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Since NYO is not in possession of investigation
at Honolulu, leads for Legat, Manila, are being left to
discretion of Los Angeles and the Bureau.

NYO taking no further action in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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John M. Laurence, also known as
John M. Lawrence
Registration Act-Middle East

On July 2, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the subject, who identified himself as the Executive Secretary of the "Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan", 57 West Tenth Street, New York, New York, advised the Tass News Agency, the official news agency for the Soviet Government, that his organization is a pro-Arab American group. He added that his group consists of Abdeen Jabara of Detroit, Michigan, George Mahshie of Syracuse, New York, Frank Sakran of Mechanicsville, Maryland, Reverend Gregory Aboud of Brooklyn, New York, a building contractor named Mazhetiah of Brooklyn, New York, and others.

A flier entitled "Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan," 57 West Tenth Street, New York, New York, telephone number 212 Gramercy 7-1826 reflects that John M. Lawrence is the Executive Secretary, Abdeen Jabara, 1217 First National Building, Detroit, Michigan, is the Attorney, and Al Matthews, 14416 Victory Boulevard, Van Nuys, California, is the Associate Counsel. This flier bears a picture of Sirhan and refers to him as Sirhan B. Sirhan, Palestinian Arab refugee. This flier states, "If death is to be the penalty for Sirhan's misguided political act, then what penalty shall world justice and Arab military might deal out for the genocidal massacres and exiling of Palestinian Arabs from their native land?"

"Let us not repeat the fault of the pre-Civil War hanging of John Brown. The trial of murder and killing will end where a merciful understanding, and humane forms of retribution are employed."

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John M. Laurence

Investigation of the subject reflects that he resides at 57 West Tenth Street, New York, and that he is the President of the Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism, Incorporated (FAIR) and that his wife is the Secretary and Treasurer of this corporation. The address of this corporation is 57 West Tenth Street, New York, New York.

It was determined that this corporation does not have any meetings and has no other members other than the subject and his wife, Marjorie Lawrence, nee Friedlander.

In October, 1967, it was determined that the purpose of this organization was to obtain information from the Arab Information Center, New York, New York, and to sell these pamphlets on stands which are operated by the subject.

On June 1, 1968, Harry G. Kaplan, Detective Lieutenant, Nassau County Police Department, Mineola, New York, furnished the identification record of John M. Lawrence, born December 4, 1921 and who is also known as John L. Pawluk. This record reflects information set out in the identification record of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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7/11/68

JENINE PARR, Patient Records Section, Colorado State Hospital (CSH), summarized information from the Cardex and Patient File concerning patient JOHN M. LAWRENCE, also known as JOHN LAWRENCE PAWLUK and JOHN L. PAWLUK, as follows:

LAWRENCE was born December 4, 1921, and also furnished 1931 as the year he was born. He was born at Fort Worth, Texas and is described as follows:

Height	5' 8"
Weight	155
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	None
FBI Number	4385647
Denver Police Department Number	100600

LAWRENCE was committed on May 8, 1962, in Denver County Court, their number P-27006, and was admitted to the CSH on May 10, 1962.

He was thereafter on special leave from the CSH to appear in Denver District Court and at the Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, for trial and safekeeping purposes on several occasions prior to discharge from the CSH on August 23, 1962. His discharge from the CSH was based on mental condition of "Improved" under special conditions of the court order.

The Denver County Court entered an order on July 18, 1962, in their matter No. P-7006, setting forth that the jury returned the verdict that "Respondent does not, by reason of mental illness, lack sufficient control, judgment and discretion to manage own property or affairs...sufficient to require confinement for his own welfare or welfare and safety of others".

On 6/27/68 at Pueblo, Colorado File # NY 105-91643
DN 62-2416
by SA ALVIN D. HEWITT/lkr Date dictated 7/8/68

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The court then ordered the defendant discharged as to mental action. The CSH file indicates, however, that the defendant was returned to jail at Denver, Colorado, for Contempt of Court.

Original Medical Commission findings of May 8, 1962, at Denver, identified Dr. ROBERT L. SHERE, and Dr. L. E. DANIELS as having reached a diagnosis of "Hypomaniac psychosis with paranoid mechanisms", which results in the court ordering LAWRENCE sent to the CSH.

JOHN L. GRIFFITH, Esq. appears to have been the court-appointed attorney for the respondent, LAWRENCE, in the sanity matter.

