

7- June-1968 .

Federal Bureau of Investigation;
201-East 69th; Street.
New York-N.Y.

Sirs;

The subject matter of this letter is in regard to
QUOTE "The Girl in the POLKA DOT DRESS", relating to the killing-of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on Tuesday of this week.

It is only a slim clue in my estimation-but-I believe you could check it out.The TIME, is just after Sen.Kennedy was shot.At the time he was lying on the floor of the pantry of the Hotel.The TV cameras switched out to the bigger room.On a platform-about 3 feet off the floor were a group of people. It seems they were waiting for Sen.Kennedy to make an appearance?

Now a girl appeared(she wore a white dress with black spots) She approached a medium sized young man and spoke to him.It didnt seem to me,that was a normal way to speak.She lowered her head and laughed to herself.Now she raised her head told her friend something else and then she left.

All this while the man(an ARAB?)was tranfixed gazing in the direction whence this girl had come?He said very little to her and when he did it wasnt a natural manner of speaking.
TO ME-it seemed she had imparted to him some information which was out of the ordinary.

This is about all I can say-It either is or it isnt the girl in question.

Sincerely yours;

George C. Schweizer
George C. Schweizer.

1264 Manor Ave.

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10-50 PM URGENT 06/07/68/ JPK/JON

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND NEW YORK (PLAINTEXT)
FROM NEWARK (44-872)

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REPHTEL TO BUREAU AND NEWARK SIX SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.

ON JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT MRS. ANN REEVES ONE NINE PATRICIA LANE, TRENTON, NJ, ADVISED THAT ON JUNE SIX SIXTY EIGHT IN A GENERAL CONVERSATION WITH NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR MRS. CATHERINE LATOOF, CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY, MRS. LATOOF EXPRESSED SYMPATHY CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY 'S DEATH.

HOWEVER, MRS. LATOOF INDICATED TO MRS. REEVES WHILE VISITING HER BROTHER JOSEPH HAGE, OF NEW YORK CITY (NYC) ON SUNDAY LAST JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT IN COMPANY OF BROTHER ANTOINE HAGE, A CITIZEN OF HAITI, A DISCUSSION AROSE BETWEEN THEM CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY'S CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. HER BROTHER ANTOINE THEN EXPRESSED ANNOYMENT TO THEM CONCERNING ACTIVITY OF SENATOR KENNEDY, INDICATING HE HAD HEARD PRIOR TO LEAVING HAITI FOR NYC THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT OR WOULD BE SHOT.

MRS. LATOOF DISCOUNTED THIS STATEMENT IN NYC AS SENATOR KENNEDY WAS THEN ALIVE. MRS REEVES STATED SHE WAS NATURALLY CONCERNED OVER THE STATEMENTS OF ANTOINE HAGE ON JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT TO HIS SISTER AND BROTHER THAT KENNEDY WAS DEAD OR WAS TO BE SHOT IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS CONCERNING THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY ON JUNE SIX SIXTY EIGHT.

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ON JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT MRS CATHERINE LATOOF SEVENTEEN PATRICIA LANE, TRENTON, NJ, ADVISED SHE AND BROTHER LEFT TRENTON, NJ, SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR NYC AS JOSEPH HAGE WAS TO HAVE SURGERY AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL; EAST SIXTY EIGHT ST, NYC. WHILE IN NYC ONE JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT, THEY WERE JOINED BY BROTHER ANTOINE HAGE WHO HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM HAITI TO VISIT BROTHER PRIOR TO OPERATION.

MRS LATOOF DENIED MAKING ANY STATEMENT TO ANY PERSON THAT HER BROTHER, ANTOINE INDICATED TO SHE AND BROTHER ON JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT THAT HE WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR SENATOR KENNEDY WAS ALIVE; THAT PRIOR TO LEAVING HAITI HE HAD HEARD SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SHOT OR WAS TO BE SHOT.

