Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan

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On July 3, 1968, a third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Abdeen Jabara spoke at a meeting of the Friday Night Socialist Forum, held on June 21, 1968, at Detroit, Michigan. This source stated that Jabara, a practicing Detroit attorney, who was further described as the author of a monograph on Armistice Law for a Palestine Liberation Organization, spoke on the expansionist factics of modern Israel, which Jabara stated was demonstrated by the June, 1967 takeover by Israel of Jordanian and Egyptian territory.

A characterization of the Friday Night Socialist Forum appears in the appendix pages attached hereto.

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Sirhan B. Sirhan
Palestinian Arab
refugee

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Is it you?

Is it the State of California?

Is it the Kennedy family?

Or is it the vested political Establishment operating through the office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles County?

Sec. 190.1. Penal Code. California. If a person has been found guilty of deliberate murder there shall be jury trial to fix the penalty of death or life imprisonment. Evidence may be presented of the circumstances "surrounding the crime, of the defendant's background and history, and of any facts in aggravation or mitigation of the penalty."

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 folly of the pre-Civil war hanging of John Brown. The trail of murder and killing will end where a merciful understanding, and humane forms of fetribution are employed.

SUPPORT THE JUST FIGHT FOR CLEMENCY FOR SIRHAN SIRHAN Enroll your support for justice now!

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FRIDAY WIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM

On May 12, 1967, a source advised that the Friday Night Socialist Forum (FNSF) is a name used by the Detroit. Michigan Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in sponsoring forums, socials and other functions which are open to the public. Primarily, FNSF pertains to weekly public forums held at SWP headquarters, 3737 Woodward, Detroit, for the purpose of spreading propaganda of the SWP, developing contacts, facilitating recruitment and members into the SWP, and presenting subjects of a controversial nature in the social, political and economic fields. Usually speakers are members of the SWP and they give the socialist viewpoint of the subject discussed. The money collected at these FNSFs goes into the SWP treasury in Detroit.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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W. E. B. DuBois Press Conference Hotel Diplomat, NYC

This meeting was called in protest to the statement concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, SR., made by Mayor YORT of Los Angeles, California connecting him (SIRHAN) with the W. E. B. DuBois Club. A statement was read by JARVIS TYDER, National Chairman of W. E. B. DuBois Club of America.

In the statement he called Mayor YONTH a "liar," and denied that SIRHAN had any connection with his club. He further stated that President JOHNSON and Mayor YORTY were among those who fostered violence in America. LINDA MORSE made a statement to the fact that all of the written press has shose to pass up YORTY's statement, because of the fact it appeared he was seeking headlines. DAVE DELLINGER then spoke, repeating almost the same words of TYHER and MORSE KUNTSLER then said that as the attorney for W. E. B. Tabols would sue YORTY and the city of Los Angeles for damages because of his statement. KUNTSLER said his price may be from \$1.00 to one million dollars. Most of 511 W. E. B. Dubbis Club wanted a retraction of the statement.

CBG T. V. was the only prior news media present. Among those present was ABE WEISZERD. He said he is now National Director of White Americans to Support Black Liberation. 857 Broadway, Rock Wood Will Free Prese conference was a failure and accomplished nothing.

P. S. It should be noted that a person who identified himself as DENNIS ROBERTS or ROBINSTN, an attorney from California for w. B. Dubole Class, was present. He was male, white, 20% about to ft., brown hair and beard. No mustache. He wore glasses.

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June 7, 1968 New York City

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL NEWS MEDIA II AM, JUNE 7, 1968, NEW YORK CITY: Remarks issued by Jarvis Tyner, National Chairman of the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America at a news conference at the Diplomat Hotel:

Yesterday at a press conference in Los Angeles, California, the Mayor of that city, Samuel Yorty, unleashed a vicious and most slanderous attack against my organization, the W.B.B. Du Bois Clubs of America. Through innuendo and insinuation Yorty intimated that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the alleged assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy, was associated with my organization, the Du Bois Clubs of America, and that such an association could have had some bearing on the insane act of political assassination.

Mayor Yorty is a liar. Our records in the Los Angeles area, as well as further inquiry conducted by our organization yesterday, unequivically evidence that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan had no connection to the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America. On the basis of our organizational inquiry and evidence our attornyy William Kunstler will give you an account of the legal action that the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America are initiating against Mayor Yorty for his unfounded and libelous attack on our organization.

This action against Mayor Yorty will be taken in the courts to demonstrate that such attempts at political assassination, and unfounded slander as this attempt by Mayor Yorty to revive McCarthyism in America will not be tolerated by the American people

NEWS RELEASE, contd.

that such insane acts are a result of the desperately confused situation that now exists in this country. A situation that has been fostered in large measure by the violently racist and reactionary policies of political leaders like Lyndon Bains Johnson and Samuel Yorty. Is nt it a fact that it is '... this climate of violence stirred up by the forces of conservatism and reaction that has given lincense to the use of violence against progressive political activists on the American scene. Such evidence for this conclusion can be found by remembering these recently murdered; Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Schwerner, Chaney, and Goodman, Medger Evers, Jimmie Lee Jackson, the list goes on and on.

