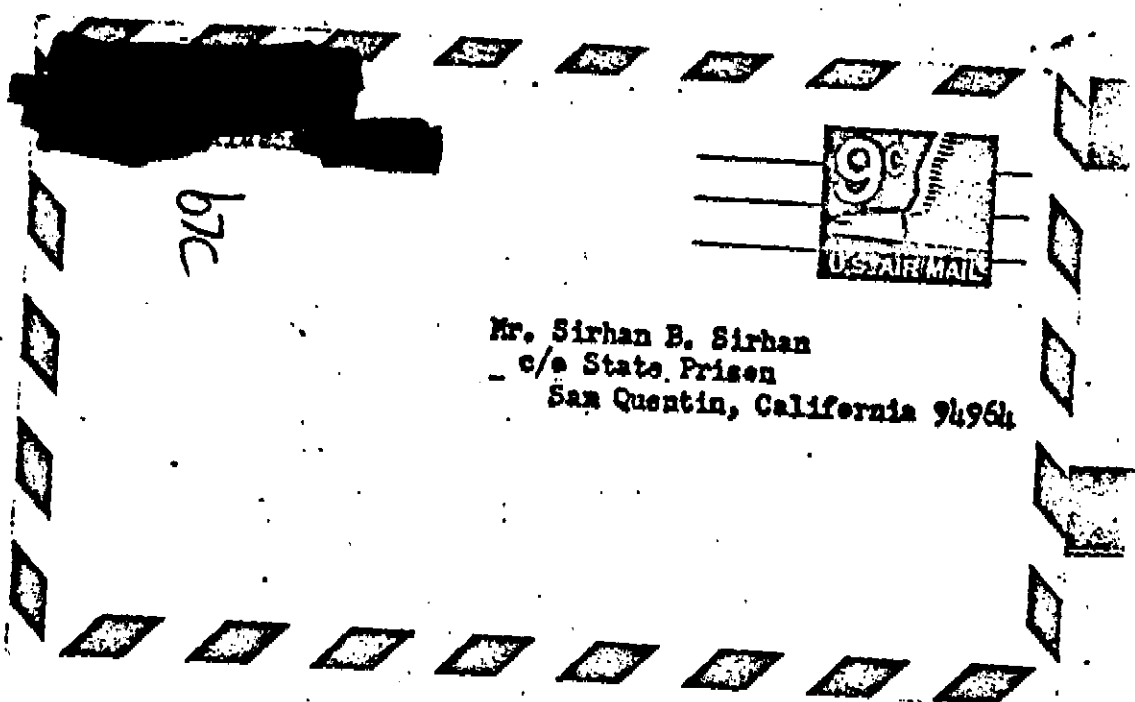
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Mr. Sirhan B. Sirhan
c/o State Prison
San Quentin, California 94964

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AD KINGSLEY

Mon./Tues. 12.09.72; J.D. 2441 572.70833 (local midn.)

Dear Mr. Sirhan:

I can't say much here, but I have watched your case with some interest, and have written in your behalf to activities overseas, though the matter is difficult as you know. It seems people can engage in all sorts of hidden shrewd criminal crime in a n effort support this or that foreign policy as long as they don't get caught in apparent violent acts, and even then if it is directed against minorities such as Gov. Wallace the action taken is not as severe as in the matter of a leader of a majority.

If I can do anything for you, which I doubt I can, feel free to so notify me. I was stationed at North Island with the Navy and have had some dealings since discharge in that area, so I am familiar somewhat with the problem. Anyway you have to go is a n almost hopeless miserable course, but others survive, and I hope you will be fortunate enough to do likewise - until you reach an environment where people can understand.

Best Wishes,

(postcards & \$1 enc.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11000 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90024

October 16, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. Edward Davis
Chief of Police
Los Angeles Police Department
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chief Davis:

Enclosed for your department is a proposed statement of [REDACTED] to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury regarding the alleged murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This document was received at FBI Headquarters postmarked Glendale, California.

There is no indication as to who sent this document, although it is assumed it was sent by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has made previous calls to this office and allegedly to your department concerning his comments and thoughts on the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

This enclosure is for your information and the completion of your files. No action is being taken in this matter by this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Joe David Jamieson
JOE DAVID JAMIESON
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

October 16, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

The appeal of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was argued before the California Supreme Court on April 7, 1972, by Los Angeles attorney Luke Mc Kissack who has been handling the appeal of Sirhan. Mc Kissack argued to reduce the first degree murder conviction of Sirhan to second degree murder or manslaughter. Mc Kissack argued the motion for mistrial based on illegal search and seizure and diminished capacity.

The life of Sirhan was already saved by the California Supreme Court's ruling of February 18, 1972, abolishing California's death penalty.

Deputy Attorney General Ronald George argued that the police did not have time to secure a search warrant in connection with the obtaining of Sirhan's notebook from the family residence in Pasadena, California.

Deputy Attorney General Howard Schwab advised that on June 20, 1972, the California Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Sirhan by the Los Angeles Superior Court. Further Schwab advised that the California Supreme Court modified their ruling in July 26, 1972, by stating that Sirhan's right to raise the question of alleged discrimination in the selection of his jury was not retroactive.

Schwab advised that the office of the State Attorney General considered this case closed.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency nor duplicated within your agency.

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Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-557)
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (C)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 10/16/72

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned "SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN".

SIRHAN's appeal was argued before the California State Supreme Court on April 7, 1972, and on June 20, 1972, this court upheld the verdict of the Los Angeles Superior Court in the conviction of SIRHAN.

This ruling by the California Supreme Court was modified on July 26, 1972, concerning the right of SIRHAN to raise the question of alleged discrimination in the selection of his jury. The California Supreme Court ruled that SIRHAN did not have the retroactive right to raise this question.

This case is considered closed by the office of the State Attorney General which office handled the appeal in this matter.

As no further investigation remains outstanding in Los Angeles, this case will be considered closed.

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AIR MAIL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(C)
SUBJECT: KENSAIT

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated 10/16/72.

News articles appearing in the Los Angeles press date-lined Washington relate that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN appealed his case to the United States Supreme Court to review his conviction of murdering ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SIRHAN's appeal was prepared by two Los Angeles attorneys, ROGER S. HANSON and GEORGE R. MILAMN. Neither attorney is known to have had any previous connection with this case.

According to the press articles these attorneys claim that the California appellate judges strained the laws of search and seizure to uphold the conviction due to the political importance of KENNEDY. Previous appeals to the California courts complained about the search of SIRHAN's mother's home, where SIRHAN's notebook was found.

Any information coming to the attention of the Los Angeles Office concerning this appeal will be furnished to the Bureau.

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[REDACTED]
New York

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on November 1st.

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In reply to your request, the FBI has no authority to release any information concerning the case involving Sirhan Dishara Sirhan, inasmuch as he was prosecuted by local authorities in Los Angeles, California, for the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. If you have further inquiries concerning this matter, you may desire to contact Mr. Joseph Busch, District Attorney of Los Angeles County, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

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H. J. [unclear]

Dear Sen

I am looking for some factual information from your records as to the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

I would like from your official records, if possible, who was directly involved with the de-arming of Sirhan Sirhan? Was it either Rapier Johnson or Russell Lucas? or was it someone else? Were either of these two men involved in any other way, if not in the de-arming?

This will be of great assistance in my report but as I have conflicting stories as to which of these two men were involved.

Your quick reply will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

 New York

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Memorandum

b-1 TO :SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] [C]

DATE: 2/2/73

b7C FROM :SA [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 2/8/73

Reference is made to memo of SA [REDACTED] b7c

2/2/73, [REDACTED]

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b-1 b7c The writer, SA A. O. RICHARDS, and DA Investigator [REDACTED] reviewed the [REDACTED] on Tuesday, 2/6/73, in Training [C] Room, FBI. [REDACTED] made [C] a sound track of the [REDACTED] [C] b7c

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The facts are twisted and distorted to reach a foregone conclusion.

Case being reopened and assigned to prepare LHM concerning the [REDACTED] and some of its allegations so Department might be aware of it and also the alleged approval by Senator EDWARD KENNEDY. [C]

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Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 3/28/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (C)

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SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned [REDACTED] b7c

The enclosed memorandum concerns a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was reviewed at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI by Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, Special Agent AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., and Los Angeles District Attorney Investigator [REDACTED] b7c

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A review of the investigation conducted by both the FBI and the LAPD and the testimony furnished at the trial of SIRHAN are a complete variance with the alleged facts opened by CHARACH.

As no further investigation remains outstanding, this case will be considered closed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

March 28, 1973

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It is noted that an article appeared in the "Free Press", a Los Angeles, California, newspaper under date of June 12, 1970, relating that on June 4, 1970, Attorney Godfrey Isaac filed a complaint against the LAPD and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office on behalf of his client Theodore Charach.

The complaint charges defendants Edward M. Davis (then Deputy Chief of Police), District Attorney Evelle J. Younger (now Attorney General of the State of California), and Robert A. Houghton (then Chief of Detectives, LAPD) with "deliberately, intentionally, and knowingly" suppressing "fact and evidence" relating to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy June 5, 1968.

The facts allegedly suppressed, according to Isaac and Charach are that 1) Donald Schulman, an employee of KNXT, states he was behind Kennedy, saw a security guard also behind Kennedy fire his handgun, and saw Kennedy hit by three bullets. Schulman, according to Charach, was not called to testify.

Isaac and Charach further claim in their complaint that 2) Ambassador Hotel maitre d' Karl Uecker grabbed Sirhan after the second shot fired by Sirhan, subdued him with help from Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier, then saw a security guard holding a gun in his hand.

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The complaint continues that 3) Thane Eugene Cesar, the security guard behind Kennedy, was a supporter of George Wallace and had expressed disdain for the Kennedys especially for Robert Kennedy because of his identification with blacks.

Also the complaint stated that 4) Cesar was walking with Kennedy and Uecker through the kitchen when Sirhan started shooting at which time Cesar admits drawing his gun and being in a position below and in close proximity to the Senator.

The final issue of the complaint is that 5) the autopsy of Senator Kennedy revealed that Kennedy died from a gunshot wound received from the rear behind the right ear with an upward trajectory. Further, the autopsy shows that Kennedy sustained two contact gunshot wounds under the right armpit. None of the three shots were fired from a distance greater than six inches, and the fatal wound was inflicted from only one to three inches behind Senator Kennedy's head. The complaint alleges that the prosecution asked only general questions of the coroner at the trial thus the number and direction of the wounds was never established for the jury and the people.

Robert Blair Kaiser, author of "RFK Must Die!", an article appearing in the West Magazine of the Sunday Los Angeles "Times" of January 30, 1972, discusses aspects of the conspiracy theory in the killing of Kennedy.

Kaiser refers to Charach and his documentary film and stated that Charach seemed determined to prove conspiracy no matter what the facts. Kaiser points out that Charach proceeded in his research from a false premise: that Sirhan met Robert Kennedy face to face in the pantry and never got closer than two feet and therefore could not have shot Kennedy behind the right ear.

Charach did not know (or did not care), according to Kaiser, about abundant testimony from others that Sirhan approached Kennedy from behind. It did not fit his theory.

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Kaiser continues in his article to point out that since Charach claims Sirhan did not shoot Kennedy, Charach, in the office of his attorney Godfrey Isaac, told Kaiser it must have been a security guard hired by the hotel for the night. The guard, Thane Eugene Cesar, according to the official records, was behind Kennedy and had drawn his gun immediately after the shooting. Charach, Kaiser states, maybe reasoned that Cesar took advantage of the moment to kill Kennedy.

Ballistics, according to the Kaiser article, do not support this theory as all identifiable bullets recovered from the victims shown in the pantry were all from the .22 caliber gun. Cesar had a .38 caliber gun with him in the pantry. Also, all eye witness reports to the shooting show no one other than Sirhan shooting.

Charach in his film features an interview with Donald Schulman, a news runner with KNXT at the time of the assassination. Schulman, according to Kaiser, told a KNXT reporter that he had seen security men shooting back at the assassin. Schulman, Kaiser points out, was not even on the police list of persons in the pantry on the night of the assassination.

Kaiser also refutes the testimony of Karl Uecker of the Ambassador Hotel who is featured in the Charach film stating how Sirhan was never behind Kennedy, and he, Uecker, grabbed Sirhan after the first two shots were fired by Sirhan.

Another feature of the Charach film explained by Kaiser is the testimony of William W. Harper of Pasadena, an alleged ballistics expert who sheds doubt on the ballistics examination of the LAPD. Harper's contention is that the serial number of the gun used to fire test bullets was not the gun taken from Sirhan at the time of the assassination. Kaiser in his article explained the clerical error made by the LAPD ballistics examiner in erroneously putting the serial number of a similar test gun on the test bullets actually fired from the gun taken by Sirhan.

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On February 6, 1973, the [REDACTED] [C]
was viewed at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI by Supervisor
William J. Nolan, Special Agent Amedee O. Richards, Jr.,
and Los Angeles County District Attorney Investigator
Captain Clayton R. Anderson.

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It is noted that when Uecker was interviewed by
agents of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI at the time of
the investigation that he claimed at that time that Sirhan
had reached around behind him and had fired from a position
in back of and in close proximity to the late Senator.

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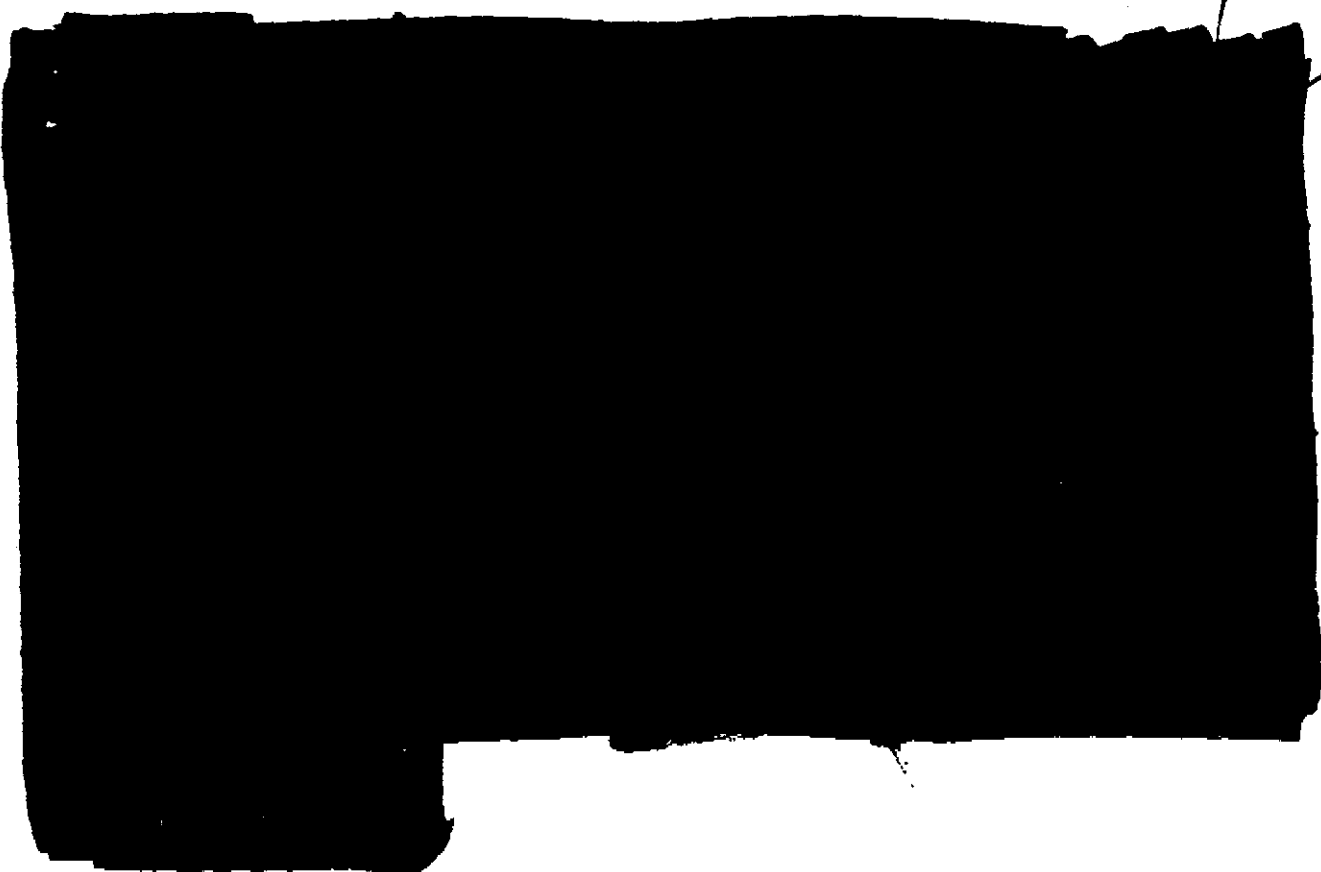
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Eye witness testimony of individuals present at the scene all agree that the security guard, Thane Eugene Cesar, did have his gun in his hand which he admits himself in an interview with the LAPD, but as previously pointed out Cesar was carrying a .38 caliber weapon and all of the bullets recovered from the pantry area from the victims shot were from a .22 caliber weapon.



In an apparent effort to cloud the issue of the assassination and to inject the theory of conspiracy, Charach has twisted and distorted the facts of the investigation to reach a foregone conclusion that a weapon other than Sirhan's had been the murder weapon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (62-5481)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: LA)

DATE: 4/27/73

Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of a message from
made available on April 25, 1973.

The contents are
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 5/25/73

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 6/6/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 5/29/73, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically requested a personal contact be made with him.

[REDACTED] ERHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, when he was prosecuted for the murder of the late Senator, ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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[REDACTED] With respect to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised he received a letter from an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated 3/4/73.

[REDACTED] replied to [REDACTED] letter on 5/8/73 and subsequently received a reply from [REDACTED] on 5/12/73.

[REDACTED] made available copies of these letters, which are as follows:

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[REDACTED] expects to contact [REDACTED]
in person at such time as he is able to do so. He also is
making arrangements to speak with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence
Division, both of whom are mentioned in [REDACTED] letter
of 3/4/73, supra.

The foregoing is being made the subject of this
memorandum in the event it is of possible future significance.

6/18/73

AIRTEL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] KENSALT
[REDACTED] OO:LA

On 6/15/73, [REDACTED] US Secret Service, NY, advised NYO at 3:45 p.m., that unknown male telephonically contacted Secret Service and stated that a white male, six feet, 180 pounds, Spanish accent, gray hair and wearing a plaid shirt, was in Lou's Bar, 2nd Avenue and 13th Street, and was talking about the KENNEDY assassination.

At 4:20 p.m., 6/15/73, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bayonne, New Jersey, were interviewed at Lu Lu's, 199 2nd Avenue, and stated that at about 3:30 p.m., an unknown male whom they described as white male, age 47-50, 6', 180 pounds, gray crew cut, wearing a plaid shirt, who appeared to have a mental problem, entered bar and started walking up and down. He raised his arms in the air and stated, "Sirhan Sirhan, I gave you a gun but I did not want you to kill anybody". He continued to rant and rave and then left the bar. He was last observed going south on 2nd Avenue towards 12th Street. Both stated that they had never seen him before in the area.

A survey in the vicinity of 14th Street between 1st and 3rd Avenue, south to 10th Street, was made with negative results in locating unknown male.

Above being furnished for information purposes.
No further investigation being conducted by NYO.

On 6/18/73, US Secret Service, NY, advised of above.

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Date: 6/29/73

From: FBI, HQ

Time Transmitted -

Subject: KENSALT

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☐ Fingerprint Photo

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☒ letter from Dept. of Justice

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 6/29/73

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles, dated 6/29/73 with enclosure of letter from the Civil Division of the Department of Justice to the Bureau.

Referenced communication requests that the Los Angeles Office sutel to the Bureau the answers to ten questions regarding the alleged dissemination of FBI information to ROBERT BLAIR KAISER.

In view of the above, it is recommended that this case be reopened for compliance with Bureau request.

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Via TELETYPE NITEL
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) JPS
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (RUC)

KENSALT.

RE: COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS V.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (C.A.D.C. NO. 71-1829).

REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES 6/29/73, WITH ENCLOSED LETTER
FROM HARLINGTON WOOD, JR., ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
CIVIL DIVISION.

