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F. KIMCHE WAS DOUBTFUL ABOUT SOURCE'S INFO RE SIRHAN'S MARRIAGE AT 13, BUT SOURCE INSISTED MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE 1957 AT SALT. PRESUMABLY LOCAL RECORDS BEING CHECKED.

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H. LAST NIGHT SOURCE TOLD KIMCHE FATAH QUITE CONFIDENT SIRHAN WOULD NOT TALK, BUT ARE SENDING SPECIAL TEAM TO LOS ANGELES TO KILL HIM IF HE DOES.

I. WHILE DISCUSSING MUTUAL ISRAELI ACQUAINTANCES, KIMCHE SAID HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH IDF AND AMB TO U.K. REMEZ WERE UNIMPAIRED BY LAST YEAR'S FIAP OVER JEWISH OBSERVER.

J. KIMCHE OFFERED SHARE ANY FURTHER PERTINENT INFO WITH REPORTING EMBOFF PRIOR LATTER'S JUNE 18 TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHER EMBOFF.

K. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS EMBASSY JUNE 14 CHECKED VIA APPROPRIATE CHANNELS POSSIBILITY THAT HMG MIGHT HAVE SOMEONE WITH WHOM KIMCHE LIKELY BE FORTHCOMING. U.K. AUTHORITIES RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT PLACE CREDENCE IN KIMCHE'S RELIABILITY AND DOUBTED THEY COULD GET THE TRUTH FROM HIM.

L. DEPT. RPT. FURTHER IF DESIRED.

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KIMCHE JUST POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY NOON SESSION WITH EMBOS
WHICH HAD BEEN SET FOR THIS EVENING.

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REUTERS ITEM DATED LONDON JUNE 13 REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED
ARAB GOVERNMENT DEVELOPED STARTLING
INFORMATION ON SENATOR
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2. VICTIM WAS SHOT FROM REAR WHILE LOOKING OUT OF STORE ENTRANCE TOWARD STREET. TWO MEN SEEN RUNNING FROM STORE, ONE OF WHOM TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS PERSON HAVING PREVIOUS POLICE RECORD AND POSSIBLY CONNECTED BLACK POWER GROUP. NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT WHETHER VICTIM KNOWN TO KILLERS BUT APPARENTLY THERE WAS NOT ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

3. RUMOR REPORTEDLY EXISTED THAT GROCER HAD RECENTLY MADE DISPARAGING REMARK ABOUT THE LATE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ROBERT KENNEDY. ACCORDING NEWS MEDIA, HOWEVER, RAYYAN WAS KENNEDY ADMIRER WITH PICTURES OF KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON STORE WALL.

4. SUSPECTS IN SHOOTING STILL AT LARGE. ONE ACCOMPLICE BEING HELD AND CHARGED WITH MURDER.

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C. KIMCHE WILLING COOPERATE WITH US "100 PERCENT" BUT CAN'T NAME SOURCE. YEARS AGO HE WAS BADLY BURNED BY IDENTIFYING A SOURCE, AND HAS NEVER DONE SO SINCE DESPITE MANY ENTREATIES BY ISRAELI AND BRITISH OFFICIALS. LATER KIMCHE SAID HE COULD TELL US SOURCE IF LATTER APPROVED, BUT KIMCHE DOUBTED SOURCE WOULD.

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D. INFO RE SIRHAN'S TRIPS "WAS FLOATING AROUND IN FATAH CIRCLES" TO WHICH SOURCE HAS ACCESS. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT KIMCHE SAID SOME ARAB DIPLOMATS BEING DRAWN INTO FATAH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, SOME OF THEM UNWILLINGLY.

E. SOURCE CERTAIN SIRHAN VISITED NE INCLUDING DAMASCUS IN 1964 AND CAIRO IN 1966. SOURCE LESS SURE ABOUT EARLIER TRIP. PRESUMABLY FBI COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER SIRHAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN U.S. THROUGHOUT 1964 AND 1966.

