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- A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
- B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
- C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
- D. For your information.
- E. Please note change in caption of this case.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- cc: Attorney General Deputy Attorney General
 Antitrust Div. Civil Div. Civil Rights Div.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 5, 1968
Washington, D.C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Another Government agency which conducts criminal type investigations advised on June 5, 1968, that one Charles Mayheld Davis (phonetic), had called the office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy early on the morning of June 5, 1968.

This individual stated that Senator Kennedy had helped him and other convicts get out of jail and that he, Davis, and other convicts were going to get guns "so sit tight."

The current edition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for the District of Columbia, discloses no listing identifiable with Charles Mayheld Davis.

INTERNAL SECURITY DIV.
Criminal Section

copy sent to CIV. RIGHTS DIV.

FILE-Q.R.R.

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July 10, 1968.

Mr. Frederick C. Springer
25^{1/2} East Springfield
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Springer:

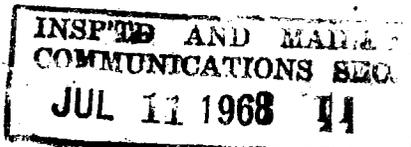
Thank you for your recent letter to President Johnson.

You may be sure that the President shares your concern and that of the American people and their representatives regarding the relentless drive of the world Communist movement. The President is determined that our country will successfully meet the challenges of Communism both here and abroad.

There is no Federal legislation which effectively outlaws the Communist Party as such, and there is no law preventing Communists from making speeches or holding private or public meetings. Moreover, it is not illegal in and of itself to be a member of the Communist Party. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to everyone the right to speak and put in print his views on a subject even though critical of our form of government or of our public officials. It grants to each person the right to associate and meet with persons of his own choosing.

In this regard the judicial interpretation and application of the Smith Act which prohibits advocacy of the violent overthrow of the Government may be of interest. The United States Supreme Court has held that the Smith Act may not be applied in a manner prohibiting persons from teaching or advocating the abstract doctrine of violent overthrow of our Government. The Supreme Court has held that if it were to be so applied it would be held unconstitutional as denying to Americans the right to express their opinions.

Records
Mrs. Knickle
Mr. Nelson



This law has been held constitutional by the Supreme Court as long as it is applied in a manner requiring substantially more proof than mere advocacy. For example, the Court has indicated that if it is shown an active member intends to accomplish the overthrow as soon as conditions will permit and if the advocacy is of such a nature as might be reasonably expected to incite persons to action, then he could be subject to prosecution for that sort of activity.

With regard to outlawing the Communist Party it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to draft such a statute so that it would be constitutional under the protections of the First Amendment regarding freedom of speech, press, and assembly. Such legislation might also be deemed to constitute a bill of attainder. Some such proposals in the past have been opposed by both J. Edgar Hoover and the Department of Justice. Mr. Hoover observed that such legislation even if held constitutional would not cause the Party to end its operations but would drive it underground.

There is enclosed some material we have available for distribution on the subject of Communism. For additional information in this field, you may write to the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, who will send you, without cost, a list of publications on Communism which have been issued by Government agencies, including investigative committees of the United States Congress. From this list you can select those publications which will be most helpful to you. They are generally available at nominal cost.

As requested, a photograph of President Johnson is enclosed.

Your interest in writing to the President is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER FRAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General

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Frederick C. Springer

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INTERNAL SECURITY DIV.		
Civil Section		

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Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C. 20510

Dear Sir.

Since the death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy,
I am greatly concerned over
the way the Senator
died. I think it
was Communist inspired.

I have wrote the
U. S. Senate and asked
them to get rid of the
Communist Party. Would
you please get rid of
the dirty rotten Communist
Party in the United
States. Also, I would
appreciate it very

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much if you would send
me an \$ by 10 -
picture of yourself.

I believe you already
received the letter I
wrote to you last week.

But since the death
of a person I considered
famous, I wish you
'would' have a bill
passed to outlaw the
U.S. Communist Party
in America. I am sick
of fighting them across
the sea when nothing
is being done about them
at home in the U.S.A.

Thank you -

Sincerely

Frederick C. Springer
25 1/2 E. Springfield
Champaign, Ill. 61820

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Office of the President
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AUG 26 1968

Honorable Joseph M. Montoya
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

AUG 22 1968

Dear Senator Montoya:

Thank you for your letter of June 10, 1968, enclosing a copy of a constituent's telegram regarding the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator Kennedy. I apologize for my delay in responding.