MRS LATOOF ADVISED SHE HAS NO CURRENT RESIDENCE FOR ANTOINE HAGE IN NYC BUT INDICATED SHE CAN BE CONTACTED IN CARE OF BROTHER AT ONE TWO ONE ONE NEW YORK HOSPITAL EAST SIXTY EIGHT ST, NYC.

LEADS

NEW YORK AT NYC - INTERVIEW BROTHERS JOSEPH AND ANTOINE HAGE CONCERNING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANTOINE HAGE CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

MAIL COPIES TO DIRECTOR AND LSOS ANGELES.

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TO : BUREAU
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)
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ON JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, SHMUEL RUTH, CONSUL OF ISRAEL, NYC, STATED HE WAS IN THE ISRAELI POLICE FOR FOURTEEN YEARS AND WAS A SUPERVISOR OF THE SHIRUT BITAHON, ISRAELI SECURITY SERVICE, HE SAID THAT HIS VAST EXPERIENCE WITH ARABS LEADS HIM TO FEEL THAT THE KENNEDY MURDER INVOLVED MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN ITS COMMISSION BECAUSE THE SUSPECT, SIRHAN, DID NOT READILY TALK OR ADMIT DOING THE ACT "AS ARABS WOULD DO". HE STATED THAT HE HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER AND KNOWS ONLY WHAT HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS, BUT HIS FEELING INDICATES THAT SIRHAN DID NOT DO IT BY HIMSELF BECAUSE HE KNEW THE ROUTE KENNEDY WOULD TAKE FROM THE BALLROOM TO THE KITCHEN, AND THIS INDICATED TO HIM AN INTELLIGENCE OPERATION. CONCERNING THE FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS FOUND ON SIRHAN, RUTH STATED THAT THIS IS THE PRACTICE OF ARABS, INASMUCH AS THEY DO NOT RELY ON BANKS. THEY EITHER BURY THEIR MONEY IN THE GROUND, HIDE IN THEIR HOMES OR CARRY IT ON THEIR PERSON. RUTH FELT THAT THIS CONSPIRACY WAS NOT LED BY ANY POLITICAL GROUP OR NATION, BUT WAS PROBABLY "A FEW FANATICS". RUTH WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

FROM : SA L. CLYDE GROOVER, JR. #23

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/11/68

ReNYteletype to Bureau, 6/10/68, concerning information received from SPENCER DRAYTON.

At approximately 12:45 PM, 6/11/68, Supervisor REX SCHROEDER at the Bureau, telephonically advised that in regard to the information set forth on page 5 of NY teletype, DRAYTON should be advised that it is his decision as to whether or not he should make this information available to LIFE. Mr. SCHROEDER said that Mr. DRAYTON should also be thanked for making this information available to the Bureau.

The above information was furnished to SACs BAKER and PONDER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 6/12/68, HAROLD F. ZIMMERMAN, residence-413
Braeburn Road, Hohokus, New Jersey, business - 7333 Woodhaven
Boulevard, Queens, New York, unlisted telephone number
212-597-9094 called the New York Office.

He stated that in 1944 in Seattle, Washington, he qualified as a ballistic expert in a murder trial in which a 22 long rifle was used.

Much of the case centered on his testimony (for the defense) and the defendant was acquitted.

The defendant was an Army Corporal, Technician Fifth Grade ROSS M. EVANSTEAD. The deceased was JOHN BRANGERT. BRANGERT was murdered in 1944 in Bothel, Washington, just outside of Seattle.

ZIMMERMAN stated that murder trials involving 22 long rifles are rare and that the Government may desire to review the Seattle case as to ballistic testimony.

ZIMMERMAN added that the defense for SIRHAN SIRHAN will probably look into prior cases involving 22 long

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rifles and will find the one in Seattle, Washington, thus he thinks it will be to the Government's advantage to review that case as there are certain points in it pertaining to ballistics that were favorable to the defense and which the defense for SIRHAN SIRHAN may be able to apply.

