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JRED M. VINSON, Jr. Assistant Attorney General July 3, 1968

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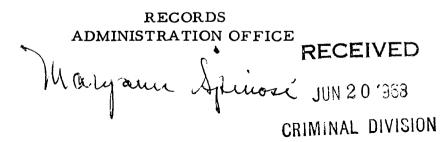
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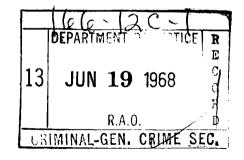
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Dear Mr. President,

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Lam writing this letter concerning the fatal shooting of Robert F. Kennedy First of all, Lam a 13 year old Junior Digh stucient of St. Augustine School. Robert Kennedy was one of our good leaders who stunnedme when I heard of his death. My doubt is directed on his assasin, Dot permitted from to line after this cume. and he is being treated in the lest manner possible for a criminal. I am sure that if he had seen servere punishment done to the assasins of other leaders, he would not have attempted what he did. What I am saying is, more servere punishment should be given to people who commit these terrible grave, crimes. If it is truly brought out that a person who murders another will be severily treated for his act, I am sure that they would thinke twee before it was comparited.

What right has this Sirkan person have to some formal foregon country and kill one of our leaders because of something that was said? It was caught after the shooting with the gun which was used to kill Robert Hennedy. a notebook was found in his home stating the fact that he ( Sirhan must kill Senetor Kennedy by June fifth. 2sn't this enough proof? Why keep such full watch on him for so long without nothing being done? Certainly this man is going to think that what 166 120 1 he did was well worth the doing if he got by so easily. He will be tried, convected to a prison sentence, and put any for maybe 5 years. What good is this kind of treatment? What keeps his from going out and killing another person after he is out of prison? However, now one is to say this, but if he knew the severe consequences of hisfatal actions, he and many others who wish to do the same would not even attempt it. Thank your.

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Devoted in Bobby,

Maryann Spinosi

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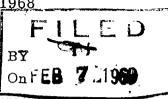
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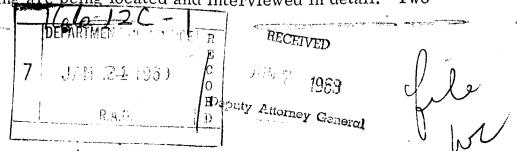
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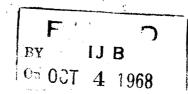
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In our loss of two great men Senator Robert Kenney and President John 7. Kenney. Is there any way they could torture Sie Hon Sie Han into telling who is bekind all of this. We all know it communist so why can't someone torture him find out who is bekind all of this and do something about it. now I know how the people in Vallas felt when President Kenning Was assainated We are supposed to be free. Have freedom of speech and religion but we are being brain wash instead - [166-12c-1 When do you hear about another "country is killing their palitical people ; Russell! Betterd or mifico or any other country - It is always in United States starting with Present BEILTEDIV. Lincoln. So why can't something he done about it. Senator Robert Kenney was a good man he

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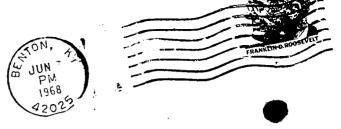
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· Anatice · REC'D JUN 1 0 '68 Route # 7 MW Benton, Kentucky 42,025 June 6, 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson It hite House Hashington, D.C. DEPARTMEN BUST DE R 5 JUN 20 1968 R.A.O. Dear Sir: I really have no idea why I am writing you this letter I have no hopes of it ever reaching you; but even if it reaches some high - ranking official, and if he takes a second glance at it. I shall be satisfied. I know this letter comes at an inconvenient period of time, but I am writing concerning the assasination of Senator Robert 7. Kennedy, This man's family received my utmost sympathy. I was dooking forward to seeing him as our next president (after you decided not to run).

But for the time being I would like for you to attempt to answer a few questions that have plaqued me since September of 1967. I had just finished reading the reports of President Kennedy's assasination and it left me thinking of my addition (adding 2+2 and coming up with something besides 4). My questions: Als you have any idea who killed. President Kennedy and Senator Kennedy? If you do, was it a well. tensur organization known as the GOA? Tras it because they feared the Kennedy's would share a dictator's throne with a wealthy family in England? If Sooward Kennedy decided to run, would be too be assasinated? I am very patriotic and to tell you the truth very uronnied. He Americans have the greatest

nation to live for on earth, and what are we doing about it. There letting it go to "pot" (Figuratively speaking). Stere all killing ourselves little by little and I was wondering how much longer God is going to sland for it. Ty deepest sympathy is for the Kennedy Jamely, but more so for our country which in my eyes, can't stoop any lower than it is now Respectfully submitted, Linda Boone Uge 27 P.S. I apologing for the stationery, the handwriting, and the pencil.