F. KIMCHE WAS DOUBTFUL ABOUT SOURCE'S INFO RE SIRHAN'S MARRIAGE AT 13, BUT SOURCE INSISTED MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE 1957 AT SALT. PRESUMABLY LOCAL RECORDS BEING CHECKED.

G. RE UPI STORIES (TEL AVIV 4128) INCLUDING THEORY OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY INVOLVING SIRHAN SALIM EM ABER KHABIR SIRHAN OF DETROIT, KIMCHE COMMENTED ONLY THAT THE ASSASSIN'S FATHER HAS MADE CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS.

H. LAST NIGHT SOURCE TOLD KIMCHE FATAH QUITE CONFIDENT SIRHAN WOULD NOT TALK, BUT ARE SENDING SPECIAL TEAM TO LOS ANGELES TO KILL HIM IF HE DOES.

I. WHILE DISCUSSING MUTUAL ISRAELI ACQUAINTANCES, KIMCHE SAID HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH IDF AND AMB TO U.K. REMEZ WERE UNIMPAIRED BY LAST YEAR'S FIAP OVER JEWISH OBSERVER.

J. KIMCHE OFFERED SHARE ANY FURTHER PERTINENT INFO WITH REPORTING EMBOFF PRIOR LATTER'S JUNE 18 TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHER EMBOFF.

K. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS EMBASSY JUNE 14 CHECKED VIA APPROPRIATE CHANNELS POSSIBILITY THAT HMG MIGHT HAVE SOMEONE WITH WHOM KIMCHE LIKELY BE FORTHCOMING. U.K. AUTHORITIES RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT PLACE CREDENCE IN KIMCHE'S RELIABILITY AND DOUBTED THEY COULD GET THE TRUTH FROM HIM.

L. DEPT. RPT. FURTHER IF DESIRED.

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 183194; LONDON 9887

KIMCHE JUST POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY NOON SESSION WITH EMBOS
WHICH HAD BEEN SET FOR THIS EVENING.

EXEMPT.

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SUBJECT: SIRHAN CASE

PRESS STORIES INDICATE BISHARA SIRHAN, FATHER OF SIRHAN SIRHAN, MAY VISIT U.S. CONNECTION TRIAL HIS SON. IF BISHARA SIRHAN APPLIES FOR VISA, NOTIFY DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. YOU MAY PROCEED WITH NORMAL PROCESSING APPLICATION BUT TAKE NO FINAL ACTION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

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REUTERS ITEM DATED LONDON JUNE 13 REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED
ARAB GOVERNMENT DEVELOPED STARTLING
INFORMATION ON SENATOR
KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND GIVING DETAILS TO FBI. REPORT ASAP
ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON
ORIGIN AND VERACITY THIS STORY.
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DRAFTED BY: NEA/ARN:M W WILEY; D A WEHMEYER
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SY/PRS:MR TULLY (DRAFT)

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1. EMBASSY MAY HAVE NOTED PRESS REPORTS SHOOTING IN CHICAGO
JUNE 8 ABDO RAYYAN GROCER OF JORDANIAN ORIGIN. NEWS MEDIA
SPECULATING THAT KILLING WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND CONNECTED
WITH KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

2. VICTIM WAS SHOT FROM REAR WHILE LOOKING OUT OF STORE ENTRANCE
TOWARD STREET. TWO MEN SEEN RUNNING FROM STORE, ONE OF WHOM
TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS PERSON HAVING PREVIOUS POLICE RECORD
AND POSSIBLY CONNECTED BLACK POWER GROUP. NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT
WHETHER VICTIM KNOWN TO KILLERS BUT APPARENTLY THERE WAS NOT
ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

3. RUMOR REPORTEDLY EXISTED THAT GROCER HAD RECENTLY MADE
DISPARAGING REMARK ABOUT THE LATE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND
ROBERT KENNEDY. ACCORDING NEWS MEDIA, HOWEVER, RAYYAN WAS KENNEDY
ADMIRER WITH PICTURES OF KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON STORE WALL.