During confinement at the CSH, LAWRENCE was diagnosed on presentment to staff conference May 16, 1962, by Dr. BIYIKSEZOGLAR, CSH, Pueblo, as "Schizophrenic reaction, paranoid-type 000 X 24".

Relatives appear as follows:

Brother

ALEX PAWLUK

643 Date Street

Pamona, California

(with notation "All matters handled by this brother")

Sister

Mrs. IVAN B. (OLGA) BELL

51 West Olive (and then

849 Nottingham Drive)

Pamona, California

CSH file Narrative Section sets out that LAWRENCE came to the attention of the Denver County Court as a result of Vagrancy and Disturbance of the Peace at Denver, Colorado.

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LAWRENCE basically refused to provide background or history to the CSH, but stated he was arrested in 1942 on a draft card violation and in 1949 for being drunk in Los Angeles.

CSH files contain lengthy Denver General Hospital Discharge Summary, dated May 10, 1962, which includes data that LAWRENCE turned out numerous legal petitions and directed voluminous letters to persons in high places, such as Chief Justice WARREN and ROBERT KENNEDY. He mentioned things he had done in New York against great political and legal odds. He had expertise on a number of fields, including law, especially constitutional law, and civil liberties law. He eventually asserted he had never been in law school or a member of any bar. The description of his activity in legal work was indistinguishable from that of a special attorney. He was born to a Russian immigrant family, and he has been a crusader who was in frequent contact with authority on all levels.

The CSH file indicates that LAWRENCE was a psychopathic patient in an unidentified hospital, San Diego, California, in approximately March, 1949.

In addition to the Cardex and General Patient file, information summarized above from the CSH, Pueblo, Colorado, possesses voluminous "Special Confidential Files" on LAWRENCE, principally relating to U. S. District Court, Denver, Colorado, Civil Action No. 8112, in a 1963 case involving JOHN M. LAWRENCE, Plaintiff, pro se, Vs. RICHARD BATTERSON, ET AL, with numerous additional defendants, including Dr. WILLIS BOWER, former superintendent of the CSH, Pueblo, who filed to recover damages in redress for deprivation, denial of equal protection under color of law of the rights of the plaintiff, growing out of an alleged restraint of his liberty, resulting in imprisonment and confinement against his will.

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Patient records of the CSH, Pueblo, Colorado, are confidential and information appearing therein may be disclosed on subpoena duces tecum addressed to Dr. CHARLES MEREDITH, Superintendent.

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Mrs. LEOLA HARRIS, Identification Bureau, Denver Police Department, Denver, Colorado, made available a police record which shows one JOHN M. LAWRENCE, Denver Police Department No. 100600, former Denver Police Department No. X-27992, was confined in Denver County Jail on April 24, 1962, on "Writ of Commitment to County Jail, issued by a local judge. LAWRENCE was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 8"
Weight	146
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Date of Birth	December 4, 1921
Place of Birth	Fort Worth, Texas

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The following notation, made by an Identification Bureau employee, appears on the above arrest record "Comm Tend. No information given; prints taken by force". This record shows LAWRENCE has FBI Number 4385647. Denver Police Department records also show the following arrests for the same individual, under the name JOHN LAWRENCE PAWLUCK, also known as JOHN LAWRENCE PAWLUK, by the Denver Police Department, their number X-27992, FBI No. 4385647:

September 3, 1946

Investigation (slugging) and Check Out for Drunk (Disposition was shown as dismissed on September 3, 1946);

April 8, 1955

Drunk (Disposition shown as ten dollar fine which was suspended on April 8, 1955)

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by SA RAYMOND J. FOX/lkr Date dictated 7/8/68

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The Denver Police Department also has an identification record, furnished by the FBI on April 30, 1962, under FBI No. 4385647, which shows the first arrest for this individual, as JOHN L. PAWLUK at El Paso, Texas, on May 15, 1943, for violation of Selective Service laws. The disposition is shown as having been turned over to Federal authorities at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Other arrests listed under the names of JOHN L. PAWLUK, and JOHN M. LAWRENCE, under the above FBI number, including an arrest by the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, on December 8, 1948, their number D-83416, for Suspicion of Robbery, no disposition shown, are as follows:

