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Miss Cheryl Faust 1324 Leland Indianapolis. Indiana 46219

Dear Miss Faust:

President Johnson has referred to this
Department the correspondence of October 31, 1968,
from you and several other persons conserning the
trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused slayer of Robert F.
Kennedy. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Mr. Sirhan is being held in the Los Angeles County Jail pending trial. Since this case is under the jurisdiction of the State of California, it would not be proper for this Department to comment on its status.

The President wants you to know that he appreciates your writing to express an interest in the current affairs of our country.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

By:

ETHEL A. OLLIVIERRE Attorney Western Section

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Mr. Howard Schultz E-10 Camelot Apartments Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Door Mr. Schultz:

This is in reply to your correspondence of October 30, 1968, requesting statistical information. Please excuse our delay in responding.

The Department of Justice does not have available for distribution the information you re-

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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Howard Schultz E-10 camelot Opts October 30,1968 Shapel Hill, N.L.

Dear Sirs;

I would appreciate your sending
Me any information (statistics aspecially)
Concornining guns and murders, accidental
deaths, and suicides that gunsare involved in.
Also, if possible, I could use statistics on the
reaction (telegrams) after Robot. Hennedy's slaying
Any aditional information for my term paper
while be appreciated. I need this argently.
Sincorely, Schultz

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Miss Marilyn Anderson 516 Carew Street Springfield, Massachusetts 01104

Dear Miss Anderson:

President Johnson has asked us to reply to your letter of October 7, 1968, concerning Sirban.

Since the trial is currently in progress, it would not be appropriate for us to comment at this time.

Sinceraly.

STEPHEN J. POLIAK Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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Mrs. Joe Lazaneo. Jr. 721 3rd Street Gilroy, California 95020

Dear Mrs. Lazaneo t

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence of October 17, 1968.

The strength of our nation lies in its adherence to law which protects the individual. There are many safeguards in our legal system which ensure the individual the time and apportunities to defend himself against criminal charges. Sometimes, it appears as if this is "protecting the criminal", but, in reality, it is guaranteeing his freedoms under the Constitution.

Orimes such as murder are generally within the jurisdiction of state and local authorities and the Department of Justice has the authority to intervene only in those instances where the violation of some federal eriminal statute is indicated. When this is the case, this Department does, indeed, intervene to ensure that justice is carried out.

Your interest in writing to express your views and concern is appreciated.

Sincerely.

STEPHEN J. POLIAK Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ Attorney Western Section IJ S BY On DEC 9' 1938

726 3 rd St. Gerry Calif. Ock. 17, 1968. Promediment of the wines The Bonorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, -166-1261 The white House, 1600 Pennsylvania UvE, 10 YOUR 20 1001 👌 Washington, D.C. 10 Dir The enclosed letter is self-explanatory of feel that there is urgency regarding with me for the fact that it is a copy. I hope also that you will feel it worth your consideration. We the lime that I wrote to Ottomey-General Clark-I received a copy of the Bull you had bassed at that time regarding Safety in the Streets, signed by the assistant to the attorney General! However, now as then, as my letter states, that was not what was on my mind - No doubt, Bir, you, also have felt frustration many times as you have done your lies to serve the people

high hopes for a renewed beginning, a fine and admirable sense of dedication Stom which come benefits for all of us There are no more alvestone responsibil these Robert by you as President. There is nothing greater that I would wish for you, President Johnson, Than that your Solution to Viel nam were success fue before you leave office. I also hope sincerely that you might help m. Tumphrey to combar the "pax" campaign of half truths and colitical "brainwashing" that Mr Nexon is having managed for himself these days. In closing, may I wish to Mrs Johnson, to your self, and to your two fine daughters every good thing with peaceful freedom and relaxation on your Lexas ranch. Dutho it is expecting a great deal, bound be most grateful to know, your opinion of content of dry en closed letter. Yours very respectfully Eladys & Lazaneo

721 Third St., Gilroy, Calif. Oct. 15, 1968.

The Honorable George W. Milias, Member of the Assembly, 22nd. District, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

Sir,

This letter is to bring something to your attention that has been on my mind for a long time. Because of your record locally, and your reputation for pursuing something until results are obtained, I hope you will channel this correctly to get maximum results.