SET FORTH BELOW ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SET FORTH IN
LETTER TO THE BUREAU FROM CIVIL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE.

1.) WHAT MATERIALS DID THE FBI MAKE AVAILABLE TO
THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S (DA) OFFICE IN CONNECTION
WITH THE PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN SIRHAN FOR THE MURDER OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY?

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PURSUANT TO BUREAU AUTHORITY, ALL COPIES OF LOS ANGELES FBI REPORTS RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE, WHICH DEPARTMENT PROSECUTED THIS CASE. *IN ADDITION THREE LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA WERE FURNISHED.*

2.) WHERE IS THE MATERIAL NOW THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE DA'S OFFICE? DID THE FBI RECOVER THE MATERIAL FROM THE DA'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TRIAL?

TO THE EXTENT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI, ALL OF THE FBI LOS ANGELES REPORTS ARE STILL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES DA. NO RECOVERY OF THIS MATERIAL WAS MADE OR WAS INTENDED TO BE MADE BY THIS OFFICE.

3.) DID THE FBI PLACE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE MATERIAL BY THE DA'S OFFICE? DID THE DA'S OFFICE PLACE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE MATERIAL BY THE DEFENSE, ONCE THE MATERIAL WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE UNDER COURT ORDER?

THE COPIES OF REPORTS IN THIS MATTER FURNISHED TO THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE WERE FURNISHED WITH THE REQUEST

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THAT THE REPORTS NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THAT AGENCY.

JOHN HOWARD, THEN CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE, AND ONE OF THE PROSECUTIVE ATTORNEYS IN THE SIRHAN CASE, ADVISED THAT THE DEFENSE IN THE SIRHAN CASE WAS NOT FURNISHED A SET OF LOS ANGELES FBI REPORTS IN THIS MATTER. THE DEFENSE MADE DEMANDS OF THE PROSECUTION THROUGH THE COURT FOR LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FBI INTERVIEWS REGARDING PERTINENT INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION. REVIEW OF INTERVIEWS WAS MADE BY PROSECUTION AND COPIES OF REQUESTED INTERVIEWS WERE MADE BY THE PROSECUTION. THIS MATERIAL WOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO COURT AND TURNED OVER TO DEFENSE THROUGH A MOTION OF DISCOVERY BY THE COURT. NO RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE USE WHICH COULD BE MADE OF SUCH MATERIAL WAS IMPOSED *by the court.*

4.) DOES THE FBI IN GENERAL MONITOR CASES IN WHICH ITS RECORDS ARE PROVIDED LOCAL PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO KEEP CONTROL OF THE RECORDS? DID IT IN THIS CASE?

SPECIFICALLY, IN THIS CASE THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI DID NOT MONITOR THE CASE AS THE REPORTS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES DA WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROSECUTION OF THIS MATTER.

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5.) DID THE FBI IN FACT KNOW OF THE DISCLOSURE OF THE MATERIAL TO KAISER AND HIS INTENTION TO USE IT IN A BOOK?

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY DISCLOSURE OF ORAL OR WRITTEN MATERIAL TO KAISER. THIS OFFICE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTENTION OF KAISER TO WRITE A BOOK UNTIL MAY 1, 1969, AND KAISER HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED BY A BUREAU LETTER DATED 4/29/69, SIGNED BY MR. HOOVER IN WHICH MR. KAISER WAS ADVISED OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF FBI FILES AND TELLING HIM IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO HIM REGARDING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

6.) IS KAISER'S BOOK, "RFK MUST DIE" IN FACT BASED IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY ON THE FBI MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SIRHAN DEFENSE?

KAISER'S BOOK "RFK MUST DIE" IS BASED ON ALL MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE INCLUDING FBI MATERIAL. KAISER WAS A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE TEAM FOR SIRHAN AND WAS PRESENT IN COURT ALL DURING THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN.

7.) IS IT TRUE THAT KAISER WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE XEROX COPIES OF FBI MATERIALS?

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS NO INFORMATION THAT KAISER WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE XEROX COPIES OF FBI MATERIAL. AT NO TIME WAS ANY DISSEMINATION MADE BY THE FBI TO ROBERT BLAIR KAISER OF ANY WRITTEN MATTER NOR WAS THERE ANY ORAL DISSEMINATION MADE TO KAISER OF ANY MATERIAL THAT WAS PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

8.) IS ANY PART OF THIS FILE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE CALIFORNIA COURT RECORDS OF THE SIRHAN CASE?

A. IS THAT COURT RECORD OR ANY PART OF IT SEALED?

B. DID ANY FBI AGENTS TESTIFY IN THAT CASE FROM THEIR RECORDS ON THEIR REPORTS? IF SO, IS THAT TESTIMONY PUBLIC?

TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS OFFICE NO PART OF THIS FILE *as such* IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE CALIFORNIA COURT RECORDS OF THE SIRHAN CASE.

NO AGENTS OF THE FBI TESTIFIED IN THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

9.) WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE ASSERTION THAT KAISER "RECEIVED FROM FBI AGENT ROGER LA JEUNESSE ORAL DISSEMINATION

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OF CERTAIN INFORMATION AND MATERIAL DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY?

IN AN AFFIDAVIT PREPARED BY SA ROGER J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. AND SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ON 6/1/71, LA JEUNESSE ASSERTS THAT AT NO TIME WAS ANY DISSEMINATION MADE BY HIM TO ROBERT BLAIR KAISER OF ANY WRITTEN MATTER NOR WAS THERE ANY ORAL DISSEMINATION MADE TO MR. KAISER.

10.) WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE ASSERTION THAT "ANOTHER AUTHOR, ROBERT HOUGHTON, WAS GIVEN COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE FILE BY THE FBI AND THAT THEY MADE USE OF IT IN WRITING SPECIAL UNIT SENATOR . . . AUTHOR HOUGHTON'S ACCESS WAS GIVEN WITHOUT ANY COURT ORDER (KAISER) ASSERTS THAT THE PART OF THE HOUGHTON-TAYLOR BOOK DEALING WITH CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ RELIES HEAVILY ON THE FBI INVESTIGATION AND FILE"?

ROBERT HOUGHTON, FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, HEADED THE SPECIAL UNIT SENATOR SQUAD WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY FOR THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE AND IN SUCH POSITION HAD

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ACCESS TO ALL MATERIAL IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BUREAU, INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS MATTER HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISSEMINATION OF REPORTS TO THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE AND THEIR HANDLING OF THESE REPORTS WAS SET FORTH IN LOS ANGELES TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, DATED 11/2/70, 11/13/70, AND 11/16/70.

BY LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED 3/29/71, AFFIDAVITS PREPARED BY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, SUPERVISING AGENT OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND BY SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, REPORTING AGENT IN THE INVESTIGATION, WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU. THESE AFFIDAVITS ATTESTED TWO POINTS REGARDING DISSEMINATION OF BUREAU REPORTS AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT LOS ANGELES, AND TO THE DA'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THESE AFFIDAVITS SPECIFICALLY LISTED REPORTS AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA FURNISHED TO THESE DEPARTMENTS.

BY AIRTEL DATED 6/2/71, AN AFFIDAVIT PREPARED BY SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. WAS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU

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CONCERNING HIS LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES AND HIS CONTACTS
WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEFENSE TEAM, SPECIFICALLY ROBERT
BLAIR KAISER.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 7/9/73

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On 7/5/73, [REDACTED] Legal Counsel at the Bureau, called concerning the teletype submitted by Los Angeles on 6/29/73 answering certain questions regarding the alleged dissemination of FBI information to ROBERT BLAIR KAISER.

A return call was made to [REDACTED] by SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., and the questions that [REDACTED] had in relation to the Los Angeles teletype were answered.

In regard to question #2 concerning the location of material made available to the District Attorney's office, this was amended to show that not only the FBI reports but also the three letterhead memoranda furnished by the Los Angeles Office were still in possession of the District Attorney's office.

In relation to question #5, [REDACTED] inquired concerning the significance of the date May 1, 1969, and it was explained that at no time did the FBI have any information to the effect that KAISER had the intention of writing a book, but on that date, as set forth in an affidavit prepared by SA ROGER LA JEUNESSE, KAISER did state his intention. It was further reiterated that there was no disclosure of information to KAISER, but that any information coming into his possession was through his access to information disseminated to the defense by court order.

In regard to question #6, it was explained [REDACTED] that it was a conclusion of this office, based on having read the book, that the book was based on all material made available to KAISER in his position as a member of the SIRHAN defense team.

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In regard to question #8, the point was clarified to [REDACTED] that to the extent of the knowledge of this office no file or letterhead memorandum or other document such as an FD-302 was actually a part of the court record but that briefs prepared by the defense would include information based on all information which was made available to the defense.

[REDACTED] explained that these clarifications seemed to resolve any questions that his Division had in preparing material for the Department of Justice in their arguments against the Committee to Investigate Assassinations. [REDACTED] stated that he would advise if any further information were needed.

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Date: 7/18/73

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
ATTENTION: LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOS ANGELES, 7/18/73.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, CONTACT HAS ^{again} BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE SIRHAN CASE.

ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THESE RECORDS ARE NOW PART OF THEIR CLOSED FILES AND HAVE BEEN MOVED WITHIN THE HALL OF JUSTICE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND THEY ARE ^{still} ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE RECORDS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE SPECIFIC LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA WHICH ^{has} ~~was~~ BEEN THE SUBJECT OF THE BUREAU'S INTEREST.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND THE SHORT DEADLINE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED UPON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND THEY HAVE INDICATED THEIR FULL COOPERATION IN ATTEMPTING TO

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THIS MATTER WILL BE DILIGENTLY PURSUED, AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THIS SEARCH.

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Date: 7/19/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) — *DLM* ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU 7/18/73.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM DATED 5/12/69, CAPTIONED SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN AND CONSISTING OF FIVE PAGES, LOCATED BY LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. MEMORANDUM CHECKED AND DETERMINED NOT TO CONTAIN PROPERTY STATEMENT.

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 RECOLLECTION OF AGENTS WHO HANDLED THIS DISSEMINATION, AS TO WHY IT DID NOT CONTAIN PROPERTY STATEMENT, WAS THAT THIS INFORMATION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH [REDACTED] AND THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS MATTER ON THIS INFORMATION THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO CONDUCTED THE INVESTIGATION ON THE [REDACTED] OF THIS CASE. ALSO, THE

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MATERIAL IN THIS MEMORANDUM DID NOT ORIGINATE WITH THE FBI, BUT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS CONTINUING IN THEIR EFFORTS TO LOCATE LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM DATED 6/20/69 CONSISTING OF NINE PAGES. THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THIS MEMORANDUM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) *ck6*
ATTENTION: LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 7/19/73.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ADVISED TODAY
HAVE NOT LOCATED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM DATED 6/20/69 CONSISTING
OF NINE PAGES. ADVISED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE SEARCH.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-587)

ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL

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To: Assistant Director, Los Angeles (56-156)

Date 9-10-73

✓ From: Director, FBI

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS v.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
(C.A.D.C., NO. 71-1829)

Reurteletype to Bureau dated 7-20-73 captioned KENSALT.

Advise Bureau, Attention: Office of Legal Counsel, status
of search by Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for letterhead memorandum
dated 6-20-69. Expedite.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-527) ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ASSASSINATION vs. DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE (C.A.D.C., NUMBER
71-1829)

KENSALT

Re Bureau airtel to Assistant Director in Charge,
Los Angeles, dated 9/10/73; Los Angeles teletype to Bureau,
dated 9/10/73 captioned KENSALT.

Since date of referenced teletype, liaison has
been maintained with Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

As of this date, Los Angeles District Attorney's
Office has failed to locate letterhead memorandum dated
6/20/69 and representative of that office believes it
unlikely that she can locate memorandum.

Bureau advise if Los Angeles should request
Los Angeles District Attorney's Office to continue search.

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To: Assistant Director, Los Angeles (56-156)

Date 9/27/73

From: Director, FBI (62-527)

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(C.A.D.C., NO. 71-1829)

Reurairtel dated 9/13/73 captioned "Committee to
Investigate Assassination vs. Department of Justice (C.A.D.C., Number
71-1829), KENSALT."

Advise Los Angeles District Attorney's Office to
discontinue search for letterhead memorandum dated 8/20/69.

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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/27/73
captioned "COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASINATIONS v
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CADC NUMBER 71-1829."

In response to instructions in referenced airtel,
the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office has been advised
to discontinue search for Letterhead Memorandum dated
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As this concludes the pending investigation at
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 11/6/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 11/1/73, a female individual who identified herself as [REDACTED] and who resides at [REDACTED] of Los Angeles, telephonically contacted the writer from Los Angeles pay telephone 386-0467. [REDACTED] gave the impression of being distraught; commented that her house is "wired" and that numerous threats have been received against her life and that of her children.

It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that she is unknown to the writer and was questioned as to why she had called to speak with the writer. She advised she had read the book entitled "RFK Must Die," written by ROBERT BLAIR KAISER in which the writer is mentioned. Her explanation for calling the writer was that she had implicit faith in the FBI and felt that inasmuch as KAISER had written in his book of the writer's involvement in the investigation of the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, she desired to be personally contacted. It was explained to [REDACTED] by the writer that the alleged threats against her and/or members of her family were a problem falling within the investigative jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Police Department. She adamantly refused to confide in that organization stating that in the past her complaints had not received the appropriate attention.

The foregoing is being made the subject of this memo in the event it becomes of possible future significance.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-61365)

DATE: 12/27/73

FROM : CLERK [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Clerk [REDACTED] attended the final meeting of [REDACTED] taught by [REDACTED]

The class was held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] chose this location in order to create a more relaxed atmosphere. [REDACTED] asked the class if they wanted a beer, and most individuals responded affirmatively, himself included.

The class began at 6:30 p.m. with the introduction of a guest speaker, [REDACTED] in turn, introduced himself as a friend of [REDACTED] and stated that he was originally from New York, but has recently been traveling throughout the country.

[REDACTED] began by discussing the assassination of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY. His theory conveyed the idea that the assassination was a military intelligence operation planned by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff. [REDACTED] claimed that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was actually a member of the CIA selected by the staff to assassinate JOHN F. KENNEDY. [REDACTED] pointed out that the Warren Report never asked the question "Who killed President KENNEDY?", but only, "Why did LEE HARVEY OSWALD do it?" To this, the class gave moderate applause.

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[redacted] continued by stating that the budget of the CIA is not reviewed or controlled by the Federal Government and that as a means of securing their budget, the CIA sold opium throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

[redacted] claimed the opium was flown in to that area by an airlines called "Air America" where from thereon, it was sold to American GIs and the South Vietnamese people and children.

[redacted] stated that the Director of the CIA, COLBY, supervised this operation which was code named "The Phoenix Problem". In connection with this, [redacted] explained the CIA also supplies the Mafia with opium and other dangerous drugs.

[redacted] connected the attempted assassination of Presidential candidate GEORGE WALLACE as a plan schemed by the Republican Party and President NIXON's Committee to Re-elect the President in order that there would not be a vote split in the 1968 election.

[redacted] now claims that HOWARD HUGHES, living in England somewhere, controls President NIXON as a result of NIXON having no influential political friends or money following his loss in the 1962 California Gubernatorial election. BEBE REBOSO acts as their liaison.

[redacted] connected the above prior statements together by accusing the United States of suspecting the Soviet Union of planning and carrying out the aforementioned assassinations. Whereas they stated the true blame rested with the FBI, CIA, and the Nixon Administration and not with the innocence of the Communists. The class nodded their agreement to this last remark.

[redacted] ended his speaking with the explanation of the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated this was arranged by HOWARD HUGHES and carried out by the CIA.

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As a result of many unanswered questions, [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] were now preparing to reopen an investigation of the ROBERT F. KENNEDY assassination. [REDACTED] said that he had recently visited [REDACTED] and this had been the topic of their discussion.

With this, the class ended, and [REDACTED] received above-average applause. [REDACTED]

Clerk [REDACTED] noted two individuals asking where they could further contact [REDACTED]. He gave a local telephone contact as [REDACTED].

It was noted the class ended at 9:00 p.m. instead of the scheduled 8:15 p.m.

As a matter of notation, [REDACTED] did not give his profession. He is described as follows:

Height	5'8"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown (shoulder length)
Eyes	Brown
Age	Approximately 26-28 years
Characteristic	Wears a heavy brown moustache and beard

Clerk [REDACTED] believes that neither [REDACTED] know the nature of his employment, and that [REDACTED] may possibly be carrying a message or information to [REDACTED].

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Date 2-3-74

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██████████ was contacted on ██████████ at which time he advised as follows:

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: 3/27/74

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (C)

DATE: 2/27/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 2/25/74, the writer, while in the process of conducting other scheduled investigation, was approached by [REDACTED] (telephone [REDACTED]) who currently resides [REDACTED] has formerly been contacted by the writer in connection with captioned investigation. Throughout the investigation of the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, [REDACTED] has persisted in maintaining a posture indicating that representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, former Los Angeles County District Attorney EVELLE YOUNGER, and un-named members of the Federal law enforcement committed, acted in consort to prevent the truth regarding the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY from being revealed.

Specifically [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has conducted investigation, which he states has convinced him that former [REDACTED] has been an Agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) since approximately 1959. In addition, [REDACTED] maintains that [REDACTED] had knowledge of the fact that evidence in the SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN trial was improperly processed by DE WAYNE WOLFER, a Criminologist with the LAPD.

In addition to the foregoing, [REDACTED] stated his investigation has determined that KENNEDY was very probably actually shot by CESAR THANE, a uniformed guard on duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the night KENNEDY was shot.

[REDACTED] further advised that during the investigation of the assassination of the late ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he was actually engaged in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] further advised that on or about 1/8/74 Los Angeles County District Attorney JOSEPH BUSCH was visited at his office by Los Angeles Mayor TOM BRADLEY, accompanied by a former New York Congressman, Mr. LOWENSTEIN. On that occasion, [REDACTED] alleges that BRADLEY requested, almost to the point of insistence, that BUSCH reopen the investigation and that he specifically give authority to release evidence gathered by the police so that it may be re-examined by independent experts. According to [REDACTED] Mr. BUSCH refused to do so.

City [REDACTED] advised that in view of Mr. BUSCH's posture with respect to the conversation between him, LOWENSTEIN, and Mayor BRADLEY, that the matter is in the process of being taken to the office of the Los Angeles County Attorney General, BURT PINES. [REDACTED] explained that PINES' office would have legal jurisdiction over the conduct of Los Angeles police personnel, who worked on the ROBERT F. KENNEDY investigation. Such an inquiry by PINES' office could, according to [REDACTED] lead to possible subsequent grand jury inquiry, which would be handled by Mr. PINES.

In addition to the foregoing, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors member, BAXTER WARD, also intends to initiate a County grand jury inquiry into the possible conspiracy theory propounded by [REDACTED]

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The foregoing is being made the subject of this memorandum in the event it is of possible future significance. It is pointed out that the foregoing information, received from [REDACTED] was not solicited, but volunteered by him on a confidential basis.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 3/26/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 3/25/74, a [REDACTED] a writer of sorts telephonically contacted the writer to advise that "Charack is back in the news." [REDACTED] was referring to TED CHARACK, an individual who figured prominently in the investigation of captioned matter and who, according to [REDACTED] has produced a movie film entitled, "The Second Gun." [REDACTED] who has been prolific in writing letters to the Los Angeles Division regarding his personal checkpoints and theories regarding the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, explained that CHARACK was claiming that his firm has been "banned."

[REDACTED] then made reference to a book written by ROBERT BLAIR KAISER wherein KAISER made reference to the writer in connection with his role in the investigation of captioned matter. [REDACTED] also made reference to a West Magazine article appearing subsequent to KAISER's book, "Robert F. Kennedy must die," wherein KAISER again commented regarding his theory of the motives behind the activity of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. During the course of conversation [REDACTED] made reference to "ED BURCH" and characterized him as "Chief of Squad 6." [REDACTED] made reference to "Aspects of the case you people didn't investigate," with respect to the KENSALT investigation.

[REDACTED] characterized KAISER as a good writer but one who "plays his ass with the district attorney".