Immediately following the tragic death of the late Senator, the Attorney General on June 5, 1968 made the following remarks:

Every angle of this matter will be fully investigated. No resource will be spared. According to the information I have at this moment, we have no evidence of a conspiracy; only the evidence of this individual act. But every lead will be followed. No stone will be left unturned.

The rules with respect to pre-trial publicity preclude further comment, but you may assure your constituent that all investigative aspects have been and are being fully pursued.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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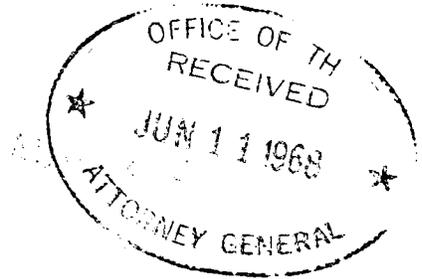
JOSEPH M. MONTOYA
NEW MEXICO

COMMITTEES:
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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
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CHAIRMAN: GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 10, 1968



Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Constitution & 10th Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram I have received from one of my constituents.

I would be deeply grateful if arrangements would be made to provide me with comments on the situation described in the attached at the earliest convenience.

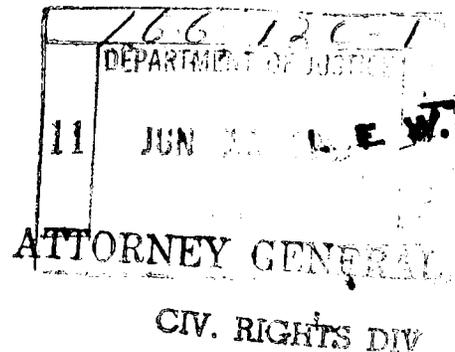
With appreciation for your many courtesies,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph M. Montoya".

Joseph M. Montoya
United States Senator

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Enclosure



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This is a fact message unless its deferred character is indicated by the proper symbol.

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W. P. MARSHALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT

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SENATOR JOSEPH M MONTOYA

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PLEASE DO NOT DISCOUNT CONSPIRACY REGARDING SENATOR KENNEDY SHOOTING. THIS WAS USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDYS DEATH AND MARTIN LUTHER KINGS DEATH. THERE WELL MAY BE A CO THINGS LIKE THIS DONT HAPPEN EVERY DAY. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS TELEGRAM. PLEASE DO SOMETHING

From
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

6/11/68

Deputy Attorney General -----	
Solicitor General -----	
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General -----	
Director of Public Information -----	
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June 27, 1968

Air mail

Mr. Robert Brown
1105 Jules Poitras
Ville St. Laurent
Apartment E-45
Montreal, P. Q.

F I
BY HDS
ON JUL 9 1968

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Attorney General has asked me to respond to your letter of June 10, 1968.

With regard to your comment on the Warren Commission, we can only point out that the Commission gathered and considered a vast amount of material, much of it having only a remote connection with the assassination. It made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts, and the evidence, as presented in the one-volume Report, amply supports its conclusions.

Your confidence in bringing your views to the attention of the Attorney General is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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George Buckley
1105 Quincy Street
New York, N.Y.
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Was there conspiracy?

Tighten case against Sirhan

Associated Press - UPI

LOS ANGELES, June 10—With Sirhan Bishara Sirhan behind bars, top prosecutors are meeting daily in hopes of closing holes in Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. A233421.

That case contains the murder charge against the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant accused of slaying Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan is to enter a plea to the charge June 28.

Although Sirhan was arrested at the scene of the fatal shooting early Wednesday, and identified by several witnesses as the New York senator's assailant, the case presents unanswered questions.

Not the least of them is whether there was a conspiracy behind the shooting.

Police haven't been able to produce the dark-haired "girl in the polka-dot dress." Sandy Serrano, 20, a Youth for Kennedy worker, reported seeing the girl run from the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting and say: "We shot him!"

Not the girl

Three young women, the latest a 19-year-old belly dancer, have claimed to be the girl in the polka-dot dress, all saying Miss Serrano misunderstood their words as they ran from the hotel. But Miss Serrano says none is the girl she saw.

"You've got to be color-blind to think that's the girl," Miss Serrano said of the belly dancer, Kathy Fulmer, who had told police she was wearing a polka-dot scarf and a blonde wig the night of the murder.

Meanwhile, Pasadena police are keeping a 24-hour guard at the home of Sirhan's family, although the family has not been staying there.