Red tape I cannot cut-the channels open to you I do not have, but I have been writing letters. The first was to Eric Sevareid, who in Look Magazine last July had three articles about "America is Pointed in the Right Direction", or some similar title in the face of the senseless assassination of Robert Kennedy. Another was to Walter Cronkite, who permitted Chicago "Boss" Daley to air his views over the network after the disaster that was the Democratic National Convention. Then to Attorney-General Ramsey Clark, when even President Johnson cried out"for God's sake, let us have liberty, but under the law". To Gov. Reagan, asking that my letter be properly forwarded addressed to Richard Nixon when he spoke in Santa Clara; to Vice-Pres. Humphrey and Edmund Muskie to Waverly, Minn. as the campaign started. I have received one answer to all these-from Vice-Pres. Humphrey.

The immediate subject is the punishment of the assasins of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. Why the innumerable delays, the careful protection of men caught with smoking guns that commit the crimes? Were circumstantial evidence involved, where the suspect might be wrongfully convicted—but these, along with the killers of Medgar Evers, the three civil rights workers buried under a construction site, the housewife, Mrs. Liuso——all the murderers tried and released with no comparable death penalty. What right has the man to live or even ask for a trial who murdered the 8 student nurses in cold blood?

Under the repeated circumstance of release of these criminals due to all the loopholes and technicalities to be found in the law, justice is so seldome done these days in the top level crimes that real justice is becoming the travesty of our time.

Delays, protection of the criminal, loopholes—these are bad enough, but how much greater compounded is the disgrace of solution when the criminal is remanded to psychiatrists—declared incompetent, unfit, insane—some excuse but so effective, to get them off for rehabilitation. Our latest in the California courts are the two who killed 3 in 3 states, left Susan Bartolome for dead; but she is going thru life without speech and totally paralysed. Now one of these fiends is called a "mental cripple". Today, (10-16-68) the other's sordid background is supposed to minimize his guilt?

The insanity or mental defective bit is the worst of all, and oddly enough continues to get our wholehearted cooperation in the courts. Our society could become saturated with these whom the optimists wish to rehabilitate. If statistics were known, how many of these, from rapists to murderers are released for a second chance which only turns into the opportunity to repeat the offense-often more savagely than the first time? Why, in our society, do the courts permit the lives of these deviates to be so carefully treated? How long would it have taken justice to be done thru regular channels, if the peculiar, cancer-ridden little man who did not care about himself had not shot Lee Harvey Oswald? And what would the verdict have been?

None of the loopholes can be plugged at federal level--it is the responsibility of the states. But always with so much time elapsing to take the edge off of our anger and hatred--to insist on a fair trial when in my estimation no trial is deserved--meanwhile, the murdèred ones are gone, and the maimed are left to struggle thru life. Are Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy important enough to our society for justice to be done, at least in these cases, or are they to be let go scot free, or with some insignificant sentence? What became of the way some countries still handle it--punishment fits the crime, and it is carried out in kind? We just might have a far less permissive society if the culprits knew that their lives would be forfeited exactly as they killed or maimed their victims. The idea would be realistically effective; it is not sadistic.

The word, for the average citizen, Mr. Milias, is frustration-which seems to be the only recourse after the dismay, shock, and helplessness engendered by these acts. We are, also, always hopeful, awaiting a change of administration, etc. ad infinitum. We wait, to what end? Certainly not to have our feelings compounded by the inadequacies of laws or the inactivity of officialdom which seems to harbor, even nurture, the contaminating criminals, rather than eliminating them. How is our best interest served when we cater to the criminals rather than eliminating them? How many more postponements will Sirhan get--along full news coverage with pictures which maintains that the trial was postponed in order not to lock the jurors up over the holidays--since June 6 yet!