ZIMMERMAN did not know the exact court in Seattle, Washington, in which the trial took place. He thinks it was a county court.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK -PLAINTEXT

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ENSUING ACTIONS.

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advised 9:49 am
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Richard Pollard
RM 2938 Time + Life Bldg.
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE LA teletype to the Bureau and NY, 6/7/68.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles Division are 16 photographs; eight of which were taken by free lance photographer PETER SPENCER BERKSON (those bearing number COA-75092 on reverse side) and eight of which were taken by Life Magazine photographer BILL EPPRIDGE (those bearing EPPRIDGE's stamp on reverse side).

On 6/8/68, RICHARD POLLARD, Life Photo Editor, Time and Life Building, New York, New York, made available to SA JOHN MILTON JONES the enclosed photographs. He stated that Life Magazine purchased the roll of Berkson film because it contained some overall photographs of the scene immediately following the shooting, which he said appears to be the only ones available to his firm as all other photographs taken by Life photographer of ensuing action of shooting scene are of victims.

POLLARD explained that colored film purchased from BERKSON is being developed in black and white and is currently in early process of this development, which according to him is quite time consuming. He said that in addition his photo laboratory is swamped with film to be processed of the current coverage being afforded the

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funeral of ROBERT KENNEDY. POLLARD stated that when the BERKSON film was first received he edited the frames and selected about eight shots, of the corridor scene of the shooting and had these immediately developed. He made these photographs available and they are enclosed.

POLLARD advised that the BERKSON film contained some photographs of what appeared to be BERKSON's relatives in addition to the photographs BERKSON took at the Embassy Room and corridor to kitchen of Ambassador Hotel. He said that he would make available copies of all pertinent photographs taken on the roll by BERKSON at the Ambassador Hotel, but, that such photographs will not be available until early morning hours of 6/10/68.

POLLARD disclosed that Life Photographer BILL EPPRIDGE was assigned to cover the KENNEDY Campaign and was at the scene of the shooting and also obtained photographs prior to and immediately following the shooting. He made available eight photographs taken by EPPRIDGE, for whatever value they may be worth. These photographs are also enclosed.

POLLARD said that he understood that EPPRIDGE was very close to ROBERT KENNEDY at the time of shooting and that soon after Mrs. KENNEDY rushed to her husband's side she immediately asked the press and everyone to move back, but allowed EPPRIDGE to remain because she personally knows EPPRIDGE.

Enclosed photograph number 5, taken by BERKSON shows EPPRIDGE at right where small arrow has been placed on border edge. Photograph number 8, also by BERKSON, shows position of EPPRIDGE. A small x has been placed just above his head on border. He is person with camera to his eye.

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POLLARD said EPPRIDGE generally is assigned ~~to~~ their NYO and is currently with funeral coverage.

It is not known if EPPRIDGE has been interviewed and consideration is being left to discretion of office of origin.

LEAD:

NY Division will obtain additional copies of photographs taken by BERKSON at Ambassador Hotel from RICHARD POLLARD when available and immediately forward same to LA Division.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 6/7/68, and New York airtel to the Bureau and Los Angeles, dated 6/8/68.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles are 21 copies of photographs taken by Free Lance Photographer PETER SPENCER BERKSON obtained from RICHARD POLLARD, Life Photo Editor, Time and Life Building, New York, New York.

On 6/10/68, Mr. RICHARD POLLARD, Life Photo Editor, Time and Life Building, New York, New York, made available the enclosed 21 photographs. Mr. POLLARD advised that these photographs are copies of all the photographs taken by BERKSON at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, contained on the film purchased from BERKSON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : JESSE C. HOUSE Jr. #12

SUBJECT: UNSUB: ATTEMPTED ASSINATION
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY 6/5/68
INFO CONCERNING

1061 E. Tremont
Placement Centre
Mr. DOMINICK FUENTES, Manager, ~~BLAZEMENT~~ Center Agency,
(an employment agency) 261 ~~E. Tremont~~ Ave., Bronx, N.Y.,
WY 1-0033, telephonically contacted the NYO re captioned
subject matter.