Lets look at reality. It is the war in Vietnam which legalizes murder, torture, and genocide that adds to the glorification of violence against the forces of change in the world and helps to give license to the wanton murder of those political leaders who would lead America back to the path of humanity and sanity.

It is the political lies of the Yorty"s, the Johnson"s, the Humphry's the Eastlands, the Dodd's, the J.Edgar Hoover's which says that the problem with the oppressed of America is a crime problem as opposed to a problem of exploitation, unemployment and poverty. It is these lies that legalizes the criminal slaughter against dispossed Black America.

NEWS RELEASE contd.

Neither this most recent attempt of Mayor Yorty to lend his adroit hand to stir up the cold dregs of McCarthyism, nor the attempt of Lyndon Johnson to find a scape goat for the wave of violence that his administration has unleashed on the world, will succeed in diverting the American people from their growing demand for new programs and new leaders for our country. The DuBois Clubs America will not be diverted from its work of building a new America by the attack of Johnson's new McCarran Act, nor Mayor Yorty's attempts at political character assassination.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (69-587)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

BUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy and for Los Angeles the original and one copy of a letter addressed to the US State Department, Passport Security Division, 530. Fifth Ave., New York, NY, pertaining to one, "S. H. SLOBODKY

This letter was received on 8/1/68 from Mr. JOSEPH CALLAHAN, Agent in Charge, US Department of State, Passport Agency, 630 Fifth Ave., New York, MY, by SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN.

On 7/31/68, Mr. CALLAHAN received the above letter in the mail. He called Mr. BOB JOHNSON at the Passport Agency, Washington, DC, who in turn called the Bureau in Washington, DC. The Bureau called Supervisor JOHN W. JOYCE of the NYO.

Mr. CALLAHAN stated that passports issued in 1968 begin with a "J". On 2/1/68, SEYMOUR HARRY SLOPEDKIN, 3043 Brighton 6th St., Brooklyn, NY, care of cultury worn 6/2/27, New York, NY, 5'6", brown hair, brown eyes, applied for an passport and on 2/2/68 was issued Passport No. J190659

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The NYO of the FBI has a closed 170-768 file on one, SEYMOUR SLOBODKIN, possible informant.

On 5/20/68, this SEYMOUR SLOBODKIN called the NYO and said that he is employed at the Blue Fountain Restaurant, 68-01 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Jamaica, NY, and that he is affiliated with an organization which is setting up vocational and training institutes for school dropouts among others in ghetto areas, and he had devised an approach to people in ghetto areas which he thought would be helpful to agents of the FBI on their investigations.

On 6/12/68, SLOBODKIN called the agent who he spoke with previously and told the agent that he, (SLOBODKIN), was attempting to purchase some batteries in a radio shop and wished the agent to vouch for his credit telephonically to the owner of the shop. The agent refused.

During the early momning hours of 6/13/68, Patrolman KLATZ, 100th Precinct, NYCPD, advised that he then had SLOBODKIN in the Psychiatric Ward of Elmhurst General Hospital for observation based on SLOBODKIN's purported observation of a submarine in Jamaica Bay, NYC,

The Queens, NY address telephone book (Long Island City is in Queens) contains no listing for 1 Court Square, The first listing on Court Square is Number 5.

The Brooklyn, NY address telephone book at 3043 Brighton 6th St., lists COHEN, LILLIE NI 8-7879.

The Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Manhattan, NY telephone books and the NYO indices contain no listing as to IBRAHIM BEN ALI SIRMAN.

In view of the above, the NYO is taking no further action in this matter.

TO U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT SECURITY DIVISION 530 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 11293, N.Y.