Does not the frustrated citizen, Mr. Milias, have a right to ask: "how long, Oh, Lord, how long, before the courts will eliminate all the delays that favor the criminal's life, in order to dispense punishment as fast and as final as the death or maiming that comes to those attacked?

Questions I have, but answers I do not get-until We read again that yet another of these misfits has not been sentenced to death as they should be Where could my letter be sent to be most effective? Who is the governor of Tennessee-the state in whose custody we find James Earle Ray, who probably will be released for lack of evidence as are most of the crimes against negroes? What can you do about it in your official capacity? Since state judiciary is involved, would you please bring my letter to their attention also?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. Joe Lazaneo, Jr.)

ANDIDATE NIXON NOT, only do he"brain žqir ngerous er country

By TOM WICKER

recent Richard During а Nixon rally the Pacific at Auditorium in Santa Monica, local policemen began urgently pushing along a group of long - haired picketers gathered outside. Whereupon these members of the witty and sassy younger generation dumbfounded them by setting up the chant:

Raise police salaries!

The core are: The cops can hardly rough up anybody demonstrating for that kind of goal and, in fact, the picketers were making a better point than the presidential candidate who was orating inside the packed hall.

Everywhere Nixon goes, he is calling for strict law enforce ment and promising that "new leadership and a new attorney general" will put a stop to crime — which, pre-sumably, includes street dempre-

onstrations and riots.

Nixon is even PROBLEM proclaiming himself an expert in this area, but for a man who believes himself about to become President, he really is taking dangerous political advantage of the country's un-doubted concern about "crime in the streets" and "law and order." The net effect of his campaign could be to present him and his prospective new administration with a far more serious problem than the one Nixon speaks about so forcefully - and which is, to

some extent, imaginary.

In Denver, on Sept. 25, as an example, he said that in Washington, D. C., "bus drivers have to carry weapons."

In fact, District of Columbia how modifically not a high it is law specifically prohibits them from doing so, and the D. C. Transit Company says it

would fire any driver who did.

Nixon relentlessly tells his audiences that "crime" has audiences that "crime" has risen nine times the population increase and three times it in did the fast as administration. Eisenhower Whatever statistical basis there may be for these asserthey are obviously tions, they are obviously too slick, because crime statistics, too at best, are inaccurate, in-complete and often misleading, and cannot be employed honestly in such generalities.

GENERALITIES - Nixon offers some other vague generalities to suggest that he also would do something about the social conditions in which crime flourishes, but his primary emphasis always is on tough law enforcement. It is seldom on the improvement of police personnel, techniques, police personnel, working conditions and understanding, all of which have to any really effective precede law enforcement.

Ironically, this comes at a time when real progress in improving American police work is being made, some of it under the impressive leadership of the one official Nixon never fails to attack — Attorney General Ramsey Clark. The Law Enforcement Assistance Act that Clark nursed through Congress

promises even further improvements.

For example, starting salaries for the police in some major cities have edged into the \$8,000 to \$10,000 bracket.

In many localities, educational requirements are rising. In Multnomah County, Oregon, which is mostly the city of Portland, deputy sheriffs now must have a college degree. In the past three years, more than twice as many states have made available college courses in police sciences, and more than twice as many of these courses now exist



RICHARD NIXON . . . Dangerous Advantage

which means at least twice as trained many professionally policemen.

In the same general period, Justice Department officials believe, far mor police leadership far more effective at the top has been developed, at least in the major cities. The social upheavals and urban disorders of recent years have for ced mayors and police for ced mayors and police commissioners to face up to their problems and to take intelligent steps to analyze and deal with them.