4. SUSPECTS IN SHOOTING STILL AT LARGE. ONE ACCOMPLICE BEING HELD
AND CHARGED WITH MURDER.

5. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS TALKED WITH JORDANIAN HONORARY
CONSUL IN CHICAGO WHO KNEW VICTIM PERSONALLY. ACCORDING TO HONORARY
CONSUL CORRECT NAME OF VICTIM WAS ABID JUMAA RAYYAN. HE WAS
CONSIDERED SOBER AND HARD-WORKING MEMBER OF COMMUNITY AND WAS

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NOT INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

402 HALL OF JUSTICE

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

TELEPHONE 629-2451

PAUL G. BRECKENRIDGE, JR.
CHIEF DEPUTY

June 15, 1968

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Deputy Attorney General,

Hon. Warren Christopher
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C., 20530

In re: People of the State of California vs.
Sirhan Bishara Sirhan
Superior Court No. A 233421
Public Defender No. 383175

This office has been appointed by the Court to represent
Mr. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in connection with the above
matter.

In accordance with my telephone conversation of this after-
noon with the Hon. William Matthew Byrne, Jr., United States
Attorney for the Central District of California, I am en-
closing a letter to Mr. Bishara Salameh Sirhan, the father
of the defendant, and respectfully request that you use
your good offices to expedite the delivery of this letter.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wilbur F. Littlefield
Chief Trial Deputy

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AIR MAIL

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Classified pouch K2-1844, Inv. C-072, leaving Department June 17 contains, in envelope addressed to Ambassador, sealed letter to be delivered to Bishara Salameh Sirhan from Richard S. Buckley, Public Defender, Los Angeles, S/S Registry No. 1278841.

Pouch expected arrive June 20-21. Please acknowledge receipt and confirm delivery time to Sirhan.

S/S:JWDavis:fh

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MEMORANDUM TO: The Honorable
Warren Christopher
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice

Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Delivery of Letter to Mr. Bishara Salameh Sirhan

I enclose the letter to you received at the Department of State early Sunday morning from Mr. Wilbur F. Littlefield, Chief Trial Deputy, Office of the Public Defender, Los Angeles, California.

In accordance with this letter, and a subsequent telephone conversation with you, we have sent to our Embassy in Amman for delivery the letter to Mr. Bishara Salameh Sirhan which was enclosed in Mr. Littlefield's letter. We have also cabled our Embassy (copy attached) instructing them regarding the letter and asking them to confirm delivery to Mr. Sirhan.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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June 18, 1968

Dear Mr. Littlefield:

Re: People of the State of California v.
Sirhan Bishara Sirhan
Superior Court No. A. 233421
Public Defender No. 383175

This is in reply to your letter of June 15, 1968, in which you enclose a letter to Mr. Bishara Salameh Sirhan, the father of the defendant in the above case, and ask that we use our good offices to expedite delivery of the letter.

The Department of State informs me that the letter has been sent by classified pouch to our embassy in Amman for delivery to Mr. Bishara Salameh Sirhan. The State Department has sent a cable to our embassy in Amman containing instructions concerning the delivery of the letter and asking for confirmation of its delivery to Mr. Sirhan.

We are pleased to cooperate with you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Warren Christopher
Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Wilbur F. Littlefield
Chief Trial Deputy
Office of the Public Defender
County of Los Angeles
402 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (62-587)

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Attached are copies of material pertinent to
your inquiry, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 6/18/68, MUSTAFA BAHTISHI, 493 Glendon Way, San Gabriel, California, ~~stated he was~~ not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated the only person he knew named MUSTAFA, who might know SIRHAN, was one MUSTAFA SAMKARI, a Lebanese, who works as a technician with the Burroughs Corporation somewhere in Los Angeles.

Prior information received indicated one of SIRHAN's close friends at Pasadena City College was one MUSTAFA (LNU).

