2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

From: Assigned

To: Commanding Officer, B.S.S.

SUBJECT: REQUESTED INFORMATION ON JOHN M. LAWRENCE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, VILLAGE FRIENDS OF CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES.

- I. Det. Third Grade Paul L. Brennan #1907, of this command, assigned to this matter, reports as follows.
- According to an article in the New York Herald Tribune of April 3, 1966, one John M. Lawrence, male, white, 42 year old, was errested in Garden City, L.I. on Feb. 13, 1966 for leitering in a L.I.R.R. waiting room. Lawrence protested that the arrest was illegal, and during the process of jailing him, an additional charge of assault was made when Lawrence Kicked a prison guard in the grain. According to the article, Lawrence presents nimself as a civil rights expert, and while not an atterney, prides himself as an expert on legal matters. He was allegedly influential in overturning a New York City Ordinance against smoking in bed in 1964, and claims to have held played an influential role in having the George Whitmore Jr. conviction reversed. At the time of the above arrest, Inwrence gave as his address 105 West 47 St., N.Y.C.
- 3. On July 9, 1964, John M. Lawrence was arrested in the 6th Precinct and charged with Felonicus Assault, Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct. Lawrence had been observed carrying Erra an unloaded rifle strapped to his shoulder. He was stopped at one time and frisked, a U.F. 250 having been prepared by Ptl. Gerusch #24508, 4th Pct. Later, he was observed by Ptl. Pozzano #2604, 6th Pct., levelling his rifle in such a manner that had it been loaded and fired, it would have caused injury to passers-by. When he was stopped by Ptl. Pezzano, he immediately became loud and abusive causing a large crowd to collect. He was placed under arrest, after which he swung the rifle striking Ptl. Pezzano, He then refused to move, necessitating his being carried to the precinct. When searched in the Pct., he was found to have on his person

a proviously propared writ of 12025 RELEASE UNDERE, O. devoanding his release because of false ARREST. HE ALSO REFUSED TO BE FINGER PRINTED AND OTHERWISE REFUSED TO COOPERATE.

- 4. It was later bearned that proof to the promentioned incidents, Lewrence had contected C.B.S. News, informing them that he was going to test the newly adopted "stop and frick" law, and that he would be carrying a loaded rifle around the streets of N.Y. looking to be stopped by a police officer. At the time of this last arrest, Lawrence gave his address as Nevada Hotel, 2025 Breadway, NAY.C.
- 5. At that time, in 1964, a check## was made in the oriminal files of this Department, and the N.Y. office of the F.B.I. which revealed the following: Luwrence was arrested on 9/5/50 in front of 220 East 14 St., N.Y.C., for Disorderly Conduct (shouting, Cursing, causing a crowd to collect). He was convicted and sentenced on 5/10/60, BCI E# 18353, Rikers Island #054779. On 6/21/60. Lawrence instituted suit against the City of New York for false arrest, which suit was subsequently dismissed in Federal Court. In May, 1950, the subject resided at 99 Hudson St., Hobeken, N.J., and in 1961, he was reported to have been in Denver, Colorado where he purported himself to be a civil rights expert, and was instituting actions It against that city's criminal code, and criticizing the Denver P.D.
- 6. As a result of his suit against this city in 1980, an investi-
- 7. The files of this command, and the N.E. Office of the P.B.I. contain no reference to the captioned organization.

ject has ever received mail at that address.

and found to be non-existent. The numbers on Prince St. run as high as 205, which is immatakeness a three-stery brick building located at the intersection of MacDougal St., Charlton St., and 5th Ave. There are three names listed on the mail boxes, none of them the subject's, and the ground fleer. a sterefrent in rundown condition, is occupied by Joseph Domanti, an attorney. A check at the Canal Street Past Office failed to indicate whether the sub-

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From:

Detectives Louis D. Poltonia #2723, John J. Gilbride #959 & Raymond J. Glarke #477, B.S.S.