[REDACTED] sought to draw the writer into conversation regarding KAISER's book and was told by the writer that the comments regarding KAISER's book had previously been recorded. The writer advised he would not further comment on any aspect of the book and the conversation was terminated.

3/25/74 [REDACTED] contact

from [REDACTED] re this man
appearing in book Special Unit
Denoted by [REDACTED] who had
info re Sirhan case. He is under
that Sirhan was tried for murder & found guilty
in 1964 in Los Angeles. Matter is closed. Paul
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It is anticipated additional subsequent correspondence will be received by either the writer or other personnel in the Los Angeles Division regarding the KENSALT investigation since he has demonstrated his ability and propensity to do so in the past.

The foregoing is being made the subject of this memo in the event it is of possible future significance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 4/3/74

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(C)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Re Los Angeles airtel to the Director captioned "KENSALT" regarding allegations regarding error in ballistic tests in SIRHAN case, dated 8/10/71, Los Angeles airtel to the Director captioned "KENSALT" dated 8/24/71, and Los Angeles letter to Acting Director dated 3/28/73, with enclosure of LHM regarding [REDACTED]

On February 25, 1974, information was voluntarily furnished on a confidential basis from [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

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Throughout the investigation of the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, [REDACTED] has persisted in maintaining a position indicating that representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, former Los Angeles County District Attorney EVELLE YOUNGER, and unnamed members of Federal law enforcement acted in consort to prevent the truth regarding the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY from being revealed.

[REDACTED] has conducted investigation which he states has convinced him that [REDACTED] has been an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency since approximately 1959. In addition, [REDACTED] maintains that [REDACTED] had knowledge of the fact that evidence in the SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN trial was improperly processed by DEWAYNE WOLFER, a criminologist with the Los Angeles Police Department. In addition to the foregoing, [REDACTED] his investigation has determined that KENNEDY was very probably actually shot by THANE EUGENE CESAR, a uniformed guard on duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the night KENNEDY was shot.

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b7D [REDACTED] during the investigation of the assassination of the late ROBERT F. KENNEDY he was actually engaged [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It is noted that as far back as August of 1969, [REDACTED] contacted at his request and explained at that time that he was then engaged in investigating and researching what he believes to have been a conspiracy between [REDACTED] and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. [REDACTED] phase of this investigation was resolved through investigation by this Bureau and the Los Angeles Police Department. Also, at this time, [REDACTED] advised that he was planning to write a book entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On the occasion of this interview [REDACTED] on August 28, 1969, [REDACTED] indicated that he has already completed a 300 page outline of his manuscript. To the best information of this Office, no book [REDACTED] has been published concerning the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

In connection with the current theories stated by [REDACTED] occasion of the interview on February 25, 1974, this aspect of the investigation has been advanced by an investigative reporter by the name of THEODORE CHARACH and this theory was also advanced by Los Angeles Attorney BARBARA WARNER BLEHR who charged Los Angeles Police Department Criminologist DEWAYNE WOLFER with improper ballistics investigation.

In regard to THEODORE CHARACH, information first came to the attention of this Office in September, 1970, when a request was received from the Office of the District Attorney in Los Angeles concerning a THANE CESAR who was a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel the night KENNEDY was killed. The District Attorney's Office explained that one TED CHARACH had been recently making public statements concerning the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

In August, 1971, Attorney GODFREY ISAAC was named as the new defense counsel for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. At this same time ISAAC stated that new evidence had arisen that pointed to the existence of a second gunman unrelated to SIRHAN, who used SIRHAN's gunshots as a cover for his own and actually fired the fatal bullet while SIRHAN's straying gunfire wounded five other persons.

ISAAC had previously filed a complaint for disclosure of information concerning this case on behalf of investigative journalist THEODORE CHARACH who claimed that information concerning a second gunman was withheld or not sufficiently investigated.

This information in conjunction with the claim of improper ballistics investigation by BARBARA WARNER BLEHR resulted in a Los Angeles County Federal Grand Jury concerning these allegations. The inquiry of this grand jury centered around employees of the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and other individuals who reportedly had access to items of evidentiary nature while in possession of the Los Angeles County Clerk. It was the contention of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office that Los Angeles Police Department Ballistics Examiner DEWAYNE WOLFEK did not testify inaccurately but that there was a clerical error in the marking of evidence which led to the apparent discrepancies in the ballistics investigation. Independent ballistics investigation had been done by an alleged ballistics expert, WILLIAM W. HARPER, of Pasadena, California, who shed doubt on the ballistics examination of the Los Angeles Police Department. HARPER's contention was that the serial number of the gun used to fire test bullets was not the gun taken from SIRHAN at the time of the assassination. ROBERT BLAIR KAISER, author of the book entitled, "RFK MUST DIE", in an article which he authored concerning the allegations of THEODORE CHARACH, explained the clerical error made by the Los Angeles Police Department ballistics examiner in erroneously putting the serial number of a similar test gun on the test bullets actually fired from the gun taken by SIRHAN.

It is noted that the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office did not seek criminal complaints against Los Angeles County Clerk or employees of that office with the alleged mishandling of the evidence in this case.

Further, at the time that the Grand Jury was in session on this matter, [REDACTED] were subpoenaed to appear. [REDACTED] failed to appear.

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[REDACTED] This information was furnished to this Office on an extremely confidential basis by [REDACTED] who requested it not be disseminated outside of the Bureau.

It is noted that the letterhead memo dated March 28, 1973, captioned, [REDACTED] which is an enclosure to referenced Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, fully develops the theory of CHARACH in conjunction with his production of a film concerning the assassination of the late Senator KENNEDY entitled, "WHO SHOT BOBBY KENNEDY".

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In connection with the contention [REDACTED] concerning the alleged action on the part of local and Federal law enforcement to prevent the truth of the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY from being revealed, it is noted that Attorney GREGORY ISAAC filed a complaint for disclosure of information concerning this case on behalf of THEODORE CHARACH. This complaint filed by ISAAC was later withdrawn.

In this same regard, it is noted that BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR., initiated civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, requesting under the Freedom of Information Act, production of FBI reports in the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California. FENSTERWALD contends that data from FBI reports was made available to ROBERT BLAIR KAISER for material in his book, "RFK MUST DIE". This action on the part of FENSTERWALD was initiated in March, 1971. The Department was advised that FBI reports were not made available to defense counsel by Los Angeles Office, however, copies were furnished to Los Angeles County California District Attorney's Office with request that reports not be disseminated outside that office. Affidavits concerning this matter were submitted by Agents of the FBI Office, Los Angeles, as well as by the Attorney in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office who prosecuted this case.

This civil action on the part of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations vs. the Department of Justice was heard under CADC Number 71-1829, but the results of this suit are not known by the Los Angeles Office.

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[REDACTED] contact on February 25, 1974, further advised that on or about January 8, 1974, Los Angeles County District Attorney JOSEPH BUSCH was visited at his office by Los Angeles Mayor TOM BRADLEY, accompanied by a former New York Congressman, Mr. LOWENSTEIN. [REDACTED] alleges that BRADLEY demanded, almost to the point of insistence, that BUSCH reopen the investigation and that he specifically give authority to release evidence gathered by the police so that it may be re-examined by independent experts. [REDACTED] Mr. BUSCH refused to do so.

[REDACTED] in view of Mr. BUSCH's position with respect to the conversation between him, LOWENSTEIN, and Mayor BRADLEY, that the matter is in the process of being taken to the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney BURT PINES.

[REDACTED] explained that PINES' office would have legal jurisdiction over the conduct of Los Angeles Police personnel who worked on the ROBERT F. KENNEDY investigation. Such an inquiry by PINES' office could, according to [REDACTED] lead to a possible subsequent Grand Jury inquiry which would be handled by Mr. PINES.

In addition to the foregoing, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors member BAXTER WARD also intends to initiate a County Grand Jury inquiry into the possible conspiracy theory [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further that he has been [REDACTED] a book to be published [REDACTED] The book, among other things, will point out areas where, in the [REDACTED] did not indicate whether or not this was a new book [REDACTED] or if it referred to his original statements when he indicated that he was [REDACTED] a book concerning the killing of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

In view of the fact that all of the alleged information furnished [REDACTED] of this interview is based on previous theories advanced by THEODORE CHARACH and BARBARA WARNER BLEHR and has been the subject of Grand Jury hearings by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, no further inquiry will be conducted by this Office concerning this matter. No information has been received from the Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney or from the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney to indicate that further Grand Jury inquiry is being made into the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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Memorandum ^{b7D}

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (C)

DATE: 4/4/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED] ^{b7C}

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Captioned former confidential source telephonically contacted the writer on [REDACTED] and volunteered the following information:

[REDACTED]

The foregoing is being made the subject of this memorandum in the event it is of possible future significance.

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HEARING SET ON SIRHAN EVIDENCE

Criticism of evidence used in the murder trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan in the death of Robert F. Kennedy will be examined today during a day-long hearing called by Supervisor Baxter Ward.

Acting in his capacity as chairman of the county Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner Department, Ward yesterday asked Coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi to prepare a presentation concerning the case arising from Kennedy's assassination in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

A-11 HERALD EXAMINER
LOS ANGELES, CA.

Date: 4/16/74
Edition: Tuesday Latest
Author:
Editor: Donald Goodenow
Title: KENSALT

Character:

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Captioned former CS telephonically attempted to contact the writer at the office on [REDACTED] during which time the writer was on annual leave and away from Los Angeles.

On [REDACTED] this former source telephonically contacted the writer to advise [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 5/31/74

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

[REDACTED] advised concerning [REDACTED] the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised that he expected to receive a copy of [REDACTED] and when he did would make a copy available to this office.

Subsequently, the source did obtain a copy of the [REDACTED] have been made so that they may be forwarded to the Bureau and the Department. Copies of [REDACTED] were placed in the bulky exhibit section of this office.

Also, received from [REDACTED] were a series of [REDACTED] allegedly purporting to show that two guns were used in the assassination of KENNEDY rather than the gun of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Copies of these documents have also been placed in the 1-A Section of the file and will be forwarded to the Bureau and the Department.

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Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 7/26/74

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (C)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

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Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated 4/3/74.

Enclosed are two copies each of

It is noted [REDACTED] is the subject of Bureau
[REDACTED] and Los Angeles file [REDACTED]

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Per Bureau airtel to Albany 1/12/77 filed
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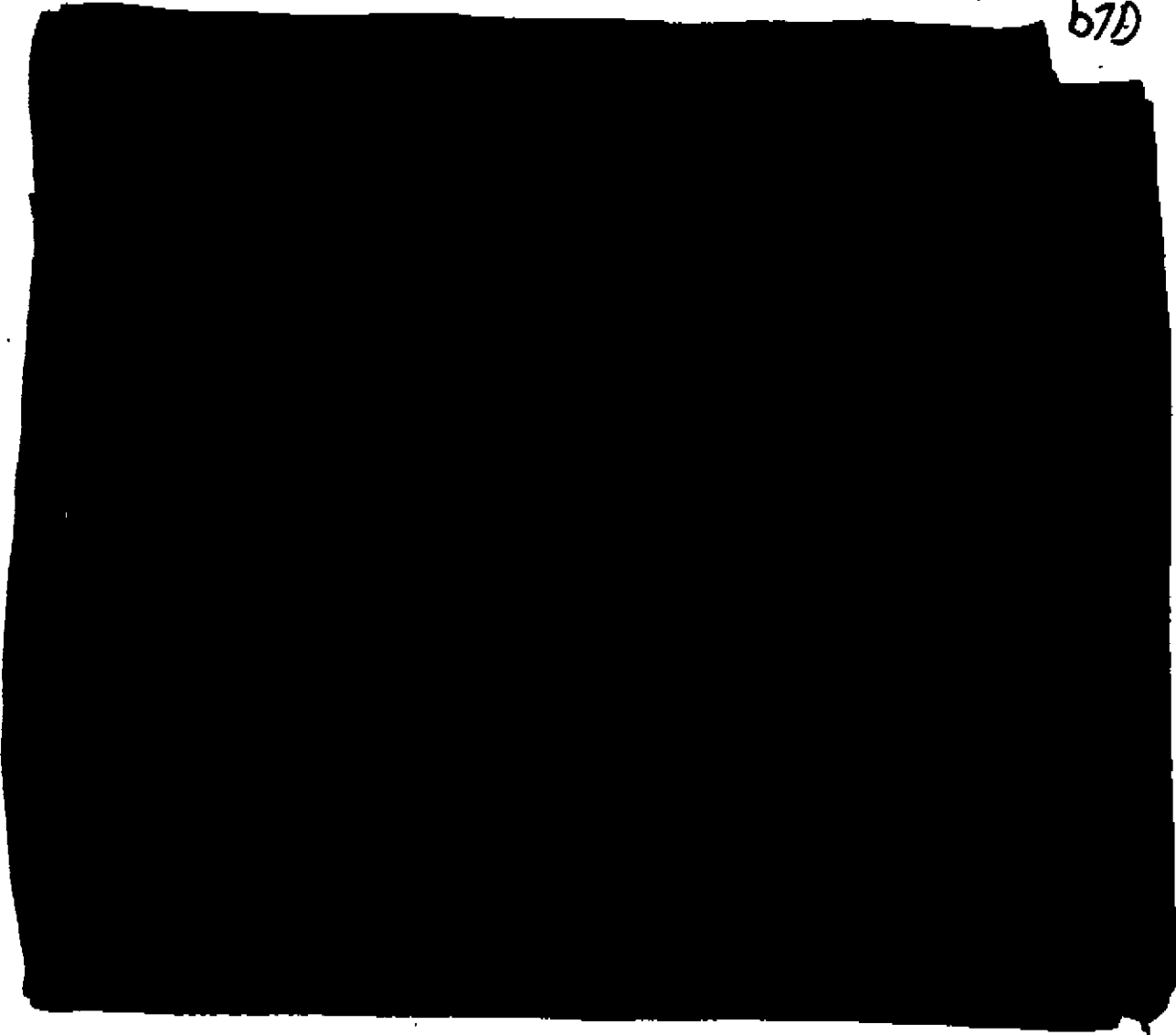
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 9/6/74

FROM: ^{HCS} SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (89-64)(RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 9/2/74, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, telephone number [REDACTED] contacted the Oklahoma City Office and advised SA [REDACTED] that in 1968 he had resided at The Dalles, Oregon. Approximately two weeks prior to the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, KENNEDY had participated in a parade at The Dalles, at which time [REDACTED] had overheard a comment to the effect that KENNEDY would be killed when he got to Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] stated he did not know the individual who made this statement, but would recognize him. He described him as a white male, age 25-26, 5'5", slender build, dark sandy hair. He described the person to whom the comment was directed as white male, age 26-27, 5'7", 150 pounds, with dark, sandy hair.

In view of the non-specific nature of the above information, UAC Los Angeles, no additional investigation being conducted by Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City indices negative re [REDACTED]

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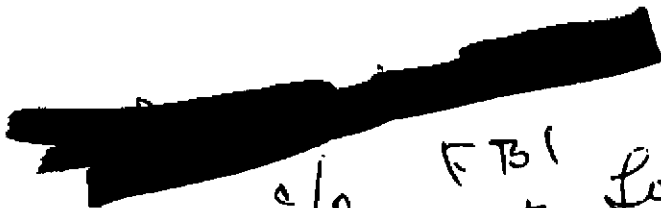
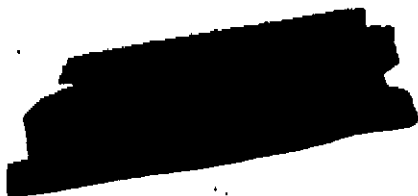
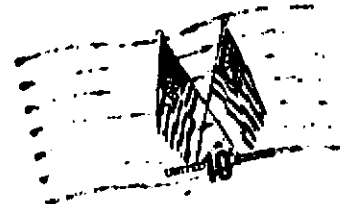
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R.F.K - THE SIRHAN CASE

GLENDALE COLLEGE

THES. FEB 25, 1975

11AM TO 12 NOON QUESTIONS SOLICITED

SPEAKER GEORGE C. THOMSON AUTHOR OF "THE QUEST FOR TRUTH"

"ROOM 12"

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- THE ONLY GUN FOUND THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER WAS FOUND IN THE PANTRY WITH EIGHT EXPENDED SHELLS IN ITS CYLINDER.
- THE BODY WHICH WAS TAKEN TO THE MORGUE HAD A BULLET REMOVED DURING THE AUTOPSY WHICH DID NOT MATCH THE PANTRY GUN.
- THE VICTIM WAS, THEREFORE, SHOT BY A GUN OTHER THAN THE PANTRY GUN AND THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED IN AN AREA OTHER THAN THE PANTRY

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR COMPARISON

<u>VICTIM AS PER AUTOPSY</u>		<u>R.F.K</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
COLOR EYES	HAZEL *	BLUE	-
WEIGHT	165 lbs	140-145	20 lbs
HEIGHT	5'-10 1/2"	5'-9"	1 1/2"

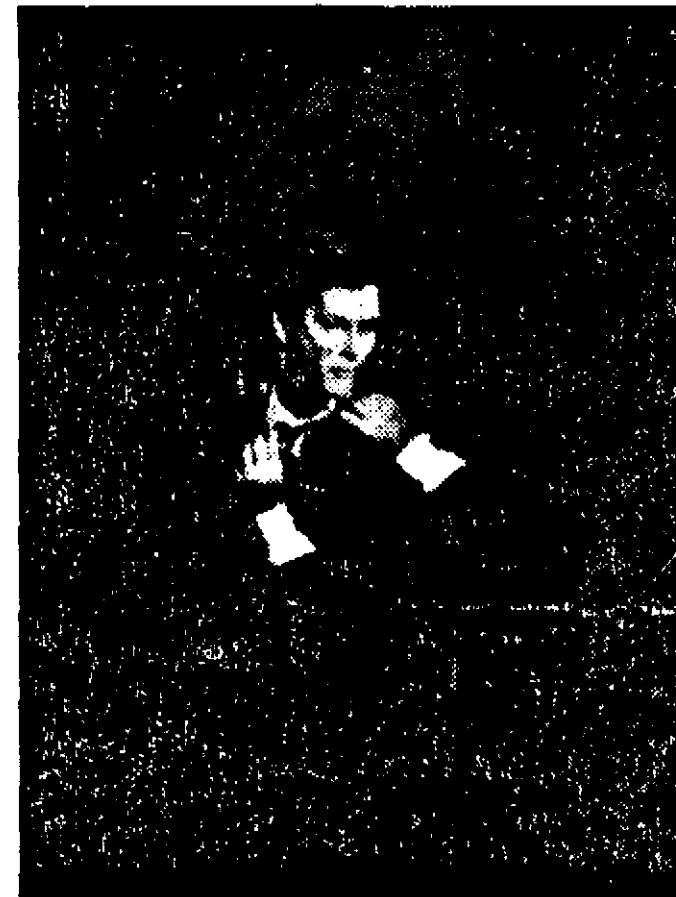


PHOTO OF UNIDENTIFIED MAN
SHOT IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL
JUNE 5 1968
(PHOTO LOOKING DOWN TOWARD FLOOR)

** SEE OVER FOR PHOTOSTAT OF
p. 28 AUTOPSY

GENERAL EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The non-embalmed body, measuring 70-1/2 inches (179 cm) in length and weighing about 165 pounds (74.5 kg), is that of a well-developed, well-nourished and muscular Caucasian male appearing about the recorded age of 42 years. The extremities are generally symmetrical bilaterally, showing no obvious structural abnormality.

The head shows extensive bandaging, somewhat blood-stained in the posterior aspect. Dressings are also present in the right clavicular region, the right axilla, and the right ankle regions. Also present over the right inguino-femoral region are apparently elastoplast dressings. A recent tracheostomy has been performed at a comparatively low level. A clear plastic tracheostomy tube fitted with an inflatable cuff is in place. The area also shows a gauze dressing.

Lividity is well developed in the posterior aspect of the body, mainly at the upper shoulder and midback regions with approximately equal distribution bilaterally. The lividity blanches definitely on finger pressure.

Robert F. Kennedy
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Eye color is hazel. Pupillary diameters are equal at about 5 mm (3/16 inch).

The buccal mucosa and the tongue show no lesion.