Besides imposing the strictest security precautions ever at Los Angeles County jail

here, authorities are trying to limit comment on the case by all persons connected with it and by public officials.

Of five other persons wounded during the Kennedy shooting, three have been released from hospitals and the other two are reported in good condition.

Sirhan has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to help find a "big name" lawyer to defend him.

A. L. Wirin, noted constitutional lawyer and chief counsel of the Southern California ACLU, has been visiting Sirhan daily in his cell.

Ask for attorney

This week Wirin will ask presiding Judge Richard Schauer of Los Angeles Superior Court to call on the Los Angeles Bar Association and other legal groups to obtain a defence attorney.

Superior Judge Arthur Alarcon rejected Wirin's motion at the arraignment for "one or more outstanding lawyers" to be appointed to defend Sirhan but indicated he would reconsider the request at a later time.

Wirin emphasizes that the ACLU has not undertaken the defence of Sirhan and has commended the courts and prosecution for vigorously protecting the defendant's rights, rare praise from the ACLU.

Sirhan presently is represented by Wilbur F. Littlefield, chief deputy trial lawyer in the public defender's office. At his request, entering of a plea of guilt or innocence was continued until June 28.

Wirin hopes that a lawyer of the calibre of Melvin Belli, who defended Jack Ruby in Dallas, would be sought by the court.

U.S. ambassador at large; [redacted], former secretary of the [redacted]; John Seigenthaler, face [redacted] Lessean; James Whittaker, [redacted] end; and Stephen Smith, a [redacted] national day of mourning.

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commitment to the ideals and great enterprises of American Society.

"Our future may live beyond our vision, but is not completely beyond our control. It is the shaping impulse of America that neither fate nor nature nor the irresistible tides of history, but the work of our own hands, matched to reason and principle, that will determine our destiny. There is pride in that, even arrogance, but there is also experience and truth. In any event, it is the only way we can live."

This is the way he lived. My brother need not be idealized, or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life, to be remembered simply as a good and decent man, who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.

He said the assassination "inscribes itself in indelible characters not only in the history of the United States of America but as well in the conscience of humanity."

Elsewhere in Europe, American churches were filled with large congregations of visitors and members of American communities who came to hear special services for the slain senator.

In Paris, Catholic, Episcopal and other Protestant denominations which serve the American community held special services in which ministers and priests alike condemned the violence which killed Kennedy. They praised his contribution to the fight for peace, justice and dignity of man.

In London, hundreds of visitors formed a steady line into the American embassy to add their signatures to books of condolences for Kennedy, which now mount to volumes.

Students at International Hall at London University brought a huge red, white and blue floral wreath to the embassy which has been in the past the target of violent demonstrations by students.

One British housewife explained, "I feel I just had to come. This was not just an American tragedy, but a tragedy of our generation."

Party leaders attend Ottawa memorial Mass

Canadian Press

OTTAWA, June 10 — The leaders of three national political parties were among some 1,000 people who attended a Mass and memorial service here yesterday for Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The service at Notre Dame Cathedral was attended by Prime Minister Trudeau, Conservative Leader Stanfield, NDP Leader Douglas and about 100 members of the diplomatic corps, including W. Walton Butterworth, U.S. ambassador to Canada.

Archbishop J. A. Plourde, head of the Ottawa Roman Catholic archdiocese, celebrated the Mass and said during a brief sermon that the mourning would be "un-

life and the method of his death.

"He fought poverty, war, economic problems and the war in Viet Nam . . . he fought the very violence that finally destroyed him."

Anglican Bishop E. S. Reed, leading the congregation in prayer during an ecumenical service that followed the Mass, said mankind "must overcome the stupidity . . . which makes possible such tragic waste."

He said Senator Kennedy "battled against oppression and labored for peace."

Several hundred people stood outside the packed cathedral during the 50-minute service. When Mr. Trudeau left the church many of

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The Attorney General,
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Mr. Robert W. Murphy
80 St. Marks Place
Staten Island, New York

Dear Mr. Murphy:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your recent communication. He appreciates the interest which prompted you to share your views with him.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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The President of the United States
Washington, 25, D.C.

Mr. President:

THIS ANIMAL that destroyed Senator Robert F. Kennedy MUST NOT be destroyed by "due process".

No matter the State, or the laws of that State, THIS ANIMAL must be CAGED for the REMAINDER of it's NATURAL LIFE.