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER 4 385 647

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USINS El Paso Texas	John L. Pawluk #E-72940-4	5-15-43	Selective Service Violation	Fed Auth Albuquerque N.M.
SO, Albuquerque, N.M.	John Lawrence Pawluk #--	5-15-43	Imm.	
Comm., 11th N&D.	John Lawrence Pawluk #ND11/GN2-MO1(NP45)	laborer 5-26-45		
PD Los Angeles Calif	John Lawrence Pawluk #127233	12-8-48	Susp 211 PC (robb)	
SO Los Angeles, Calif.	John Pawluk #B-83416	12-8-48	susp. robb.	
PD San Diego, Calif.	John Pawluk #51246	2-28-49	vag. W.A. and D.P.	no comp. on D.P. other heading 4-6-49 compl signed on Dis the Peace & 30 days suspended Dis on vag. wandering about
SO Kearney, Nebr.	John L. Pawluk #49-102	7-22-49	Ob. 11q. for indians	
WH, Riker's Island, N.Y., N.Y.	John Lawrence #354779	11-21-50	DC 2	6 mos.
PD Denver Colo	John Lawrence Pawluk #X-27992	4-8-55	822.30-1 (drk)	
Erlo Co Pen Alden NY	John Lawrence Pawluk #G-50835	5-5-55	vio 1990-1 PL (RR Tresp)	\$5.00 fine Out 5-10-55
PD Denver Colo	John M. Lawrence #100600.	4-24-62	writ of commitment	

Not indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ON INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

John M. Laurence

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Crim Crts City of NY NY NY	John Lawrence #M/C13890/64	10-30-64	DC-2 annoys others	
Nassau Co J1 Hempstead NY	John Marshall Lawrence #6603135	3-25-66	aslt-2	
PD Co of Nassau Mineola NY	John M. Lawrence #41445	4-1-66	aslt 2nd deg	
St Jail Danbury Conn	John M Lawrence	9-25-67	refusing to be fingerprinted fugitive from Justice NYC	
St Jail Bridgeport Conn	John Lawrence #B 3773	9-28-67	Fugitive from Justice	
St Jail Danbury Conn	John M. Lawrence	11-6-67	Contempt of Court	5 das Danbury State Jail
St Jail Bridgeport Conn	John Lawrence #B773	11-15-67	obscene telephone Call B of P refusing fingerprinting City Ord	
Nassau Co Jail Hempstead NY	John Lawrence #6603135	3-25-68	IND #22367 aslt 2nd	

On July 1, 1968, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C. advised that its record, 4 385 647 advised of the above information given in addition to the information set out previously, obtained from the Identification Division of the FBI.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (77-5144)

JUL 25 1968

SAC, NEW YORK (105-3143)

CHANGED
JOHN M. LAWRENCE, aka
John M. Lawrence,
John Lawrence Pauluk
RA - MIDDLE EAST

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to reflect the name JOHN LAWRENCE PAULUK which appears in the records of the Identification Division of the FBI.

ReNYlet and LHM, dated 6/20/68; LAlet to NY, dated 6/28/68.

Transmitted herewith are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this LHM are being transmitted to LA in connection with the KENSAULT investigation.

The enclosed LHM is classified "SECRET-NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION" in order to protect the Bureau's interest in a foreign establishment and also because the divulgence of the identity of this source would be detrimental to the best interests of the US.

The confidential source mentioned in the above LHM is NY 554-S*.

LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. The NYO will continue to attempt to contact JOHN Z. GROMASHY in order to obtain further information concerning the Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan and in particular to learn where the funds are coming from for the operation of this organization.

- 2-Bureau (Encls. 5) (RM)
- 2-Los Angeles (56-156) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2-New York (44-1640) (KENSAULT)
- 1-New York

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Handwritten signatures and initials: "Gw", "R23", "Shirley", "this page", "Melvin", "Jhe"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, WFO (173-135) (P)

KENSALT

Reairtel from LA 7/18/68.

Files, Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 7/26/68, disclose that CLIFFORD GILLILAND FLITTIE was last issued passport Z-772869 at Consulate, Brisbane, Australia, on 1/8/68, for proposed continued indefinite travel abroad. No specific travel plans mentioned in his application dated 1/4/68, at Brisbane. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

Under current passport regulations, this individual may use this passport for lawful travel within period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to Department of State or other Government agency. Passport Office does not receive info as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

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This individual stated he was born 3/10/24, at Brookings, South Dakota. He gave his permanent residence and foreign address as Flat 7c, Torbrek (?), Highgate Hill, Brisbane, Australia. In the event of death or accident, he requested that either Mr. E.G. FLITTIE, Box 3002 University Station, Laramie, Wyoming, or Mrs. C.G. FLITTIE, Flat 7c Torbrek (?), 182 Dornoch (?) Terrace, Brisbane, Australia, be notified. He listed his father as THEODORE I. FLITTIE, born Medelia, Minnesota, 2/24/87, deceased, and mother as GRACE E. GILLILAND, born Fairfield, Iowa, 12/31/92, deceased.