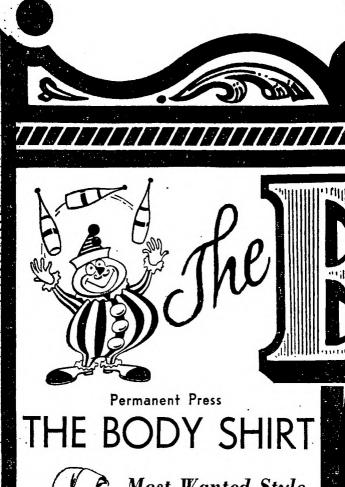
\_\* Thus,\* EASIER EASIER — Thus, as many high-ranking police and Justice Department officials see it, coping with "crime in the streets" is going to become easier in the long run — but streets" coping with policemen may become harder in the short run. The political climate encourages some police forces to civil authority, and political leaders to be strain causes hesitant or ineffective in restraining them. Policemen obviously taking the law into obinto their own hands in Chicago (a number of indictments will. stem from current investigations) are followed, predicta-bly enough, by off-duty police-men beating up black milibly enoug.., men beating up bra-'n New York City.

It is this political climate that Nixon's tough talk helps to ci eate George Wallace and any num-ber of local demagogues are far worse. Nevertheless, Nixon clearly risks making such a point of "getting tough" that his election will be interpreted by every heavy - handed handed policeman in the country as a license to beat up somebody probably somebody poor, black or young, and prefera

bly all three. Nixon would be entitled toreplace Clark but if he should do so with a hard-liner, and then follow that by substituting tough cops for President Johnson's excellent appointments to the new Law Enforcement Assistance Agency, everybody had better get a helmet.

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### <u> 'Maine, Braun</u> Not Retarded'

By RICK CARROLL Mercury Staff Writer

Tom Braun is not insane an Gene Maine is not mentall retarded, in the opinion of

Walter Rapaport, forme state director of mental hygiene

rebuttal witness on the 31st da of the murder-rape-kidnap tria of the two Washington teer agers. "I found no distorted mental

condition or mental illness in Braun," the doctor said, adding that both Braun and Maine had, and still have, the ability to deliberate, premeditate and harbor malice. Dr. Rapaport's opinio sparked a white-hot verbal battle which brought a stern reprimand to the 73-year-old docto and defense counsel Merle Or chard from Judge Joseph F

The argument erupted ove the method the doctor used t arrive at his conclusion whice all but ripped to shreds the defense curtain of insanity. "My opinion is based entirely on my examination," Dr. Rapaport said. The

Kelly.

Rapaport said. The exmination involved questions and answers which the doctor said he interpreted by drawing on his 46 years of experience in psychiatry.

The exmination showed Brau is not a schizophrenic, he said but a sociopath. "You didn't give Braun an cychological tests?" inquire psychological Orchard.

"That's correct," Dr. Rapa port said.

He found "no reason" to giv ny psychological tests t any Braun, he said. au. 'My<u>on</u> diagnosis is based en on my examination. showed no psychiatric disorders

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Washington Post

The Soviets inflated the trea nd

ed signing into a massive cerem esnial affair. A large delegatio he headed by Premier Alexei K he sygin, flew to Prague Wedne inday afternoon for the formal wo ties. With him were Foreig Minister Andrei Gromyko, D

Minister Andrei Gromyko, D
t fense Minister Vassily Kuzne
sov, who had done much of the
spade work of negotiations her
They were joined by no few
than 15 Soviet generals.

Significantly, neither Cz os-choslovak President Ludvi ifi-syoboda or Community Parfuly leader Alexander Dubcek greeing ed the delegation at the airpor will nor were any Soviet flags flow ext there. Informed sources said that mosphere was "cool throughout." throughout.

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aw nd, president's residence, Hradcany be Castle. Thereupon, the signing of the treaty, negotiated piece tay made final Tuesday in Moscov by Czechoslovak Prime Ministe Oldrich Cernik, was signed in the spacious Cernin Palace, the office of the foreign minister.