THIS ANIMAL is twenty four years of age. I shall pray every hour of every day that THIS ANIMAL will live to age one hundred; live with the horror of his act, and in utter hopelessness of ever again being free...

To provide THIS ANIMAL with ANY loophole-with ANY possibility of future freedom- would be not only a ghastly travesty on Justice, but an INFAMOUS CRIME against Humanity....

Robert W. Murphy
80 St. Marks Place
Staten Island 10301, N.Y.

Robert W. Murphy

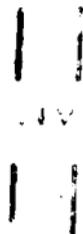
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The President of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.



RW Murphy
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Staten Island 10301, NY

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FILE-M.A.J.

2675 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229
June 10, 1968

Mr. Fred Vinson Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney General
c/o Scotland Yard
London, England

Dear Mr. Vinson:

I have just heard a radio news program announcing that James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be held by British authorities until June 18th. The Sunday News of June 9, 1968 stated the following:

"Last night Fred M. Vinson Jr., head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, flew to London to review on behalf of the United States the custody, protection and expeditious return to this country of James Earl Ray."

The announcement by F. B. I. Director Hoover of the arrest in London of Dr. King's assassin came close on the heels of the shattering news of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The shock of

The Senator's assassin was
to the American people
recovered from the
them by President Johnson
out the hands of Lee Harvey
Almost as shattering as
assassination itself was the
killing of the assassin surrounded
by a phalanx of Dallas police. In
Senator Kennedy in the midst of
guards is a startling parallel
execution of Oswald by Jack Ruby.
full view of a nation-wide television
of Lee Harvey Oswald Kennedy
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Alfred Attorney,

Teachers Union was a communist-dominated union conducting a Trojan Horse operation for the penetration and takeover of the city's 50,000 man teaching profession.

James B. Donovan's book "Strangler on the Bridge" provides one exotic detail which would tend to support the theory that Dr. King's assassination was a "murder incorporated" contract undertaken as a joint venture by the K. L. B. who sub-contracted the actual killing to the Cosa Nostra. The convict with whom Colonel Abel shared a cell in the federal penitentiary was Squillante, godson of a prominent Cosa Nostra dignitary, and king of the private sanitation cartage racket in the Westchester area.

A man with the intelligence background of Colonel Abel could hardly fail to see the immense possibilities of using as a powerful auxiliary the de facto political control exercised by the Cosa Nostra over our popularly elected officials. The "Marengo Case" currently in progress in the Federal Court at Foley Square is unfolding a Machiavellian intrigue for subversion and corruption of the city government that would have some

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Khrushchev's frequent trips to London
and the R. L. B. apparatus which
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as peace groups and civil rights groups. He and his wife have been active with Negro Civil Rights Organizations and were personally acquainted with Dr. Martin Luther King.

Theodore Wheel, on the other hand, knew Herbert L. Hines and James Mavens and is probably fully aware of the close working relationships between officials on all levels of government and the international network of the Mafia.

James Earl Ray, King's assassin, was a baker according to his F.B.I. description. As such he may have been a member of the Bakers and Confectioners' Union headed by Mr. Motto who is a co-defendant with Tony Corallo of the Cosa Nostra. Another detail tending to connect Ray with the Cosa Nostra and the H. L. B. is his alleged effort to obtain funds from a Swiss bank. This may be the pay-off money for the execution of the "contract" on Dr. King.

The Colonel Abel trial, the espionage trial of the Baltchuk, and the current Cosa Nostra exposé in the Mavens case provide many details of the modern Operandi closely followed

by James Earl Ray in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The theory here advanced that James Earl Ray was carrying out a politically-motivated assassination contracted by the Cosa Nostra acting as paymaster for the K. G. B. is based on the facts so far published in the news media. Whether or not the theory is confirmed by hard evidence will not materially affect the known fact that enemy intelligence possesses the capabilities of carrying out political assassinations and that such murders have in fact been repeatedly executed.

~~As~~ A corollary to the above theory is the assumption that attempts will be made to silence Ray so as to conceal the modus operandi of the enemy intelligence murder apparatus.

A successful attempt on Ray's life would have disastrous ^{effects} ~~consequences~~ on the morale of the American people and would shatter their confidence in our security agencies.

Sincerely yours,
Ruben B. Gordon

Enclosures - letter to President Johnson

*"We will bury you!" - Khrushchev
(A Progress report)*

ASSOCIATED TEACHERS AGAINST CORRUPTION

The following letter is reproduced in the interest of the "People's Right to Know."