Chest diameters are within normal limits and there is bilateral symmetry. The breasts are those of a normal adult male. The abdomen is scaphoid. No abdominal scar is identified. There is an old low medial inguinal scar on the right.

Texture and configuration of the nails are within normal limits, and no focal lesions are noted. There is no peripheral edema.

The skin in general shows a smooth texture and no additional significant focal lesion. There is abundant suntan, especially at the neck region where its contrast with the areas shaved for surgical preparation on the right can be noted.

No structural abnormality is noted on the back.

There is a diagonally disposed recent surgical incision about 3 inches (7.5 cm) in length in the right anterolateral femoral region. This incision has been intactly sutured. There is an associated plastic tubing of small diameter, centered about 1/2 inch (12 mm) from the infero-lateral margin of the incision.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 2/25/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

The attached correspondence was received by
SA [REDACTED] on 2/24/75. Writer is not familiar
with the sender.

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SA [REDACTED]

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Title marked changed to include subject's full name of [REDACTED] as it appears in California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Pasadena Police Department records.

Los Angeles files contained numerous references regarding subject in Los Angeles file 56-156.

[REDACTED] Pasadena, telephone [REDACTED] On 4/17/75 SA [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the criminal records of [REDACTED]. A record in the name of subject was found to be on file under [REDACTED]. A review of this record revealed the following:

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On 5/13/75 a California Law Enforcement Teletype System (CLETS) check was conducted, and a review of this record revealed substantially the same information as set forth in the above Pasadena Police Department records.

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Agent [REDACTED] Pasadena Police Department, who is known to the writer to be a very close friend [REDACTED] advised that on the evening of 5/5/75 he dropped by [REDACTED] where he spoke [REDACTED] who are both presently working [REDACTED] location.

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It is recommended that this case be closed.

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Date: 6/27/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) PAW
 ATTENTION: FOIA SECTION
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(C)

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PURSUANT TO BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL JUNE 25, 1975,
 INQUIRY WAS MADE OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
 (LAPD) CONCERNING DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION UNDER THE
 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF INFORMATION IN THE LAPD
 SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY.

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[REDACTED] OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE
 SERVICES OF THE LAPD ADVISED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT IS
 TOTALLY OPPOSED TO DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION UNDER
 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND WILL TAKE ANY STEPS
 NECESSARY TO PREVENT THIS DISSEMINATION AND WILL CONSULT

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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WITH THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ACTION, IF
NECESSARY.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU INSTRUCT WHAT
COMMUNICATIONS NEEDED FROM LAPD SO THAT BUREAU MAY ANSWER
THE DEPARTMENT RE THIS MATTER.

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Los Angeles Only: On 6/25/75, [REDACTED] of the FOIA
Section at FBI Headquarters, advised that Congressman
DON EDWARDS, on behalf of his constituent PAUL SCHRADE,
had requested information under the Freedom of Information
Act from the LAPD summary of the assassination of ROBERT
KENNEDY which reports had been forwarded to the Bureau.
[REDACTED] requested that the LAPD be contacted re their
suggestions and recommendations concerning this dissemination.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LOS ANGELES (62-7537) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, FILES AND COMMUNICATION DIVISION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT UNIT.

INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES ON JULY 23, 1975.

IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL BUREAU SUPERVISOR ~~THOMAS~~,
BRESSON, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT UNIT, REQUESTED THAT
CONTACT BE MADE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LOS ANGELES TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THE BUREAU WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF
ANY CALIFORNIA OR LOS ANGELES REGULATION OR STATUTORY
PROVISION IF IT RELEASES, IN RESPONSE TO A FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST, INFORMATION OBTAINED IN
CONFIDENCE FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD)
CONCERNING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY
ASSASSINATION. DEPUTY LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY, DAVE PEREZ,

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TELEPHONE NUMBER 213-485-5823, WAS CONTACTED AND HE ADVISED THE ONLY PERTINENT STATUTE HE WAS AWARE OF IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 6250 THROUGH 6260, THE SHORT TITLE OF WHICH IS KNOWN AS CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT. INCLUDED IN THIS ACT IS SECTION 6254 SUB F, WHICH EXCLUDES FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ".... INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ANY STATE OR LOCAL POLICE AGENCY" PEREZ FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE LAPD HAS BEEN SERVED WITH A 60 PAGE REQUEST BY THE NATIONAL NETWORK CBS REQUESTING DISCLOSURE OF THE ENTIRE LAPD FILE ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY. INCLUDED IN THIS FILE ARE COPIES OF ALL OF THE FBI REPORTS ON THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH WERE DISSEMINATED TO THE LAPD. PEREZ STATED THAT THIS REQUEST WILL BE GIVEN A HEARING BEFORE THE LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION IN THE POLICE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, PARKER CENTER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AT 2:00 PM, ON JULY 24, 1975.

PEREZ INDICATED THAT HE FEELS CBS INTENDS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER INTO COURT IF NECESSARY. HE ANTICIPATES THAT NO DECISION OF THE POLICE COMMISSION ON THE MATTER OF DISCLOSURE

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WILL BE MADE AT THE HEARING TOMMORROW. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT NO CONCRETE DECISION AS TO DISCLOSURE HAS BEEN MADE AS YET BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. PEREZ REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER ANY DEPARTMENTAL ORDER, FEDERAL REGULATION OR FEDERAL STATUTE EXISITS, WHICH WOULD BAR RELEASE OF THE FBI INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE LAPD FILES. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THE LEGAL FORCE BEHIND THE PROPERTY STATEMENT CONTAINED ON FBI DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE DISSEMINATED TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES. PEREZ WAS ADVISED OF THE CONTENTS OF DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 3464 REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL FOUR AND OF THE EXISTANCE OF TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE (USC), SECTION 534. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION PEREZ ALSO REQUESTED THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE REPORTS WHICH WERE GIVEN BY THE LAPD TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WHETHER THERE IS CURRENTLY ANY PUBLIC OR MEDIA ACCESS TO THESE FILES. HE REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE HE FELT IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO WITHHOLD THEIR FILES IF IN FACT THE IDENTICAL INFORMATION CAN CURRENTLY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FBI OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. IN THIS REGARD HE STATED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THREE COPIES OF EACH LAPD REPORT WERE MADE. HE STATED

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HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT TWO OF THESE COPIES ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE LAPD AND THAT THE THIRD HAD BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THEY COULD BE PLACED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. IF POSSIBLY, PEREZ WOULD LIKE THE ANSWERS TO HIS ABOVE REQUESTS PRIOR TO THE POLICE COMMISSION HEARING, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 PM ON JULY 24, 1975. PEREZ WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES FBI AND WILL ADVISE OF ANY ACTION DECIDED UPON BY THE CITY ATTORNEY OR THE LAPD POLICE COMMISSION. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL ORDERS, REGULATIONS, OR STATUTES, WHICH WOULD LIMIT LAPD DISCLOSURE OF FBI INFORMATION. IN ADDITION, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS POSED BY PEREZ IN REGARDS TO THE LOCATION OF THE LAPD INVESTIGATIVE FILES, AND WHETHER THERE IS CURRENTLY ANY PUBLIC OR MEDIA ACCESS TO THESE FILES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-7537) -

DATE: 7/24/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c, b-6

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION
OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY
FOIA - REQUEST

Re Bu telcall on 7/23/75; LA teletype to the Bureau
on 7/23/75; LA telcall to the Bureau on 7/24/75.

On instant date Bureau Supervisor THOMAS BRESSON, POIA unit, extension 5581 was telephonically contacted and the contents of referenced teletype was discussed with him. BRESSON advised that FBI files do contain one complete copy of the investigation conducted by the LAPD and that at this time all efforts at disclosure of this information under the FOIA are being resisted. He stated the efforts are being resisted on the premise that the information was given to the FBI in confidence by the LAPD and therefore cannot be disclosed. He further advised that PEREZ should be informed that the FBI would like its disclosure of the FBI investigation contained in LAPD files resisted and that any individual who wishes the FBI material should be instructed to request it directly under the FOIA. BRESSON requested that his telephone number be given to PEREZ and that if PEREZ desires to contact him directly. BRESSON further advised he is unaware of any additional regulations or Federal Statutes concerning disclosure other than those already quoted to PEREZ.

The above information was telephonically related to PEREZ on same date.

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Date: 8/29/75

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) *SJP*
FROM: ACTING ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(C)

KENSALT

ON AUGUST 28, 1975, FORMER SPECIAL AGENT, ROGER LA JEUNESSE ADVISED HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO APPEAR ON KTTV CHANNEL 11 AT 11:30 A.M., SEPTEMBER 2, 1975, ON A PROGRAM ENTITLED, "LET'S RAP." THE TOPIC OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE THE REOPENING OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. LA JEUNESSE ADVISED HE MADE IT CLEAR TO KTTV THAT HE IS A FORMER AGENT AND CANNOT SPEAK OFFICIALLY FOR THE BUREAU, BUT HAS BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT THE "ESTABLISHMENT'S" VERSION OF THE ASSASSINATION IN OPPOSITION TO A MR. JACK KIMBROUGH, WHO IS URGING THE REOPENING OF THE ASSASSINATION. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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FORMER SA LA JEUNESSE DID NOT ASK ADVICE OR
CLEARANCE FROM BUREAU CONCERNING APPEARANCE, BUT HAS
ASSURED THAT HE WILL PORTRAY THE BUREAU IN A FAVORABLE
LIGHT. IT IS NOTED THAT FORMER SA LA JEUNESSE HAS KNOWLEDGE
OF THIS CASE AS HE ACTED IN THE CAPACITY OF A LIAISON
REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THIS MATTER.

THE ABOVE IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU.

Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

Character of case

Info concerning
Robert Kennedy Assassination

Complainant

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 9/3/75 Time 1:30 PM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
Scars, marks or other data						

Facts of complaint

O called to advised that in 1967 she lived at [redacted] Pasadena, and that she use to go to the Broughton Book Store on Colorado. One of the clerks there was a Arab and O thinks this individual might be the person that SIRHAN was ~~xxxxxx~~ suppose ~~xxxxxx~~ to be friendly with. However she did not know his name and he did not work ~~xxxxxx~~ there as of November of 1967.

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No action appears necessary
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A.O.R. [signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 9/16/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT

The following information was telephonically furnished by [REDACTED] California [REDACTED]

(It is noted that initially [REDACTED] declined to identify herself because it would involve [REDACTED] whom she declined to identify. She was upset, distraught and at times emotional, but did not appear to suffer from mental illness. She declined to furnish specific details where lapses appear in the following).

For the past several years she has suspected that [REDACTED] was possibly involved with others in the assassination of Sen. ROBERT KENNEDY.

She describe [REDACTED]

Sex
Race
Nationality
Age
POB
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Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Occupation
Wife's business
Residence

[REDACTED] was always speaking with hate of the Kennedy family and in particular Sen. ROBERT KENNEDY. He has thrown darts at photographs of the late Senator.

Two days after KENNEDY was killed [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] probably identical with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DMV and DDL records checked with negative results to
further identify [REDACTED] attached DMV and DDL record checks
for [REDACTED]

The above being submitted to case file without any
specific leads being set forth since writer is not aware
of the scope of INSALT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/9/75

[redacted] was interviewed at the request concerning a conversation he had with [redacted] approximately [redacted]. This conversation took place in [redacted].

b7D [redacted] they discussed politics and briefly the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY in Los Angeles. During this conversation, [redacted] mentioned that "She got away"; however, [redacted] did not further discuss this aspect. [redacted] also advised that "The gun that he used got switched; Sirhan was innocent. Sirhan will get cut loose sooner or later."

[redacted] no further statements were made concerning this assassination. [redacted] recently decided to make this information available to the FBI due to the current interest in re-opening the KENNEDY assassination.

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On 9/5/75 at [redacted] File # 62-610

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/8/75

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Date: 9/15/75

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (62-610) (RUC)
 SUBJ: KENSALT
 (OO: Los Angeles)

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 b7D
 Enclosed for Los Angeles Division are two copies of an FD 302 reflecting the interview of [REDACTED] on 9/5/75.

For information, on 9/5/75, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] had requested an interview with the FBI concerning information related to the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is somewhat unstable and information furnished by him should be considered in its proper perspective.

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Washington (D.C.) Post, December 19, 1974.

EXPERT DISCOUNTS RFK 2d-GUN THEORY

By Ron Kessler
Washington Post Staff Writer

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 18—The nationally recognized ballistics expert whose claim gave rise to a theory that Robert F. Kennedy was not killed by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan this week admitted that there is no evidence to support his contention.

The theory, which has gained widespread national publicity in recent weeks, suggest that Kennedy's killer was a second, hidden gunman and that Sirhan's gunfire never hit him.

The theory has depended largely on a 1970 affidavit signed by William W. Harper, 71, an independent ballistics expert. In it Harper said the bullet that fatally wounded Kennedy June 5, 1968, "could not have been fired from the same gun" that wounded a nearby bystander in the partry of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Under persistent questioning in his home here, Harper admitted that what he had previously described as discrepancies between the bullets fail to show they were fired from different guns. The evidence that would permit matching of the bullets is lacking because of the poor condition of the bullets, Harper said.

"In the absence of (this type of evidence), you can't say one way or the other," he said this week.

Harper said he thought his affidavit said only that there is no evidence to show the bullets are the same. "That doesn't mean they are not the same," Harper said.

He said that "there's no evidence to show they're different." The inability to make a positive identification, said Harper, who is highly regarded in law enforcement circles, is not uncommon in the field of ballistics.

Harper said he prepared the affidavit in 1970 for possible use in a request by Sirhan's attorneys for a new trial. "I gave the affidavit to (the lawyer). I didn't think he would do anything with it. I thought it would accompany the suit (for a new trial after Sirhan's conviction in the Kennedy slaying). I didn't have any plans to have it publicized. It was supposed to be held in confidence."

Despite the fact that the Kennedy assassination was witnessed at least in part by 70 persons, the theory that a second gun was used has flourished since Harper's affidavit was made public in 1971.

Nourished by an atmosphere of skepticism generated by Watergate revelations and by a feeling that leaders such as John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr., could not be elitenated by the whims of single individuals the so-called two-gun theory has touched off political controversies in California and fueled investigations by dozens of amateur sleuths.

In recent weeks, the two-gun theory has been given added weight with pullication of a Harper's magazine article questioning the ballistics evidence in the case and national coverage of a press conference Sunday by former Democratic Rep. Allard K. Lowenstein of New York, who wants a re-opening of the police investigation.

Lowenstein said in New York City that because of "basic unresolved conflicts" between autopsy and eye-witness reports, authorities should reopen the investigation of Kennedy's murder.

"I do not believe that the evidence sustains the conclusion that Sirhan is the one who murdered Robert Kennedy," Lowenstein said.

Lowenstein stressed that he did not mean to suggest that Sirhan was an innocent bystander.

"He was in the panty shooting a .22 revolver at the time in question, and five persons were struck by bullets that he fired," Lowenstein said. But he said the authorities' inability to answer three basic questions had convinced him that a second gun was fired. One question he cited was alleged ballistic differences in the bullets removed them Kennedy and television producer William Weisel, a bystander.

Lowenstein demanded that the Los Angeles police test fire the Sirhan gun again, convene in independent panle of ballistics experts to restudy the case, and conduct neutron tests to determine the source of all bullets and fragments recovered.

Los Angeles County prosscutor Joseph Busch said this week that he would reopen the case if ordered to do so by the courts.

The two-gun theory has rested on these assertions:

Ballistics characteristics used to match bullets with the guns that fired them show the bullet that fatally wounded Kennedy came from a gun different from the one that wounded five bystanders. This assertion rests on Harper's affidavit. He now says there is no evidence that a second gun was involved.

Although the Los Angeles County medical examiner has testified the fatal Kennedy bullet was fired at almost point blank range, witnesses said Sirhan was standing at least three feet from Kennedy.

The fatal bullet and two others that entered Kennedy's body penetrated from behind, although witnesses said Sirhan was in front of Kennedy.

The bullets entered Kennedy at an upward angle, suggesting the gunman was firing from the floor, Sirhan was standing.

Although Sirhan's gun held eight bullets, more than eight bullet holes were found at the scene.

Although many of the points sound convincing, a review of the testimony of eyewitnesses to the shooting in June, 1968, quickly puts to rest all but the ballistics claims.

One of the witnesses, Vincent Di Piero, had an unobstructed view of the shooting from his position some five feet behind Kennedy.

In his first newspaper interview since the assassination, Di Piero, the catering manager of a Beverly Hills hotel, said it was true that Sirhan was standing to the right and slightly in front of Kennedy. But when Sirhan started firing, he said, Kennedy had turned to his left to shake hands, accounting for the position of the bullets under his right ear and right armpit.

Di Piero said it was true that Sirhan was standing about three feet from Kennedy. But he said that when he fired the shots, Sirhan lunged forward, bringing the muzzle of his Ivor-Johnson revolver within several inches of Kennedy's head. This would account, he said, for the medical examiner's finding—based on examination of powder burns on Kennedy's skin—that the gun was fired at almost point blank range.

Di Piero noted that Sirhan's gun was pitched slightly upward, and that Sirhan is considerably shorter than Kennedy, accounting for the upward trajectory of the bullets in Kennedy's body.

After Kennedy was shot, Di Piero said, Sirhan continued to fire wildly and rapidly while bystanders banged his gun hand on a nearby steam table in an effort to wrest it from him. He said he was not surprised by a subsequent police report accounting for the extra bullet holes at the scene by saying some bullets ricocheted and others entered the bodies or clothing of more than one bystander.

"It would be impossible for there to be a second gun," Di Piero said, "I saw the first shot. Kennedy fell at my feet. His blood splattered on me. I had a clear view of Kennedy and Sirhan."

Because the subsequent trial of the Jordanian immigrant turned on his state of mind at the time of the shooting, many of the circumstances of the assassination were not fully probed in the courtroom.

The ballistics questions were not raised until more than two years after the assassination when Harper, a criminalist, examined the evidence on behalf of one of Sirhan's defense attorneys, who was preparing an appeal of Sirhan's conviction. A criminalist is an expert on scientific and engineering questions surrounding physical evidence.

Harper discovered a discrepancy that has haunted the Los Angeles Police Department ever since. He found that bullets said to have been fired by the police from Sirhan's gun in an effort to match them with those found in Kennedy's body were labeled to show they had been fired from another gun, since destroyed.

DeWayne A. Wolfer, the police ballistics expert handling the case, said he had simply mislabeled the exhibit. The second gun, he said, was the same type as that used by Sirhan and had been used to test the noise level of his gun—not to match the murder bullets with Sirhan's gun.

The mislabeled exhibit was quickly marshaled several years ago to support the two-gun theory.

It was Harper's second finding that provided the seemingly irrefutable evidence behind the theory. Working with photographs he had taken of the bullets, Harper found that there was a 23-minute difference, between the angle of markings on the fatal Kennedy bullet and a bullet removed from Weisel, the television producer wounded in the pantry. The markings on the bullets were made by grooves in the muzzle of the gun as it was fired.

A minute is one-sixthieth of a degree in a 360-degree circle.

On the basis of this difference, amounting to about a third of a degree, Harper said in his affidavit that the Kennedy bullet "could not have been fired from the same gun" as the Weisel bullet.

Under questioning this week, Harper said such a discrepancy is too insignificant to indicate one way or the other whether the bullets came from the same gun. He said the discrepancy could have arisen because the bullets were not exactly perpendicular when they were photographed.

Since signing the affidavit, Harper has been quoted as citing a second discrepancy. This concerns the number of cannellures which the bullets appear to have.

In the .22 caliber ammunition used by Sirhan, cannellures are added during the manufacturing process to crimp the brass cartridge casing holding the explosive powder to the lead bullet, which is the projectile. The cannellures, which also hold a lubricant, appear as knurled, indented rings circling the bullet.

Harper said that as far as he could tell from the photographs, the Kennedy bullet had one cannellure, while the Weisel bullet had two. They would indicate two types of ammunition might have been used, although the shells remaining in Sirhan's revolver all appeared to be the type that would have two cannellures.

Both Harper and a second ballistics expert who has cited a possible discrepancy in the bullets acknowledged that whether the Kennedy bullet does, in fact, have one cannellure is an open question.

