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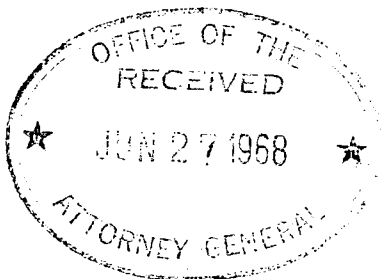
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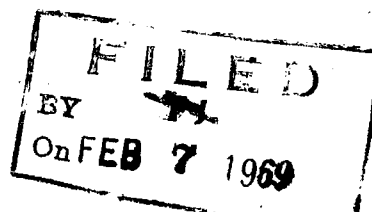
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☐ Deputy Attorney General
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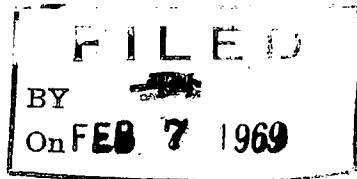
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In connection with your memorandum of June 19, 1968, relating to the Selective Service status of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan, we suggest that any further investigation into possible Selective Service violations by them should be held in abeyance until such time as we have had an opportunity to review the investigation undertaken in this matter.

cc: Records
Chron—
Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson
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From
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The receptionist at the office of Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, Los Angeles, received two telephone calls on June 20, 1968, from a person claiming to be John Lawrence of New York City. This caller said he was executive secretary of the Clemency Committee for Sirhan Sirhan and that Los Angeles criminal attorneys are "Crooks" and will take Sirhan "down the river." He also said "We are out to get Mr. Parsons" and claimed that Parsons was being paid \$150,000 to represent Sirhan. He said that there are 250,000 Arabs who are militant and who are not going to let Parsons get away with it. Parsons contacted the Los Angeles Police Department and requested protection. The police suggested that he discuss

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the matter with the presiding judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court. The presiding judge intends to hold a hearing to determine if Parsons needs protection. The United States Attorney is withholding a prosecutive opinion regarding a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

Our investigation into the assassination of Senator Kennedy is continuing.

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Miss Shelly Winters
Pasadena
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Dear Miss Winters:

The President has asked me to answer your telegram dated June 5, 1968.

BY HDS
ON JUL 1 1968

We share your concern for the safety of our democratic and political institutions, and have participated in certain aspects of the investigation of the slaying of Senator Kennedy. However, under our Federal system, the primary responsibility for murder prosecutions rests with local authorities.

Thank you again for your expression of concern.

Sincerely,

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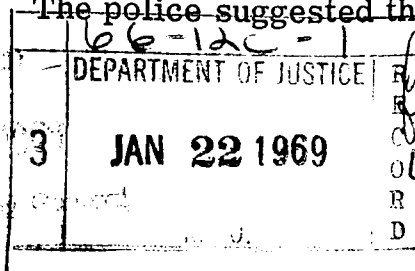
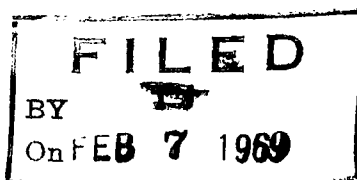
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The receptionist at the office of Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, Los Angeles, received two telephone calls on June 20, 1968, from a person claiming to be John Lawrence of New York City. This caller said he was executive secretary of the Clemency Committee for Sirhan Sirhan and that Los Angeles criminal attorneys are "Crooks" and will take Sirhan "down the river." He also said "We are out to get Mr. Parsons" and claimed that Parsons was being paid \$150,000 to represent Sirhan. He said that there are 250,000 Arabs who are militant and who are not going to let Parsons get away with it. Parsons contacted the Los Angeles Police Department and requested protection. The police suggested that he discuss



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the matter with the presiding judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court. The presiding judge intends to hold a hearing to determine if Parsons needs protection. The United States Attorney is withholding a prosecutive opinion regarding a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

Our investigation into the assassination of Senator Kennedy is continuing.

The Attorney General

June 21, 1968

Director, FBI

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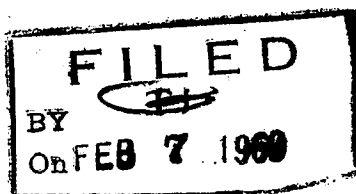
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This Bureau has received information alleging that a well-known attorney of the Department of Justice supposedly stated Senator Kennedy's assassin was inspired by a high government official.

We are endeavoring to determine the facts surrounding this purported statement and the identity of the person who made it. You will be advised of the results.

① - The Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

TO : The Attorney General

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is in reply to your communication of June 19, 1968, wherein you indicated Mr. William S. Lynch has been designated as Special Assistant to the Attorney General whose responsibility is to collect and collate information with respect to this investigation.