Copies will be circulated to all Presidential candidates and to all law enforcement and investigation agencies - city, state, and federal. Supporting documents are available.

2675 Ocean Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 15, 1968

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter to Richard Nixon and to Governor Rockefeller raises the crucial issue of the breakdown of law and order in New York City and State. The most dangerous aspect of this breakdown is that the judiciary, the police, the district attorneys and the law enforcement machinery have been found to be in league with organized crime for the exploitation of the citizens who are heavily taxed to support a government which betrays them.

I shall cite only a few of the major scandals that have shaken the confidence of the public in their government officials.

1) The "Marcus Case" shows that one of Mayor Lindsay's most trusted commissioners was working with Tony "Duchs" Corrallo of the Mafia to fleece the taxpayer by throwing "emergency" contracts to their co-conspirators who cut up the graft and kickbacks between them.

2) The 350 man Police Narcotics Division has been "shaken up" by Police Commissioner Leary as a result of the proof submitted by a dismissed police officer that the squad was riddled with corruption. The two most vicious examples of this corruption were the theft from an office safe of several thousand dollars intended for the widow of a policeman, and the revelation that police were peddling the same narcotics they had seized from arrested narcotics "pushers."

3) The cynical attitude of the district attorneys and the police officials is shown by their handling of the little notebook which detective Peter E. Meenan lost in the subway over a year ago. Meenan's notebook listing many firms to be touched for graft was found and turned over to city law enforcement officials a year ago.

These officials "investigated" for a year and could find no witnesses against Meenan. When finally the scandal of the "little notebook" was exposed to public view, District Attorney Hogan was unable to indict any of the grafting policemen..

Most of the dozen or so police officers who subsequently were given departmental trials have suffered no worse penalties than reprimand or transfer.

The moral of these two ugly police scandals will not be lost on police officers throughout the nation who continue to operate as the official crime syndicate in uniform.

The moral is: Don't get caught! However, if you do slip up, don't open your mouth about your superiors in the system - the worst you can get is a slap on the wrist and a transfer. In other words, the graft you kick back to your superiors is protection insurance and will be honored as such.

3) The judiciary in New York City and State has recently been shaken by two scandals and is nervously trying to hold back additional exposures of criminals whose black robes cover their black deeds.

a) The case of Judge Lloyd Sarisoehn in Nassau County reveals a judge who consorts with prostitutes, fixes traffic tickets, tampers with court records, and bullies the public who appear before him.

b) The case of Judge Benjamin Schor in Kings County is involved with a conspiracy to shake down a tavern owner for his services in obtaining a liquor license.

Judge Schor is presently under indictment for perjuring himself before the Grand Jury in connection with the shakedown which involves also the New York State Liquor Authority.

Presiding Judge Beldock of the Appellate Division who announced over a year ago that he would bring up Judge Schor on charges of misconduct in office, has apparently decided to forget the whole thing. Perhaps he fears it might revive the old scandal in the State Liquor Authority where Mr. Morehouse, State Republican Chairman and close friend of Governor Rockefeller, was involved.

The list of noisome scandals among judges and law enforcement officials could be extended ad nauseam. Currently, former Judge Gustave Rosenberg is involved in an alleged conspiracy to accept a bribe for giving a suspended sentence to a captain or "button" man in the Cosa Nostra.

New York City and State under Mayor Lindsay and Governor Rockefeller have already become a "disaster" area in law enforcement. It remains only for the President to issue an official proclamation to that effect.

The enclosed letter to Mr. Nixon is an effort to brief him on the breakdown of law and order in New York State under Governor

Rockefeller, who is his rival for the Republican Presidential nomination.

The fact that Attorney General Clark has assigned a special Task Force to combat organized crime in New York City, is evidence that you and the Justice Department are fully aware of the national threat posed by the Crime Syndicate operating in our major cities.

May I suggest that you make available to Senators Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy all of the facts on the threat posed to the internal security of our nation, by the treason of the judiciary and law enforcement officials who have sold out to organized crime.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Reuben R. Gordon
Associated Teachers Against Corruption

Enclosure: Letter to Richard Nixon

Note: Material for this document came from records of the

- 1) The State Commission of Investigation
- 2) National Council on Crime & Delinquency
- 3) Civilian Bureau of Intelligence
- 4) Senate Internal Security Subcommittee
- 5) President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice

LET'S GET OUT OF VIETNAM AND FIGHT THE SHANKER-
DONOVAN SELL-OUT OF TEACHERS AT HOME!