This is because most of the cannellure visible on the Kennedy bullet was obliterated when the bullet was fired, raising the possibility that the second cannellure was obliterated.

The second expert, Herbert L. MacDonell, a New York consultant, said he doubted this would be the case because the cannellures also should have been wiped out on the Weisel bullet. But Harper said cannellures cannot be depended upon because they may be left out in the manufacturing process because of mechanical malfunctions.

Harper and MacDonnell also said photographs are not sufficient for making positive identification of bullets. Robert M. Zimmers, a retired FBI ballistics expert, said photographic comparison of bullets is "senseless."

Harper said the only evidence that could show whether the bullets were fired from the same gun would be scratches impressed on the bullets by the ridges and grooves unique to the muzzle of each gun.

Because the muzzle of the gun which fired the Kennedy and Weisel bullets was dirtied with bits of powder and lead particles, these characteristic bullet scratches were obscured, making positive identification impossible, Harper said.

Harper said he thought his 1970 affidavit was to be used by Sirhan's attorneys in a possible appeal. He said his chief concern was the competence of Wolder, the Los Angeles police ballistics expert. Harper had previously charged Wolder with making errors, and the two have been on opposite sides in two major trials.

Disclaiming any vendetta against Wolder, Harper said, "I've never felt the Sirhan thing was the important thing. It was our system of justice in California."

Wolder, chief forensic chemist of the police department, declined to comment.

Harper said he was surprised and annoyed when his affidavit was cited in a 1971 Los Angeles press conference called by Theodore Charach, who later produced a movie called "The Second Gun."

Billed as the Hollywood version of investigative journalism,

the movie suggest, in part, that Sirhan could not have killed Kennedy because he was standing in front of him, and the bullets entered from behind. The movie makes no mention of eye-witness testimony that Kennedy had turned to the left when he was shot.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (175-113)

DATE: 9/17/75

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

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Re FD-71 of SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, dated 9/16/75.

On 9/17/75, the writer telephonically contacted a [REDACTED] Ca., telephone [REDACTED] to make an appointment for the personal contact [REDACTED] requested.

This telephone conversation lasted for approximately one half hour, with the writer listening most of the time. During this conversation [REDACTED] supplied the following data:

██████████ born ██████████ in ██████████ and was at first given the name ██████████ later found her name was actually ██████████

at the time of her arrest. During the conversation which at times became rather difficult to follow, she mentioned she

While confined at Sybil Brand, some of the "Manson girls" where also there. She could recall none of their names, but was sure she could recognize them from photographs. They were all pregnant and would spend much of their time knitting. One of the girls was "running the place". She has never seen any of these individuals since that time and has had no correspondence with them.

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LASO Deputy Sheriffs [REDACTED] who work at the Van Nuys, Ca. "holding tank" would know this girl who was "running the place".

LASO [REDACTED] at Van Nuys knows [REDACTED]

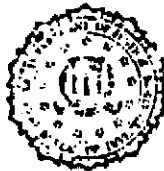
A few years ago and some time after the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, one [REDACTED] (phonetic) kidnapped [REDACTED] and took her to a bar somewhere in the San Fernando Valley where the "polka dot lady" was being kept under heavy sedation. This same man who kidnapped her also admitted to her that he and not SIRHAN SIRHAN had killed the Senator.

Also during this conversation, [REDACTED] related that she is presently unemployed, that at one time while she was working [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] (now defunct) she had both [REDACTED] and that she tried unsuccessfully to go to work for the U.S. Secret Service.

[REDACTED] also indicated she would like to work for the FBI.

b7D [REDACTED] LASO [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by the writer and he confirmed that in about 1972 he recalled a [REDACTED] who had been [REDACTED] as a part of the settlement. [REDACTED] In connection with this investigation, [REDACTED] when an attempt was made to arrest her regarding the code violations she took off all her clothes and refused to go with the officers. She was referred for a mental examination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

September 22, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
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[REDACTED]

A source who has requested that her identity be concealed and whose reliability is not known to the Bureau, has furnished information concerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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The source telephonically advised on September 16, 1975 that for the past several years, she has suspected that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] was possibly involved with others in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

[REDACTED] according to the source, was always speaking with hate of the Kennedy family, and in particular, of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Further, source stated that [REDACTED] thrown darts at photographs of the late Senator.

Two days after Kennedy was killed, [REDACTED] arranged to have a withdrawal made of \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 from a bank in Encino, California, and went to the residence of an unidentified woman who resided about six blocks east of Western Avenue on Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. The name of the bank in Encino was not recalled by the source.

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all of these individuals were unknown to the source. [redacted] proceeded to

California, where Sirhan Sirhan's brother worked. According to the source, spoke to Sirhan's brother asking, "How's your mother, how's your brother".

_____ handed the envelope containing the \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to Sirhan's brother and asked the brother, "Will this be enough to take care of your mother?" The brother indicated that it would be enough. The degree of friendship between _____ Sirhan family was not known to the informant.

At the time of the assassination

very close to

as a white male in his 60's and a "radical" associated with various radical movements.

████████████████████ Santa Barbara or Sacramento, California, the day before the killing of Senator Robert F. Kennedy but returned the morning after the killing. Source described him on learning of the Senator's death as "the happiest man in the world."

[REDACTED] never discussed with the source being involved in the killing. Source advised that based on the above, source has suspected [REDACTED] have been involved and for the past several years has debated furnishing this information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 9/22/75

FROM : ACTING ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned, [REDACTED]

b7D For the information of the Bureau, the information contained in this LHM was telephonically furnished 9/16/75 by a [REDACTED] California, telephone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and requested that her identity be completely protected for if she should be disclosed as the source of this information, it would cause a great deal [REDACTED]

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contained no record that could be identified with [REDACTED]. The indices of the Los Angeles Office contained seven references on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the Hollywood area. A review of these references which covered a period from 1954 - 1969 reflected in each case that [REDACTED] was a complainant and furnished this office information concerning individuals [REDACTED] work done that aroused the suspicion of [REDACTED] due to the nature of [REDACTED] also furnished information concerning an employee of [REDACTED] who carried pictures of CASTRO and voiced pro-CASTRO remarks. [REDACTED] in 1963 in connection with the

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b7D investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, furnished information concerning [REDACTED] stated had discussed with others a plan for assassinating President JOHN F. KENNEDY, Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and 20 or 30 members of Congress including Senator JACOB JAVITTS of New York. This information was previously furnished to the Bureau under Bureau file [REDACTED] entitled, [REDACTED]

It is noted that there were no references [REDACTED] in connection with the KENSALT investigation. Exhaustive investigation was conducted at that time concerning friends of the SIRHAN family; and investigation conducted at the Fez Night Club where SIRHAN's brother was employed never developed information concerning [REDACTED]

In view of the status of this case and also in consideration of the current reopening of a phase of this case involving a reexamination of the ballistics evidence, no investigation concerning this matter will be conducted by this office.

As all previous information obtained in this case has been disseminated to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), copies of this LHM will be furnished to these departments.

In view of the information received concerning [REDACTED] United States Secret Service at Los Angeles was telephonically advised and a copy of this memorandum will also be furnished to that department.

UACB, no further action other than that indicated will be taken by this office.

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[REDACTED] advised that on July 18, 1975, he was appointed to represent [REDACTED]. He advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that [REDACTED] had been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that his first hearing was during the latter part of [REDACTED] and that was the first time he had talked to [REDACTED] in person.

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[REDACTED] while waiting for his hearing [REDACTED] voluntarily told him about a second gun used in the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. [REDACTED] told him that he was in California, during the time KENNEDY was assassinated or shortly thereafter and purchased a gun, not further described, from an individual in California, who [REDACTED] that this gun was used in the ROBERT F. KENNEDY shooting. He further advised that [REDACTED] told him that he also had other information, not further revealed to [REDACTED] that the gun [REDACTED] had in his possession was the one used in the KENNEDY assassination. He stated that [REDACTED] told him that the gun was buried in Northern Alabama, but did not state if he buried it or how he had this information.

[REDACTED] advised that he did not feel obligated to furnish this information at the time he received it due to [REDACTED] however, received a letter from [REDACTED] on 9/24/75, in which [REDACTED] indicated it to be all right to release this information.

[REDACTED] made available a copy of the letter from [REDACTED] which he received [REDACTED] which had attached to it a three page letter signed [REDACTED]. These letters are as follows:

Interviewed on 9/25/75 at Dothan, Alabama File # MO 44-1955

by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/25/75

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[REDACTED] requested that he not be identified to
[REDACTED] as having furnished this information and also requested
that [REDACTED] not be shown the letters.

9/29/75

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1955) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re telephone call SA [REDACTED] Mobile to
SA A. O. RICHARDS, Los Angeles, 9/25/75.

As suggested by Los Angeles there are enclosed
herewith to the Bureau and Los Angeles 2 copies each of FD-302
reflecting interview with [REDACTED]
9/25/75. This interview concerns information
furnished to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in
claims to have information concerning a gun
allegedly connected with instant case.

It is noted that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] POB [REDACTED]
height [REDACTED] weight [REDACTED] pounds, and is [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

No effort will be made to interview [REDACTED] or conduct
any investigation concerning this matter UACB or OO.

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Dear Sir!

I like to turn you over Important
Information, about the assassination
of the Kennedys. I was same day 1968
with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] together he is about
70 years old. He told me that Robert
get "hit" killed before he runs for
President it will happen when he campaign
and so far? Later on, after he was
death I overheard a conversation between
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and a guy from Texas
and Illinois the are describe were talking
how well we "sat" everything up and
it worked out and so far! I missed several
days ago that still a investigation is
going about he can be involved?

The Soviet have nothing to do in the
Kennedy murder. It was a inside job
from the Mafia. Way and so far I
tell you in Person when you still inter-
ested what is all about. you have to
let me know at a bluff address when you
like to see me. I let you know were

you can get a hold of me.

Or, wenn you need a sworn Statement
I send it to you, notari, what
ever is convenient for you.

Wen you write me bag, send me
a document ruled out from the Court
that I don't get charged for holding
bag coeact evidence in both murders
Cases. I had a lot of reasons may?

I. The rafty of my life.

II. The killed my wife several years ago
Since the school me I am ready
to talk and tell you exactly
how it was read up, and notar.

I have noting to do in the Murders.
I will tell you a little mor about
ather involpments at the time wer
the hit D. F. Kennedy I was working
in Africa. Wer the killed Robert
I was working at New York. I am

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Please hold everything secret
that never enything leaks thru
the news.

with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely

11/4/75

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (175-9) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

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Enclosed for Los Angeles and Jacksonville is one copy each of a letter from [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED]

In his letter [REDACTED] advises that he has pertinent information regarding the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY.

Dallas Office indices contain no identifiable information regarding [REDACTED]

LEAD

JACKSONVILLE

[REDACTED] Will interview [REDACTED] regarding information set out in enclosed letter and furnish pertinent information to Bureau and Los Angeles.

- 2 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1)
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FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL
CHATTAHOOCHEE, FLORIDA 32324

6 West

On the
FBI Bureau
Los Angeles, California
Post Office please check for exact address

Mr. T.

October, 16. 1975

Sehr geehrte Herren!

Da ich nicht gut englisch schreiben kann, darum schreibe ich Ihnen in German. Es ist auch besser aus Sicherheits-Gründen? Ich weiß nicht wer mein Brief zu Händen bekommt, da ich keine genaue Adresse habe an wen ich diese Mitteilung mache. Zur Aufklärung der Robert Kennedy Tragedie will ich Ihnen folgendes Beweismaterial zu wissen lassen; Was der Grund ist und die Situation dass Robert ermordet wurde. Ich vertrete die Auffassung dass in Ihrem Büro die Aktenstücke in der Strafverfolgung vorliegen und ausgeführt werden. Im Jahre 1968 habe ich eine lange Unterhaltung mit angehört in einem Local in Manhattan New York. Wo sich einige Herren unterhalten und sich darüber amüsiert haben. Ich war mir selbst nicht bewußt ob ich nicht diese Informationen der Strafverfolgungs-Behörde zu übergeben, (FBI). Ich habe mich mit einem Mann unterhalten in hohem Rang im U. S. Government. Dieser Herr empfahl mir keinen Gebrauch zu machen, da ich kein amerikanischer Staatsbürger bin er ist möglich dass der Verdacht auftracht.

oder dass ich in eine unahnungsvolle
Schwierigkeit mit dem Immigration
Büro komme, dass die den Kontakt
erschöpfen, ich irgend welche Bezie-
hung in der Unterwelt (Mafia) habe.
Ich habe nie in meinem Leben Gewinn
bringende Geschäfte Geschäften gewinn
unterhalten. Ich war oder wurde gezwun-
gen, Präparation anzufertigen wo die, die
(Mafia) Rausch gift aus Thailand und
Bangkok in die U S A einführen. All
diese Vertreibungen habe ich später
kennen gelernt, nach dem ich alles
angefertigt habe. Nun um zur Sache
zu kommen? warum "Robert" ermordet
wurde ist I. der Grund:

In der J. F. Kennedy Administration
war Robert Attorney General. Robert
hat die Aussage vertreten dass
er in der Lage ist den Organisiert
Crime Büro was die Mafia "betrieft,
ein Ende zu machen. Es ist in
der Öffentlichkeit durchgeblieben
dass Robert mit Hilfe seines Bruders
John in hohem Command als Präsident
in der Lage ist die Mafia Mord
ein Ende zu machen.

- Die Mafia hat den entscheidung erreicht
- I. den Präsident zu töten und also
 - II. Robert zu töten

Die zwei geführten die Geschäfte in der ganzen "Mafia" Bewegung all over the Country. Es wurde ein Plan ausgearbeitet von den Top Bosses wie alles gemacht wird. Ich hörte wie die ^{die} Unterhaltung hatten: "wir" finden immer den richtigen "hit man" wo füllt aus den Contract. ein unbekannter man offerierte Sirhan 20 Grand, ein anderer unbekannter man von 20 Grand angeboten to "hit" Sirhan, gleich sofort, Sirhan zu erschießen. Alles ist nicht so gegangen wie geplant. Darum ist heute noch die Frage unbeantwortet es muß ein zweite Pistole involviert gewesen sein. Das ist richtig: eine Pistole von Sirhan wo Robert "hit" und die zweite von einem unbekannten "hit man" wo den Auftrag hatte Sirhan to "hit". Alles ist so schnell gegangen dass niemand es gesehen hat wer und von welcher position der unbekannte hitman geschossen hat. Der unbekannte hitman war ein perfecter hitman in der Underwelt, der genau wusste wie und von wo er unbemerkt schießen kann, zur selben Zeit wenn Sirhan

Publikt dem Quicker. Im ähnlichem
 Motier wurde die assassination von
 J. F. Kennedy durch geführt. Ich habe
 einen Bericht und Motier gestern der
 F.B.I. in Washington zu wissen lassen.
 Was ich aus der Unterhaltung mit-
 angehört habe. Die Namen und Location
 von diesen Herren teile ich Ihnen mit
 wenn Sie still daran interessiert sind
 in einer weiteren Ermittlung. Ich kann
 Ihnen ebenfalls ein Zeugnis bringen
 was ich 1968 erzählte Sie werden sehen
 dass Robert wird ermordet wenn er
 für den Präsidenten Sitz geht. Dieser
 Person konnte er nicht passen dass
 ich solche Auffassung äußere.
 Mehr Details gebe ich Ihnen wenn
 Sie daran interessiert sind. Bitte
 machen Sie mir keine Schwierigkeiten
 weil ich diese Informationen solange
 verbergen halte.
 Auch Nachricht grüßt Sie

hochachtungsvoll

[REDACTED]

10/23/75

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: LABORATORY, TRANSLATION UNIT)

FROM: ACTING ADIC, LOS ANGELES (62-0)(P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL
6 West
Chattahoochee, Florida
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed for the Bureau and the Jacksonville Division is a four page letter written in the German language.

It is requested the letter be translated into the English language by the Bureau and its contents evaluated for whatever action the Bureau deems appropriate.

It is requested Jacksonville check its indices concerning [REDACTED] for any information which might be of assistance to the Bureau in determining a course of action, it being noted [REDACTED] return address is a Florida State Hospital.

No information identifiable with [REDACTED] was located in the files of the Los Angeles Division. The letter has not yet been acknowledged by the Los Angeles Division and any acknowledgement by Los Angeles will be held in abeyance pending receipt of instructions from the Bureau.

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 - 2 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1)(RM)
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It is requested one copy each of the English translation be sent to the Los Angeles and Jacksonville Divisions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ADIC, Los Angeles - L

DATE: November 10, 1975

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL
6 West
Chattahoochee, Florida
MISCELLANEOUS -
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Attached is the translation which you requested by airtel dated 10/23/75.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

The foreign language material is retained in Bufile.

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1 - Jacksonville - Enclosure

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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

The envelope is addressed to FBI, 11000 Wilshire, Los Angeles, California 90024. The postmark was affixed at Chattahoochee, Florida, on October 17, 1975, and the envelope bears the following return address:

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6 West
Florida State Hospital
Chattahoochee, Florida 32324

October 16, 1975

Dear sirs,

I am writing to you in German because I cannot write English very well. It is also better for security reasons, isn't it? I don't know who will get hold of my letter because I don't have an exact address to which I can make this report. I want to inform you of the following evidence for the purpose of clearing up the Robert Kennedy tragedy - that is, the reason why and the circumstances under which Robert was murdered.

I am under the impression that your office dealt with and conducted the investigations for the prosecution. In 1968, I heard a long conversation in a bar in Manhattan, New York, in which a few men were talking about and amusing themselves with this matter. I didn't know if I should give this information to the prosecutors (FBI). I talked to a man in a high position in the U.S. Government. This man recommended that I not do anything with it because I am not an American citizen and it is possible that the suspicion would arise that I have some connection to the underworld (Mafia), or that I would get into unpleasant trouble with the Immigration Service that would create such a suspicion. Never in my life have I conducted profitable transactions against the law. I was or had been forced to make preparations for bringing (Mafia) narcotics into the U.S.A. from Thailand and Bogot^a. I later became acquainted with all of the facts after I had arranged everything.

Now, to come to the point. Why was Robert murdered? This is the primary reason:

In the J. F. Kennedy Administration, Robert was Attorney General. Robert was of the opinion that he was in a position to put an end to the Mafia and that the Organized Crime Section could be used for this purpose. It was public knowledge that Robert, with the help of his brother John serving in the "high command" as President, was in a position to put an end to the Mafia movement.

The Mafia decided to (1) kill the President and (2) to kill Robert also. The two of them were threatening the operations of the entire Mafia movement all over the country. A plan was formulated by the top bosses, as everything is done. I heard how these men were talking: "We" always find the right "hit man" to fulfill a contract. An unidentified man offered Sirhan 20 grand, and another unidentified man was offered 20 grand to "hit" Sirhan right away - that is to shoot Sirhan. Everything didn't go as planned. This is the reason why there is still today an unanswered question: Was there a second gun? Yes, there was. The first gun was that of Sirhan, who "hit" Robert, and the second gun was that of an unidentified "hit man" who had a contract to "hit" Sirhan. Everything happened so fast that no one saw who the unidentified "hit man" was and from what position he shot. The unidentified "hit man" was a perfect underworld "hit man" who knew exactly how and from where he could inconspicuously shoot at the same time that Sirhan was pulling the trigger.

The assassination of J. F. Kennedy was carried out for similar motives. Yesterday I sent a report and a list of motives to the FBI in Washington. This involved what I gathered from the conversation. I will tell you the names and whereabouts of these gentlemen if you are still interested in a further investigation. I can also produce a witness to whom I said in 1968 that Robert would be murdered because he was running for the Presidency. This person couldn't believe that I would say such things.

I will give you more details if you are interested. Please don't cause me any "difficulties" because I have concealed this information so long.

Until I hear from you, you have my best regards.

Respectfully,

(signed) [REDACTED]

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE:

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A letter dated October 16, 1975, from this same correspondent was received by the Bureau on October 20, 1975. Its content was similiar to that of the communication which is translated above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ADIC LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 12/4/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KENSALT
CIVIL RIGHTS

Rerep SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR. dated 6/9/68 at Los Angeles, pages 44 thru 107.

