

Case Number:

157-HQ-370 Sub. 4

Serial(s):

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Date: 3/22/68

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ALA
On 3/22/68, BH 418-R advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON had two containers made of clear glass approximately eight inches long and about the size of a fountain pen on 3/21/68. The containers contained a clear liquid which SEXTON said was tear gas. SHELTON stayed at his home and MELVIN SEXTON and BH 418-R placed the containers in the Memorial Coliseum at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., a few minutes before ROBERT F. KENNEDY arrived to give a speech. They then left. One container was placed in a men's restroom and the other container was placed in the audience area of the Coliseum. It was thought that someone would step on the containers, break them, and release the tear gas and disrupt the speech of KENNEDY. No such incident occurred.

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A discreet pretext search of the Coliseum was made by Buagents in the a.m. of 3/22/68, and no containers located. Discreet contacts with University of Alabama security head and law-enforcement agencies, Tuscaloosa, Ala., were made with negative results.

No dissemination of this information is being made as only the three people involved know of this incident

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4 - Birmingham (1 - 105-722) (UKA)

(1 - 105-560) (ROBT. M. SHELTON)

(1 - 157-1132) (MELVIN SEXTON)

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Special Agent in Charge

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and any publicity would compromise a valuable informant.

Contact will be maintained with BH 418-R concerning the type of liquid in the containers and any future planned use of such device.