FLITTIE stated he was last married 5/22/54, to DAWN LEE (FLITTIE), born 1/13/32, at New York City, residing with him, marriage not terminated.

This individual was previously issued passport D-096000 at New York City on 4/1/63, but application for this passport was not available at this time. This 1963 passport was renewed at Brisbane, date not given, but probably in 1966, to expire 4/1/68, at which time he had same foreign address as above. He gave his United States address on this occasion as c/o HOWARD LEE, 15 Jacobus (?) Place, New York City 10463. He stated his plans for return to United States were indefinite and his reason for being abroad was as manager of oil exploiting company.

The following description appeared in his file:

Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Social Security #:	[REDACTED]
Occupation:	Geologist

The file contain no further info re his employment in Australia.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 7/30/68

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FROM : Director, FBI

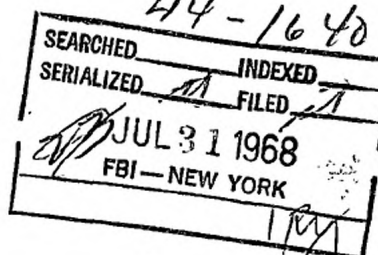
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(OO: LOS ANGELES)

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To: SACs, Los Angeles (Enclosures - 3)
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WFO (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (62-587)

KENSALT

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
AND OTHERS BEFORE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY
WHICH MAY INCLUDE SIRHAN SIRHAN

Re WFO airtel dated 7/31/68.

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Copies of an enlargement of the aforementioned photograph are attached.

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NEW YORK
WFO

RE: KENSALT

bearing on this inquiry. McDonald should likewise be interviewed relative to how he obtained this photograph.

New York should immediately locate Steve Schapiro who allegedly took photographic work for the "New York Daily News" to determine if other photographs were taken to determine if this was one of a series of photographs taken at the Los Angeles International Airport. The date this photograph was taken should also be ascertained.

Los Angeles should immediately determine insofar as possible if the individual in this photograph is Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. If so, all logical investigation should be initiated in order to develop this aspect of our investigation. Attempts should be made to identify those individuals in the area and interviews should be conducted with individuals who were known to be at Los Angeles International Airport on the date this photograph was taken.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, WFO (173-135)

KENSALT.

RE PETE HAMILL, FREE LANCE WRITER AND RE NEW-YORK TEL
WFO JUNE TWENTY-SEVEN LAST.

NICK THIMMESCH, WASHINGTON BUREAU NEWSDAY NEWSPAPER,
ADVISED HE HEARD SEVERAL WEEKS AGO HAMILL RESIDED IN NEW
YORK CITY AFTER RETURNING FROM IRELAND. HAMILL WRITING
FREE-LANCE ARTICLES FOR VILLAGE VOICE AND COSMOPOLITAN
MAGAZINE. HAMILL RETURNED EARLY AS DID MONICA MC CALL,
SIX SIX SEVEN MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

NEW YORK CONTACT MONICA MC CALL FOR INFORMATION
REGARDING HAMILL AND INTERVIEW HAMILL.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- ① - New York (44-1640)
- 2 - WFO

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ASST. DIR.
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SAC II
SAC III
SAC IV
SUPV. 23

Called 1:40p
8/12/68. Journal
Have her call me

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TE 8-6650

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Bert H. Moore
311 W. Perdon Street
Litchfield, Illinois 62056

June 6, 1968

Mr. Walter Cronkite
C. B. S. News Sept.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cronkite:

In watching your T.V. News Report on Monday evening, June 3rd, from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. Central Daylight Time. I noticed an incident that happened on the screen, that has not been mentioned in this awful tragic of shooting Robert F. Kennedy. I thought this could be a lead as to other persons involved with the accused. At the time I saw it, it looked so real, that it could prove something, in case some one wanted to see just how close they could get to Kennedy. I wish it was possible to be able to see this re-run again.