LEAD: LOS ANGELES, AT LOS ANGELES: Will locate and interview MUSTAFA SAMKARI, through the Burroughs Corporation, Los Angeles. Will obtain background information, nationalistic tendencies, and all possible information concerning SIRHAN.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 56-156

DATE: 6-21-68

FROM : SA ROBERT H. MORNEAU, JR

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE SF AIRTEL TO LA 6-10-68 (attached)

Inquiry of authorities at Hollywood Park Race Track develop
that MISCH TENNEY can be located at the Ellsworth Ranch, ~~Hemet~~, Calif.

Assign lead with attached airtel for ~~Hemet~~..

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Rememo of SA JAMES E. ROSS, dated 6/16/68, re TOMMY SAWYER.

The following investigation was conducted on 6/19/68 by
SAS CLIFFORD E. HEDRICK and ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

Physical observation determined there was no 700 block of
South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, California. Complainant in this
matter, TOMMY SAWYER, gave his address as 727 S. Santa Fe, Compton.

WILLIAM HAMBY, Asst. Postmaster, Compton Post Office,
Santa Fe and Cypress, Compton, advised there is no 727 S. Santa Fe
and he has never heard of anyone by the name of TOMMY SAWYER.
HAMBY contacted the postal carrier who services the route where this
address would be and the carrier stated he had never heard of SAWYER.

Records of the Compton Police Dept. failed to reflect any
record for TOMMY SAWYER. PD records also failed to reflect any data
re EVELYN HOLT, 516 S. Santa Fe, Compton. PD records reflected a
traffic citation being issued in 1967 for a FRANK HOLT, 516 S. Santa
Fe, who was driving a 1958, 4 door, brown and white Plymouth with
California license GIF 591.

DMV records reflect California license GIF 591 is issued to
FRANK HOLT, 516 S. Santa Fe, Compton for a 1958 Plymouth.

Contact at Capitol National Bank, 400 East Compton Blvd.,
Compton determined account number 33979 was assigned to KLAZINA J.
HOLT, 516 S. Santa Fe, telephone 631-3120 and listed her employment
as housewife and former address as 807 North Van Ness, Compton.

Mrs. BETTY LOU JENSEN, 807 N. Van Ness, Compton advised
FRANK and EVELYN HOLT rented a room in her home for a short time
but moved from her home about 4 years ago. Mrs. JENSEN stated that
FRANK HOLT was a male nurse and Mrs. HOLT was unemployed and received
Social Security. She stated Mrs. HOLT was over 60 years of age and
FRANK HOLT was probably in his late 40's.

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Efforts were made to contact EVELYN and FRANK HOLT, 516 South Santa Fe, Apt. D, with negative results. Inquiry at neighboring apartments revealed that FRANK HOLT has not been seen at the apartments for about two weeks and that Mrs. HOLT leaves the apartment about 9:30 AM each day and returns about 5:00PM. The HOLTS have an older model red Plymouth. None of the neighbors know where the HOLTS are employed.

The apartment complex manager advised she does not know where either of the HOLTS work and stated her records fail to indicate any tenant by the name of SAWYER.

On the night of 6/19/68, Mrs. EVELYN HOLT telephonically contacted SA LEESON and an appointment was made to interview her at 9:00 AM, 6/20/68.

On 6/20/68, SAS HEDRICK and LEESON contacted Mrs. HOLT at her residence and she advised as follows:

"She and FRANK HOLT have been married for about 15 years and during that time FRANK will often leave home for weeks at a time and she does not know where he goes but he always returns. She said FRANK left about the middle of May and did not return home X until last weekend. She does not know where he went or what he did during this period but she thinks he visited his sister in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She advised FRANK has had three serious operations in the last three years and his behavior has been erratic since that time and he often drinks to excess. She stated she is sure FRANK was not at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot but she does not really know where he was. She stated FRANK does not have any strong political feelings of any kind and she knows he does not have any weapon of any kind.

She stated she did not inform FRANK of the FBI's visit and he left their apartment about an hour ago to get some cigarettes and has not returned. She stated this is just an example of his irregular behavior. She advised her husband is about 65 years old and is a Registered Nurse who usually works in an ambulance although to her knowledge he has not worked regularly for over two years. She stated he does not belong to any organizations and can usually be located at the Sandman Bar.