This is to advise that the writer received a phone call at 11:25 a.m. this date from a female caller advising that her name was "BROOKS" with CBS News in New York City. She advised that she was in possession of a FBI Report in connection with the ROBERT KENNEDY shooting in Los Angeles, California at the Ambassador Hotel. She requested some information about captions to photographs appearing in the report. I advised her that I could make "no comment". She continued that it would be off the record. I still informed her that I could not make any comment. I informed her that I could not answer any questions as I did not have the report she was referring to at hand. She asked who at Washington could answer the questions she had, and I said I did not know who would know, again stating that I did not know exactly what she was referring to. She said the photo's were taken by a photographer named FERNANDES and that my name also appeared in the particular section of the report. I said that I was sorry but that I could not make any comments. She thanked me and then hung up.

The above is being furnished for information purposes.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 1/16/76

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and four (4) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned [REDACTED]

For the information of the Bureau on 9/5/75, [REDACTED]

Nevada, advised that [REDACTED] had requested an interview with the FBI concerning information related to the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is somewhat unstable and information furnished by him should be considered in its proper prospective.

The Las Vegas Office interviewed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and furnished an FD 302, the contents of which are set forth in the LHM.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office were negative concerning [REDACTED]. In view of the information received from [REDACTED] no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

As all previous information obtained in this case has been disseminated to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and to the Los Angeles Police Department, copies of this LHM will be furnished to these departments.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, no further action is being taken by this office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
January 16, 1976

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised the Las Vegas Office of the FBI that [REDACTED] had requested an interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning information related to the assassination of Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED] at his request concerning a conversation he had with [REDACTED] in approximately June or July of 1974. He identified [REDACTED] This conversation, according to [REDACTED] took place in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was being held on [REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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1 - Los Angeles (56-156)
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] after becoming friends
[REDACTED] they discussed politics and briefly the
assassination of Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles. During
this conversation [REDACTED] mentioned that "she got away;"
however, [REDACTED] did not further discuss this aspect. [REDACTED]
also advised that "the gun that he used got switched;
Sirhan was innocent. Sirhan will get cut loose sooner
or later."

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L [REDACTED] no further statements
were made concerning this assassination. [REDACTED]
decided to make this information available to the FBI
due to the current interest in reopening the Kennedy
assassination.

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Date: 1/19/76

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

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Re Dallas airtel to Jacksonville, dated 11/4/75; Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau (ATTN: LABORATORY TRANSLATION UNIT), dated 10/23/75, captioned [REDACTED] Florida State Hospital, 6 West Chattahoochee, Florida; MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING;" Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated 11/10/75, captioned "KENSALT."

Referenced Dallas airtel enclosed for Los Angeles and Jacksonville a copy of a letter from [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] Florida 32434.

In this letter, [REDACTED] advised that he had pertinent information regarding the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY.

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- 1 - Dallas (175-9)
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Special Agent in Charge

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The Dallas Office indices contained no identifiable information regarding [REDACTED]

In this referenced communication, Jacksonville was requested to interview [REDACTED] regarding information set out in the enclosed letter and furnish pertinent information to the Bureau, and Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Office received a letter postmarked 10/17/75, from [REDACTED] Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Florida 32324, 6 West. This letter was written in German and Los Angeles forwarded this letter to the Laboratory Translation Unit for translation. A copy of this letter was also sent to the Jacksonville Office and Jacksonville was requested to check indices concerning [REDACTED] for any information which might be of assistance to the Bureau, in determining a course of action, as it should be noted that [REDACTED] return address is a Florida State Hospital.

No information identifiable with [REDACTED] was located in the files of the Los Angeles Division. It was requested that a copy of the English translation be sent to the Jacksonville Office.

Referenced Bureau letter to Los Angeles advised that letter, dated 10/16/75, from this same correspondent was received by the Bureau on 10/20/75. Its contents, according to the referenced Bureau letter, was similar to the communication which was translated above.

It is noted by the Los Angeles Office that the letter forwarded from Dallas from [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] and written in English, appears to be similar in handwriting to the letter received from [REDACTED] which was written in German.

It is requested that the Bureau advise as to what action was taken concerning the letter received on 10/20/75, from the same correspondent who forwarded the letter to the Los Angeles Office.

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The Jacksonville Office is requested to check through indices or conduct other logical investigation to determine if [REDACTED] who wrote the letter forwarded by Dallas, might be identical to [REDACTED] who forwarded the letters to both the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and to the Bureau.

Also, in connection with the captioned KENSALT matter, the Bureau is requested to advise, depending upon the outcome of the Jacksonville investigation, whether or not a letterhead memorandum (LHM) would be required in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

DATE: 1/26/76

Re Mobile airtel to the Bureau and Los Angeles, dated 9/29/75.

Referenced airtel enclosed for the Bureau
an FD 302 of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a letter written to [REDACTED] by
[REDACTED] and a letter directed to [REDACTED] from

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b7D These enclosures outline a story of an alleged second gun in the ROBERT F. KENNEDY Assassin.

In view of the testimony of a panel of experts relating to the second gun theory in this matter, no investigation is warranted concerning this phase of the KENSALT Investigation.

Also, [REDACTED] has requested that he not be identified [REDACTED] as having furnished this information and [REDACTED] not be shown these letters, it is suggested that this information not be disseminated to local authorities as it would be difficult to protect [REDACTED] identity. Also, as this case has not been reopened in the State of California for investigation, it is not likely that any follow-up investigation will be done by local authorities.

As the Bureau has already information in this matter, no letterhead memorandum will be prepared by Los Angeles, UACB and no further investigation will be conducted on this phase of the investigation.

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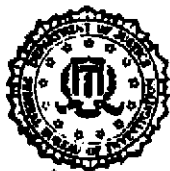
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. JK 89-10

Jacksonville, Florida
November 26, 1975

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

b7C [REDACTED] A letter dated October 16, 1975 from [REDACTED] written entirely in the German language was received by the FBI, Los Angeles, California. The letter was forwarded to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., for translation into English and reads as follows:

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

The envelope is addressed to FBI, 11000 Wilshire, Los Angeles, California 90024. The postmark was affixed at Chattahoochee, Florida, on October 17, 1975, and the envelope bears the following return address:

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[REDACTED]
6 West
Florida State Hospital
Chattahoochee, Florida 32324

October 16, 1975

Dear sirs,

I am writing to you in German because I cannot write English very well. It is also better for security reasons, isn't it? I don't know who will get hold of my letter because I don't have an exact address to which I can make this report. I want to inform you of the following evidence for the purpose of clearing up the Robert Kennedy tragedy - that is, the reason why and the circumstances under which Robert was murdered.

I am under the impression that your office dealt with and conducted the investigations for the prosecution. In 1968, I heard a long conversation in a bar in Manhattan, New York, in which a few men were talking about and amusing themselves with this matter. I didn't know if I should give this information to the prosecutors (FBI). I talked to a man in a high position in the U.S. Government. This man recommended that I not do anything with it because I am not an American citizen and it is possible that the suspicion would arise that I have some connection to the underworld (Mafia), or that I would get into unpleasant trouble with the Immigration Service that would create such a suspicion. Never in my life have I conducted profitable transactions against the law. I was or had been forced to make preparations for bringing (Mafia) narcotics into the U.S.A. from Thailand and Bogota. I later became acquainted with all of the facts after I had arranged everything.

Now, to come to the point. Why was Robert murdered? This is the primary reason:

In the J. F. Kennedy Administration, Robert was Attorney General. Robert was of the opinion that he was in a position to put an end to the Mafia and that the Organized Crime Section could be used for this purpose. It was public knowledge that Robert, with the help of his brother John serving in the "high command" as President, was in a position to put an end to the Mafia movement.

The Mafia decided to (1) kill the President and (2) to kill Robert also. The two of them were threatening the operations of the entire Mafia movement all over the country. A plan was formulated by the top bosses, as everything is done. I heard how these men were talking: "We" always find the right "hit man" to fulfill a contract. An unidentified man offered Sirhan 20 grand, and another unidentified man was offered 20 grand to "hit" Sirhan right away - that is to shoot Sirhan. Everything didn't go as planned. This is the reason why there is still today an unanswered question: Was there a second gun? Yes, there was. The first gun was that of Sirhan, who "hit" Robert, and the second gun was that of an unidentified "hit man" who had a contract to "hit" Sirhan. Everything happened so fast that no one saw who the unidentified "hit man" was and from what position he shot. The unidentified "hit man" was a perfect underworld "hit man" who knew exactly how and from where he could inconspicuously shoot at the same time that Sirhan was pulling the trigger.

The assassination of J. F. Kennedy was carried out for similar motives. Yesterday I sent a report and a list of motives to the FBI in Washington. This involved what I gathered from the conversation. I will tell you the names and whereabouts of these gentlemen if you are still interested in a further investigation. I can also produce a witness to whom I said in 1968 that Robert would be murdered because he was running for the Presidency. This person couldn't believe that I would say such things.

I will give you more details if you are interested. Please don't cause me any "difficulties" because I have concealed this information so long.

Until I hear from you, you have my best regards.

Respectfully,

(signed) [REDACTED]

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE:

A letter dated October 16, 1975, from this same correspondent was received by the Bureau on October 20, 1975. Its content was similar to that of the communication which is translated above.

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN AND TRANSCRIPTION FROM
PHONETIC ENGLISH

Envelope, postmarked Chattahoochee, Fla., 10/17/75,
is addressed to the FBI Bureau (sic), Washington, D.C.

The return address reads:

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[REDACTED]
6 West
Florida State Hospital
Chattahoochee, Florida 32314

October 16, 1975

Gentlemen:

The time has come for me to tell you what I've
been keeping to myself for a long time.

I'm writing in the German language because my English
isn't that good and, secondly, because there are always nosy
people around, looking over my shoulder to see what I'm doing.
Everybody here knows that I've something to do with the
underworld. I've often been warned to keep my mouth shut,
otherwise I would be killed. Well, in 1970 an attempt was made
when I was shot twice in my stomach and my life was saved in
a hospital. [REDACTED]

From 1965 to 1969 I lived in New York, working as
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] can't tell you now how I became involved
with the underworld (Mafia). Before I do, we'll have to come
to a clear understanding on some conditions I have.

TRANSLATED BY: [REDACTED]

October 22, 1975

And now I want to tell you the plain truth about the murders of President J.F. Kennedy and his brother Robert. When I was making new kitchen cabinets for Jaffy, I said to Mrs. Jaffy: "You'll see, Robert will get murdered before he reaches the office of the President." It was inconceivable to her that I would make such a statement. A few weeks later, I was in the "Umberto Claim House" Restaurant located in Manhattan in New York City. Sitting next to my table were some men talking about how everything turned out well with the murders of Robert and John. They talked about how "we" always find the right man for a "hit," meaning a contract for the killing of a person. It's a very interesting case to see and understand everything clearly. They used many Italian words, making it hard for me to understand everything. One of the men with gray hair, not very tall, slender, speaking in a soft voice, said that Oswald had been offered 50 grand to kill J.F. Kennedy and that Jack Ruby was offered 20 grand to kill Oswald right after he had shot John Kennedy. Ruby was at the wrong place to rub out Oswald and consequently was nabbed by the police. Ruby had good connections with the Mafia, as I was able to gather from this conversation. Russia and Rosenko had nothing to do with the assassination of Kennedy.

The assassination of Robert Kennedy was carried out in the same manner. A stranger offered Sirhan 20 grand to assassinate Robert. Another man had been given a contract to kill Sirhan immediately after Robert was assassinated. Investigations showed that many more bullets had been fired than those found on Robert's body. As I recall, five shots had been fired. As a result, a question was raised about the possibility of a second gun. It's "true" that a second gun was to have been used, not to kill Robert but to rub out Sirhan. The "hit" man was paid 20 grand for this job. Sirhan knows well that he had better keep his mouth shut; otherwise he will get killed like all the others.

Before the assassination of Robert Kennedy, I met and talked for hours with the soft-spoken man about all kinds of things, politics and the "Cosa Nostra," which means "our family" in Italian. It's interesting what goes on there.

I'm very sorry that I'm only now able to tell you all these things. There are many reasons for this. I had nothing to do with the assassination of the two Kennedy brothers. At the time John Kennedy was murdered I was in Africa. And when Robert Kennedy was killed, I was, as far as I recall, working for [REDACTED] (I heard the news of his assassination on the radio).

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I neither hope nor expect that I'll be "framed" in any way for the assassinations or for withholding this information for such a long time. I always believed that the police would be able to uncover all this by themselves. Today it sounds unbelievable to me how the Mafia can be so clever and crafty in carrying out assassinations.

The James Hoffa case is interesting, don't you think? Why don't you bring in and put behind bars Tony Giacalone, Leonard Schultz and Antony Provenzano? They are the people who know full well that Hoffa would be killed. Charge them with conspiracy to murder Hoffa. Maybe Sam Barry took him. They know quite well how everything was planned. Because of this threecome it was possible to talk Hoffa into coming to a meeting that never was. Everything was a well-planned trick to get him.

When I'm free next year, I'll take this case and try to solve it, for it has remained a big mystery to date. I've some very good connections in the underworld.

Please don't try to make use of the things I've just told you. Otherwise I'll be forced to stop talking.

I've good contacts all over the United States. I speak English quite well, but I can't write well. Maybe it's better for my own protection to write everything in German. At any rate, I kindly ask you not to tell anybody who told you or how you found out about these circumstances. I want to help you to clear up the case. If you need a sworn statement, please let me know/I'll be happy to oblige you.

and

Very truly yours,

And now I would like to tell you why I'm being held here in the Florida State Hospital. I have been accused of having [redacted]. The police are still trying to "frame" me [redacted]. My case is one of the most interesting cases you have ever heard of [redacted]

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[REDACTED] is responsible for
[REDACTED] He is the "hit" man. I know that he has killed
about 14 people. He had killed his first man in 1960, for
which he was convicted and sent to [REDACTED] He was
paroled in 1968.

He was [REDACTED]
at that time I found out all about his involvements.

[REDACTED]
he didn't like the idea. He set it up so that [REDACTED] not
killed, and [REDACTED]
After everything was over, he told me what was going on. At
that time he also told me that he had had enough time to get
rid of [REDACTED] so that the police wouldn't find out
about the 8 or 9 murders he had committed together with his
partner. In 1971 alone he killed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I know he killed several more
people during 1971, but I never found out who they were and when
they had been killed. He did it with another guy who was also
[REDACTED] family and for a big narcotics
ring. Several guys from this narcotics ring have been arrested
and one of them has also been charged with murder. I found this
out on the [REDACTED] when I was visited by two
investigators from [REDACTED] and after I informed them
who killed [REDACTED] they kept asking me if I had something
to do with the murder.

[REDACTED] they told me I
knew too much; I had something to do with it. I know that the
[REDACTED] I
reported to the police that my gun had been stolen. Anyway
I reported it after [REDACTED] had already been killed. I never
knew exactly when he took it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
never found this out from him. They only knew it because I
told them. They never charged me. They had me in Miami a year
ago for questioning. They tried to blame me for the murder.
When they arrived at a dead end they wouldn't take my word for
it. They frame whoever is the best possibility. That's the
psychology (sic) of [REDACTED]

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There is also one detective who is involved in a narcotic ring and prostitution. He hates me like nothing else. He threatened my life. If I make a wrong move, he will kill me wherever I am, or he will put me behind bars for the rest of my life. I can't do anything about the Police Department. I don't know what to do.

me,
If you want to get in touch with me, you better hurry. Next week I'll be going before a staff board, and I will pass. My team is now convinced that there is nothing wrong with me. Everything is proving now that I am right.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Please get in touch with me before I leave this place. I don't know what will happen to me in the coming future. As long as I'm alive you can talk to me. You know that a dead body can never tell a story. Now I am ready to talk. I have a strange feeling that something will happen to me. I always had feelings like this in the past. I have been through a lot of hell.

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The following letter was received by the
Dallas Office of the FBI from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and reads as follows:

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[REDACTED]

Oct. 18. 1975

Dear Sir!

I like to turn you over Important
Information, about the assassination
of the Kennedys. I was same day 1968
with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] together he is about
70 years old. He told me that Robert
get "hit" killed before he runs for
President it will happen when he campaign
and so far? Later on, after he was
death I overheard a conversation between
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and a guy from Texas
and Illinois the are describe, was talking
how well we "sati everything up and
it worked" out and so far! I heard several
days ago that still a investigation is
going about in can be involved?
The Soviet have nothing to do in the
Kennedy murder. It was a inside job
from the Mafia. Way and so far I
tell you in Person when you still inter-
ested what is all about. You have to
let me know at a bluff address when you
like to see me. I let you know me

you can get a hold of me.

Or, wenn you need a sworn statement
I send it to you, notarized, what
ever is convenient for you.

Wen you write me bag, send me
a document ruled out from the Court
that I don't get charged for holding
bag conceal evidence in both murders
cases. I had a lot of reasons may?

I. The safety of my life.

II. The billet my wife several years ago.
Since she released me I am ready
to talk and tell you exactly
how it was read up, and notar.

I have nothing to do in the Murders.
I will tell you a little more about
other involvements at the time we
the hit D. F. Kennedy I was working
in Africa. We the killed Robert
I was working at New York. I am

67C Please hold everything secret
that never anything leaks thru
the news.

with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely

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On November 13, 1975, [redacted] also known as [redacted] Chattahoochee, Florida, was contacted at the hospital and [redacted] acknowledged having written several letters to the FBI in various cities concerning information regarding the "Assassination of John and Robert Kennedy."

It was noted [redacted] has an accent and limited proficiency in the English language.

[redacted] advised he was born [redacted] in Germany and immigrated to the United States in [redacted] [redacted] advised he remains a German citizen. [redacted] advised he is [redacted]

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[redacted] he stated he is [redacted] and [redacted] advised he has been taken off his tranquilizer medication for about a month.

[redacted] advised he became associated with the "Mafia or LCN" after coming to the United States but did not become a member.

[redacted] advised that "In the Summer of 1968, [redacted] New York told me any Kennedy who runs for president will get killed". [redacted] at the time but was at a loss as to explaining why [redacted] would tell him that.

[redacted] stated that on an unrecalled date, [redacted] and several others were seated in the Umberto Clam House, an Italian restaurant in New York City, discussing the killing of the Kennedys.

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[REDACTED] stated he was seated nearby with some friends, however, he did not hear everything that was said.

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[REDACTED] digressed to the subject concerning the death of [REDACTED] stating that it could not be ascertained how [REDACTED] died and consequently did not understand how [REDACTED] exhibited a letter from his attorney, [REDACTED] Florida, in which [REDACTED] stated he was unable to form a defense for [REDACTED] as he had received approximately eleven different versions from [REDACTED] concerning the circumstances of [REDACTED] death. [REDACTED] pointed out in the letter that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any more information than that set out in the letter he has written and believes he is being "framed by the Dade County Police Department for following instructions from the 'Mafia'".

[REDACTED] furnished a signed statement authorizing release of information from his record at Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Florida.

On November 13, 1975, [REDACTED] Clinical Social Worker, Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Florida, advised [REDACTED] was committed by the Circuit Court, Dade County, Florida, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is obsessed with thoughts of his connections with the "Mafia" who will sometime in the future help [REDACTED] to escape from the hospital.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (89-10) (C)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
(OO: DL)

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Re LA airtel to Bureau, 10/23/75, captioned
[REDACTED] FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL, 6 WEST, CHATTAHOOCHEE,
FLORIDA; Bureau nitel (facsimile) to JK, 10/29/75,
captioned, "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS;" Bureau letter to LA, 11/10/75,
captioned, [REDACTED] FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL, 6 WEST,
CHATTAHOOCHEE, FLORIDA; DL airtel to JK and LA,
11/4/75, captioned, "KENSALT, OO: LA".

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
five copies of an LHM containing results of interview
with [REDACTED] patient at
Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Florida.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of LHM
regarding interview with [REDACTED]

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Jacksonville indices negative on [REDACTED]

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No copy of enclosed LHM being furnished USA,
NDF, Tallahassee, Florida, inasmuch as [REDACTED] as not
furnished any information of value.

No further investigation being conducted regarding
this matter by Jacksonville Division.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-887)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-793) (RUC)
SUBJ: KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, dated 1/19/76,
captioned as above and Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated
11/26/75, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS," Bufile 62-109060.