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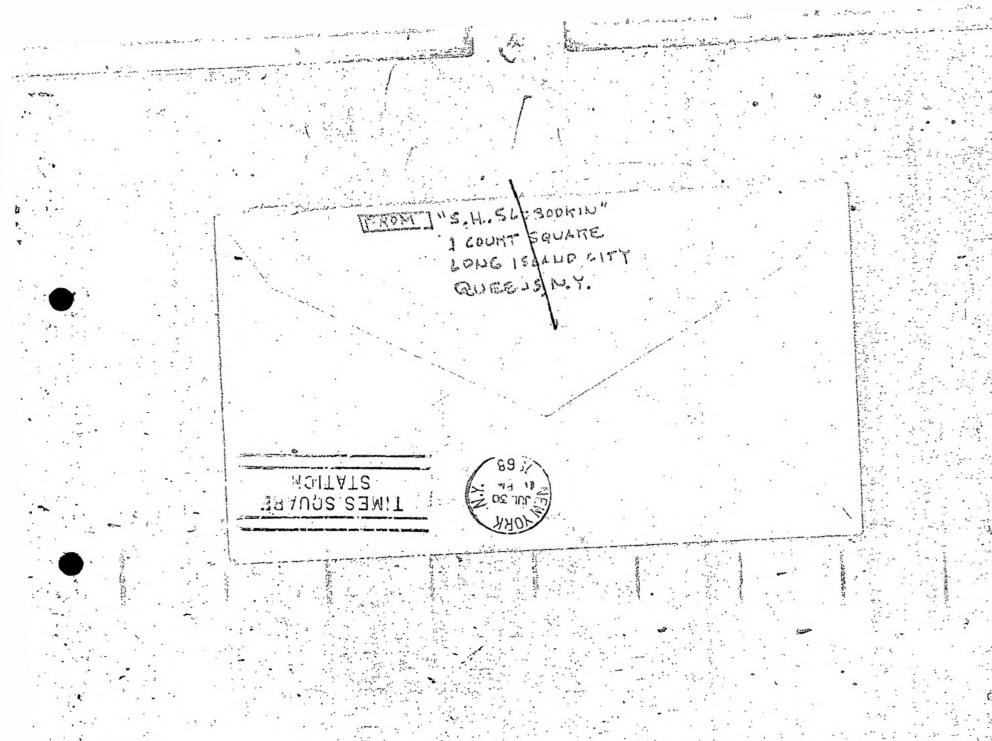
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SAC, Los Angeles (56-156) TO

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: Director. FBI (62-587)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

In conjunction with the Bureau's detailed review of Los Angeles investigative reports dated 6/9/68, 6/15/68, and 7/1/68, the following leads in the miscellaneous category should be covered:

Report of 6/9/68.

and interview him

Interview Mm. Pages 1026, 1027, 1028. . Benjamin Eyra, 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood. California, re information given by Jacqueline Trivisono as set out on Page 1026.

Page 1023. Display photo of Sirhan, his brothers and any available photos of Sirhan's associates, male and female, to Mr. Fallah Ben-Jabr.

Page 1029. Display photos of Sirhan, his brothers and associates, male and female, if available to Mrs. Mildred Alft.

Page 1030. Interview NBC Stage Manager George Fulton regarding activities at Ambassador Hotel.

Page 1034. Contact St. Louis Police Department for records of arrest of Eddie A. Sirhan in order to fully identify him and thereafter/locate

Page 2034. Locate and interview Adel (Eddie) A. Sirhan. Determine if identical to Eddie A. Sirhan arrested by St. Louis Police Department in 1958.

Page 1039. Afford W. J. Wood opportunity) to listen to any available recordings of Sirhan's, voice to determine if he may be able to identify with conversation he overheard in Arabic.

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8. Page 1041. Contact June Isackson in effort to identify persons whose conversation was overheard by W. J. Wood.

9. Page 1043 and 1045. Display any available photos of Sirhan's brothers and male associates to David Phillipps, owner Dave's Coffee Shop, Alhambra, California, and his employee Leonora Hosteller.

10. Page 1043. Conduct neighborhood investigation vicinity of Dave's Coffee Shop, 2 K. Main Street, Alhambra, California, in effort to locate persons who may have observed two males described by David Phillipps.

all guards at the Ambassador Hotel: Willie S. Bell, all guards at the Ambassador Hotel: Willie S. Bell, Lloyd Curt's, S. Kawelec, Patriurphy, Arthur Maddor, Sam Trout, Thomas Devez, Jack Grugan, David Critas, James last name illegible, Elmer M. Boomhower, Thaine Cesar, Augustus Mallard, Jack J. Mervitt and Albert Lovis Stowers.

Report of 6/15/68.

12. Page 564. Identify Frances Evans, determine her source and run out information concerning Sirhan's appearance before a study group at Fullerton Jr. College.

13. Page 572. Locate and interview Joe Tabello regarding his knowledge of Sirhan, his family, and associates.

14. Page 584. Itinerary of Robert F. Kennedy prior to June 5 should be coordinated with information developed as to Sirhan's whereabouts during the same period.

Report of 7/1/68.

15. Page 657. Locate and interview Joseph E. Jacobs. 2149 North El Molino, Altadena, Califernia, regarding his knowledge of Sirhan.

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16. Page 660. Conduct investigation at Bob's Restaurant in effort to identify "hunch back" introduced by Sirhan to Anwar Musa Sayogh.

17. Page 661. Identify and interview Ivan (LNU) reported by Sayegh to be a friend of Sirhan.

18. Page 661. Identify and interview Joe (LNU) reported by Sayegh to be a friend of Sirhan.

19. Page 664. Locate and interview Spear Sayogh, employee of GPS Pharmacy, Los Tunas Blvd., To Sirhan and his brothers.

20. Page 668, 669. Interview persons named by William Evenson as having been in the Embassy Room at the approximate time of the shooting i.e. Thad Heith, Nelson Rising and wife Sharon, Bob and Kaje Thomson, Bill Norris, Nina R. Rhodes, and Booker Griffin.