The scene was with Robert Kennedy riding on the open flat-bed platform of a truck. A person who was standing on the ground at the edge of the truck, and very close to Kennedy, raised his arm, pointed it right at Kennedy, which looked like he had an object that resembled an gun, and said "Bang". Kennedy was very startled for an second, and looked at this person very close, with a peculiar look, and had a disturbing doubtful expression on his face. At this second, the camera-man switched the scene.

I would appreciate it if you personally would check this film close to see if it does prove anything. This is on my mind very much, as I thought for a second, it was for real.

Thanking you in advance, I remain.

Yours truly,

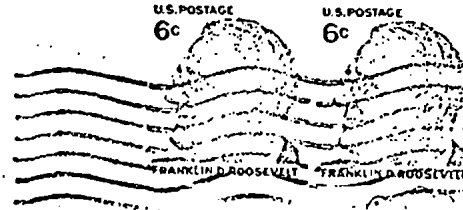
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Bert H. Moore
311 W. Verdon Street
Litchfield, Ill. 62056



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th N. W.
Washington, D. C.

FBI

Date: **June 11, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)**To: SAC, Los Angeles****From: Director, FBI****KENSALT**

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles is a self-explanatory letter addressed to Walter Cronkite, CBS News, dated 6/6/68 from Bert H. Moore.

Moore is not identifiable in Bureau files.

Handle.

Enclosure

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: WALTER CRONKITE, CBS-NEWS

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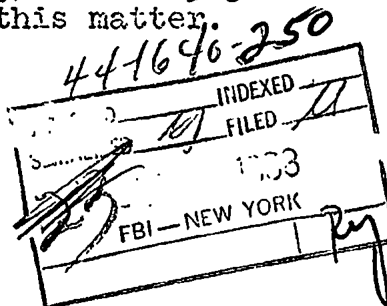
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Mr. BRIAN HAMILL, 478 68th Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 833-2930, stated that he is a free lance photographer and that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with his brother, PETE HAMILL, a writer, covering the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign.

BRIAN HAMILL did not have the proper credentials and could not get in to hear and see Senator KENNEDY's speech; consequently, he was in the lobby of the hotel and did not see or hear the shooting.

There was an entrance to the hotel near the press room but BRIAN HAMILL could not get in because he lacked the proper identification.

In the lobby of the hotel, while facing the check-out desk, to the right are two doors which look like an employees' entrance and which BRIAN HAMILL believes leads to the kitchen area. While waiting in the lobby, BRIAN HAMILL noticed people going in this door and he would have tried to go in that way except for the fact that he was afraid of being caught and thrown out of the hotel.

While waiting in the lobby all of a sudden two people came running out of the ballroom. One went toward the telephones, the other ran down the stairs. BRIAN HAMILL thinks they may have been reporters. Then many people came out. They were crying and there was much confusion. Then he saw a young man being carried out. He thinks this young man was shot in the leg. Later he saw SIRHAN SIRHAN being taken out. He did not see Senator KENNEDY.

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Later BRIAN HAMILL's brother, PETE HAMILL appeared in the lobby and took BRIAN into the press room and the kitchen where the shooting occurred. All bodies and SIRHAN SIRHAN had been removed.

While waiting in the lobby and when the confusion started, BRIAN took some pictures of the crowd which he described as not very good. He took no pictures of SIRHAN SIRHAN or Senator KENNEDY during or after the speech.

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Mr. PETE HAMILL was interviewed at his temporary residence, 196 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 638-8215. He stated that he will be moving within a week to 479 14th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

He is a free lance writer and on June 4-5, 1968, while living in California, he covered the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign.

During the evening of June 4, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY making his victory speech, HAMILL was in Senator KENNEDY's suite in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with Senator KENNEDY and JIMMY BRESLIN, the writer. HAMILL went to the elevator with Senator KENNEDY when Senator KENNEDY was on his way to make his victory speech.

There was confusion at the elevators and HAMILL did not get on the same elevator with Senator KENNEDY.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, HAMILL stood on the podium to Senator KENNEDY's rear and left. This was near the left rear corner of the podium near some drapes and some stairs that went down. Standing near HAMILL were GEORGE PLIMPTON, the writer, and PLIMPTON's wife, FREDDY. Standing near the stairs was BILL BARRY of Senator KENNEDY's staff.

During the speech "a guy" or a "kid" tried to get on the podium by coming through the drapes which were in back of HAMILL. BILL BARRY noticed this individual and told him to get out. HAMILL would not recognize this individual if he saw him again.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, HAMILL or PLIMPTON asked BILL BARRY which way to go out.