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For the information of receiving offices, the referenced
Jacksonville airtel forwarded to the Bureau, Dallas, and Los
Angeles an LHM captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F.
KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS," dated 11/26/75. This LHM
contained the English translation of letters written to Los
Angeles and the Bureau by [REDACTED] and a letter to Dallas
from [REDACTED] and the results of the interview conducted by
Jacksonville Agents of [REDACTED]

Since [REDACTED] is a patient in a mental hospital at
Chattahoochee, Florida, and an LHM has been submitted by
Jacksonville concerning this matter, it is recommended that
no further investigation be conducted by other offices regarding
this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-) AND ADIC,
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FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (62-15164)

RENYALT; (OO LOS ANGELES)

RE BUREAU FACSIMILE TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, FEBRUARY
11, (1976.

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1976, [REDACTED] PSYCHIATRIST,
N. E. MASSAU PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, KINGS PARK, NEW YORK,
VERIFIED [REDACTED] AS PATIENT AT ABOVE INSTITUTION
DECEMBER 11, (1975 THROUGH FEBRUARY (11, (1976. [REDACTED] ALL
ADVISED UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE [REDACTED] IT NOW b7C
MEDICAL RELEASE.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REFLECT MOST
CURRENT ADDRESS [REDACTED] NEW
YORK, C/O [REDACTED] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] NEGATIVE TO DATE.

NEW YORK AT GARDEN CITY RESIDENT AGENCY. WILL
CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
END.

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GLB FBI LOS ANGELES FOR TWO

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Date: 3/5/76

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: Los AngelesRe New York teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles
3/1/76.Referenced teletype refers to Bureau facsimile
teletype to New York dated 2/11/76.New York is requested to send Los Angeles copy
of facsimile teletype from Bureau, as Los Angeles has no
background information concerning [REDACTED]ALL
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Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : ADIC LOS ANGELES (56-156) DATE: 3-18-76

FROM : ADIC NEW YORK (62-15169) (P)

SUBJECT: KEN SALT
(OO: LA)

REF: LA AIRTEL TO BUREAU, 3/5/76.

ATTACHED HEREWITH FOR LOS ANGELES
ARE COPY OF LETTER FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHICH WERE FORWARDED TO THE
NYO VIA BUREAU FACSIMILE TETATYPE
DATED 2/11/76.

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BY

DEAR SENATOR KENNEDY:

Kennedy
Accusation

My NAME IS [REDACTED]

I Am Confined To The Northeast NASSAU
Psychiatric Hospital in Kings park L.I.
New York (Voluntarily)

The Reason I Am Here is That
in April of 1967, I was Taken To
SAN FRANCISCO CALIF. BY A MAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (who was once one of the stars
of the CANDID CAMERA) AND Through
him was offered a large amount of
money To carry out a job with a
SMALL CALIBER PISTOL AT THE AMBASSADOR
Hotel in Los Angeles [REDACTED] POINTED
me out To A GROUP OF BUSINESS MEN

AND THE offer was made by one of
them in a small dinghy Hotel Room
off of Union Square in SAN FRANCISCO

previous To this (a month or so
earlier) I was hit in the HEAD AND
operated ON in NEW ORLEANS by a
Doc named [REDACTED] one of

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The Co-Conspirators in The O.A.
Anderson Case Against Clay Shaw.

I had previously been a Drug
Addict and was arrested in New York
on a shooting charge although I was
only an accessory to the crime.

Dr. [REDACTED] who is assigned
to my case here says to forget it.
But somehow I can't.

Two weeks before the assassination
of your Brother Bobby I was in jail
because I turned myself in and I
related this story to the Deputy warden
of the L.A. County Jail, and never
heard from them again until the
morning of the assassination, when they
called me to the office of the warden
and questioned me all day, especially
about someone named [REDACTED] whom I
did not know.

While in New Orleans in the
winter of that year I was introduced
to a man named [REDACTED] who

Looked very much like Nathan Seltan.
I would like to get this thing
Altered up in my own head for my
own satisfaction. Please help me if you
can.

Sincerely

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P.S. A complete copy of these
happenings was sent (or taken)
to the P.B.I. in New York in
1972.

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

3/24/76

ADIC NEW YORK (62-15164) (RUC)

KENSALT
(OO:LA)

ReNYteletype to the Bureau and Los Angeles, 3/1/76;
LAairtel to the Bureau, 3/5/76; NY facsimile teletype to Los
Angeles, 3/18/76.

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For the information of receiving offices, as per
reNYteletype to the Bureau and Los Angeles, hospital records
regarding [REDACTED] are not available without a
medical release signed by [REDACTED] was referred
to the Bureau of Social Services for Nassau County, County
Seat Drive, Mineola, NY, by the staff at Northeast Nassau
Psychiatric Hospital, Kings Park, NY.

According to [REDACTED]
Nassau Department of Social Services,
was referred on 2/13/76, to [REDACTED]
NY, for temporary housing.

On 3/2/76, [REDACTED] was contacted and advised
that on date not recalled, he received a telephonic contact
from an individual who introduced himself as [REDACTED]
indicating a referral for temporary housing from the Nassau
County Bureau of Social Services. [REDACTED] furnished
this caller with pertinent information, direction, etc.,
however, [REDACTED] never arrived.

Repeated contacts with [REDACTED] and with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have failed to develop any new information as to the
current location of [REDACTED]

In view of the NYO's inability to locate and
interview [REDACTED] and the fact that he has made no further
attempts to resolve this matter since leaving Northeast Nassau
Psychiatric Hospital, this matter is being RUC'd, subject to
reopening upon the developing of any additional details.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (C)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

DATE: 4/19/76

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated 1/26/76; Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/5/76; New York letter to the Bureau, dated 3/24/76.

All phases of this investigation have been brought to a logical conclusion.

No current investigation remains outstanding at Los Angeles; therefore, this case will be considered closed pending any further developments.

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Date April 30, 19691

LARRY DAKER [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He is presently a student [REDACTED] having transferred from [REDACTED]. He was with a group of students from [REDACTED] who accompanied Senator ROBERT KENNEDY to Portland, Oregon, and to Los Angeles, California.

He had left the Embassy Room of the Ambassadors Hotel in Los Angeles just prior to the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. He did not observe the shooting, and at no time did he observe SIRHAN SIRHAN. He has no knowledge of any conspiracy upon the life of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 4/25/69 at Dayton, Ohio

File # 175-6-33

by SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 4/28/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 27, 1968

Mrs. MARY RUTH SALING, Morgantown, Kentucky, advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, she was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She was on a Greyhound Bus Tour with her mother, Mrs. OPAL OAKLEY and her eight-year-old daughter, SHARON SALING.

Mrs. SALING advised that she did not see or hear anything unusual previous to the morning when they were questioned by a police officer and learned of the trouble. She stated that she had never heard of SIRHAN and had not seen him around the hotel.

On 9/24/68 at Morgantown, Kentucky File # 56-156-3191
Louisville 89-78-34
by SA [REDACTED] b7C Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 27, 1968

Mrs. OPAL OAKLEY, Morgantown, Kentucky, advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She was in the motel section of the hotel with her daughter Mrs. RUTH SALING and her eight-year-old granddaughter SHARON SALING.

On the night of June 4, 1968, the three of them took a walk at approximately 9:00 p.m., returned to the lobby for a short time and retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. They did not see or hear anything unusual that night or previously. On the morning of June 5, 1968, they walked outside the room and were stopped by a police officer and asked to show their key after being asked if they were guests of the hotel. This was the only thing out of the ordinary that happened to her on this occasion.

On 9/24/68 at Morgantown, Kentucky File # 56-156-3192
Louisville 89-78-32
by SA [REDACTED] b7C Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/9/68

Mrs. ALLEYNE MADDOX, [REDACTED] advised that she and two companions, Mrs. PHYLLIS HARVEY of [REDACTED] Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS of [REDACTED] Lexington, Kentucky, had joined a Greyhound BUS Tour which departed from Chicago, Illinois, on May 26, 1968. About twenty persons were on the tour, however, only the above three individuals were from Lexington, Kentucky. She advised the three left the tour about June 14, 1968, at St. Louis, Missouri.

She advised the three ladies shared a room in one of the detached buildings on the rear grounds of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4 and 5, 1968.

She stated all three had been in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968, just watching the crowd. However, they retired at about 11:30 PM and all three went to their room together. She stated while in the lobby they did not see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or any of his party.

She advised the three ladies had no knowledge whatsoever concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until they turned on their television in their room the following morning of June 5, 1968, and that all three were greatly shocked upon learning the news of his assassination.

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b7C She advised that none of the three ladies had any knowledge of any conspiracy and had never before heard of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

She advised that Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS is not presently at her residence in Lexington, Kentucky, as she has gone to Florida where she will spend the winter. She

On 10/3/68 at Lexington, Ky. File # 56-156-3193
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/3/68

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b7c advised that Mrs. AYERS had been residing with a daughter at [REDACTED] Florida. She stated however that the most recent address she has for Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS is that she is now residing in an apartment at [REDACTED] Apartment [REDACTED] Florida.

She stated she knew of her own knowledge that Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS had no knowledge whatsoever concerning any conspiracy regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that also Mrs. AYERS had never heard of and did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN except what she had heard through the news subsequent to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/9/68

Mrs. PHYLLIS HARVEY, [REDACTED] advised that she was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, the night of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She explained that she had been on a Greyhound Bus tour which originated in Chicago, Illinois. She was accompanied by two friends, Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS, whose residence is [REDACTED] Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. ALLEYNE MADDOX, whose residence is [REDACTED] Road, Lexington, Kentucky. All three were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, and all three were staying together sharing a room in one of the buildings on the grounds at the rear of the main Ambassador Hotel. They had all three been together in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel where they were watching the crowd and had retired rather late that night at approximately 11:30 PM. They had no knowledge concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the following morning of June 5, 1968, at which time they heard the news when they turned on the television. While in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, they did not see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or any of his party as they were in another section.

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She advised they knew of no conspiracy and did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and had never heard of him prior to the above incident.

She advised that Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS is presently residing in an apartment in Florida, where she will spend the winter. She advised Mrs. AYERS can be contacted through an address at [REDACTED] Florida. She stated however, that she knew of her own knowledge that Mrs. AYERS could furnish no additional pertinent information concerning the assassination of Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY.

She remarked that all three were greatly shocked the morning of June 5, 1968, when they learned over the news

On 10/3/68 at Lexington, Ky.

File # 86-156-3154
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by SA [REDACTED]

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REMARKS:

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SAC Stanley S. Czarnecki

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

Mrs. JOSEPH KUBAY, [REDACTED] Johnstown, Pa., advised that she and her husband were part of a Greyhound tour which arrived in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. She advised that they had reservations at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and that they arrived in their room at approximately 4:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968. She stated that when leaving the following day, they learned of the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY, and that they saw nothing unusual while in the hotel.

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On 11/15/68 at Johnstown, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583 - 5A
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11/19/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

Mr. JOSEPH KUBAY, [REDACTED] Johnstown, Pa., advised that he and his wife were part of a Greyhound tour which arrived in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He advised that they had reservations at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, and that they arrived in their room at approximately 4:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He stated that when leaving the following day, they learned of the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY, and that they saw nothing unusual while in the hotel.

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On 11/15/68 at Johnstown, Pa.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/25/68

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Mrs. SAM DIEMER, [REDACTED] Fairmont, W. Va., advised that it is possible that she and her husband were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, however, she and her husband did not arrive at that hotel on that date.

Mrs. DIEMER explained that she and her husband were on a tour conducted by the Berry Tour Service, which originated in Chicago, Illinois, approximately a week prior to that date. They departed Chicago via train and visited a number of places en route to San Francisco, California, where they arrived on June 1, 1968. While en route across to Arizona, some difficulty arose in the air conditioning system which allowed a considerable amount of dust to enter the train. Mr. DIEMER is an asthmatic and this effected him considerably. He required the attention of a doctor while on the train and was attended by a physician for the three days that he was in a hotel in San Francisco. Because of his condition, the remainder of the tour was cancelled and Mrs. DIEMER advised that she and her husband departed from San Francisco, California, on June 3, 1968, flying to Pittsburgh, Pa., and then returned to their home in Fairmont, W. Va.

Mr. DIEMER advised that she and her husband knew nothing about the happenings at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, except what they have read in the newspapers and heard on television.

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On 11/15/68 at Fairmont, W. Va. File # Pittsburgh 44-583 -57
by SA [REDACTED] 11/18/68
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/68

MARIE E. RATCLIFFE, [REDACTED] wife of ROBERT W. RATCLIFFE, was interviewed and concurred with the information furnished by her husband. She was unable to furnish any additional information and did not recall seeing any suspicious individuals or activity during her stay at the hotel.

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On 11/1/68 at Greentree, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583 - 54
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/6/68

Date _____

ROBERT W. RATCLIFFE, [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised that he and his wife, MARIE, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at approximately 4:30 PM on June 4, 1968. They were part of a Greyhound tour out of Chicago, Illinois.

He and his wife ate dinner in the hotel restaurant and at 8:30 PM went into the Embassy Room to await the election returns. At approximately 10:30 PM, he and his wife, tired from the day's travel, went to their room in the hotel annex and went to bed.

It was not until the following morning at breakfast that he and his wife learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been killed in the hotel.

He did not recall seeing any suspicious individuals or activity during the period of time he was in the hotel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/24/68

Mrs. ANNA L. WHITE, [REDACTED] Pa., advised that she has relatives in the Los Angeles, Calif., area and stated that she desired to make a visit to that area during the latter part May or early June, 1968. She stated that she made inquiry concerning a Greyhound Bus tour which was leaving from Chicago, Ill., proceeding to Los Angeles, Calif., and returning to Chicago. She stated that she determined through this inquiry that the schedule of the bus tour would not be satisfactory to her and, therefore, she proceeded to Los Angeles ahead of the scheduled tour and made arrangements to return from Los Angeles to Chicago, Ill., with the tour. She stated that according to arrangements made by her, she was to join the tour on June 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. WHITE advised that the tour arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, June 4, 1968; however, she stated that she was not with the tour at that time, and did not stay at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. She stated that she contacted the hotel on or about June 5, 1968, and made arrangements to stay at the hotel on the night of June 6, 1968, in order that she could join the tour on June 7, 1968.

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Mrs. WHITE advised that she could not explain how her name got on the list of registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968; however, she stated that it is possible that her name was included on the list of the tour members and, therefore, would have been included on the register of the hotel guests.

Mrs. WHITE advised that the Greyhound tour was a 20-day tour leaving from Chicago, Ill., proceeding to California, and returning. She stated that she flew to California on May 24, 1968, and joined the tour on June 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel for the return to Chicago. Mrs. WHITE advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, she was staying with relatives in Santa Ana, Calif.

On 10/15/68 at Franklin, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583-52
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/68

EVELYN PLANAVSKY, [REDACTED]
Pa., was interviewed at her place of employment, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

She and two companions, HENRIETTA STERLITZ and DELORES KNAPEK, were part of a tour booked with the Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa. She and her companions, arrived in Los Angeles on June 2, 1968, and registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

When she learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel, and was to speak later that day, she and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby from approximately 6:00 p.m., until the shooting occurred.

She did not notice any suspicious activity in the hotel during this period, other than two teenage boys and one teenage girl who would pop balloons and then comment in bad taste that KENNEDY had been shot.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, she heard several shots and heard someone comment that KENNEDY had been shot. A few minutes later she observed police officers take the assassin from the hotel. This was the only time she had seen that individual. After observing SIRHAN being taken from the hotel, she returned to her room.

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On 9/24/68 at Brackenridge, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583 - 47

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/30/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/68

DELORES KNAPEK, [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised that she and two companions, HENRIETTA STERLITZ and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour through Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and arrived in Los Angeles on June 2, 1968. While there, they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When she learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and that a victory rally was planned, she and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby from approximately 6:00 p.m., until 12:15 a.m., the following morning. She stated that the hotel was packed with people and during that period of time she did not see anyone acting in a suspicious manner. She did not see or overhear the comments of the teenagers which her two companions had heard.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard several shots and went into the Embassy Room. There she heard an unknown individual say that KENNEDY had been shot and then she saw another man with blood on his head. She then returned to the corridor and saw the Los Angeles Police taking SIRHAN from the hotel. She had not seen this individual in the hotel prior to that time. After SIRHAN had been taken from the hotel, she returned to her room.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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HENRIETTA STERLITZ, [REDACTED] was interviewed at her place of employment, [REDACTED]. She and two companions, DELORES KNAPER and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour with Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and left Pittsburgh enroute to San Francisco and ultimately Los Angeles, California. They arrived in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1968, and registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

HENRIETTA ultimately learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and was to speak later that day. She and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby, outside the rest room area, in order to see Senator KENNEDY and hear what he had to say. She advised that they remained in that corridor from approximately 6:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, until 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, when the shooting occurred.

While in the corridor, the only suspicious activity she observed involved two teenage boys and one teenage girl. They would occasionally pop balloons, which had been placed in the hotel for the victory rally and after the balloons were popped they would say, "What's all the excitement," and another would reply, "Kennedy's dead." They did this several times and, at the time, she felt that they were just horsing around even though it was in bad taste.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard three or four shots. At the time, she thought that someone was popping more balloons until she heard an unknown individual say, "They shot Kennedy, Kennedy's dead." She did not believe it at first, but when she saw one of KENNEDY's group carried out of the hotel and heard all the crying and commotion, she was convinced.

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She saw individuals that she believed to be officers from the Los Angeles Police Department take the assassin from the hotel. She had not seen him during the six or seven hours she had been standing in the corridor. After seeing SIRHAN taken from the hotel she returned to her room. She could furnish no further information concerning this matter.

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FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) ATTN: FOI SECTION
RE: KENSALT

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Re Bureau telephone call from FOI Section on 6/8/76.

Enclosed are three envelopes of negatives of prints that appear in Los Angeles report of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR. dated 6/9/68 and captioned, "KENSALT."

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 RE: KENSALT

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 6/16/76 and Los Angeles telephone call to the Bureau, FOIPA Section, 6/28/76.

Enclosures forwarded by referenced communication were duplicated at Los Angeles and made available to Los Angeles District Attorney JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP, who has expressed a desire to be kept abreast of information being released under the FOI Act in captioned matter.

On 6/28/76, Mr. VAN DE KAMP advised that he had directed a letter to FBI Headquarters requesting copies of information released in captioned matter. By mutual agreement, it was decided that any information released under the FOI Act and furnished to Los Angeles would be duplicated at Los Angeles and furnished to the Office of Mr. VAN DE KAMP. Mr. VAN DE KAMP requested no action be taken regarding his letter to the Bureau in this matter.

The Bureau is requested to furnish Los Angeles all information released in captioned matter under the FOI Act.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will furnish copies of released information to District Attorney VAN DE KAMP

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Subject's name and aliases

SIRHAN SIRHAN

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Complainant

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 7/6 Time 10:20AM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

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Facts of complaint

C called from East LA Municipal Court on East 3d, LA [redacted] C said he had info re the Robert Kennedy murder. Source of info is Sirhan Sirhan. C and Sirhan [redacted] C will provide info in exchange for what ever FBI can do to help him w/ the local authorities. C told that the FBI would not & could not make deals. C mentioned that Sirhan had already had a Ronald Woods, W/M 26 murdered in the Nevada State Pen because he was talking to Fed agents about the same info. He stated that Woods had also been [redacted] to Sirhan. C claims to have [redacted]

Action Recommended

Contact agent [redacted], LA..

(Agent)

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Date 4/19/76TO: AAC, L.A.FROM: SA [Signature]RE: File No. 56-156

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 8, 1976

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On July 6, 1976, [REDACTED]
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called this office from the East Los Angeles Municipal
Court [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] he had information on the
Robert Kennedy murder and that the source of his information
was Sirhan Sirhan [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he would provide information
in exchange for whatever the Federal Bureau of Investigation
could do to help him with the local authorities. [REDACTED]
was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would
not and could not make any deal with him.

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In connection with another investigation conducted
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Re: [REDACTED]

Sirhan was going to write an article about Sirhan that would be a complete fabrication and Sirhan was fearful that it would effect his parole status. Sirhan had another inmate at San Quentin Penitentiary write up an affidavit to the effect that Sirhan had never confided in or furnished information to Wood and that Wood intended to fictionalize the information for an alleged magazine article.

