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Mr. W. H. Hulsey
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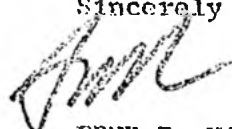
Dear Mr. Hulsey:

I received your recent letter in which you requested information of the expense incurred by the U. S. government in connection with the Sirhan Sirhan trial.

I am contacting the U. S. Department of Justice for a report on this matter. I will be in touch with you as soon as I have a report.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,


FRED R. HARRIS
U. S. Senate

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November 4, 1970

W. W. HULSEY
PRESIDENT

The Honorable Fred R. Harris
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Fred:

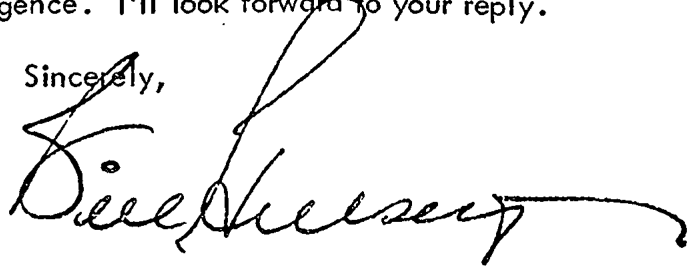
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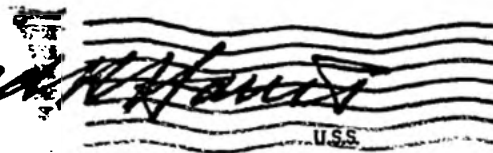


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Mr. Edward Fensterwald, Jr.
Executive Director
Committee to Investigate
Assassinations
927 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 12, 1970 in further reference to your request for access to a report entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968", a copy of which was furnished this Department by the Los Angeles Police Department.

I am unable to comply with your request for the reason that this report is the property of the Los Angeles Police Department. In such, it is not a "record" of the Department of Justice within the meaning of the Public Information Section of the Administrative Procedure Act. Further, even assuming that the report could properly be considered such a "record" it is not subject to disclosure under the provision of 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(7).

As stated in my letter of October 8, 1970, I suggest you communicate with the Chief of Police at Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

October 8, 1970

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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
Executive Director
Committee to Investigate
Assassinations
927 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

We have received your request dated September 25, 1970 for access to a nine volume report entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968."

This report, summarizing results of investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was furnished to the Justice Department by the Los Angeles Police Department.

It is the policy of the Justice Department not to disclose investigatory reports and records submitted to the Department by state and local law enforcement agencies. May I suggest you communicate with Mr. Edward M. Davis, Chief of Police, Parker Center, 150 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 and submit your request to him.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

bcc: H. KOFFSKY
CRIMINAL DIV.

October 8, 1970

Mr. Edward M. Davis
Chief of Police
Parker Center
150 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chief Davis:

A report consisting of nine volumes summarizing results of investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was forwarded by your Department to the Department of Justice on July 23, 1969. This report was entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968."

We have recently received a request from Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. for access to these volumes. A copy of Mr. Fensterwald's request is attached hereto.

Since this material was furnished us by your Police Department, we have instructed Mr. Fensterwald that his request should be directed to you. I am enclosing for your information a copy of my letter to Mr. Fensterwald.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

Encl.

cc. H. KOFFSKY
CRIMINAL DIV.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 5, 1970

FROM : *[Signature]* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

This is in reply to your communication of September 30, 1970.

A report consisting of nine volumes summarizing results of investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was forwarded the Department of Justice on July 23, 1969. This report was entitled "An Investigation Summary of The Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968."

Since this material was furnished by the Los Angeles Police Department, we defer to the Department as to whether Mr. Fensterwald's request should be honored.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division



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The Deputy Attorney General

October 5, 1970

Director, FBI

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1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.

Sept. 30, 1970

Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

Freedom of Information Act'

Attached is a request for information relating to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy from Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Executive Director of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

Mr. Fensterwald is requesting ten volumes entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination", which he claims are in the files of this Department.

Would you please advise me whether we have these records and comment on Mr. Fensterwald's request.

BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS

927 FIFTEENTH ST., N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

(202) 347-3837

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

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See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

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DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (include any information which may be helpful in locating record)

Ten illustrated bound volumes entitled An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, compiled by Los Angeles Chief of Detectives Robert F. Houghton, author of Special Unit Senator (Random House, 1970). Please see attached copies of pages from Houghton's book.