To:

Commanding Officer, Bureau of Special Services

Subject: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON JOHN M. LAWRENCE

- 1. At approximately 4:45 P.M., Thursday, July 9, 1964, the undersigned detectives observed a male, white, 5'd", 30's, walking north on the east side of Church Street, at the corner of Duane Street, Markatson. This individual was carrying an attache case and a rifle with the bolt closed. At he walked north he continually gazed about and moved the rifle to different positions and directions. The subject was pointed out by the assigned to Patrolnan Robert P. Gorsuch, Shield # 24503, 4th Precinct, who was assigned to patrol post 5-6 performing 4 P.M. to 12 midnight, at which time LAWRENGE was swinging the rifle from his side to his shoulder. Ptl. Gorsuch, though aware no crime was being cornitted, approached the subject in front of 217 Church Street to examine the rifle to see if it was loaded. This action on the part of the officer was to prevent any possible accident that might have injured podestrians in the area. When an inspection of the rifle by the patrolman disclosed it was unloaded, LAWRENGE proceeded north again on Church Street with his rifle. Copy of UF 250 prepared at 4th Pet. 25tached hereto.
- 2. At the same time that Ptl.Gorsuch appreached LAWRENCE a portable TV CES station wagen arrived and commenced to interview khe subject. After the interview Jim Jensen, CES commentator, advised the undersigned that his office had earlier received a telephone call stating that a man would be on Church Street with a loaded M-1 rifle. This call was apparently placed by LAWRENCE to attract publicity to his previous announced newspaper reports that he will contest the recently enacted "stop and frisk" law. A request has been made to Mr. John Reilly, CES-TV, PL 1-2545 Ext. 1057. for complete details of this telephone call as well as statement given by LAWRENCE which was showned over CES-TV news broadcasts at 7 P.M. and 11 P.M., July 9th.
- 3. At 9:30 P.M., July 9th, the 6th Precinct notified this command that the subject John LAWRENGE was arrested at 5:20 P.M. in front of 1'1 Blecker street. Manhattan, by Ptl. Pozzano, Shield # 25343-6th Procinct, Arrest # 2604-6th Pet., and charged with Felonious Assault, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct (copy of errest card attached hereto). At place of occurence officer observed LAWRENGE acting in an irrational manner, earrying a rifle on his shoulder leveled in a manner, if discharged, would be dangerous to anyone in the street. The officer stopped LAWRENGE to assertain if he was a stable person and if the rifle was loaded. Inmediately the subject started to shout and saused a large crowd to collect. When LAWRENGE was warned that he was causing a breach of the peace he refused to decist, calling to the crowd to call GBS news. He was placed under arrest at which time LAWRENGE swang the rifle and did strike the officer on the shoulder with the rifle. When searched at the precinct hawrenge was found to have in his pessession a Writ of Habeas Corpus (previously prepared) alleging False Arrest and Assault by the Officer. Prisoner refused to give his pedigree except his name and address, and likewise refused to be fingerprinted.

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- 4. A check of LAWRENCE'S given address, 2025 Broadway, Monhattan, disclosed this to be the Nevada Fotel, TR 4-1705, where the subject has occupied from 709 since December 16, 1963, and reported to be known thereat as a free lance writer.
- 5. A check of the records of the New York Office of the F.B.I. disclosed that he is known therent under # 4365647 as John Lawrence and also as John Lawrence PAWLUK. Records further indicate that he was arrested on 9/5/59 in front of 220 East 14th Street. Manhattan, for Disorderly Conduct, shouting, cursing, causing a crowd to collect. He was sentenced (time unknown) on 5/10/60, ECI E# 14353, kiners Island # 354779. on 6/21/60 Lawrence instituted an action against the City of New York for false arrest which was subsequently dismissed in Federal Court. In May 1960 the subject resided at 99 Hudson Street, Hoboken, N.J. In August 1/51 Lawrence was in Denver, Colordo where he purported himself to be a civil rights expert and was instituting activities critical of that statis criminal law as well as the Denver Police Department.
- 6. A request has been made of Detective Mary MeDonnell, Legal Bureau, for additional pertinent information which she has on the subject as a result of his claim of false arrest.
- 7. A check will be made of other Department units for any additional information of this subject.
- 8. Receipt of all additional information that is received will be included in subject's folder.
 - 9. Continued attention will be given this Eatter.

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	SA AUGUST	All of the above were obtained on 6/28/68 by J. MICEK from the New York City Police Depart	tment.
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		RE: TAMARA COROVICH
	RATHBURN	Bureau teletype instructed that Detective KENNETH Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Officer and VERONICA DEEMS be interviewed to resolve the f the "missing girl" in captioned case.
		All three individuals have been interviewed, the Office having interviewed DEEMS with the results torth in referenced Seattle teletype.
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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

KENSALT

Attached is a copy of a communication received through Bureau Liaison from the Department of State, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

New York should immediately identify and set forth leads to locate Clifford Flitty through Union Carbide.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DATE: June 19, 1968

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UBJECT:

Alleged Accusations made against Kennedy Family.