In the past, we have furnished copies of all pertinent memoranda and a report to Assistant Attorneys General of the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions. Copies of this material have been furnished Mr. Lynch today and in the future, copies of all pertinent material will be delivered to Mr. Lynch as well as the Assistant Attorneys General of the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. William S. Lynch
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June 21, 1968

Director, FBI

**ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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This supplements our first investigative report which was furnished you on June 17, 1968. Additional reports are being prepared and will, of course, be furnished you. In accordance with the Department's request of June 17, 1968, copies of this report are being furnished District Attorney Evelle J. Younger at Los Angeles, California, who is handling the prosecution of this case. Likewise, a copy is being furnished the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California.

Enclosure

- ① - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. William S. Lynch (Enclosure)
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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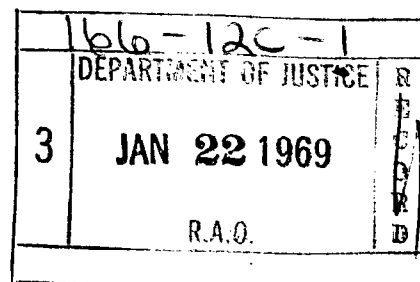
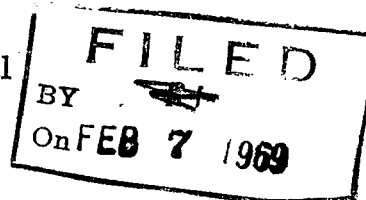
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The Attorney General

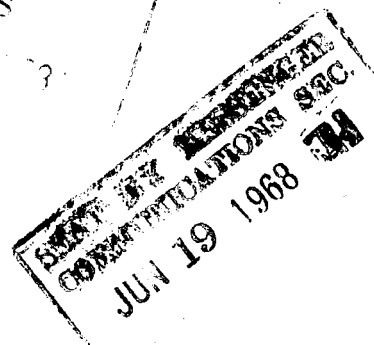
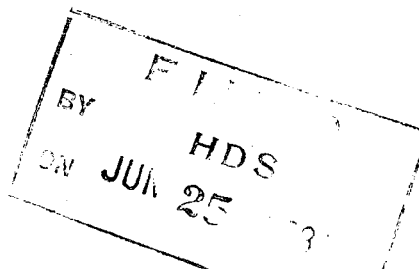
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cc: ✓Records
Chrono
Mr. Vinson
Mr. Lynch
Mr. Ramsey Clark



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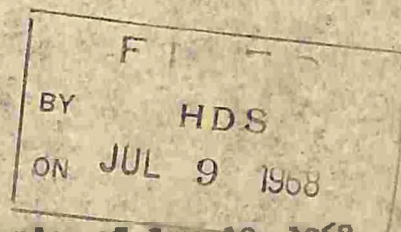
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Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



In connection with your memorandum of June 19, 1968, relating to the Selective Service status of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan, we suggest that any further investigation into possible Selective Service violations by them should be held in abeyance until such time as we have had an opportunity to review the investigation undertaken in this matter.

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cc: Records
Chron
Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson
DAG Christopher

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Memorandum

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Assistant Attorney General

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

In connection with our investigation into captioned matter, our Los Angeles, California, Office has reported that records of the Selective Service Headquarters for the State of California show no registration for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan or his brothers Saidallah and Munir Sirhan. The remaining brothers, Sharif and Adel Sirhan, are both registered with Local Board 91, Pasadena, California.

Our Los Angeles Office in noting the failure to register for the Selective Service Act on the part of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan advised that all four brothers have apparently been cooperative with the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department in connection with the investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. They have readily furnished background information relative to the activities of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. According to our Los Angeles Office, further inquiry into the Selective Service status of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan could possibly have an adverse effect upon what appears to be their cooperative spirit thus far.

Accordingly, the Department's advice is requested as to whether we should proceed further with these possible Selective Service violations at this time.

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Miss Doris Puumala
542 Freya Way
Pleasant Hill, California

Dear Miss Puumala:

Attorney General Clark has asked me to reply
to your recent letter.

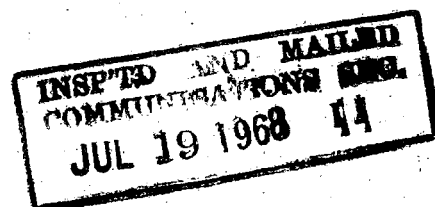
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I am sure you can appreciate that it would be
most inappropriate for the Department of Justice to comment
on a criminal case pending before a state court. You are
probably aware, however, that President Johnson recently
ordered Secret Service protection for all major presidential
candidates.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Records ✓
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542 Freya Way
Pleasant Hill, Calif.
June 18, 1968

Dear Mr. Clark,

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before passions cool and everyone
forgets about him, so that we
Americans and the world can
see that judgment still follows
crime, and that law is actually
practiced in the United States.
Thank you.