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FILL IN IF IN PENDING → LITIGATION	COURT (check one)	DISTRICT	NAME OF CASE	DOCKET NUMBER
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Bernard Fensterwald Jr.
BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR.
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Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530

Special Unit Senator

THE INVESTIGATION OF
THE ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY



by Robert A. Houghton

Chief of Detectives, Los Angeles Police Department

with Theodore Taylor



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few days, some officers were conducting interviews without ever having seen the pantry, or accurate plans of it.

"A plot, plan, map, schematic, or whatever is applicable, and a brief statement of facts should be laid out, reproduced and made available to every department command, and staff, and to the investigators assigned to conducting interviews," Keene added. Pena recommended a "walk through the crime scene by every officer conducting interviews."

The three supervising officers were also critical of "detective note-taking," and failure to properly describe witnesses. Polaroid photographs would have been useful, serving the same purpose as Keene's recommendation that "there is no place in an operation of this type for handwritten reports." In short, the modern ease of sound tape proved itself.

I would agree with these constructive criticisms of the investigation. In retrospect, anything can be improved. Generally, however, I believe the department responded well in those first hectic, confusing hours. Men like Hughes, Jordan, Sillings, Sharaga, and many others, took the first shock. So did citizens at the scene, men like Dr. Abo, Jesse Unruh, Karl Uecker, Rosie Grier, Rafer Johnson and Juan Romero. They responded without hesitancy.

On July 25, 1969, Special Unit Senator was finally and officially closed out. It had been in existence for more than a year, and the ending marked the completion of the longest, largest and most expensive criminal investigation ever undertaken by the Los Angeles Police Department, possibly the most extensive investigation ever conducted by any local law enforcement agency.

On that date the voluminous SUS files, in four locked

cabinets, were shifted out of Room 803 in Parker Center for storage. Contained in them is more than fifty thousand pages of documentation and material evidence. Evidence too large for the cabinets has been recorded by photography.

The Filing Guide to these records, drawer by drawer, tells the broad story of people, places and events from the birth of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan to the conclusion of his trial. Beyond that, to the final posttrial investigations of the special unit.

The indexed story is a more intimate view into these files, and shows, for example, that 4,818 separate interviews and interrogations were conducted. The official correspondence, daily logs, section reports, progress reports, gun and gun-range reports, case preparations, conspiracy-potential investigations seem to be endless. To this small mountain of paper may be added 155 items of booked evidence, 1,700 photographs, 190 reels of tape, and 20 reels of sixteen-millimeter film.

Although I read the reports daily and met constantly with Captain Brown and SUS team heads to explore one aspect or another of the investigation, I was astonished by the sheer mass of the unit's total effort.

Now it has all been boiled down to ten illustrated bound volumes entitled *An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968*. These volumes represent my report to the Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. Two sets will remain with LAPD, and the third set has been forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States.

Throughout the entire SUS investigation, parallel investigations were conducted by the FBI and the District Attor-

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FROM		
NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL		

LAW OFFICES
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BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR.
WILLIAM G. OHLHAUSEN

NEW YORK ASSOCIATES
BASS & ULLMAN
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

October 12, 1970

Mr. Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kleindienst:

Thank you for your letter of October 8th. In all sincerity, I very much appreciate your promptness and your suggestion.

If I were in California, I probably would first direct my request to the local authorities. However, as I am in Washington and copies of the records sought are in Washington, I must renew my request to you to examine them here.

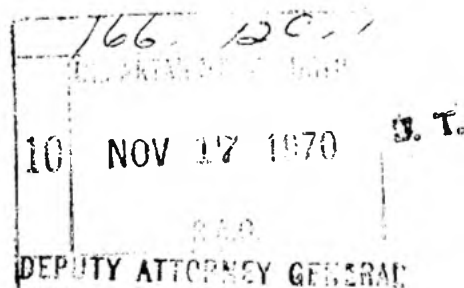
Further, the stated "policy" of the Department is one thing; the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552 are another. Under the provisions of that statute, I believe I am entitled to access to the nine (or ten) volumes in question. And I am most hopeful that the Department of Justice will make them available promptly without my having to resort to litigation.

Most respectfully yours,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
Executive Director

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**COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ASSASSINATIONS**

927 15TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

Mr. Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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December 4, 1970

Honorable John Jaraman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I have received your communication transmitting a copy of a letter from one of your constituents who requests information about the Sirhan Sirhan case in California.