21. Page 671. Locate and interview Hafez Arafat re any knowledge of Sirhan.

22. Page 676. Locate and interview Khabar Khare knowledge of Sirhan and events at Ambassador Hotel.

- 23. Page 709. Coordinate information from Edward Van Antwerp that Sirhan lived with him for five months in late 1966 with other information on Sirhan's activities and whereabouts.
- 24. Page 725. Contact Pastor and appropriate members of Syrian Orthodox Church, Third and Alvarado Streets, Los Angeles, reportedly attended by Sirhan.

If the above leads have not been covered the Bureau should be advised. If additional investigation is necessary appropriate leads should be set forth by the Los Angeles Office.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM:

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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 2-772869 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 Governmen agency. Passport Office does not receive info as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

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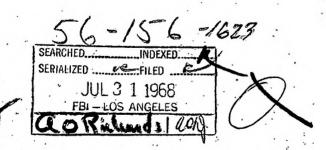
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This individual stated he was born 3/10/24, at Brookings, South Dakota. He gave his permanent residence and foreign address as Flat 7c, Torbrelk (?), Highgate Hill, Brisbane, Australia. In the event of death or accident, he requested that either Mr. E.G. FLITTIE, Box 3002 University Station, Laramie, Wyoming, or Mrs. C.G. FLITTIE, Flat 7c Torbrelk (?), 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:

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

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

PROM : Director, FBI (62-587)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: July 26, 1968

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FBI — LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles reports of 6/9/68, 6/15/68 and 7/1/68 have been reviewed at the Bureau in order to insure that all aspects of our investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy have been completely handled.

With that in mind the following leads, all pertaining to the background of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, are being set forth for your consideration:

Report of 6/9/68.

- 1. During interview with Mrs. Nell Gopis, Theodoria Van Amersfootd, a Mrs. Winsink, and a David Hendrickson were identified as being friendly with Sirhan or members of his family Van Amersfoord, Winsink, and Hendrickson should be located and interviewed. See Page 859.
- 2. During an interview with Mauf Mohammad Bedran an individual named Mistig last name unknown was identified as having been with Sirhan Sirhan on the evening of 6/4/68 at the Pasadena City College Coffee Shop. Identify, locate, and interview Mistig. See Page 876.
- 3. Edward Wan Antwerp allegedly resided with Sirhan during the Summer and Fall of 1966 in the Highlander Motel, Norce, California. Although Van Antwerp is an abcholic and while his wife and other relatives have been interviewed, Van Antwerp should be interviewed. See Page 882.
- 4. Raymond Sighter, former gardner at the Granja
 Vista Del Rio Rangh, Corona, California, advised Sirhan
 on 4/20/68 made inquiry concerning Frank last name unknown,
 former head waiter at ranch. Locate and interview Frank.
 Conduct inquiry on Cota Street in an effort to identify
 couple with whom Sirhan resided according to Sichter.
 See Page 905.
 - 5. Locate and interview Rex Ellsworth, 3985 Schaeler & Avenue, Chino, California, by whom Sirhar was allegedly employed in 1965. See Page 900.



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6. Locate and interview all physicians who were involved in Sirhan's compensation claim in connection with his fall from a horse. Specifically no interviews could be located for the following: Dr. Paul Nilsson, Dr. Robert G. Greeman, Dr. John T. Garner, and Dr. Samuel W. Wester. Locate and interview Earl H. Laftoon, Investigations, 1933 West 8th Street, Suite 210, Los Angeles, who conducted a surveillance of the subject on at least two occasions.

Report of 6/15/68.

- 7. Locate and interview Ray Loca, 416 Lola Avenue, Pasadena, who was allegedly employed by the Campus Ball and Cue on June 4, 1968. See Page 318.
- 8. Locate and interview Abdul Majed DaBess, a former acquaintance of Sirhan. See Pages 215 and 216.
- 9. Marcia Girouard, 73½ Fairview, Arcadia, California, was identified as a co-worker of Sirhan at the Organic-Pasadena, a health food store. Locate and interview Marcia Girouard. See Page 212.
- 10. Cheryl Pierce, 8757 East Guess, Rosemead, California, was identified as a co-worker of Sirhan at the Organic-Pasadena, a health food store. Locate and interview Cheryl Pierce. See Page 212.
- 11. Signan allegedly worked part-time at Peak's Hamburger House (now known as Taco Treat). Verify employment, interview fellow workers and conduct other appropriate investigation. See Page 193.
- 12. Sirhan allegedly studied mysticism with an individual named Paul last name unknown. Locate and identify Paul. See Pages 184 and 185.
- 13. Attempt to determine if Sirhan had a bank account. Review of past salary checks may provide pertinent information with respect thereto.

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Report of 7/1/68.