Yours Truly.
Lauri Puusala

Doris Puumala
542 Freya Way
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Attorney General Ramsey Clark
Justice Department
Washington D.C.

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Attorney General Casper
Dear Attorney General

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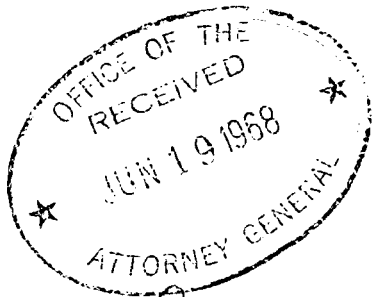
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Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington

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From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

June 18, 1968

☐ The Solicitor General
☐ Deputy Attorney General
☒ Assistant Attorney General **Stephen J. Pollak**

☐ Director, Bureau of Prisons
☐ The Pardon Attorney
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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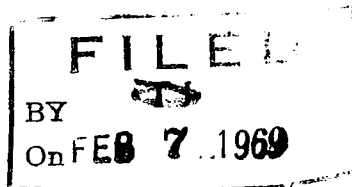
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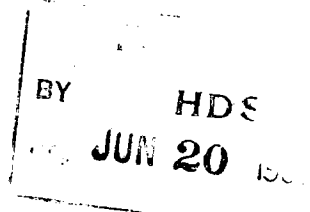
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This is in reference to your memorandum of June 17, 1968, transmitting the report of Special Agent Amedee O. Richards, Jr., dated June 9, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, concerning the above-captioned matter.

We agree that the results of this investigation would be of assistance to Mr. Younger, and it is suggested that a copy of this report be furnished to him as soon as possible.

We note that pages 1002 et seq. of this report makes note of confidential sources as leads to the investigation conducted. The sensitive nature of this matter should be brought to the attention of District Attorney Younger at the time the report is delivered.

cc: Records
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Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson
DAG Christopher

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Director, FBI

June 17, 1968

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As you are aware, this Bureau, as well as the Los Angeles Police Department, has been conducting an investigation into the death of Senator Kennedy. Local prosecutive action is pending in Los Angeles, California, and is being handled by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger. It is believed that the results of our investigation would be of material assistance to Mr. Younger, and you are requested to advise if and when copies of these reports may be furnished to him.

A copy of this report will be furnished to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, California.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)

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July 15, 1968

Mr. John N. Wynkoop
4217 N. E. 30th Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wynkoop:

President Johnson has asked me to respond to your recent letter concerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

You may be interested in knowing that Title I of Public Law 90-284 which was enacted on April 11, 1968 provides that it is a Federal crime to intimidate or interfere with a candidate for elective office. Such action is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

I hope that this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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The President
Lyndon Baines Johnson
The White House
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My dear Mr. President:

The fatal gunning of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, should be investigated thoroughly; should be treated as a National Crime. It should be prosecuted in a FEDERAL COURT, and not in a State Court. If this type of thing continues then DUELLING must again be made legal, so that, an honorable man may at least have some defense against his suspected enemies. This is the most uncivilized way to defeat the loyal opposition and this type of violence will not be tolerated by the American citizen.

This horrible murder must be made a Federal Offense. It must be made a NATIONAL CRIME to hurt, injure, or kill, IN ANY MANNER, a political candidate or incumbent or appointee or representative of the citizens of the United States. The accused or the indicted murderer should be examined in the extreme by competent appointed or elected psychiatrists and psychologists.

This country is one of the very few left where leaders can be seen, heard and touched and may it continue to be so. I would like to see certain leaders of other nameless countries expose themselves so openly. There would perhaps be mass slaughter with no weapons involved.

I was very disappointed when you announced that you would not try again for the Presidency. You have done a tremendous job and Americans can count their lucky stars that we have such men as you. You have inspired some great legislation and I'm certain that you will see the fruits of your labor. God bless you Lyndon Johnson.

Sincerely yours,

John N. Wynkoop

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR PRESIDENT JOHNSON: THERE IS A "SOCIETY" IN OAKLAND CALIF
CALLED BLACK PANTHERS. THEY DEPICT RFK AS A DEAD PIG.

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From
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To

☐ The Solicitor General **June 17, 1968**
☐ Deputy Attorney General
☒ Assistant Attorney General **Stephen J. Pollak**

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