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Mr. John Roberts 410 S. Collebia Street Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Robertst.

President Johnson has esked me to thank you for

your recent letter and to seeure you that your suggestion has

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Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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To: The President of The United States of Ameri " or parties of communication : Dugar in Dear Rugar Sir, I wish understanding more than revenge for the brutal killing of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. we have a chance to find out the Why of this killing. It it was an inclividual "act ", than may I suggest your new committee start with the man responsible for the hilling, The longer you wait the less you shall find from the man . DEPARTMENT OF TICE RECEIVED 13 JUN 25 1968 Gee. 8 9 MUL Thank for , 2.2.5 CRIMINAL DIVISION CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SEC. John Alexander Roberte! Falls Church, Va,



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Al Rosen called me and raised certain problems that he saw, and wanted opinions before they moved. The principal issue is what the Bureau should do about interviewing the subject Sirhan Sirhan. The FBI is very clear that they do not want to be in a position where they have not at least attempted to interview the subject and, of course, would like substantively to interview him.

Rosen advised that the police have advised the Bureau they have not picked up any information from the subject and that the prosecuting attorney has directed the police to attempt no further interviews.

Rosen believes that the Bureau has no problem, both with respect to the police and to the county attorney of reaching the subject for interview. He indicates that they can arrange it without difficulty.

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The questions he raises and would like som **DEPARTMENT** of JUSTICE to are as follows:

1. If he has a lawyer, ACLU lawyer Wirfin, and the lissue is ambiguous, then they have no problem the plan would simply be they contact the attorney to ask permission to interview the subject and the details would be guided by the attorney's decision, namely whether the interview would be recorded and other details of how they set up the interview; whether the interview would be with or without the attorney.

can proceed to interview him.

Al Rosen had some concern that if the guy does give the statement because he believes that the statement may be self-serving. This does not trouble me one way or another. Rosen's concern I think is that the subject might be building his case to the law enforcement people of his incapacity to stand trial.

I think the ticklish problem presented for the Bureau is how they satisfy themselves as to whether or not he is represented now. In the usual case they simply ask the subject and I am inclined to believe that that is what they should do here. The other alternative would be to call the ACLU and determine whether or not they have gotten a lawyer as yet, thought I think that is inviting press coverage of the attempted contact of the FBI of the subject.

I am going to the Hogate Restaurant (638-8066) for dinner and I will call you from there. Rosen said we could get back to him tomorrow on this, but if needed we can deal with him tonight. т: 9/4/68

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Mrs. T. Gismancheri Third Street Budd Lake, New Jersey 07828

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Dear Mrs. Giamancheri:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence dated June 6, 1968, concerning the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator Kennedy. We apologize for the delay in responding.

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

> 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 pretrial publicity preclude further comment, but you may be assured that all investigative aspects have been and are being fully pursued.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLIAK Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's name was injected yesterday in the Queens conspiracy-to-murder trial as being on a list of "people who should be assassinated."

The quote was attributed to Herman Ferguson, a defendant in the trial, by Detective Edward Howlette, a police undercover agent. Howelette testified Tuesday

Howelette testified Tuesday that President Johnson also was being considered as a possible assassination target by the alleged conspirators.

The Negro detective testified that on May 18, 1967, he, Ferguson and Arthur Harris, the other defendant, discussed a "list of selective terrorism."

Despite defense objections, Howlette was allowed to enter names on that list: "Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Robert Kennedy, Larry Elliot and Larry Neal."

There was no other identification of the last two persons named.

Defense lawyer Mrs. Gean Ann Condon jumped to her feet and moved for a mistrial on grounds the testimony was highly prejudicial and outside the issues.

Justice Paul Balsam denied the motion.

Mrs. Condon persisted, saying: "On this day when the latest radio reports indicate Senator Kennedy is very close to death every American is filled with emotion and this testimony is so prejudicial ..."

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Balsam interrupted and said that he was sure that the jurors are "not filled with such emotion as not to the able to render a fair the basis of the

barries and Harris are commit the conspiracy to degree. The in the first LEGAN charged with plotting the murders of moderate civil rights leaders Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and Whitney Young of the Urban League. нс, **с** 19 19

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In his testimony Tuesday, Howlette said that Ferguson once told him "after Roy Wilkins is killed we might decide to get our President, Lyndon Johnson."

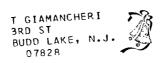
Howlette ended his testimony yesterday shortly before 3 p.m. The trial was adjourned until today when the detective will undergo crossexamination by the defense.



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