From the Soviet side, the

From the Soviet side, the purpose of the exercise was obviously, to put a purported stamp of legality on the invasion of Czechoslovakia on Aug. 20-21 and to force the victims into a public acknowledgement of the

legitimacy of what was patently an illegal foreign invasion. Hence the treaty, negotiated quite literally at gunpoint Somewhere between 250,000 and 600,000 Russian troops are now

in occupation. Whatever troops will remain will merely serve as a reminder

of the reality of Soviet intention not to let Czechoslovakia get of the Kremlin reservation again as it had, or threatened to during the eight months of

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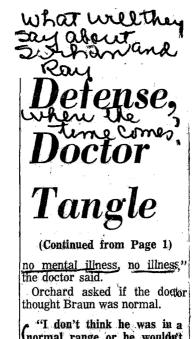
Dubcek's liberalization program. Geneticists<sup>\*</sup>

# Share Nobel Prize

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key to its structure" in 1961 and with Holley and Dr. Khorana proving its structure in detail." The winners share a cash

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normal range or he wou be out shooting, robbing wouldn't raping people. "He is not normal; what he

did was not normal.

"Why." Orchard asked "did he do it? Do you know why?"
"Yes, I know why." the doctor answered, "because he enjoyed

"He stole the cars because he wanted a new car. He shot the boy because he wanted to get the girl. He wanted the girl for sexual intercourse. He tried to kill the girl because she knew all about him and he wanted to get her out of the way. way.

inat's what I know. The from him—and confirmed."

Dr. Rapaport went on:

"He does what he want because he want." That's

"He does what he wants to because he wanted pleasure. "God or the devil didn't order "God or the devil didn't order him to do it. He did it in spite of the fact he knows it's wrong.
"He's a sociopath," the dector

"He's a sociopath, the toctor said, "and if a sociopath does it once he'll do it again.

"He bragged about it," Dr Rapaport said.

"Now, wait just a minute," interrupted Orchard.

"You failed to recognize emorse, isn't that closer to remorse, isn't the truth?" he asked doctor.

"That's correct" Dr. Rapaport said.

"Are you saying you're never wrong in your diagnosis?" Or-chard asked. The doctor exploded.

"I'll gamble everything I've got against a dime there's noth-ing in the record about that," he shouted.

never wrong?" you chard asked. "Several times I've been

wrong," the doctor admitted, adding however that most defendants withdraw their pleas of ansanity after getting my report.

Orchard touched another soft spot by saying, "After Dr. Hapa-port reaches a conclusion, there's not much use in pro-teeding." "That's not true," shouled the sputtering doctor.

Judge Kelly called a halt to the verbal tiff.

"I've sat here long enough," said, "let's get back to the case."

Asked if he knew what the rm "pseudo - psychopath leant, the doctor reacted it corn and said, "I've neve the term

meant, the use in never before had

(Braun the day before had been described by a psychologist as a "pseudo-psychopath. Orchard produced a copy Statistical

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders' and started to read the definition of the term. "That's not a Bible," the doctor interrupted.

a Bible is out of his head," he said. "To say he (Braun) is a — I will agree with that. seudo — He has a false front."

"Anyone who'd accept it

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was handed the doctor The manual published by the Ameri Psychiatric Assn. He read

the definition of the term.
"That's the first tim hat's the first time I've seen that," he sniffed. ever

But Dr. Rapaport held to his diagnosis of Braun as a socio-path and defined the word as: "A person who understands nat behavior is and is not behavior is an what

what we acceptable to s is not and for er will one reason or another will commit wrongful acts to bring

profit and pleasure to prove that he is able to do something and get away with it without the presence of mentally ill con-

cepts." Braun, h mentally ill insisted, not ] he is under Earlier, under cr examination by John Poulos, crossdoctor nearly proved himself good defense witness.

"Is Maine the type of who would take a gun a someone?" Poulos asked. Maine the type of person vould take a gun and kill "In my opinion, he would not use a gun to shoot anyone for any purpose. He has the potential to shoot someone—that everyone has—but not

the propensity.' think he has an inadequate mental-or said. personality but he's not n ly retarded," the doctor

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test for a trip to the moon we more than half of its go-already fulfilled Wednest night night. If astronauts Walter Schinz Donn Eisele and Walt Cu ningham had to bring Apal 7 back to earth now, official said it would have account plished more than 75 pe of its intendend tests. 75 per ces

A Christmastime trip to t moon by Apollo 8 was "alm a foregone conclusion" if Apo 7 successfully completes its day flight. the At 9:08 p.m. EDT, Apollo we passed the halfway point in the 260 hour, 10-minute missi from liftoff last Friday

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10-may point from liftoff last Frid splashdown next Tuesday Atlantic Ocean The spacecondribit te Friday eday in f fly sts af-

orbit around earth featured trip over the eye of Hurrie: Gladys near Cuba—which m threaten its planned return earth, a half-second "burp" its 21,000-pound-thrust rocl and another telecast.