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BARRY pointed to a corridor to the pantry. HAMILL and PLIMPTON went out that way which was down the nearby stairs and HAMILL did not see Senator KENNEDY leave the podium. HAMILL next saw Senator KENNEDY in the pantry. HAMILL was walking along with GEORGE PLIMPTON in front of Senator KENNEDY and to his (Senator KENNEDY's) right about ten feet. HAMILL did not know that Senator KENNEDY was going to the press room but thought Senator KENNEDY was headed from "The Factory", where a party was to be held. As HAMILL was walking along and looking back, he saw Senator KENNEDY turn to his left to shake hands with someone. After Senator KENNEDY shook hands with this individual, he (Senator KENNEDY) turned to continue walking straight ahead. At this time what HAMILL thought were five (5) shots were fired in very rapid succession. HAMILL looked and saw SIRHAN SIRHAN who was standing in front of and to Senator KENNEDY's left about seven (7) or eight (8) feet with his (SIRHAN's) arm fully extended and his face in tremendous concentration, shooting a gun at Senator KENNEDY. Senator KENNEDY was falling to the floor and someone caught Senator KENNEDY.

ROSIE GRIER ran by HAMILL and "slammed" SIRHAN into a table. GEORGE PLIMPTON rushed over to SIRHAN and went for the gun. RAFAEL JOHNSON came out of somewhere and HAMILL thinks that JOHNSON got the gun. SIRHAN was "thrown up on a table" or group of tables and "slid down to the end of the table" or tables.

There was much yelling and noise and HAMILL was momentarily "stupified". He then looked at his watch. It was 12:12 A.M., June 5, 1968, HAMILL heard people saying such things to SIRHAN as "Why did you do it?" HAMILL did not hear SIRHAN say anything.

HAMILL stated that he did not see or notice SIRHAN before the shooting. HAMILL did not touch SIRHAN.

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HAMILL went out of the hotel by or near the press room to get his brother BRIAN HAMILL, a photographer, who did not have a pass to get in to watch the speech.

HAMILL stated that he looked at his watch when Senator KENNEDY's body was removed and it was 12:32 A.M.

After the shooting WARREN ROGERS of "Look Magazine" and BUD SCHULBERG, a writer who lives in Los Angeles, came out of the press room and into the room where the shooting occurred.

HAMILL stated that he heard later that there was an entrance to the hotel near the press room in which entrance to the hotel and the kitchen or pantry area could be easily had.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSAIT

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, New York and WFO dated 8/2/68, requesting New York to locate and interview STEVE SCHAPIRO.

Enclosed for Phoenix are two copies of the above referenced airtel and one copy of the photograph referred to in the enclosed airtel.

On 8/5/68, an inquiry at the "New York Daily News", New York, New York, revealed that STEVE SCHAPIRO is a photographer for Black Star Photographers, 450 Park Avenue South, New York, New York.

An inquiry at Black Star revealed that SCHAPIRO could be reached at telephone number 787-5087.

Telephone number 787-5087 is an answering service which states that STEVE SCHAPIRO is in Arizona, address unknown, telephone number 602-697-3221, Extension 142, for ten days.

- 2- Bureau
- 1- Los Angeles (56-156)
- 1- Washington Field (173-135)
- 2- Phoenix (Encls. 3)
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Phoenix will determine the location of telephone number 602-697-3221, Extension 142 and interview SCHAPIRO as stated in enclosed airtel. It is noted that the answering service stated that there are two SCHAPIRO's at the Arizona number and that evidently they are receiving each other's calls.

New York is taking no further action as to this lead.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, WFO (173-135)

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only one in which a person resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN appears.

Number 3 68 5544 appears on the back of the contact
print containing a number of photographs including the one
which may include SIRHAN. Also on the back is stamped STEVE
SCHAPIRO and Black Star.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Re Los Angeles airtel to New York dated 7/2/68, pertaining to WALTER CRONKITE, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), News, and enclosing a copy of a letter to WALTER CRONKITE dated 6/6/68 from BERT H. MOORE, not further identified, of Litchfield, Illinois.

Mr. MOORE writes that on the CRONKITE TV show of 6/3/68, which showed Senator ROBERT KENNEDY riding on a truck, Mr. MOORE recalls seeing a person in the crowd raise his arm, point it at Senator KENNEDY and say "Bang".