He stated that he noticed the photo of suspect in captioned
matter and wanted to advise that subject was at his agency *105-87967*
on 3/25/68 seeking employment. FUENTES stated that he remem- *Luis G. Hernandez*
bered subject's face very well. At the time of subject's
visit to the agency, he furnished the name LUIS GEHEVA HERNANDEZ,
age 28 and was with another individual who furnished the
name JOSE LOPEZ. Both had no address and needed a place to
stay also. FUENTES stated that he sent both to 845 Hoe Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y. where they might have gotten a room.

FUENTES stated that subject spoke in a heavy accent but was
not Puerto Rican and is believed to be from South America.
Subject filled out an application for general labor but did
not have his visa with him and was to return with same. He
furnished a Social Security number [REDACTED]. Subject did
not return to the agency but his application is still on
file and will be held for interested Agents.

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ON JUNE FIVE LAST, THE LAPD OBTAINED A WIREBOUND NOTEBOOK AT THE RESIDENCE OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, SIX NINE SIX EAST HOWARD STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AND IN THIS NOTEBOOK ALONG WITH MANY OTHER NAMES AND ADDRESSES WAS THE NAME OF THE RACE HORSE JOCKEY, BRAULIO BAEZA. ON JUNE SEVEN INSTANT, OFFICIALS AT THE THOROUGHBRED RACING PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION ADVISED THAT BAEZA IS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK FOR THE RACING SEASON.

NEW YORK WILL CONTACT BAEZA AND INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING ANY ASSOCIATION HE MIGHT HAVE HAD WITH SIRHAN AND DETERMINE THE REASON FOR HIS NAME APPEARING IN SIRHAN'S NOTEBOOK.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

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RENYTEL, JUNE EIGHTH, LAST.

THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION TO BE MADE IN RETEL. LINE TWO,
OF PARAGRAPH ONE, WORD "HAITI" SHOULD BE "UNITED STATES".

ANTOINE HAGE ADVISED TODAY THAT HE ^{NOR}FOR HIS BROTHER NEVER
ENTERED INTO A DISCUSSION WITH ANYONE CONCERNING SENATOR
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AIR MAIL COPY TO ~~NEWARK~~ Los Angeles

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AIR MAIL COPY TO LOS ANGELES.

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TODAY ERNESTLB. SMITH, ASSISTANT LEGAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, CONFIDENTIALLY
ADVISED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL
FROM ONE JOHN LAWRENCE, ^{57 W 10} FIFTY SEVEN WEST TENTH STREET, NEW
YORK CITY, TELEPHONE TWO ONE TWO - GR SEVEN - ONE EIGHT TW
SIX. LAWRENCE ADVISED THAT HE IS AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
A GROUP OF ARABS IN NEW YORK STATE. THESE ARABS HAVE FORMED
A COMMITTEE TO INSURE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOEYEROT
"RAILROAD" SUBJECT SIRHAN INTO PRISON.

LAWRENCE ADVISED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT HE DESIRED
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COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO INSURE THAT SIRHAN'S INCOMING
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES CODE
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON
FROM SAC, SACRAMENTON62-76

KENSALT.

TODAY ERNEST L. B. SMITH, ASSISTANT LEGAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, CONFIDENTIALLY
ADVISED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL
FROM ONE JOHN LAWRENCE, FIFTY SEVEN WEST TENTH STREET, NEW
YORK CITY, TELEPHONE TWO ONE TWO - GR SEVEN - ONE EIGHT TW
SIX. LAWRENCE ADVISED THAT HE IS AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
A GROUP OF ARABS IN NEW YORK STATE. THESE ARABS HAVE FORMED
A COMMITTEE TO INSURE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOEYEROT
"RAILROAD" SUBJECT SIRHAN INTO PRISON.