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a wary eye or the hurricane.

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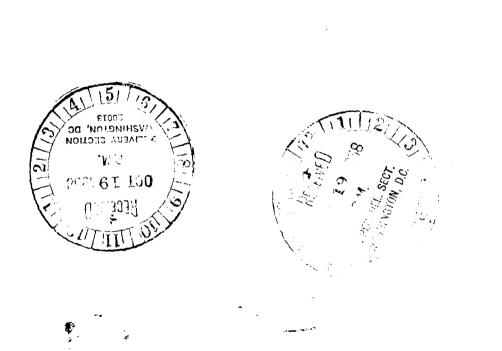
near here. Wednesday, as naut Ron Evans in Hou-told Schirra "be advised Gladys we're not sure wheth to move your hoat or to mo your (Apollo) landing po your yet." There are several "back-recovery areas where astronauts could come down both the Atlantic and Pac should Gladys bar them from the prime area."

Officials at Cape Kenn were concerned for the sai of the huge Saturn 5 roc which will power Apollo 8 a in December. They were make a decision Thursday whether to move it back to assembly building to escape storm's winds. gripe from

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Cluz mail The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, The White Houses 1600 Dennsylvania ave., Washington, D.C.



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Dear Mr. Renfroe:

This is in reply to your letter postmarked October 21, 1968, concerning a previous correspondence to this office.

Please accept our apology for any misunderstanding.

Sincerely,

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GABRIEL A. GUTTERREZ Attorney Western Section

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Mr. J. C. Renfroe Citra Route #2 Box 119-B Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Renfroe:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence dated June 26, 1968. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Please be advised that your views have been duly noted. Your interest in writing to express your views is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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# Bombing Pause In Vietnam Another Communist Victory

Millions of Americans undoubtedly will be cheered by the impending prospects of a bombing halt in Vietnam. Some will hopefully assume the war could grind to a halt, with no more American boys fighting and dying. Others will delight that their peacenik movement will have won its point and now there will be no more destruction raining down on their left wing friends in North Vietnam.

But there are those, including us, who look with considerable

trepidation upon the proposed bombing cessation, even if it would have the bonus of warring on a smaller scale. The reason for such concern is that once again the mighty United States would be losing a war,



making a waste of the some 25,000 men killed, the tens of thousands more wounded, and the \$100 billion invested to ensure the freedom of the South Vietnamese, who, of course, truly would not be free from the threat of Hanoi.

IN THE EVENT anybody has forgot, we lost the war in Korea. We didn't win it, as could have been accomplished, we lost it by being pinned down in a stalemated armistice that requires our military presence in South Korea. We lost, because we did not crush Communist aggression as we had promised.

Instead, our national political leadership arranged a humiliating accommodation with a bush league Communist outpost that stripped us naked of our integrity before the world.

And now the Communists are nearing repetition of the degradation by luring us into another rapprochement in Vietnam. From the outset, Ho Chi Minh set the terms for our further discomfiture: end all bombing and include the Viet Cong in the truce negotiations in the form of the National Liberation Front.

As much as anybody else, we want to see the fighting end. We, too, yearn for days of peace when our young men can have normal lives and our country can go about its business in science and education and improving the lot of the less fortunate.

dent terms for suspended war in Vietnam.

There was a lesson in Korea, but it has been ignored by our leaders. Communists do not expect us to conquer them and place their territory under military occupation. But they do know that we will attempt to negotiate a peace and will be tolerant almost beyond human endurance to that end.

The hundreds of meetings between the truce teams at Panmunjom, some of which amounted to nothing more than entering the room of the peace hut in the Demilitarized Zone and glaring in silence across the table, set the pattern of the political strategy in a no-win policy.