The first question is: "How much taxpayer's money has been spent on Sirhan to date exclusive of the \$900,000.00 spent on his trial in Los Angeles?" I regret that the Department of Justice has no information about this matter.

The second question is: "The amount of federal funds being used to subsidize his family due to the cruelty imposed upon them by the press?" This Department is not aware of any federal funds being used to subsidize Sirhan's family in any way.

The third question is: "Why the legal entanglements posed by Sirhan's lawyers cannot be brought up and answered immediately so the death penalty can be imposed either in San Quentin or another appropriate institution?" Sirhan's trial was before a California State court. His attorneys are now exercising his right of appeal. Since the matter is still pending before the California courts, it would be inappropriate for the Department of Justice to comment.

I regret that we cannot be of any further assistance in this matter. Your enclosure is returned as requested.

Sincerely,

WILL WILSON
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

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Deputy Attorney General

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

November 6, 19 70

Mr. Will R. Wilson
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

John Jarman

JOHN JARMAN, M. C.
5th District, Oklahoma

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P.S.: Many thanks in advance for
your consideration of the enclosed
request. Please expedite

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The Honorable John Jarman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Thanks for the information on Sirhan Sirhan. In reading through it several questions in my mind are still unanswered, and I would appreciate you using your influence to get specific answers where possible.

The details of the Sirhan Sirhan case are extremely important to me, and I can think of no better vehicle than the United States Congress and Senate to obtain the answers to questions I am outlining below:

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Scott Reynolds
2150 Springhouse Lane
Aston, Pennsylvania 19014

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This is in reply to your letter postmarked
November⁵, 1970, requesting information on
Sirhan Sirhan.

Unfortunately the Department of Justice
does not have available information on the
above subject. You may wish to contact officials
in Los Angeles, California or your local library
for back issues of newspapers.

If we can be of any other assistance, please
do not hesitate to contact us again.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

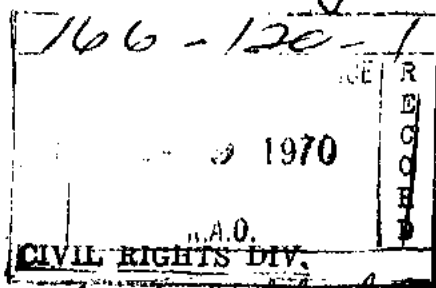
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SCOTT REYNOLDS
2150 SPRINGHOUSE LAWE
ASTON, PENNA.
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Dear Sirs,

As a citizen of the United States, I have noticed a lack of justice in the punishment of one Sirhan Sirhan, brutal murderer of one of our country's greatest senators, Robert Francis Kennedy. As a citizen demanding justice, I would like to know why this man is still living? Doesn't the law dictate that in 1st degree murders the penalty is death? Would it be possible to send me some information as to why this man is still alive, drinking our water, eating our food, breathing our air and ~~just~~ giving nothing in return. This letter may sound like I'm a fanatic, well I am, about justice. Would you please send me a letter stating the reasons why he has not paid his debt to society? Just because I am ~~for~~ sixteen years of age means nothing. I have many persons in my school who feel as strongly as I do about this. They have a right to know, and so do I.



Thank you for your time,

Sophomore at Sun Valley High School



The United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Mrs. Emily Di Grazia
355 Southgate Avenue, Apt. 319
Daly City, California 94015

Dear Mrs. Di Grazia:

President Nixon has referred to this
Department your correspondence. Please excuse
our delay in responding.

You may be sure that your comments have
been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Daly City, Calif.

Oct. 9, 1980


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President Nixon of
the United States of America

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Dear Sir:

If it is sensible ~~and~~ ^{R.A.D.} ~~wise~~ thing
to do, please liberate to his people
Sirhan Sirhan. He was the victim
of the mentality of War which is
cruel and without good reason. No
doubt he was made to understand
that Robert Kennedy was a terrible
enemy of his people. He did
not know that Robert Kennedy
was a man of God Almighty
and was a man of Peace,
and full of compassion
for humanity. The
reasons in Warfare
are very cruel. Sirhan
Sirhan was as a good
soldier for his people,



over (Sirhan)

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prisoners

Being that you stated that all
--soldiers of all nations should
be given their freedom, I think
that Sirhan Sirhan should be
given his. I do hope that in
this year of 1970 a just Peace
will come to all nations of
the World. How wonderful it
would be if man would talk
Peace with justice and Good
Will, and ^{no} more Hate on this
lovely planet. Please dear Mr.
President Nixon, if it is
right and wise, please
release him to his
people.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Emily Di Grazia
355 Southgate Ave. Apt. 319
Daly City, California. 94015



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May God Almighty
Bless the World with
His Holy Peace through
our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

May the ones who cause
so much trouble and
chaos; they know not
God Almighty will learn
about their creator.