- 14. Locate and interview Francisco Tapia, 619 East Howard Street, given as a reference by Sirhan on a library card. See Pages 557 and 558.
- 15. In spite of fact Henry Ramistella, former Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch employee, is an akoholic continue efforts to locate and interview him. See Page 538.
- 16. Buddy Ebsen and Dale Robertson, prominent television and screen personalities, have been interviewed concerning their knowledge of Sirhan who was employed as excercise boy during period these individuals boarded horses at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch. Desi Arnez also named, has not been interviewed. Handle. See Page 535.
- 17. Locate and interview Omar Ranzi possibly associated with the Arab Students Association. Sirhan was allegedly in attendance at a meeting at Ramzi's house during the Fall of 1966. See Pages 550 552.
- 18. The following, all teachers at the John Mair High School, have not been interviewed: Keith McKay. Dr. Natalie Gunkel, Mrs. Velma Marxow, Carl Hedeen, and Joseph Zeronian. Locate and Interview. See Pages 486 and 487.

If the above leads have been covered the Bureau should be advised. If additional investigation is necessary appropriate leads should be set forth by the Los Angeles Office.

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attempt to ascertain who SANDLIN was. Later that weekend it was learned that a team of detectives from Los Angeles were coming to the Bay Area.

OWEN concluded the interview by stating that he could be reached through his attorney and believed that he would probably be taking a vacation at a camp near Esk-Dale, Utah, near the Nevada-Utah border. He could be reached there through an attorney, PAUL FABER, of Salt Lake City, whose phone number in that city is are 801 278-1079 or 328-4767.

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TO

: SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: July 26, 1968

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Director, FBI (62-587)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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A review of reports pertaining to this investigation reveals the following schools and/or employments which cover a portion of the subject's life:

Arrived United States

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Schools

Henry W. Longfellow, Pasadena	1/57	_	6/57
John Marshall and Eliot Schools, Pasadena	9/57	-	6/60
John Muir High School, Pasadena (graduated)	9/60	-	6/63
Pasadena City College (dismissed-poor grades)	6/63	-	5/65

Employments

Elite Motor Service, Pasadena	3/30/64	_	9/14/64	* :
Jack Davis Richfield Service				
Station, Pasadena	9/28/64	-	6/7/65	
Gordon Bowsher, Chino, California	10/15/65	_	3/31/66	
Granga Vista Del Rio Farms	6/2/66	-	11/13/66	and
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Organic Health Store	9/67	_	3/68	

All periods of the subject's adult life since his graduation from high school in 5/65 should be accounted for, if possible. The periods 6/65 - 10/65, 4/66 - 6/66 and 1/67 - 9/67 are not specifically accounted for insofar as employments or attendance at schools are concerned.

Submit to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination a chronological account similar to the above that will account for the subject's life after his graduation from high school. It is acknowledged that on specific days the subject was seen by physicians in connection with his claim for compensation with regard to his injuries sustained when he fell from a horse. However, it is desired that the time be accounted for even when unemployed, including those days when he may have seen a physician for a short If necessary, conduct additional interviews in order that your communication will account for the subject's adultalife.



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SAC, TAMPA (62-963)(C)

PERNELL EZZELL INFORMATION CONCERNING

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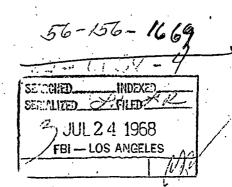
Attached are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Information copies are furnished to recipient offices.

Investigation in the attached LHH was conducted by EA GORDON W. TINDLE.

Copies of the LHM bave been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Florida, OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia, MI, Grlando, Florida, and MISO, Charleston, South Carolina for completion of information to their files.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida July 19, 1968

PERNELL EZZELL

Reference is made to memorandum dated June 11, 1968, captioned as above.

On July 18, 1968, Mr. Emory Dowling, Sr., Owner, Perdue Radio, Television and Appliances, Incorporated, 2425 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, advised that the captioned individual had returned to Orlando, Florida. He had taken him back on his job as a technician.

On June 13, 1968, Mrs. Fay Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, advised that her husband had returned to Orlando, Florida, and she had seen him at the Holiday Inn located on South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida. She said he had a gun and he had frightened a bell boy with it when he came to the room with ice. Allegedly her husband was drinking.

Mrs. Fay Ezzell said that her husband had not mentioned being connected with any conspiracy or plot to shoot Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy, but she was fearful of him in his condition.

Mrs. Ezzell said she understood she would have to consult either the Orlando, Florida Police Department or the Orange County Sheriff's Office for any personal protection.

On June 13, 1968, Sergeant George Pegues, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, Florida, was advised of the above information furnished on that date by Mrs. Ezzell. It was also furnished to Deputy Sheriff Otis Mosley, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, on the same date who said he had Ezzell's presence verified at the motel but the management said they could not locate any bell boy who had encountered Ezzell with a gun. They did locate one who had served him ice but he denied Ezzell had confronted him with a gun.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC. TAMPA (62-NEW) .

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual.