Is President Al Shanker and his entrenched bureaucracy a dummy front for the C.I.A.?

Are Vice President O'Neill and Richard Parrish stooges for the Communist Intelligence service?

What's behind this stage production of the Great Debate on U.F.T. policy on the Vietnam War?

The New York Times of March 8, 1967 quotes a Communist Intelligence Expert who deserves to be heard on this problem facing our union.

In discussing the strategy of Communist Intelligence Services in the West, former Polish Communist official Wladyslaw Tykocinski said:

"It is not the recruiting of spies - that is quite easy. The whole thing is political - everything should show that world opinion is supporting Communism.

"You are always looking here at home for Communists. But they - the real Communists of the intelligence apparatus - they don't want communists. They want citizens with money and influence.

"They flatter the intellectuals and the non-Communist left and they get them to do the work. They don't want them as Communist party members but as stooges who have entree in society.

"To prove to the world that you are saving the world and that you are the wave of the future, you need respectable people - not workers, but students, teachers, churchmen, professors and doctors."

This is the battle for influence that intelligence officers say the general public does not understand.

Are Shanker and Kolodny the wave of the future for the United Federation of Teachers? Is fake unionism where Superintendent Donovan and Personnel Director Lang act as hatchet-men for Shanker in purging his anti-Communist opposition - is that the wave of the future for the rank-and-file classroom teachers?

But on with the Great Debate on U.F.T. policy toward the Vietcong!

We're listening!

ASSOCIATED TEACHERS AGAINST CORRUPTION
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Hell No! We won't go -- for Al Shanker's "Big Lie" technique to cover up his rat-fink sellout of union teachers to Donovan's kangaroo court departmental trials.

The Big Lie was Shanker's statement that any suspended teacher will be defended by the Union if only he requests assistance.

The facts below throw Shanker's lie back in his teeth and in the teeth of every delegate who has joined in Shanker's conspiracy of silence.

Demand that Shanker and Kolodny answer the charge of sell-out of union members.

Beginning in May 1961 and continuing to date Mr. Shanker has denied me all rights as a tenured teacher. He has been acting in concert with the officials of the Board of Education.

The combination of this vicious discrimination and harassment came at the Delegate Assembly of March 20, 1967.

There when I rose to answer a brazen falsehood of Mr. Shanker, he replied in typical "big lie" fashion by stating that I was not a member of the union.

Apparently, Mr. Shanker was officially pronouncing me an "unperson" to excuse the fact that for six years he had denied me every right spelled out in the Union Contract as well as under State Education Laws.

The result of Mr. Shanker's failure to enforce the contract has been that I have twice been suspended without pay and dismissed from the school system with a loss in salary over the years amounting to over \$20,000 plus interest.

In support of my charges I sent a petition to Education Commissioner Allen. This petition gives the details of the Board's vicious illegal actions against me. At no time did Mr. Shanker and the Union officials offer me any assistance in enforcing my rights before Commissioner Allen.

I was compelled to carry my demand for reinstatement with pay through the Appellate Division. At this stage, the Union submitted an amicus curiae brief after having refused to supply me with counsel. I won reinstatement at a cost of \$9,000 in counsel fees which represents a year's salary. The Union officials have refused to contribute a single penny to the expense of litigation in defense of teacher tenure.

I request that my fellow delegates redress this wrong done me.

/s/ Reuben R. Gordon
Member and Delegate of the United
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WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 7, 1968**

Michael Cornelius, 621 West 17th Street, New York City, telephonically advised that while standing in the vicinity of 9th Avenue and 17th Street, New York City, on June 8, 1968, an unknown male individual came out of a telephone booth on the corner of 9th Avenue and 17th Street and asked him for money for the subway. The man then stated he did not like Kennedy and the Kennedy train en route to Washington would be blown up because the railroad tracks were mined. The man stated the tracks were mined about one-half mile outside of Washington, D.C. The man then disappeared north on 9th Avenue.

Cornelius described individual as a Puerto Rican, five feet six inches tall, 160-170 pounds, medium build, age 31 to 32, dark in coloring, dark coat, light brown slacks, brown tie with dark stripes.

Cornelius advised man appeared drunk.

The following individuals were immediately notified by Special Agent Thomas W. Smith, Federal Bureau of Investigation, between 4:57 p.m., and 5:15 p.m., June 8, 1968:

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