She stated that last Sunday she accompanied him to the Sandman Bar where they had a few drinks and then went out to supper. She recalls there were several other people in the Sandman but FRANK did not engage in any arguments with anyone."

FRANK HOLT was located at the Sandman Bar, Compton and Long Beach Blvd. and voluntarily advised that he was out of the LA area from 5/17/68 until last Sunday. He advised he does not own any weapon of any kind and he was not in LA much less being at the Ambassador Hotel the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He advised he was returning from Milwaukee and was in Kingman, Arizona when he heard

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of the KENNEDY assassination. He stated he was at the White Rock Motel on Route 66, Kingman when he heard the news. He stayed at the motel the night of 6/4-6/5/68 and the motel records will verify this. HOLT stated he can think of no reason why anyone would say he was at the Ambassador the night of the killing and cannot think of anyone who would make such a malicious statement. He stated he frequents numerous bars in the Compton area but knows of no one who would make such a statement.

~~EDDIE BREHM~~, bartender, Sandman Bar advised he has known FRANK HOLT for several years and has never known HOLT to express any strong views toward any political figure and although HOLT often drinks to excess, he has never known him to be violent in any way. BREHM said he also knows Mrs. HOLT and knows that they are separated quite often due to FRANK'S erratic behavior. BREHM stated he has never heard either of the HOLTs mention that FRANK has any kind of weapon and he has never heard anyone say anything that would indicate that FRANK HOLT has any kind of firearm. BREHM stated that last Saturday and Sunday (6/15 & 6/16/68) an acquaintance of Holt was in the Sandman looking for Frank. He stated that ~~DUDLEY MANN~~, an unemployed white male wanted to find FRANK as he claimed that FRANK had stolen a set of tools from MANN. BREHM told MANN he had not seen FRANK and did not know where he was and MANN stated "he would get even with FRANK" for stealing his tools. MANN had several drinks each day and both times left the bar in a very angry mood.

DUDLEY MANN, 411 East Compton Blvd., Compton was contacted at his residence and advised he has been looking for FRANK HOLT as HOLT stole some tools from MANN. He said that HOLT took MANN and his family to Denison, Texas in May, 1968 in HOLY's 1960 red Plymouth and agreed to return them to LA but after staying in Texas for one week, HOLT left to go visit his sister in Wisconsin and departed with a tool box full of MANN's tools in the trunk of his car. MANN stated he has been looking for HOLT since MANN returned to LA last weekend. MANN advised he knows Mrs. HOLT and that she resides at 516 S. Santa Fe and that she and FRANK are often separated. MANN denied that he telephoned the FBI to make a complaint about HOLT and stated he did not know anyone by the name of TOMMY SAWYER. MANN stated HOLT frequents the Sandman, John's, Clem's and the Rumpus Room.

In view of the investigation conducted, the fact that HOLT was in the Kingman, Arizona the night of the assassination and the possibility MANN made the complaint, plus the fact that the complainant furnished a fictitious name and address, no further investigation is being conducted regarding this complaint.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-394) (P)

KENSALT.

Re Washington Field Office teletype dated 6/18/68 regarding correspondents with official Kennedy Party at Ambassador Hotel at time of assassination.

On 6/19/68, FRANK PRICE, Executive, Copley Press, San Diego, which publishes San Diego Union and San Diego Tribune, advised neither paper had a correspondent with KENNEDY on day of assassination. San Diego Union reporter CHARLES W. ROSS, who traveled at different times with Kennedy Party, was with Mc Carthy Party on day of assassination. San Diego Tribune reporter RICHARD SULLIVAN, who also traveled with Kennedy Party at times, was in San Diego on day of the assassination.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-994) RUC
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau teletype to all SAC's 6/5/68.

No information has been developed that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN has ever had any association or contact within the state.

Credit and criminal investigations have been conducted in all major cities throughout the State of Louisiana and no record could be found identifiable with the subject or his aliases.

No further investigation being conducted by New Orleans.

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5144 Cantrell Rd.

Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

June 14, 1968

Director J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

You more than deserve the honor given to you as "Man of the Century", and I want to send you my congratulations for your continued faithfulness to duty to protect our nation, in these times of great deception. You have been a promoter of truth and seek it as a way of life, that justice might live with us. I know that you are a modest man and I will say no more. More than this honor, it is a great comfort to me to be able to trust you and know that you are a Christian, and it is these qualities that give you the honor of being "Man of the Century".

I think that all good American citizens must do all they can to aid the work that you are trying to do, that our Nation might be a safer place for our leaders and all men. So any hint of help that I feel that might be considered, I feel it might duty to contribute to what might become part of the truth or a factor to the finding of a truth.

Almost daily I take lunch at Bard's Restaurant and about May 29th, at a back table were two young men, one of whom I believe was Sirhan. He was small, fine featured, olive skin with the bushy forelocks. I had seen him before several times in the last few years. I was told that he was from Jerusalem. He was always in the company of this same friend. I know nothing more about him, but that the picture in the paper of Sirhan was very striking to the person that I have seen here in Little Rock. Please trace this and find if he had stayed in this city at various times, as much as two years ago.

I feel that there are Communists that work through such groups of young boys, beginning in such camps as the Kiwanus clubs for boys and they concentrate on underprivileged youth. When I observed the young man that looked like Sirhan, I placed him in my mind as might being a representation of this group.

I read that Sirhan asked for two books on the mystic and this is often followed by the Eastern mind. I think he will read and later practice it, for he is seemingly of such nature and temperament. I think he will use this as a means of eventual escape, and although it seems far fetched to the western mind, he might attempt and succeed at it. For an example, under self-hypnotism, he could feign death and lower his heart beat and pulse and even be legally thought as dead.

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And through this means with outside friends make a disappearance with their help, between the declaration of death and the processes of pre-burial. There is a fad of three that are experimenting with this underground life and this might give those desiring escape a plausible idea. I think that Sirhan would be the type to try it, for this would have appeal to his nature. If he would succeed in such a thing, in later years, he could become a mystical leader among the Arab cults. I do not believe that he will ever be brought to final justice for the slaying of Kennedy. I think that Satan is going to have him serve his purposes in these last times. I do not feel that he was along in this act, but was carefully instructed and encouraged and it was inevitable to have happened.

One of the best protective measures for all candidates to take is to have at their appearances a ready doctor, nurse and fully equipped van, bus or ambulance, with a clear path to it, for any physical mishap and for immediate care and professional attention. Time is always a major factor and it might save someone, for having such convenience.

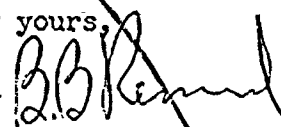
The Lord gives to those that love Him, eyes and ears to see and hear through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that the physical cannot see and hear.

The Bible is the living word and speaks readily to the heart of those that seek to be taught, informed and comforted in the ways of truth. Before Robert Kennedy expired from this world, I turned to Lamentations under the direction of the Holy Spirit and read Chapter five of this book. It holds much direct truth that relate to our country's reproach. There is a famine of this country for the lack of teaching and hearing the bread of life in God's written truth. Verses 3,4,5,6,7,,8 9,12,13,15,16,17. V. 21. Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

For you and your faithful men of the Bureau I send Isaiah 54:17, as a verse of faith. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Respectfully yours,

B. Renzel



June 19, 1968

Airtel

To: SAC, Little Rock
From: Director, FBI (62-587)

KENSALT RE: CORRESPONDENCE FROM B. REMMEL,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Attached is a copy of a letter dated June 14, 1968, from one B. Rummel, 5144 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. This individual appears to be identical with Mrs. Beverly B. Rummel who has written the Bureau on several occasions and may possibly be a religious zealot.

In view of the allegation relative to the sighting of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in Little Rock on May 29, 1968, she should be contacted by Bureau Agents, her letter acknowledged, full information developed and if appropriate, leads set forth.

Handle expeditiously and advise.