Interviews of FRANK WETZELL and FAY EZZELL were conducted by SAS THOMAS B. McHALLY and GORDON W. TINDLE. SA McHALLY contacted by. HERDERT COLLING and checked records of the Orlando Folice Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, both Orlando, Florida.

Copies of LEN have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., via FD-376; to OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia; MI, Orlando, Fla., and MISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

The Bureau may wish to disseminate a copy of the Lim to CIA, as the subject alleged he is on the CIA payroll.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Tampa, Florida June 11, 1968

PERNELL EZZELL

On June 6, 1968, Mr. FRANK WETZEL, Manager, Perdue Radio, Television and Appliances, Incorporated, 2425 Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

PERNELL EZZELL is a former employee who has been missing about three weeks on this last occasion. He has previously left his job on past occasions and has been taken back. He called WETZEL on the morning of June 6, 1968 from 4:15 a.m. to 5:15 a.m. saying he was in Denver, Colorado. Mr. WETZEL said EZZELL seemed as though he were nervous, crazy or drunk.

EZZELL alleged to WETZEL that he had a great amount of money. He said he had a pile of \$20.00 bills which he had obtained as a result of his part in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. EZZELL remarked that he had proof he was in Orlando, Florida when KING was shot and he was in Las Vegas when KENNEDY was shot if he were to need it. He alleged he was on the payroll of "CIA" and "OSI". He remarked that he had a "38", a "357", "30-30" and a "306" type of guns in the trunk of his car. He said he was using a U-Drive-It car in Las Vegas the previous day with the "357" gun on the seat when he was stopped by a deputy. He said the deputy released him when he produced his Associated Detective Agency card andhis gun permit which he read the number 06-156-166 from as being #92B.

PERNELL EZZELL

Mr. WETZEL said that EZZELL did not threaten any one during his call or indicate that he intended to do any harm to anyone else.

WETZEL said that EZZELL indicated that he was his only friend in Orlando, Florida and he just wanted to talk to him to find out if he could come back to Orlando.

On June 6, 1968, Mrs. FAY EZZELL, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida furnished the following information.

She advised that she married PERNELL EZZELL on February 25, 1967, this being her third marriage. She said they have one infant by this marriage and she has children by previous marriages. She said that EZZELL has caused her extreme anxiety and debt during their short period of marriage. She said he has deserted her at least three times and he was last seen by her over three weeks ago. said that he had been treated for extreme alcoholism during their short marriage on at least two occasions by Doctor HERBERT COLLINS in Orlando. Florida and she had taken him to the Florida Sanitarium Hospital, Orlando, Florida for the same type treatment. She advised that he has been also treated at the Cherry Hospital for extreme alcoholism but she could not recall the name of the town in which the hospital is located. She said that she hoped that her husband does not return.

PERNELL EZELL

Mrs. EZZELL said that PERNELL had called her on June 6, 1968 about 2:00 a.m. and the call lasted until about 3:00 or possibly a little later. She said he stated he was in Denver, Colorado. She said that on one occasion the call was interrupted by an operator who requested that he make a new call for credit charges which he did but the operator did not specifically identify herself as being in Denver, Colorado. EZZELL said that PERNELL had called her on the morning of June 5, 1968 during the early hours saying that he was in Las Vegas. Nevada but she had no way of knowing his actual whereabouts at that time. She said that on both occasions he did not divulge his address or location. She said that in April, 1968, he was drinking heavily and she refused to allow him to come to the house with her children. She said he went to several motels around the Orlando. Florida area and ran up very large bills on credit cards which caused her financial difficulties. She said that on this occasions his drinking was only terminated when she took him to Dr. COLLINS for treatment of extreme alcoholism. She said that the doctor gave him tranquilizers to bring his shaking under control. She said he is a hopeless alcoholic and that when he is drinking he becomes affected mentally. Mrs. EZZELL advised that in the past PERNELL EZZELL when drinking had delusions of grandeur. She said that he would refer to big news stories in the newspapers and try to cause her to believe that he was in some way connected with military service intelligence and he would have to check on these news worthy events.

PERNELL EZZELL

She said that on several occasions when he was drinking and he had disappeared he would finally call her telling her that he had a large sum of money and that he would buy her all sorts of new presents. She said that on these occasions she found him penniless and drunk in North Florida.

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Mrs. EZZELL said that when PERNELL called her on the past two mornings he had not made any allegations involving himself in any assassination plots on Dr. KING or Senator KENNEDY. She said he had not threatened anyone on these occasions except her when she told him she was weeking employment. He said that if she obtained a job he would come by and pick up the baby.

Mrs. EZZELL said that PERNELL did have some sort of a gun which he kept in his car because she would not allow him to bring it into the house. She said he had a permit to carry this gun because he worked as a guard during the night time at Associated Detective Agency, Orlando, Florida. She said he worked in the day time as a television technician for the Perdue Radio, Television and Appliances, Incorporated.