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TRANSLATOR'S ABSTRACT

Date Nov. 27, 1967

Office Sen. Robert Kennedy

Language Spanish

Name and
address
of sender Luzeta Cordova

Material
submitted letter dated Nov. 15, 1967

260 East 23rd St.

Brooklyn, New York

C/O Mrs. A. Watson

Miss Cordova thanks the Senator for his recent letter. Writes to ask that the Senator take immediate action against a club called "La Orden Rosacruz" [Order of the Red Cross] in San Jose, California. Suggests that all the members be immediately jailed and interrogated with the exceptions of Mrs. Adelina Graham and Mr. Claysen. She believes that they intend to murder the Senator and his family. Also suggests that the Senator write to "Silent Unity", Lee's Summit, Mississippi, an organization which helps the entire world by means of prayer. Miss Cordova would like to talk with the Senator in person, but would not like any publicity in that way no one would learn of their secret. Thanks the Senator for his attention.

[Salutation: Dear Miss Cordova]

Translated by Martha Huertas

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Note: If desired, a complete translation will be made on request.

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To: SACs, Los Angeles (56-156) (Enclosures 2)
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From: Director, FBI (62-587)

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ReBureau phone call to New York 6/5/68 and New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/7/68. No copy for Los Angeles.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles and New York are two copies of a translator's abstract of a letter dated 11/27/67 sent to Senator Kennedy. This letter was originally in Spanish and was sent by Luzeta Cordova, 260 East 23rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, care of Mrs. A. Watson.

New York and Los Angeles note that in this letter the writer advised Senator Kennedy that he should take immediate action against a club called "La Orden Rosacruz" (Order of the Red Cross), San Jose, California. She suggests that all members be immediately jailed and interrogated with the exceptions of Mrs. Adelina Graham and Mr. Claysen as it is her belief they intend to murder the Senator and his family.

For information of Los Angeles, New York advised in airtel dated 6/7/68 that Mrs. Alicia A. Watson, 270 East 23rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, had been contacted. She advised she knows Luzeta Cordova but is unaware of her present whereabouts. She would furnish no additional information regarding Cordova but did state she would endeavor to locate Cordova's present whereabouts through mutual friends, whom she would not identify. New York is continuing efforts to locate Cordova.

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RE: KENSALT

For information of New York it has been determined that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, murderer of Senator Kennedy, was a member of the Rosicrucian, San Jose, California, a philosophical order with religious implications. New York afford this matter continuous attention in order that Cordova may be interviewed concerning her letter at the earliest possible date. Interview should be most thorough concerning Cordova's allegation. In the future furnish Los Angeles with copies of any communications originating in your office in captioned case.

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10-50 PM URGENT 06/07/68/ JPK/JON

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND NEW YORK (PLAINTEXT)
FROM NEWARK (44-872)

KENSALT

REPHTEL TO BUREAU AND NEWARK SIX SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.

ON JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT MRS. ANN REEVES ONE NINE PATRICIA LANE, TRENTON, NJ, ADVISED THAT ON JUNE SIX SIXTY EIGHT IN A GENERAL CONVERSATION WITH NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR MRS. CATHERINE LATOOF, CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY, MRS. LATOOF EXPRESSED SYMPATHY CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY 'S DEATH.

HOWEVER, MRS. LATOOF INDICATED TO MRS. REEVES WHILE VISITING HER BROTHER JOSEPH HAGE, OF NEW YORK CITY (NYC) ON SUNDAY LAST JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT IN COMPANY OF BROTHER ANTOINE HAGE, A CITIZEN OF HAITI, A DISCUSSION AROSE BETWEEN THEM CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY'S CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. HER BROTHER ANTOINE THEN EXPRESSED ANNOYMENT TO THEM CONCERNING ACTIVITY OF SENATOR KENNEDY, INDICATING HE HAD HEARD PRIOR TO LEAVING HAITI FOR NYC THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT OR WOULD BE SHOT.