On June 12, 1968, Mrs. Naomi Gross, 13 Russel St., Toorak, Australia, (presently vacationing in London, England) appeared voluntarily at the American Embassy London, and furnished the following information:

Mrs. Gross stated she boarded Qantas flight 530 in Sydney, Australia at 7:00 PM, June 5, 1968, in routeto London. Further, she said she was traveling first class and had sat next to a man who said his name was Clifford Flitty, an American industrialist with Amerada Petrolium Co. in Queensland, Australia, (the company is supposedly an American Canadian venture) who worked out of the company's head office in Brisbane. Mrs. Gross said Flitty also stated he was soon to become the new Vice-President of Union Carbide. Source described Flitty as a man of about 40 to 47 (he told her he was born in 1924), 5 feet 10 inches tall weight about 170 pounds, Gray hair, medium build, and wore glasses. Source reported the flight en route to London stopped at Fiji Island, Honolulu, San Francisco, New York, then London. She said before the plane landed at Fiji Island, Flitty stated "I wish someone would put a bullet between Bobby Kennedy's eyes, and I would wish I could pull the trigger myself." Further, source stated that prior to their landing at Honolulu, the anouncement of the Kennedy shooting was announced to the passengers by the captain.

Source advised that when the plane landed in San Francisco, there was to be a four hour layover, and it was at this time the death of Robert Kennedy was announced. Further, she said Flitty stated he was going to send a telegram to Ted Kennedy which was to read "After Two how about you?" and said he may even sign it, and further stated "we will be rid of this trash forever." According to source Flitty talked about ordering champagne to celebrate the tragedy. (attached as exhibit # 1 is the alleged note to be sent to Ted Kennedy in Flitty's own handwriting).

Mrs. Gross reported Flitty disembarked at New York. She said he was traveling alone, and appeared to be in complete control of his faculties during the flight.

Mrs. Gross declined to give her London address, stating she did not wish to involve the people with whom she was staying.

It is the opinion of the reporting agent, that Mrs. Gross is a completely stable individual, was articulate in her speech, and gave every impression of being a highly intelligent woman.

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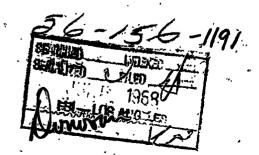
Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, New York and San Francisco dated 6/25/68 requesting New York to interview STEVE BELL, an American Broadcasting Company reporter.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 30 copies of a FD 302 containing results of interview with BELL.

BELL covered Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's speech June 4-5, 1968 at Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, but did not see or hear the shooting.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM:

BAC, SAN DIEGO (44-394) (P)

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Re Los Angeles mirtel to Bureau 6/19/68.

Enclosed for San Antonio is one copy of photograph (including front and side view) of JIMY LEE MC BRIDE.

It is noted that KENNEDY was in Los Angeles from 2/16/68 to 3/1/68. San Diego files reflect that JIMMY LEE MC BRIDE, who was in deserter status from USMC, Camp Pendleton, California, was apprehended by Buagent on 2/15/68, at Denton, Texas, and incarcerated in Denton Police Department Jail.

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AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS. Will exhibit MC BRIDE's photograph to MUREAN JUSTEN KENNEDY, JR., Company C, Second Battalion, Medical Training Center, to determine whether MC BRIDE is identical with "JIMMY" who KENNEDY met late in February this year in Los Angeles.

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AT OCEANS IDE, CALIFORNIA, Will, through inquiry at USMC, Camp Fendleton, attempt to account for MC BRIDE's whereabouts from time of his apprehension in Denton, Texas, on 2/15/68, until 3/1/68.

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WALTER CRONKITE, CBS-NEWS

Enclosed are copies of a letter from BERT MOORE of Litchfield, Illinois, 6/6/68 to WALTER CRONKITE, and Bureau cover airtel 6/11/68 which are self-explanatory.

JOHN HARRIS, Assistant Director, CBS News, TV Network, Television City, Hollywood, California, 6/27/68, advised that there was no tape of the CBS TV News referred to by BERT MOORE available in Hollywood. This tape could be viewed at CBS News. New York.

HARRIS added he recalled the CBS News report in question, aired 6/3/68, and speculated the scene in question looked like it may have taken place in China Town along Grant Avenue in San Francisco where fire crackers and balloons were popped in the proximity of Senator KENNEDY who was riding through the area during a campaign tour.

New York at New York City will review the WALTER CRONKTTE CBS News report aired 6/3/68 from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Central Daylight time to resolve this matter.