Mrs. EZZELL said that she has been receiving numerous bills from oil companies and American Express credit card which she did not open but forwarded to his mother in North Carolina because she could not pay them. She advised that she feels that her financial situation is so destitute that she will lose her home and furniture because of previous bills made by EZZELL.

PERNELL EZZELL

On June 6, 1968, Dr. HERBERT COLLING, 3558 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, advised that he treated PERNELL EZZELL for about the past couple of years due to extreme alcoholism the last period of treatment being in April, 1968. He said this man is unstable but he did not further describe him.

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On June 6, 1968, the files of the Orlando, Florida Police Department furnished by MARIAN HARRISON revealed PERNELL EZZELL was arrested on June 2, 1961 being charged as a public drunk; on Noveber 19, 1961 being charged with driving while intoxicated; and he was picked up on suspicion of auto theft March 9, 1962 at which time he was turned over to the Orange County Sheriff's Office. No photograph or fingerprint records for EZZELL were available.

On June 6, 1968, BERNICE FOGARTY, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Identification Division and Deputy PHILIP MURPHY, Plain Clothes Division, both advised that they could locate no information pertaining to EZZELL in their files.

/ The following physical description was obtained from Mr. WETZEL and Mrs. EZZELL:

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:

PERNELL EZZELL White Male April 26, 1932 Fayetteville, North Carolina

PERNELL EZZELL

Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:

Marital Status: Wife:

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Children:

Relatives: Mother:

Brother:

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Blue Married FAY EZZELL

636 22nd Street
Orlando, Florida
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ACRIE EZZELL Route 4 Box 236

Clinton, N. C.

THOMAS OZELL EZZELL Age 33

Fayetteville, N.C.

It is noted that on July 5, 1967, Officer JAMES WATFORD, Kissimmee, Florida, Police Department, advised the Tampa Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that PERNELL EZZELL had made statements to EZZELL's wife that he was an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and in this capacity had to make secret trips, leaving his wife alone for periods of time. WATFORD indicated he knew of no one else who had been told by EZZELL that he was a CIA agent, and that there was no evidence EZZELL had obtained anything of value from anyone other than his wife.

On August 4, 1967, a representative of the CIA, Washington, D. C., advised that a check of CIA personnel files failed to disclose any individual named PERNELL EZZELL as being employed by that agency.

On August 28, 1967, Assistant United States Attorney KENDELL WHERRY, Middle District of Florida, was informed of above facts by a Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. WHERRY stated that the facts were insufficient to constitute a violation of the Impersonation Statute, and that he would therefore decline prosecution of EZZELL.

PERNELL EZZELL

EZZELL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF HIS REPORTED POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO BECOMES UNSTABLE WHEN INTOXICATED.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 8/20/68

FROM

SA JAMES M KELLOGG

SUBJECT:

KENSALT

BERKLEY MC CARTHY 9818 Garvey El Monte advised that he is acquainted with MIKE NOON MT-VIEW St. Alhambra telephone 289-4974 and recalls NOON stating that at one time he took Ute lessons from SIRHANS brother and met SIRHAN SIRHAN.

MC CARTHY has no further information and does not know if NOONS encounter has any significance to assassination but wanted to pass this along. He requested that he not be identified as the source of this lead.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 8/20/68

FROM:

SA NICHOLAS MC GAHAN, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 8/5/68, Mr. R. D. BOSWORFH, Auditor, Southern Division, Crocker Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, California, advised that all of the branches of this bank in the Los Angeles area have been circularized in connection with a bank account in the name of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. No account was located in this name; however, the manager of the Pasadena Branch advised that SIRHAN had cashed a \$1,700 insurance check at that branch sometime prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. The manager said he is sure that the authorities know about the encashment of this check.

The manager of the Civic Center Branch advised that a customer, CAMILLE A. WHITE, who works for the State Banking Department, commented to him that she had attended the same school as SIRHAN in Pasadena, where she had become casually acquainted with him. This conversation took place a short time after the publicity regarding the assassination.

The manager of the Sunset-Edgemont Branch said SIRHAN's brother had a loan at that branch which had been paid off prior to the assassination and he believes that the FBI has already checked into this.

On 8/15/68, Mr. ROBERT CRIMI, Assistant Auditor, Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles, California, advised that he had circularized all of the branches of this bank in the Los Angeles area and to date had received no response from any of the branches as they were instructed to advise only if they had positive information. Mr. CRIMI said if positive information is forthcoming concerning any of the accounts of SIRHAN, he would so advise the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

On 8/19/68, Mr. THOMAS GAFFNEY, Vice President and Auditor, First Western Bank and Trust Company, Los Angeles, advised that all of the branch banks in Southern California have been circularized in connection with as personal formula SIRHAN had a bank account in any one of these manks.

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have been advised to only furnish positive information and to date this has not been forthcoming. Mr. GAFFNEY said he would so advise in the future if he receives any information from the circularized branches; however, he feels at this time that if anyone of the branches had obtained positive information, he would have been so advised.