The pattern also includes the divided nation, as in Korea and in Vietnam; the Demilitarized Zone repeatedly violated by the Communists, and the terrorist attacks in territory under our jurisdiction, not to forget the calculated provocations such as the USS Pueblo.

Our destiny in Vietnam, we fear, is one more Lilliputian strand to hold us prone against Communist salami-style world aggression.

down in Kurea with montary and economic commitments.

Our presence is required in Western Europe because of the Russian threat.

WE ARE LOCKED in West Berlin because there has been no formal settlement of World War II - once again because of a Communist-divided nation, Germany.

And Cuba is poised at a shaft aimed at our underbelly and the Western Hemisphere.

Thus, it must follow to wonder where the next pressure point will emerge.

Perhaps it may be in the Middle East. Or in Africa. Possibly in a new confrontation in West Berlin over closing the Autobahn; or at The Wall.

Maybe the thrust will be in Panama. But it could be in Thailand to consolidate Southeast Asia for the Reds with Burma, Sumatra or Indonesia in the line of march for Communist attack.

Any of these can be the cost of an uneasy peace in Vietnam, as that war was the price we paid for our failure in South Korea.

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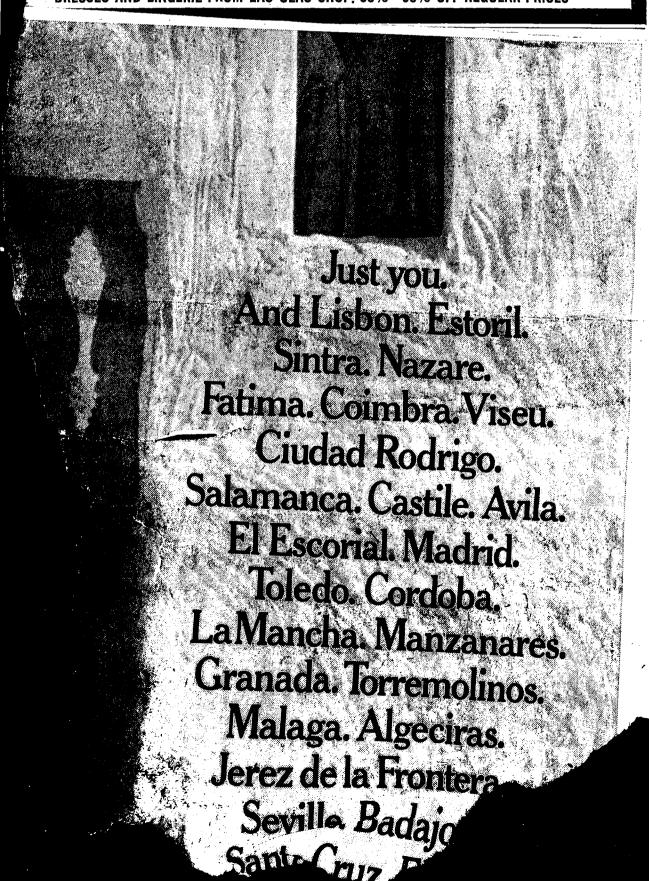
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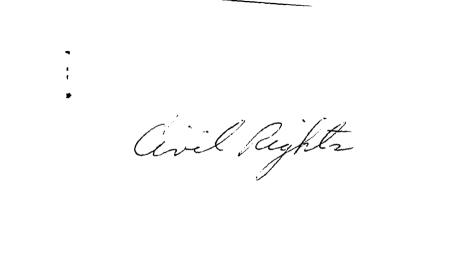
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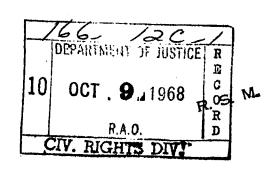
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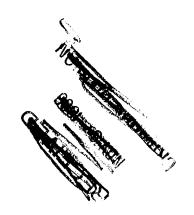
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> Mr. M. M. Rudolph 4162 Birchwood Drive, So. Liverpool, New York 13088

Dear Mr. Rudolph:

This is in reply to your correspondence of October 7, 1968, concerning the trial of the alleged slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan B. Sirhan.