Los Angeles requested New York to review the TV film referred to at CBS.

CBS, which has always been cooperative, has recently displayed an aversion to unnecessarily going through the time and expense of setting up film for review.

However, Mr. MARTIN GROTHUIS, Attorney, CBS stated to SA THOMAS HARRINGTON that he has looked at the film and noticed nothing undue in it.

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In view of GROOTHUIS' statement that he noticed nothing undue in the film and that no one else has reported this incident which was a nationwide TV show, no further efforts will be made by the NYC to review this film.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PHOENIX

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

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Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated 8/6/68 with copies for LA, WFO and Phoenix requesting Phoenix to interview STEVE SCHAPIRO.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Enclosed for Los Angeles are 30 copies of a FD 302 containing the results of an interview with PETE HAMILL on 8/5/68 and 30 copies of a FD 302 containing the results of an interview with BRIAN HAMILL, the brother of PETE HAMILL, on 8/6/68. 473 68TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY

PETE HAMILL witnessed the shooting. BRIAN HAMILL did not.

PETE HAMILL stated that shortly after the shooting he started taking notes and that he still has them. These notes however, were not available at the time of the interview.

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 OO: Los Angeles

ATT: IDENTIFICATION
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Re HENRY R. RAMISTELLA, also known as Frank
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*J. Neil: Handle my lead and
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at that time that he was working at a tire manufacturing company. ALTFILLISCH said that DONNARUMMA was hopelessly in debt when he had left Riverside, California, and is probably in the same situation in the Newark area.

The Newark Office conducted investigation in that area but was unable to locate any address for FRANK DONNARUMMA. Records of the New Jersey State Police concerning horse track employees, trainers and owners reflected a SALVATORE DONNARUMMA of Brooklyn, New York, and a SEBASTIAN F. DONNARUMMA of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who were connected in an owner and trainer capacity at the Freehold Raceway. Both of these individuals were interviewed but claimed not to be related to or to have any knowledge of FRANK DONNARUMMA.

The records of the Riverside Sheriff's Office in Riverside, California, where DONNARUMMA was arrested as HENRY DONALD RAMISTELLA on 7/4/67, were reviewed, but no information was developed that would indicate the present location for DONNARUMMA.

Information was also received concerning DONNARUMMA from the New York Office based on information received from SPENCER DRAYTON, Executive Vice President, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB). DRAYTON was contacted by representatives of "Life" magazine concerning the fact that DONNARUMMA had been a friend of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. DRAYTON stated that according to their records this individual was HENRY RONALD RAMISTELLA, also known as Frank Donnarumma, whose date of birth was 3/25/32 or 3/25/34. His Social Security No. was [REDACTED] and his FBI No. was 365 697-C. TRPB records contain information concerning reported violations in connection with horse racing on the part of RAMISTELLA up until 1956 when the stewards at the New York tracks barred RAMISTELLA from employment, however, no formal ruling to that effect was issued.

In January 1966, RAMISTELLA was fingerprinted at Santa Anita Racetrack under the name of FRANK DONNARUMMA. TRPB records contain no information which would indicate the current whereabouts of DONNARUMMA. Set forth below is identification record of RAMISTELLA under FBI No. 365 697-C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 365 697-C, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD NY NY	Henry R. Ramistella #380/437	9-3-56	1751 PL narc	
PD Co of Nassau Mineola NY	Henry Ronald Ramistella #23598	10-1-56	poss marijuana	11-20-56 PG 60 das sent susp
PD Co of Nassau Mineola NY	Henry Ronald Ramistella #23598	7-12-57	PL	
Dept of Pub Safety Providence RI	Henry R. Ramistella #24-065	7-25-47 7-25-57	vio Bank Laws	
PD West New York NJ	Henry Ramistella #2305	6-24-58	person (Narc) dis	
PD Miami Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #70783	12-31-59	Inv Heroin Addiction	12-31-59-rel to St Narc Bu
Metropolitan Pub Safety Dept Miami Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #73984	9-9-63	petty larc; resist arrest; W/O viol; 2 cts traff	
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PD Gainesville Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #4611	12-15-63	illegal purchase of drugs	
SO Gainesville Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #31,928 & 930	12-16-63	obtaining narc drugs by fraud (2 cts)	
SO Riverside Calif	Frank Donaruma #A 68518	4-23-66	23102a CVC (dk driving)	

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For the information of all offices receiving this communication, the Bureau has instructed that HENRY RAMISTELLA, also known as Frank Donnarumma, be located and interviewed concerning his knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

The Identification Division is requested to place a stop against the record of RAMISTELLA under FBI No. 365 697-C so that the Los Angeles Office may be notified in the event that RAMISTELLA is arrested anywhere in the country. FD-165 submitted.

