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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U) California Archive Request**Date:** 01/22/2013**To:****From:** LOS ANGELES

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Contact:**Approved By:** SSA**Drafted By:****Case ID #:** 89A-LA-156

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Synopsis: (U) Sacramento is requested to obtain a copy of the Stanislaw Pruszyński Tape, California Archive item CSA-K123, from the State of California Archives.

Full Investigation Initiated: 12/07/2012**Details:**

On October 9, 2012, FBI Los Angeles was advised of a request to re-examine evidence in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy by his son, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. The basis of the request was a claim by Forensic Scientist and Electrical Engineer Philip Van Praag that his examination of an audio recording of the event revealed thirteen shots, not eight, were fired during Senator Kennedy's assassination. If true, this would necessitate a second gunman as convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan used an eight-shot .22 caliber Ivar Johnson revolver and was unable to reload during the incident.

The tape examined by Van Praag was a copy of the Stanislaw Pruszyński tape that is maintained in the State of California Archives. The California Archives will provide a copy of this tape to a

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requesting party for a minimal fee. Per California Archive staff, the copying of the tape is done by the staff of the California Archive using standard recording procedures. Outside parties are not allowed to make their own copies.

The tape in the possession of the California Archive appears to be a copy of a tape that was provided to the Los Angeles Police Department by FBI Los Angeles. FBI Los Angeles was able to locate the original copy of this tape, evidentiary item 1B84, and provided it to Operational Technology Divisions, Forensic Audio, Video, and Image Analysis Unit ("FAVIAU") to conduct a review of Van Praag's analysis. FAVIAU has requested FBI LA to obtain a copy of the tape used by Van Praag to insure the copy matches that in FBI possession. FBI Los Angeles contacted the State of California Archives and arranged for a copy of the tape to be made.

FBI Sacramento is requested to obtain the copy, when available, enter it into evidence in the above-captioned case, and have the tape sent, via Federal Express to FAVIAU at the following address:

FBI- Electronic Research Facility

Attn: FAVIAU Evidence

[REDACTED]

Building #27958A

Quantico, VA 22135

The tape can be collected at the State of California Archives Reference Desk located at 1020 O Street, Sacramento, California, 4th Floor Reception Desk, telephone number (916) 653-2246. The tape will be under name [REDACTED] Along with the tape will be an invoice and receipt. Sacramento is requested to forward the receipt to SA [REDACTED] in

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Los Angeles. SA [REDACTED] will contact FBI Sacramento when the tape is available for pick up. California Archives estimates the tape will be available in approximately seven days.

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