The Ten Commandments
and learn how to pray.

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President Nixon
1700 Pennsylvania Ave
White House
Washington D.C.

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 HERE THEIR RIGHTS!

EMMA BANDLE (WIESEHAN)
 5715 - CHEVLOT ROAD
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Mr. W. Charlton Griffith
Post Office Box 546
Terrell, Texas 75160

Dear Mr. Griffith:

This is in response to your letter of August 21, 1970, concerning Sirhan Sirhan.

The matter raised in your letter is within the jurisdiction of the courts of California and is not a matter within the jurisdiction of this Department. Inquiries as to the status of that case should be directed to state authorities who are closer to the situation than this Department.

Sincerely,

cc: ✓ Records
Chrono
Jones
Bourne

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

RICHARD W. BOURNE
Attorney
Voting & Public Accommodations

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W. CHARLTON GRIFFITH
TERRELL, TEXAS

August 21, 1970

Mr. John M. Mitchell
Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

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CIVIL RIGHTS

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Would you be kind enough to enlighten me as to why Sirhan Sirhan, who assassinated Mr. Robert Kennedy, has not been electrocuted?

I will appreciate this very much and am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and trust you will take time to reply.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. Charlton Griffith

WCG:EC

AUG 28 1970

John M Mitchell
Senate
Washington, D.C.



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Mr. John M. Mitchell
Attorney General of the United States
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

Sirhan M. Sirhan

Forwarded herewith is a copy of a letter to the Attorney General, dated October 19, 1970, with enclosures, from Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. asking for release of the FBI reports concerning the captioned case.

Your advice is requested whether all of the Bureau's reports were made available to the defense in the Sirhan case, and if so, whether the defense (1) was permitted only to inspect the reports or (2) was actually furnished a set of duplicate copies. Please also advise whether any conditions were imposed, either by the court or by the prosecution, concerning the use which could be made of such materials.

Finally, we would appreciate your views with respect to Mr. Fensterwald's request.

Attachment

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Mr. Epstein
Mr. Wilson
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October 19, 1970

Attorney General John Mitchell
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attached hereto is a completed form DJ-118, a request for access to official records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR Part 16.

The records sought are an FBI file with respect to Sirhan B. Sirhan.

If it were not for the fact that the file in question had been made available to writer Robert Blair Kaiser, and had not Mr. Kaiser made this fact known in his new book, RFK Must Die, [please see Attachment], you might be inclined to answer that the records in question were within an exemption in 5 U.S.C. 552. However, as they have been made available to a commercial writer and are the basis, at least in part, for his published book, we can see no reason why they should not be made equally available to our Committee, as 5 U.S.C. 552 require equality of treatment in access to records.

Therefore, we hope that the records can be made available without serious delay.

Most respectfully yours,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
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FBI Office File 56-156, Bureau File 62-587, approximately 4,000 pages of reports from FBI Special Agents with respect to an investigation of Sirhan B. Sirhan, made upon request of the Attorney General.

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"R.F.K. Must Die!"

A History of
the Robert Kennedy Assassination
and Its Aftermath

by
Robert Blair Kaiser



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"... did anybody pay you to shoot Kennedy?" 321

"Of course it does," said Berman, wondering to himself just how the judge could be persuaded to let that happen.

"And I've got some books," said Jabara fiercely, "that ought to go in evidence."

"I'd like to have them right away," said Berman. "And anything else you've got on the subject."

Jabara smiled and relaxed enough to enjoy the greatest fried shrimp in town. "Okay," he said. "Okay."

"Here," I said, pushing a plate at Jabara, "have a fortune cookie and see what the fates have in store."

Jabara took a sip of tea, opened his cookie carefully and burst into a fit of laughter. He handed over a tiny scrap of paper imprinted with the message: "DON'T LET YOUR ENTHUSIASM OVERRIDE THE REALITY AROUND YOU." Jabara laughed again.