② - Los Angeles (Enclosure)

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DAVE MURRAY, Reporter, "Chicago Sun Times" Daily Newspaper, was interviewed at the offices of the newspaper, 400 North Wabash Avenue.

He related that he was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that immediately after making his short victory speech, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was scheduled to go to the Colonial Room within the hotel for an interview by newspaper and periodical correspondents. He related that the Colonial Room had been set up as a press room. He said the Embassy Room was extremely crowded and although this was hearsay he heard that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY took the route he did; that is, through the kitchen, in order to avoid the crush of the crowd in the Embassy Room. He stated that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY appeared extremely tired, the corridor he normally would have taken from the Embassy Room to the Colonial Room was extremely crowded with people, and he believes Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's aides probably decided to go through the kitchen to get to the Colonial Room so he would not be mobbed by the crowd. He stated in this regard that DICK DRAYNE, Press Secretary to Senator EDWARD F. KENNEDY, who was working for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles as a press aide, might know why Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY took the route he did which culminated in his assassination in the kitchen. MURRAY believed that DRAYNE may be able to at least shed some light on who made the decision to take this route or possibly why it was taken. He said DRAYNE can be located through the Office of Senator EDWARD F. KENNEDY in Washington, D. C.

Regarding other Chicago newspaper correspondents present at the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the assassination, he related that he believes there were no Chicago based correspondents at the hotel. He said that BOB ROSE of Los Angeles is the west coast representative of the "Chicago Daily News" and while he did not see ROSE at the Ambassador Hotel, he did see him at the hospital to which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was taken. He said ROSE can be located in Los Angeles through the

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wire services or any of the Los Angeles newspapers. He further related that SY KORMAN is the west coast representative of the "Chicago Daily Tribune" and while he did not see KORMAN at the Ambassador Hotel, he feels quite certain that KORMAN was, in fact, present at the hotel. He related that KORMAN can be located through the wire services or any of the Los Angeles newspapers.

In addition to the foregoing, he stated that TOM LITTLEWOOD, Washington Correspondent of the "Chicago Sun Times", was also present at the hotel at the time of the assassination and he resides in Washington, D. C.

MURRAY said that he did not observe SIRHAN prior to the time of the assassination. The first time he saw SIRHAN was after the shooting in the kitchen when RAFER JOHNSON and ROSIE GREER had SIRHAN flattened out on a table and were attempting to wrest the gun away from him. He said that at this time the gun was waving wildly and the confusion was extreme. He said by way of reiteration that he believed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had not changed his plans to go to the Ambassador room, but merely his method of going to the Colonial Room in order to avoid the crowd in the Embassy Room. He did state, however, that this is hearsay and he has no actual knowledge this was the case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 6/19/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (89-61) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, et al, 6/18/68, and Chicago teletype to Bureau, WFO, and Los Angeles dated 6/19/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are nine copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview of DAVE MURRAY, Reporter, "Chicago Sun Times" Daily Newspaper, on June 19, 1968, at Chicago.

LA letter sent 6/26/68

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to interview
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 6/21/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM D. COSTIGAN

SUBJECT: KENSALT

The writer, on 6/7/68, accompanied Detective BOB SOLLEE, Santa Monica Police Department, to the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, California, and at this location contacted Mrs. MARGE NAKAMURA, who owns and operates the Miramar Beauty Salon which occupies Cottage No. 20 on the hotel property.

Mrs. NAKAMURA advised that on Monday, June 3, 1968, a man, whom she described as being Caucasian, about 5'3" or 5'4" tall, very slender build, and very poorly dressed, asked her if she would "watch my suitcase". Mrs. NAKAMURA said that the man appeared to be a "beggar" or "bum" and looked like he might have been drinking. She said he carried a very shabby looking suitcase which he placed between the wall and the shrubbery just outside her shop area. Mrs. NAKAMURA said that she had commented about this dirty suitcase to hotel employees but that she, in no way, associated it with the hotel, its guests or with anything other than having been abandoned by a transient individual.