SAC, New York (105-91643)

8/19/68

Director, FBI (97-5144)

JOHN M. LAUREACE, aka RA - MYDDLE EAST

ReDElet 8/6/68 captioned "Kensalt! to Bureau and Los Augeles, copy of which, together with LHK, enclosed for New York.

For information of Detroit, during Registration Act investigation of subject, New York determined that he is Executive Secretary of the Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan, a group of Arabs in New York City who are engaged in raising funds for Sirhan's defense. Detroit should contact established sources in the Arab field and check credit and criminal records for background data and information concerning the activities of Abdeen Japana. Detroit attorney for this group.

New York coordinate with Detroit and Los Angeles investigation concerning subject and the Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan.

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Legat, Paris

August 16, 1968

Director, FBI

KENSALT

Attached for the information and assistance of both Legat, Paris and Los Angeles are copies of a communication dated June 11, 1968, and postmarked Paris, France, addressed to Senator Edward Kennedy. A translation of this communication is likewise attached.

In view of the statements made by the writer, who remains anonymous, Legat, Paris, through appropriate sources, should attempt to affect an identification. The assistance of French authorities should be solicited.

The original of this letter was forwarded to the Bureau by the United States Secret Service under date of August 9, 1968.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20340 TRANSLATION [SERBIAN]

Legislative Reference Service [Senator Edward M. Kennedy]

Paris (France) June 11, 1968

Dear Brother Kennedy:

Oh, dear God, is it possible that such tragic fate must keep befalling the most noble family of the 20th century, the Kennedys. Please follow the following instructions most faithfully, because a big gang has condemned you, too, to death.

- Make no statements, not even among your friends or your family, because walls have ears too. Keep quiet.
- 2. Leave America without delay.
- 3. Do not get in touch with anyone, not even your own wife, until after the elections.
- 4. Three months after the elections, you may return to your wonderful and unhappy children.
- 5. You must take as your companion a hapless Serbian.
- 6. Do not engage in 1969 in any State affairs.
- you as God himself to leave America right away, as soon as you receive this letter.

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- 8. You will find out who I am only after the elections, through your sister in Paris.
- 9. In 1972, you will become the deserving master of heaven and earth, you will become President of the United States.
- 10. In 1973, you will avenge your brothers and do away with this gang.
- me settle in Chicago. My entire file is at the Embassy.

 I should like to ask of you that your sister make it possible for me to settle in Chicago, as I am a political emigre. I am an unfinished student, have not completed my studies. I was an agent of Belgrade,

 Washington, Moscow, Tel Aviv, and Peking. I was born the same year as you, or, perhaps, a year earlier. I was expelled from France, appealed and my appeal was granted. I look very much like you. I am a teacher by profession, and have completed the work in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Belgrade.
- 12. Let them get me to America in some way. Your sister can do it. I was sick and because of my illness, I was turned down in 1966. My health has now improved, so let them call me for another physical. Your sister can do this for me.

- 13. To be frank, I am totally impoverished and without money. Now I clean streets. I should like to ask you, therefore, dear brother Ted, for \$1,000 help.
- 14. I will get in touch by mail with your sister, the wife of the Ambassador in Paris I'll use the same green pen and tell her who I am.

The youth of the entire world is grateful to John and Bob Kennedy. May they live in eternal glory, and may the black soil in which they rest forever be light to them.

Long live Ted Kennedy, the avenger of his brothers.

In 1972, we shall triumph together. Keep this letter and follow it exactly. [On reverse of envelope] I am poor and have no money to buy a stamp. Forgive me, brother Ted. [On picture] My deepest sympathy to the Kennedys. 1968. An anynymous Serbian.

Translated by V.N. Pregelj pbh

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ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is in further reference to our letter of August 9, 1968, relative to the efforts of the Los Angeles Police Department in connection with the proposed interview of Mrs. Ethel Kennedy.

According to information furnished by our Los Angeles Office, Detective Chief Robert Houghten of the Los Angeles Police Department advised his office had been in telephonic contact with Stephen Smith, brother-in-law of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, concerning the possibility of arranging an interview with Mrs. Kennedy.

Smith, according to Chief Houghten, advised Mrs. Kennedy would not submit to an interview by either Special Agents of the FBI or officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. It was Smith's opinion that Mrs. Kennedy could contribute very little, if anything, of significance concerning the shooting. He agreed, however, according to Chief Houghten, to contact Mrs. Kennedy in behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department providing that agency would submit a list of questions they desired her to answer. Upon the submission of such a list, Smith stated he would discuss the situation with Mrs. Kennedy and thereafter furnish the results to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The above is being furnished for your information, and as previously indicated, no action is being taken by this Bureau in view of your prior advice.

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NOTE TO SAC, LOS ANGELES:

Under no circumstances should the FBI be a party to an interview with Ethel Kennedy. Advise Bureau immediately upon any further request along these lines by Los Angeles Police Department.

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