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BOSTON

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND: Will review the record of the Department of Public Safety, Providence, Rhode Island, under the name of HENRY R. RAMISTELLA, No. 24-065, for an arrest on 7/25/57, and set forth all background information and information that could be used as the basis for further leads to locate RAMISTELLA.

JACKSONVILLE

AT GAINESVILLE AND OCALA, FLORIDA: Will conduct same lead as set forth for Boston at Ocala Police Department under No. 7498 for arrest on 11/14/63, and at Gainesville, Florida, at Gainesville Police Department under No. 4611 for arrest on 12/15/63.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will conduct same lead as set forth for Boston at Miami Police Department under No. 70783 for 12/31/59, and at Metropolitan Public Safety Department under No. 73984 under date of 9/9/63.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Will, if feasible, place a stop with the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau so that in the event RAMISTELLA is fingerprinted for employment at any track in the United States this office may be notified.

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-----AT MINEOLA, NEW YORK: Will at the Police Department-----
for the County of Nassau, check arrest record of RAMISTELLA
under No. 23598 for the dates of 10/1/56 and 7/12/57; for
background information and other information that could be
used as the basis for further leads to locate RAMISTELLA.

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at that time that he was working at a tire manufacturing company. ALTFILLISCH said that DONNARUMMA was hopelessly in debt when he had left Riverside, California, and is probably in the same situation in the Newark area.

The Newark Office conducted investigation in that area but was unable to locate any address for FRANK DONNARUMMA. Records of the New Jersey State Police concerning horse track employees, trainers and owners reflected a SALVATORE DONNARUMMA of Brooklyn, New York, and a SEBASTIAN F. DONNARUMMA of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who were connected in an owner and trainer capacity at the Freehold Raceway. Both of these individuals were interviewed but claimed not to be related to or to have any knowledge of FRANK DONNARUMMA.

The records of the Riverside Sheriff's Office in Riverside, California, where DONNARUMMA was arrested as HENRY DONALD RAMISTELLA on 7/4/67, were reviewed, but no information was developed that would indicate the present location for DONNARUMMA.

Information was also received concerning DONNARUMMA from the New York Office based on information received from SPENCER DRAYTON, Executive Vice President, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB). DRAYTON was contacted by representatives of "Life" magazine concerning the fact that DONNARUMMA had been a friend of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. DRAYTON stated that according to their records this individual was HENRY RONALD RAMISTELLA, also known as Frank Donnarumma, whose date of birth was 3/25/32 or 3/25/34. His Social Security No. was [REDACTED] and his FBI No. was 365 697-C. TRPB records contain information concerning reported violations in connection with horse racing on the part of RAMISTELLA up until 1956 when the stewards at the New York tracks barred RAMISTELLA from employment, however, no formal ruling to that effect was issued.

In January 1966, RAMISTELLA was fingerprinted at Santa Anita Racetrack under the name of FRANK DONNARUMMA. TRPB records contain no information which would indicate the current whereabouts of DONNARUMMA. Set forth below is identification record of RAMISTELLA under FBI No. 365 697-C.

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD NY NY	Henry R. Ramistella #380/437	9-3-56	1751 PL narc	
PD Co of Nassau Mineola NY	Henry Ronald Ramistella #23598	10-1-56	poss marijuana	11-20-56 PG 60 das sent susp
PD Co of Nassau Mineola NY	Henry Ronald Ramistella #23598	7-12-57	PL	
Dept of Pub Safety Providence RI	Henry R. Ramistella #24-065	7-25-47 7-25-57	vio Bank Laws	
PD West New York NJ	Henry Ramistella #2305	6-24-58	person (Narc) dis	
PD Miami Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #70783	12-31-59	Inv Heroin Addiction	12-31-59-rel to St Narc Bu
Metropolitan Pub Safety Dept Miami Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #73984	9-9-63	petty larc; resist arrest; W/O viol; 2 cts traff	
Metropolitan Pub Safety Dept Miami Fla	Henry Ronald Ramsitella #73984	9-23-63	PL	rel

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