MRS. LATOOF DISCOUNTED THIS STATEMENT IN NYC AS SENATOR KENNEDY WAS THEN ALIVE. MRS REEVES STATED SHE WAS NATURALLY CONCERNED OVER THE STATEMENTS OF ANTOINE HAGE ON JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT TO HIS SISTER AND BROTHER THAT KENNEDY WAS DEAD OR WAS TO BE SHOT IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS CONCERNING THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY ON JUNE SIX SIXTY EIGHT.

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MRS LATOOF DENIED MAKING ANY STATEMENT TO ANY PERSON THAT HER BROTHER, ANTOINE INDICATED TO SHE AND BROTHER ON JUNE TWO SIXTY EIGHT THAT HE WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR SENATOR KENNEDY WAS ALIVE; THAT PRIOR TO LEAVING HAITI HE HAD HEARD SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SHOT OR WAS TO BE SHOT.

MRS LATOOF ADVISED SHE HAS NO CURRENT RESIDENCE FOR ANTOINE HAGE IN NYC BUT INDICATED SHE CAN BE CONTACTED IN CARE OF BROTHER AT ONE TWO ONE ONE NEW YORK HOSPITAL EAST SIXTY EIGHT ST, NYC.

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NEW YORK AT NYC - INTERVIEW BROTHERS JOSEPH AND ANTOINE HAGE CONCERNING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANTOINE HAGE CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
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On 6/12/68, an individual identifying himself as NORMAN WEXLER, residence--963 Lexington Ave., NY, NY, telephone #LO4-3250, called the NYO of the FBI, and stated that he is a free-lance playwright and also that he is free lance in advertising. He stated that he was a classmate of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY at Harvard in 1948; that he had gone to California on a voluntary basis to help with the KENNEDY campaign a few days prior to Senator KENNEDY's assassination; and that he was in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the assassination.

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WEXLER stated that there was no security at the Ambassador Hotel and that when the police came in, they acted as though they were "morons". WEXLER stated that he was in a room near the shooting and that he did not see the shooting nor hear the shots. WEXLER went on to state that he had the theory that SIRHAN SIRHAN was a member of Communist International.

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It is noted that WEXLER is the subject of NY file numbers listed at the bottom of this communication, and that file number NY 9-4157 is also LA file number 9-3336, captioned "NORMAN WEXLER; MRS. DAVID VAN DEREN - VICTIM, EXTORTION, OO:LA".

~~THE~~ Two case files on WEXLER show that he has a history of mental illness and that because of this, no further action is being taken on the information furnished by him in this matter.

This information is being furnished the LA Office in the event they have information that WEXLER was actually at the Ambassador Hotel or in the event WEXLER should call the LA Office.

Information from NY files describe WEXLER as:

Name	<u>NORMAN SIDNEY WEXLER</u>
Race	<u>White</u>
Sex	<u>Male</u>
DOB	<u>8/6/26</u>
POB	<u>New Bedford, Mass.</u>
Height	<u>6'1"</u>
Weight	<u>180 lbs.</u>

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Date 6/13/68

BRAULIO BAEZA was interviewed at his residence, 91 Washington Avenue, Garden City, New York. BAEZA stated he did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN and he had no idea why SIRHAN would have his (BAEZA's) name written down. BAEZA stated he rides stakes races occasionally in California but has no recollection of ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN. BAEZA also stated he saw pictures of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspaper but could not place him as a person he had ever seen anywhere. BAEZA could furnish no additional information.

On 6/12/68 at Garden City, N.Y. File # NY 44-1640 - 56
by SA FRANCIS R. JULES:jrf Date dictated 6/13/68

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(OO: LOS ANGELES)

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Enclosed for Los Angeles are 9 copies of an FD 302 containing the results of an interview with BRAULIO BAEZA, BAEZA is a professional poker player.

Residence: 91 WASHINGTON AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY.

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