While the lawyers settled down to the weary task of picking twelve jurors and six alternates, I continued to read the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Office File 56-156, Bureau File No. 62-587. It was impressively heavy, comprising at least 4,000 pages of reports from special agents all over the United States who looked into the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan upon request of the Attorney General of the United States under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

And it was well written. The report of the assassination itself by Amador O. Richards, Jr., of the Los Angeles office was a model of telegraphic clarity.

At approximately 12:15 A.M., 6/5/68, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY proclaimed victory in California primary election in crowded Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. As SENATOR KENNEDY and party were leaving Embassy Room through kitchen exit, a series of shots were fired by an unknown individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. SENATOR KENNEDY fell backward onto floor, critically wounded with bullet in brain. SIRHAN wrestled to floor, disarmed and turned over to Los Angeles, California, police department (LAPD).

The reports gave me a chance to verify many of the associations Sirhan had already told me about. Here were summaries of FBI interviews with persons who had known Sirhan in school and with some of those who had

From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

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☐ Chief - Administrative Services Office
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☒ Records Administration Office

Att.: ☐ Antitrust Div. ☐ Civil Div. ☐ Civil Rights Div.
☒ Criminal Div. ☐ Internal Security Div.
☐ Inter-Division Information Unit ☐ Community Relations Service

- ☐ A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Los Angeles, California

October 15, 1970

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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An arrest report of the Sierra Madre Police Department dated September 23, 1970, shows that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, had been arrested on September 23, 1970, by the Sierra Madre Police Department, in charges of suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Arrest report of the Sierra Madre Police Department dated September 23, 1970, shows that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan was arrested at Lime and Sierra Madre Boulevard and charged with violations of Sections 11530 (Possession of Marijuana), and 11910 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs) of the California Health and Safety Code. The address of Saidallah Sirhan was listed in this report as 1659 North Lake, Number seven, Pasadena, California.

According to the arrest report Saidallah Sirhan and two other suspects were in a vehicle when an attempt was made by a Sierra Madre police officer to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation. While attempting to stop the vehicle, a plastic bag containing a green leafy substance resembling marijuana, was thrown from the vehicle. During the inventory of Saidallah Sirhan's property additional contraband was found.

According to the crime report of this incident, the arresting officer observed a vehicle driven by Saidallah Sirhan on which the license plate light was inoperative. The vehicle was being driven erratically and while attempting to halt the vehicle, the arresting officer observed a plastic bag expelled from the left front window of the car. This was later retrieved and found to contain a green leafy substance resembling marijuana.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

The three suspects were arrested and transported to the Sierra Madre Police Department for booking. While removing personal belongings from Saidallah Sirhan a tin foil wrapper containing five blue-green capsules of a white powdery substance were observed to fall from his folded up shirt sleeve.

Saidallah Sirhan was arraigned on September 23, 1970, in Division Two, Pasadena Municipal Court. A preliminary hearing was set for October 2, 1970, in Division One of the same court.

On October 2, 1970, the case against Saidallah Sirhan was dismissed as there was insufficient information to link the defendant with the evidence.

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Mr. Edward T. Compte
8615 East Whittier Boulevard, Apt. 206
Pico Rivera, California 90660

Dear Mr. Compte:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your correspondence of October 1, 1970, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him. You may be sure that your comments have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

DOROTHY E. MEAD
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are Mr. President
Richard Milhouse Nixon

He just making a Mockery and
publicity for themselves through the
Sirhan case. The Attorneys. When it is
pretty unlikely he will ever make it through
the legal system of today. Just send him
and his family back to Arabia or where
ever he came from. Also wrote Governor

about matter also. Am presently
going after mock up of My Home
city apartments or housing or apartment
for everyone. Should have mock up ready
in about 60 to 90 days.

OK.

signed Edward J. Compti

Ed. Compt.
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President Richard Milhous Nixon
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AIR MAIL

Honorable Evelle J. Younger
District Attorney
County of Los Angeles
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Younger:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 1970 regarding a possible attempt to raise a conspiracy issue in connection with the assassination of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We shall be glad to avail ourselves of information in your files should developments indicate the necessity for a conspiracy investigation or other action by this Department. However, nothing has come to our attention suggesting the necessity for such an investigation at the present time.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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