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ZERONIAN TOBBETY	Re Los Angeles airtel to Pittsburgh dated 6/12/68 On 6/19/68, an appointment to interview JOSEPH P. was arranged at 2:30 PM; however, due to a bank investigation, appointment not kept.
advised that conc	On 7/1/68, Miss ARNOLD, Carnegie-Mellon University that the National Defense Education Act Institute luded on 6/21/68, and Mr. ZERONIAN had returned to in the Los Angeles area.
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: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 7/3/68

SA STEPHEN C. MONKA, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: Autopsy Report - Senator To Dr. THOMAS T. NAGUCHI, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, Los Angeles County, advised that the photographs and report concerning the autopsy conducted by be and his staff, on the body of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY is still not complete. He said the delay is primarily due to one segment of the report which concerns the various organs of the body not directly related to the penetration of the bullets. He said,

however, this report will probably be complete within the next week or so and he will probably advise the Los Angeles Office when it is ready. when it is ready.

In connection with the photographs taken during the post mortem examination, he pointed out that there may be between 200 and 300 photographs taken during the autopsy. The Los Angeles Office has requested six sets of photographs at a cost of 27 cents per photograph, therefore, the total approximate cost could be \$486.00.

It is recommended that Bureau authority be obtained to expend money in excess of \$100 to obtain these photographs in the event it is necessary.

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TO:

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT:

KENSALT

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL KENNEDY PARTY.

Re Los Angeles airtel to New York dated 6/25/68. WITH COPY

Investigation has been conducted in NYC to locate the law firm of <u>Dutton</u>, <u>Gwritzman</u> and <u>Wise</u> and no such firm has been located.

Mr. SIDNEY GWIRTZMAN, 160 Broadway, advised that he is an attorney and that he has never heard of an attorney in NYC by the name of MILTON GWRIAZMAN but he believes he has a distant cousin in Washington, D.C., who is an attorney named MILTON GWIRTZMAN.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: Attempt to ascertain from CONSTANCE SHANCELLON, address of LISA GYRITZMAN.

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Legat, Tokyo (173-2) (P)

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(00: Los Angeles)

On 6/19/68, Ambassador WALTER P. McCONAUGHY.

American Embassy, Taipei, Taiwan, advised that one BERNARD

BOULTON, a British businessman in Taipei who is an acquaintance of his, called him and said he wished to discuss something which had been bothering him of late. Ambassador McCONAUGHY said he naturally acquiesced and met with BOULTON who, incidentally according to the Ambassador, is believed to be the ranking MI-6 (British Intelligence) man in Taiwan.

BOULTON advised that during his British intelligence career during World War II he had occasion to investigate the organization known as Jehovah's Witnesses. He said the reason for this investigation was that, although the rank and file of the organization were sincere God-fearing men, the leaders, according to certain documents obtained during that period were fanatics dedicated to causing chaos in the world in order to hasten the second coming of Christ. During the war, BOULTON said, the Jehovah's Witnesses leaders were against the Germans, but were also equally dedicated against the Allies.

At any rate, the reason he was bringing this to the attention of the Ambassador was that in a British magazine commenting on the Kennedy (Robert) assassination, mention was made that SIRHAN SIRHAN was a Christian and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. BOULTON said he knew it was remote, but felt that at least he should bring it to someone's attention. Thus, the reason for calling Ambassador McCONAUGHY.

The Ambassador said he wished to bring it to Legat's attention. He saw no particular urgency in the matter. Legat said he was, of course, interested in anything, however seemingly unimportant, and would furnish such data to headquarters immediately.

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The Ambassador said BOULTON assured him he would be most happy to discuss the matter with anyone and thought he could possibly provide certain documents to substantiate his allegations.

This is being provided for the Bureau's information. In the event the Bureau directs Legat to contact BOULTON, it is requested that Bureau comment on BOULTON's allegations re Jehovah's Witnesses and furnish Legat with up-to-date estimation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Legat will at least have to furnish some comment to Ambassador McCONAUGHY during conversation with him during next roadtrip. Contact with BOULTON could be accomplished very conveniently during August road trip.

Date: July 3, 1968

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_{Via} AIRTEI

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To

SAC, Los Angeles

From:

Director, FBI

KENSALT

OO: LOS ANGELES

Attached are two copies of the communication dated 6/26/68, from Legat, Tokyo, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

In the absence of any information indicating any connection between Sirhan Sirhan and Jehovah's Witnesses, no further action appears warranted at this time.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Legat, Tokyo (FOR INFO)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM

SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-394) (P)

SUBJECT:

KENSALT

Re San Diego teletype, 6/28/68.

Enclosed herewith are 30-copies of FD-302 reporting interview of THOMAS W. BRADEN.

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