Information was received from the Las Vegas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Ronald Wood was received at the Nevada State Penitentiary on March 30, 1973, from San Quentin Penitentiary as a protective custody prisoner and was found dead in his cell on September 21, 1974. Wood had been bludgeoned to death and his murder has not been solved to date. Two theories were advanced in connection with this murder, one that he was an informant and another that he was a known drug salesman in prison and that he had sold drugs that were substandard and had refused a refund on these drugs.

No further inquiry or investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the information furnished by [REDACTED]

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Date: 7/8/76

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(C)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning information received from [REDACTED]

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One copy of this letterhead memorandum is being disseminated to the office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office were negative concerning [REDACTED]. There is a reference to RONALD WOOD in Los Angeles file 164-699 captioned, "UNSUBS; [REDACTED] CAA - AIR PIRACY," OO: San Francisco, Bufile 164-2660, San Francisco 164-305.

For the information of the Bureau, by San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated 4/16/73, two copies of a letter dated 4/5/73, written by SIRHAN SIRHAN and enclosing documents concerning RONALD JOHN WOOD were forwarded to the Bureau.

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No further investigation is being conducted
on this matter by the Los Angeles Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-0)

DATE: 7/22/76

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: KILLING OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Joseph Gall appeared at the FBI office instant date and advised that he is a former broadcasting engineer with CBS. Gall stated that he was present during the killing of Robert Kennedy and that he believes he has some vital information which he has come to realize could be significant to the investigation of the killing.

Attached is a copy of a note Gall had in his possession which relates what his knowledge is concerning the killing.

Gall related he has tried to give this information to the District Attorney, but he has failed to return any calls.

Gall advised he was giving the attached to help the FBI in any investigation they conduct relating to the killing.

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I was at the Ambassadors Hotel that evening-- working with a television news and public affairs unit. At the approximate time of the assassination, in another area of the hotel, I was speaking with a hotel employee who, in response to a casual comment, became quite disturbed and irrational. It was impossible to follow all he was saying-- but his feelings were clear: he hated certain minorities and the politicians who supported and encouraged them. He spoke with an accent and said he was from Ceylon.

Later, when asked to comment on this experience the District Attorney's Office informed our news department they knew nothing of a hotel employee as I described him-- that each employee had been investigated at the time and I "had nothing to worry about".

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Complaint Form
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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☒ Negative ☐ See below

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Subject's name and aliases

SIRHAN SIRHAN

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Character of case

89-AFD Dm 56

Complainant

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 7/6 Time 10:20 AM

Address of subject

[Redacted]

Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

C called from East LA Municipal Court on East 3rd, LA [Redacted]

[Redacted] C said he had info re the Robert Kennedy murder. Source of info is Sirhan Sirhan. C and Sirhan [Redacted]

C will provide info in exchange for what ever FBI can do to help him w/ the local authorities. C told that the FBI would not & could not make deals. C mentioned that Sirhan had already had a Ronald Woods, W/M 26 murdered in the Nevada State Pen because he was talking to Fed agents about the same info. He stated that Woods had also been [Redacted] to Sirhan. C claims to have [Redacted]

Action Recommended

Contact agent [Redacted], LA.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 16, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. John K. Van de Kamp
District Attorney
Los Angeles County
Hall of Justice, Room 604
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Assassination of
Robert F. Kennedy

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letterhead memorandum
concerning information furnished this office by
b7C [REDACTED]

This is being furnished for your information
and any action deemed appropriate by your office.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. GEBHARDT *B*
Assistant Director
in Charge

- 1 - Addressee (Encl. 1)
- ① - Los Angeles (56-156)

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RE: Bureau Airtel 6/16/76
Subject: Kensalt

Date 7/22/76

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are two copies each of 39 photographs that have been released in regards to the Robert F. Kennedy assassination FOIA requests. These photographs are in the report of SA Amedee G. Richards, Jr., dated June 9, 1968.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

ATTN: [REDACTED]

RE: *Rec'd* KENSALT

RM. 5441 JEH
FOIA Section

Re Bureau telephone call from [REDACTED] on
8/27/76 to Supervisor [REDACTED] at Los Angeles.

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Enclosed herewith is one copy of report of
SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR. at Los Angeles dated 2/7/69 as
requested in referenced call.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P) DATE: 8/30/76

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 8/26/76, Supervisor HOMER BOYNTON of the Bureau called regarding the dissemination of information in the Kensalt Case. BOYNTON's inquiry concerned whether or not this office had disseminated any new information on the killing of ROBERT KENNEDY by SIRHAN to SIRHAN's Defense Attorney. Further BOYNTON stated that he had received an inquiry from RON OSTROW of the Los Angeles 'Times' concerning the fact that the Bureau had furnished SIRHAN's attorney with new information.

BOYNTON was advised that this office had furnished no information concerning the KENNEDY case and has had no contact with SIRHAN's Defense Attorney.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : *JRS/* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-568) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

DATE: 9/18/76

All of the Springfield Division's files in the caption matter are being retained by the Springfield Division in the absence of a specific request from the Los Angeles Division.

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RE:

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Date: 11/22/76

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Sirhan Was Lone Gunman, Report Says

BY JOHN KENDALL

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan B. Sirhan acted alone in assassinating Robert F. Kennedy, in the opinion of the special counsel appointed to investigate the senator's June 5, 1968, murder in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel.

Thomas F. Kranz offered that conclusion and others in a delayed 60-page report scheduled for release Tuesday by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

"Special Counsel Kranz has found no evidence, or possibility of evidence, of any coverup by law enforcement agencies to protect their own reputation or preserve the original conviction," the report said.

"Kranz has found no indication that there was more than one assassin, who may have fired more than one gun, with more than eight bullets.

"Special Counsel Kranz is convinced, from all the evidence, that there was no second gunman, and that the original trial court verdict was correct."

Similar conclusions were expressed by the 38-year-old private attorney in a story published by The Times on March 1, 1976, after the conclusion of the "second gun" hearings conducted by Superior Judge Robert A. Wenke.

Kranz explained in a foreword that there has been "some unwarranted speculation" that delay in its issuance had resulted from changes being made in the report.

"Such speculation is false," Kranz wrote. "This report is my product and no changes in either content or substance have been made by any other persons."

Kranz said that because of cutbacks in the district attorney's staff, secretaries were not available to work full time on the report, which was drafted twice before a final copy was prepared for reproduction.

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TIMES
LOS ANGELES, CA

Date: 4/3/77
Edition: Sunday Final
Author: John Kendall
Editor: William Thomas
Title: SIRHAN WAS LONE
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SAYS

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Kranz anticipated that there "will undoubtedly continue to be controversy" because of the unique nature of the case and the notoriety and the publicity given Robert Kennedy's assassination.

"In the minds of the public," he said, "the very nature of a political assassination is such that our pop culture will undoubtedly produce new theories and scenarios."

Kranz acknowledged that it is impossible to prove a negative: that Sirhan's gun and no other gun killed Kennedy and wounded the other victims.

"Nevertheless," he concluded, "the overwhelming evidence underscores the fact that Sirhan Sirhan was the sole assassin."

Kranz was appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 12, 1975, at a time when a growing chorus of questions were being asked about the assassination.

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May 17 Hearing On New Sirhan Report Slated

By IRA RIFKIN,

Evening Outlook Staff Writer

County supervisors have set a May 17, public hearing on a special report that concludes Sirhan B. Sirhan acted alone when he assassinated Robert F. Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel in 1968.

The hearing is likely to give yet another forum to critics of the official version of Kennedy's murder, which has been supported in the report prepared for the Los Angeles supervisors by special counsel Thomas F. Kranz.

The new hearing was ordered at the suggestion of Supervisor Baxter Ward, himself a prime critic. In 1974, Ward held a series of hearings into ballistics evidence during which he attempted to establish that a second gunman may have been involved in Kennedy's death.

Kranz, who presented his report to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, agreed to appear May 17 to, as Ward put it, "respond to public comment" concerning his 80-page document.

The hearing will be held at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Administration.

While Kranz agreed to answer questions, he told reporters he saw no further need for hearings. But he added, "Due to the tragic magnitude of this event, however, I do not believe that people will ever be totally satisfied with the conclusions that have been reached."

Kranz was appointed by the supervisors in 1975 to conduct an independent investigation of the incident because of the growing number of questions then being raised about whether Sirhan, now in prison for the murder, acted alone or was part of a conspiracy.

In his report, Kranz said he found "no indication that there was more than one assassin." Kranz said he was "convinced from all the evidence that there was no second gunman and that the original trial court verdict was correct."

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P-12 EVENING OUTLOOK
SANTA MONICA, CA

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Author: Ira Rifkin
Editor: Robert D. Funk
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Kranz, who said he had no direct contact with Sirhan during his probe, recommended that the Los Angeles Police Department make public its 10-volume file on the assassination.

Kranz said he believes the LAPD "did a very good job" of investigating the incident, and that continuing to keep the files secret "only gives fodder to the critics."

Kranz also recommended that the county establish an independent crime laboratory to serve police departments throughout the county. Such a move, he said, "will remove any suggestion" that investigations of crimes are subject to any political or police pressure, as has been alleged in the case of Kennedy's death.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : *[initials]* ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (C)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 5/4/77

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of the report of THOMAS F. KRANZ on the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

For the information of the Bureau, on 4/3/77, an article appeared in the "Los Angeles Times" indicating the conclusion of Special Counsel THOMAS F. KRANZ that SIRHAN-SIRHAN acted alone in the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. THOMAS F. KRANZ is a Special Counsel appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to investigate the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

According to this article, Special Counsel KRANZ has found no evidence or possibility of evidence of any cover-up by law enforcement agencies to protect their reputation or preserve their original conviction.

According to this article, the report of the findings by KRANZ was to be released on Tuesday, 4/5/77.

KRANZ was appointed as a Special Counsel in this matter by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on 8/12/75, to investigate independently the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
May 12, 1977

Office of District Attorney
Criminal Courts Building
210 West Temple
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone call to
Special Agent [REDACTED] of our Legal Unit
on May 11, 1977.

Upon consultation with Federal Bureau of
Investigation Headquarter, Washington, D. C., it
has been determined that photographs E1 through E4,
as listed on page 48 of FBI report dated June 8, 1968,
captioned Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, Civil Rights, may
be released by your office to Supervisor Baxter Ward.
These photographs are referred to in a report (FD-302)
prepared by SAA [REDACTED] and depict certain
holes and marks in a doorway area leading into the
kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles,
California.

If you desire to release additional FBI
reports or material which are in your possession as
result of the joint investigation conducted in this
matter, please feel free to contact this office in
order that suitable arrangements can be made.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. GEBHARDT
Assistant Director in Charge

- 1 - Addressee
2 - Los Angeles (190-2)
(1) - 56-156 [REDACTED]

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b7c Consultation was made with SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] FOIPA Unit, FBI Headquarters, on 5/12/77. They advised that the above photographs, E1 through E4, have previously been released per FOIPA requests and have been made a part of public domain and advised no objection for DA's Office to release these photos to Supervisor BAXTER WARD.

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Elmer F. Linberg
Special Agent in Charge
L.A. FBI Office
Intelligence Division
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Re: Robert F. Kennedy Assassination
Character: Civil Rights Act, 1968 Violation; Voting Rights Act, 1965 Violation

Re: Attachments

- A) William F. Bailey Affidavit
- B) Map of Ambassador Hotel pantry showing where bullets 9-11 were fired and landed from Sirhan's 8-shot revolver.

Dear Sirs:

Attached is more evidence that Robert F. Kennedy was the victim of more than one on-the-scene killer.

One is not satisfied with the fact that there are other RFK assassins still walking around on the streets, and/or their on-the-scene assassination supervisors, middle-men-and-women, and financial backers.

Your attention is directed to paragraph 3 of Bailey's affidavit, where he says he and Agents Robert Pirkard and Robert Ibbott saw the two small caliber bullet holes in the center post of the two doors leading from the preparation room.

According to Robert Kaiser's book, RFK MUST DIE, the case-agent was A.C. Richards Jr., who is still in the FBI.

Recently, Confidential News Media source reported that Agent Richards is being forced to retire at age 55, or on 12/31/77. Source stated that Agent Richards is not happy about having to retire.

As the Special Agent in Charge of the Intelligence Division of the L.A. FBI office, which has custody of the RFK file, you might tell FBI headquarters in Washington D.C. that Agent Richards should ~~not~~ be permitted to stay in the FBI as an agent, if he wants to, ~~because~~ and if he is physically able to, because one believes that it is important that the FBI have an agent around who is familiar with the "background/conspiracy" aspects of the case, as well as the physical evidence. (In fact, I would like to make a civil rights complaint on behalf of Agent Richards, and all other FBI agents who are being forced to retire unfairly at age 55, which is unconstitutional.)

The law does give the Director of the FBI the right to let certain agents stay on past age 55 if there is a special need for them, and I believe that Agent Richards' expertise in this matter surely qualifies him to stay on.

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Additionally, Source states that Agent Richards is an authority on organized crime investigations. Public records reveal that Agent Richards was essential in the FBI's breaking up of the L.A. area Peter John Milano et al scheme in 1973-1974, by having recruited Harry Coluduros to function within the Mafia oriented conspiracy as an "informer" for the government.

Agent Richards would also be of value to the FBI in breaking up the current Mafia and National Crime Syndicate conspiracy to kill FBI informers with .22-caliber pistols.

(Sirhan was apprehended with a .22-caliber pistol, and ~~was~~ the other killers also used .22-caliber pistols, or .38-caliber pistols converted into .22 caliberized weapons).

These areas of the Ambassador Hotel, where the extra bullets were found, were taken to Parker Center Police headquarters. They were never introduced into evidence at Sirhan's trial, and according to Asst. Chief Daryl Gates, they were destroyed in late June, 1969. (That was the same month the L.A. Free Press published photos of these areas containing bullet holes).

The FBI investigation of supervisor Al C. Greiner also logged these holes which Bailey is talking about, as having been bullet holes.

The LAPD has reportedly released photos of the area taken before the bullets were taken to PCPH, and these SID photos show bullets in the holes.

The other bullet was the one behind the stage, No. 9, (the two which Bailey refers to are No. 10 and 11), was identified by LAPD uniform Sgt. Robert Rozzi, in the famous A.P. photo of him pointing out the bullet, with Police Sgt. C. Wright.

Other suspects in the case are the "lady in the polka dot dress," Ace Security Guard Thane Eugene Cesar, Ace Guard Jack Merritt, etc. etc. In the current issues (March and April, 1977) ENAVE magazine, you can find photos of the lady in the polka dot dress, or what is alleged by investigative reporter Ted Charach to be that person.

One hopes the FBI will reopen its investigation, with particular emphasis on identifying these responsible, and those who covered-up the crime, such as the LAPD personnel who destroyed the evidence in June, 1969, if they really did that.

Sincerely,



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ON OR ABOUT JUNE 5-6, 1968 I, WILLIAM A. BAILEY, employed at that time as a Special Agent of the FBI (Assigned to the Los Angeles Office) was present in the Preparation Room of the Ambassador Hotel. Approximately 4-6 hours after the attempt on Sen. Robt. F. Kennedy's life. The room was referred to as the Preparation Room.

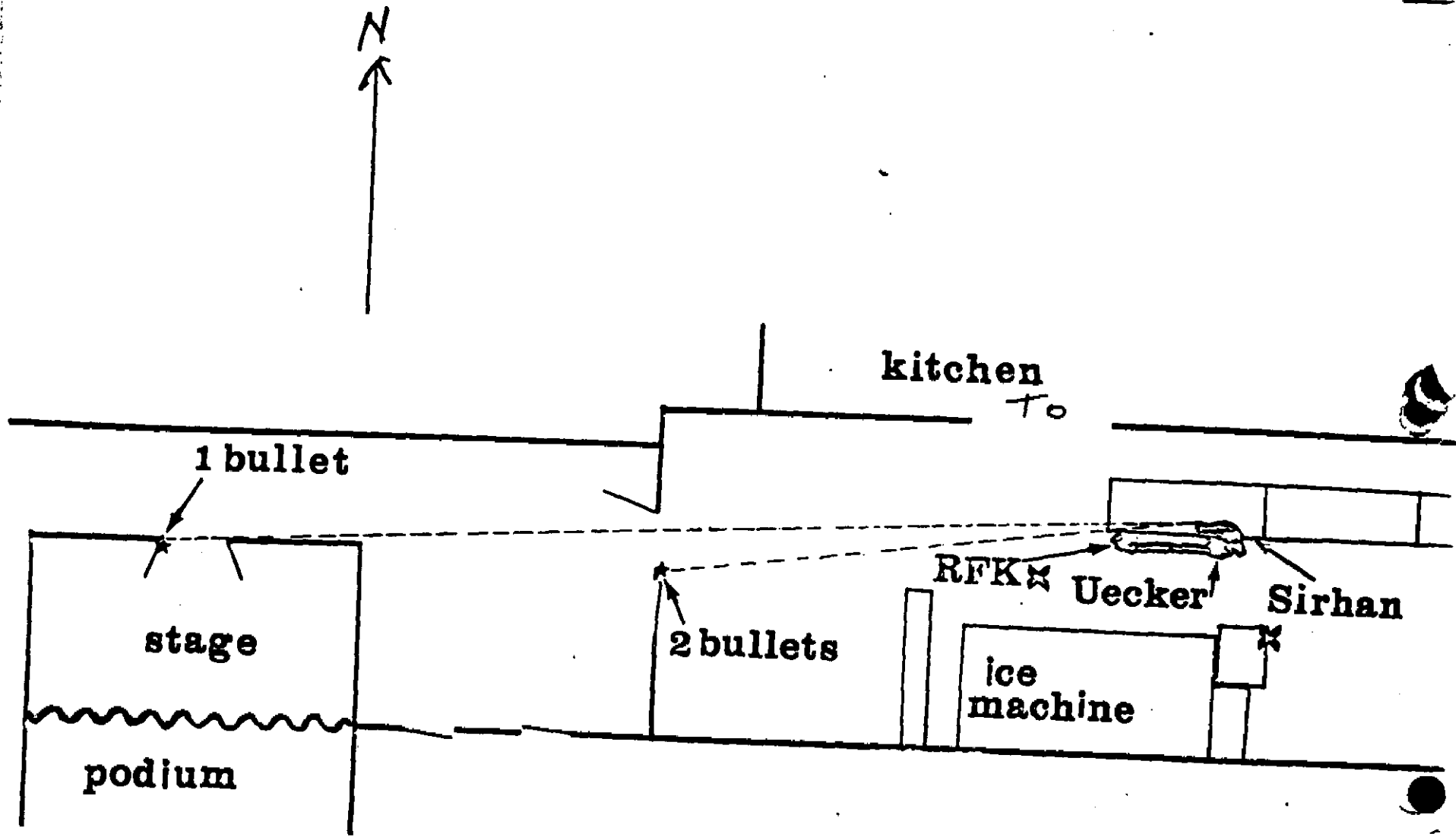
At that time I was assigned to interview witnesses present at the time of the shooting. I was also charged with the responsibility of recreating the circumstances under which same took place. This necessitated a careful examination of the entire room & its contents.

At one point during these observations I (and several other agents) noted at least two (2) small caliber bullet holes in the center part of the two doors leading from the Preparation Room. There was no question in any of our minds as to the fact that they were bullet holes & were not caused by fire arms or other equipment in the Preparation Room.

I resigned from the FBI in Jan. 1971 and have been employed as an Assistant Professor of Police Science at Gloucester County College, Sewell, New Jersey since that time.

The above statement is in my printing & was furnished freely & voluntarily to Mr. Vincent Bugliosi on Nov. 14, 1976 at Glassboro State College, Glassboro, New Jersey.

William Bailey
Nov. 14, 1976





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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
F.B.I.
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
LOS ANGELES
11,000 Wilshire Blvd., 17th floor
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November 22, 1978

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your mailgram of November 9th, we have no record in our central files that you have previously furnished us information regarding the late Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Since you indicated you have information of concern to this Bureau, please contact a representative of our office located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90024, furnishing full details.

Sincerely yours,

Harold W. Bassett

Harold W. Bassett
Assistant Director

- ① Los Angeles - Enclosure
Attention SAC: If contacted [REDACTED] furnish details to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, in form suitable for dissemination.

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DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON DC 20535

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