Detective SOLLEE located, picked up and opened the suitcase, which contained miscellaneous items of personal clothing, dirty and disheveled in appearance. It also contained some personal items, such as toothbrush, razor and shoe polish. Located by Detective SOLLEE within the suitcase was a Los Angeles Police Department release from custody form bearing the name JOHNNY LEWIS DOWLING, the date 5/23/68, and the notation Hollywood Division, Los Angeles.

Detective SOLLEE took custody of this abandoned property and transported it to his police headquarters.

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Original information concerning this abandoned suitcase was received by Santa Monica Police Officer LLOYD HILAIEL from one VERONICA DEEMS, an employee of the Boutique Women's Shop, located in the Miramar Hotel lobby.

There is nothing to indicate this piece of luggage, its contents or the individual who abandoned it are in anyway connected with KENSALT.

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Date: 6/19/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-394)

KENSAM
(OO: Los Angeles)

Enclosed is a slip of paper headed "A GERM-ANS
GUN KILLED SENATOR", which states in part that "The Arab
Rat" who killed Senator KENNEDY got his gun from CARL
ERHART of 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California.

This slip of paper was turned in to this office
by Mrs. SARA ELLIS, 3105 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, on 6/18/68.
She said that she had found it on the sidewalk of Fifth
Avenue on 6/15/68 and has no idea who prepared it.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SUPERVISOR CHESTER E. ST. VINCENT

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/21/68

NORM JACOBY, City News Service, telephonically contacted this office at 10:20 AM, 6/21/68, from the Police Press Room, Los Angeles PD, telephone MADison 4-5211, Extension 3535. He said RUSSELL PARSONS, through his Chief Investigator, MICHAEL MC GOWAN, had reported receiving some death threats and had reportedly requested protection from this Bureau as well as the Los Angeles Police Department. Mr. JACOBY wanted verification of the above information.

Mr. JACOBY's call was immediately returned at the above telephone number by the writer. JACOBY was informed we have no comment concerning his inquiry regarding RUSSELL PARSONS. JACOBY stated he understood our policy. JACOBY was also reminded the FBI does not grant protection to anyone. He stated he also understood this.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Detroit, Michigan

June 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Re: Minas J. Zaroian, also known as
Tockov John Zaroian

On June 6, 1968, Mrs. Helen Schodowski, 4483 Webster, Ecorse, Michigan, no telephone, advised she has been employed at the Alpine Motel, 26131 Michigan Avenue, Inkster, Michigan, for two and one-half months. Since her employment there, a Mr. Barovkian (phonetic) has been staying in unit number 25. He has a typewriter in his room and on June 6, 1968, while she was cleaning his room, she observed an unfinished letter in the typewriter addressed to "Queenie". The letter indicated this was the third time he tried to write to her. The letter contained derogatory remarks about Senator Kennedy, referred to him as an SOB., and stated he deserved what he got. The letter contained a question asking if she sent the dumb Arab to do the job.

Mrs. Schodowski then found the following letter in the trash basket, which was torn in four pieces:

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June 5, 1968

Hi;

Hey, what gives out there? How come you have to import some dumb arab to shoot the senator from NY? It figures an arab did it, he screwed it up. I heard the news this morning at 5:30. You can bet your butt if I had shot at him or him in body, he'd be dead. It figures, if he hadn't been shot out there, he would have been shot somewhere else. Shame, I have to admit. Now this makes him a hero. Oh-by-the-way, I used to have a beer at that place. Ambassador, wasn't it?

Your letter came Monday, but I was too tired to go and pick it up. Late last night, read it. -I must say, Sharon is no longer the little teenager I met out there and in Niagara, but quite the young and attractive young lady. Mari picked out a graduation gift for her, and I bought it. Sent it out last Saturday past. It may not look like much, but it is solid gold. Hope she likes it.

As for the Florida trip, forget it! A little rider on the prize such as buying property when you get out there.

I'm trying to get John to come here, but who is to take care of him while I'm working? That is the part that bothers me. So far, no apartment. I did put \$300 deposit and rent on a place, but haven't received a call yet.

Weather has finally settled and I'm back to work. Turning balck as coal and sleeping at nights.