As you know, the confinement of witnesses is both for their own protection and to ensure that the judicial processes may be properly carried out. Although this is an inconvenience for the persons involved, it is often necessary. A citizen's desire to provide information he possesses in spite of personal inconvenience is of great importance to our judicial system.

As for the frequent postponement of trials, this is also a method of ensuring justice. If an attorney has good cause in the eyes of the court for postponement, it is granted with the view that justice may more properly be carried out. The objective of the court in such cases is to enable all persons fair treatment under due process of law.

Your interest in writing to express your views is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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too frightened to speak to any one concerning the assassination.

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If you wish to check or review the nothere is tormuch to add on this subject, refer to the February, 1967 issue of Paviol Welsh and William Jurner. as you will know this is a very reputable woman's magazine. We demand action now I she reasons for the postponement are not even justified. Sirhano lawyers also not appear to have much of a case.

mayor yorty is known to have never liked Robert Kennedy. Our Bobbying one, his children have been left Jatherless, his wife lonely and bereaved, his family shocked and his brother has been left to carry more burden added to what he already has. Now Ted is the lone male Kennedy surviver. Bobley's eampaign workers and the people here and all over the world are still shocked and mourn for him, he will live on in the hearts of all the people who loved him. We demand that Sirkan be moved to another state, now secretly and under Theory security guard and remain there as such until the trial of it is pasaible after the trial would even be better. Roosevelt brees among many others did a lot to capture and keep. Sirhan page and alive to stand trial. We the people want him to stand treat, as it is the american way and the right ways at the Dame time there is more than enough evidence and witnesses to prove his quilt as & mentioned before, all of this will be proven at the trial and the answer will be guilty as charged, premeditated and without reasonable doubt. The death penalty will be two easy and too final, He deserves to serve the rest of his life in prison. If this should be the case, he may have to have guards twenty four hours a day which ( som sure can come out of the tarpayers money as everything) else does, with the constant rise in takes. This is for a better cause then some of the others, for spample, beaulifying america by destroying buildings that need not be, only to build some other buildings we do not need. There are so many ways the tappayers money is being miused needlessly. Money that can and should be put to better use . Sirkan is only one of many where our money can be put to use.

What about the girl in the polks dot dress? She was supposed to have been found, questioned, released, and her case closed. The dress was found later in a paper bag but that part of the dress, the girl in the polks old dress was never removed. After finds the dress in such an unusale manner, why does it still remain closed?

request we are now demanding - I be trial must go

Mr. + Mrs. m. M. Rudolph

P. S. again we must refer to Sishan B. Sishan's trial as we have just finished reading about Russell E. Parson's latest request for another delay in his trial I his I believe to be correct leveled be the sight time. It is picture is not that of a person with any feeling of guilt for the tragic crime he is being accused of, but the expression of one who knew what he did at the time, and of one who is not suffering any regret or sorrow for committing such a crime. He have seen that a ame expression soon after the crime, when they cleaned him up, yes, the same look on his face. He appears to be content and in his own way pleased for being so successful!

We are sure that every jury trial is not postponed because of the holidays. Why should be be made an exception. I talling for more time in hopes the spirit of the people including the jury, judge and everyone involved with this will change in favor of Listan B Suhan, and more time for his lawyer. We will not change our feelings of our great loss and what it has done to our people and country and perhaps even effect our world affairs.

no, this is too big ! no more delays, escuses, just go on with the trial. We demand justice!

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Dear Mer. Fresident, Sorry to bother you at this time knowing you have more On FEB then enough troubles to worris about. The reason for this letter is mostly because il am very disappointed, and mad Concerning Robert F. Kennedy's assissin. Soon it will be five months that our beloved Robert has been gone, and yet the man who took tis life is still alive el do beleine that every human being is imposent until proven quilty, but in this case things have gone too far. This is my question. Why does the law of this country allow such a man stay alive so long,

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