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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

May 12, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

On April 22, 1969, an individual who identified himself as Mr. "Alfie" telephonically contacted a representative of the FBI in Los Angeles. He advised he was a "journalist" and had been recommended by "Bob Kaiser."

"Bob Kaiser" is identical with Robert Blair Kaiser, 2762 Woodshire, Hollywood, California, and a member of the defense team representing Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. In that capacity Kaiser had access to all the defense files as well as having been permitted to interview Sirhan and other members of his family.

When "Alfie" called, he stated he desired to speak with a Special Agent of the FBI since he felt that he had something to offer in connection with the investigation of the assassination of the late Robert F. Kennedy.

Correspondingly on April 28, 1969, an arrangement was made to meet with "Alfie" at which time he first introduced himself to the Special Agent as "Ed Alfie". He explained he had been doing some checking and investigation into the activities of Jerry Owen. He stated that he was referring to Jerry Oliver Owen, a religious personage who has sometimes referred to himself as "Shepherd of the Hills." According to "Alfie", Owen also referred to himself as "The Walking Bible."

Shortly after the discussion began "Alfie" advised that his true name was actually John Christian, and he explained he has been conducting investigation into the assassination, centering around Owen, and has come to the conclusion that Owen's appearance on the scene surrounding the assassination of Robert Kennedy must be

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considered suspect. He further advised that in his opinion the story which Owen furnished to representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department shortly after the assassination could certainly be considered or calculated to convey ulterior ideas. Christian explained he was referring to Owen having advised police authorities about an individual he picked up hitchhiking in his truck on June 3, 1968, who resembled Sirhan. In attempting to pursue his theory of a conspiracy, Christian talked at quite some length concerning that particular aspect of the investigation and explained that he had been in contact with "Charlie" O'Brien, the Deputy California State Attorney General, Los Angeles, California. In addition to Mr. O'Brien, he has been in touch with Jesse Unruh, current Minority Leader of the California Assembly at Sacramento, California. He also mentioned that he has been in touch with one Frank Burns, a Los Angeles attorney, and has attempted to discuss his theory with Captain Hugh Brown of the Los Angeles Police Department, and Deputy Los Angeles County District Attorney David Fitts.

Christian went on to explain that one of the taped interviews in his possession was conducted by former FBI Special Agent William Turner, who conducted the interview with Owen in Northern California.

Christian in his continuing discussion regarding Owen, stated that Owen has used various names and has been affiliated in some type of "religious" pursuits for a long period of time. Owen has, in the past, according to Christian, utilized the legal services of Attorney George Davis, also from the Northern California area. Christian explained he felt Owen was assigned to volunteer the story which he furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department to distract authorities from other more pertinent areas of the investigation. He went on to explain that Owen has connections and other involvements with elements in the United States which he characterized as "paramilitary" in nature; "right wing" and the "underworld." He went on further to state that a man with Owen's criminal record would not involve himself in the assassination of a presidential candidate unless the stakes were high enough.

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Christian stated that Owen has had affiliations with the Minute Men Organization in the Northern California area. He also stated that Owen, in the past, has been affiliated to some degree with Carl Mc Intire, a well-known religious figure.

Dr. Carl Mc Intire. is President of the International Council of Churches, who is originally from Collingswood, New Jersey. Dr. Mc Intire has been active over numerous radio stations throughout the United States engaging in religious broadcasts.

During his discussion Christian also mentioned one Eugene Bradley as also being affiliated with Dr. Mc Intire. The Eugene Bradley to whom Christian was referring is E. Eugene Bradley who recently figured prominently in newspapers articles in the Los Angeles area as being an individual sought by New Orleans, Louisiana, District Attorney James Garrison, according to Christian.

Christian explained he has attempted to discuss the Owen aspect of this investigation with responsible members of the Los Angeles Police Department, none of whom will speak with him concerning it. Likewise members of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, have refused to comment to him regarding his theory.

With respect to William Turner, mentioned above, Christian explained he introduced Turner to Attorney George Davis and it was by that means that Turner was able to interview Owen following the assassination of Mr. Kennedy. He explained Turner had written a book concerning the assassination, which had been submitted to a publisher in New York, and which publisher had returned to Turner unpublished, in about December 1968. According to Christian, Turner had been paid in advance \$5,000 in connection with the writing of the book, which money he could not see fit to return to the publisher.

Christian stated that in his inquiry into this particular phase of the investigation, he determined that Sirhan had been to the race track at Caliente, Mexico,

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shortly prior to the assassination of Robert Kennedy, where he allegedly gambled heavily on the horses at that time.

Christian explained further that none of the authorities with whom he has spoken concerning the foregoing, are in sympathy or agreement with his belief that a conspiracy exists, or that a conspiracy exists involving Owen.

During the interview, Christian continually mentioned "Charlie O'Brien", stating that he had access to files and investigation conducted by law enforcement authorities, through O'Brien. He stated that on one occasion, he met with O'Brien in the latter's Los Angeles office. Present at that time, were representatives of CBS TV. On that occasion, O'Brien had just learned that Christian had come from the Los Angeles Police Department where he had talked with Captain Brown and Lieutenant Roy Keene, of the Special Unit investigating the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Upon so learning, O'Brien became quite upset with Christian for having gone to the Los Angeles Police Department and berated him for having done so.

Christian has advised that he resides at 840 North Larrabee, Building Number 2, Apartment 318, Los Angeles, California. He has telephone numbers 659-1439, and 279-1853.

With respect to the investigation of Oliver Jerry Owen, the following is being set forth:

Owen voluntarily appeared at the University Division of the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968, at which time he advised police officers that on June 3, 1968, he had picked up hitchhikers with his truck in Los Angeles, California, and had driven with them to the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel on the afternoon of June 3, 1968. One of those persons, according to Owen at that time, strongly resembled Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

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Los Angeles Police Department has thoroughly investigated that aspect of this investigation and has concluded that Owen was not actually in contact with Sirhan as suggested by him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
 SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding information received from JOHN CHRISTIAN concerning phase of investigation conducted by him in connection with the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an 11 page "confidential" report made available by CHRISTIAN to the Los Angeles Division.

CHRISTIAN's "report" has been marked confidential by him with the express request by him that the contents not be disseminated outside of the Bureau or the U. S. Department of Justice.

JOHN CHRISTIAN advised that he is a writer, journalist, and former news representative who is currently writing a book on what he considers to be a conspiratorial plot in the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

CHRISTIAN has specifically requested that the information contained in the 11 page enclosure prepared by him not be made available to Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, or any other agency other than the FBI and or the U. S. Department of Justice.

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CHRISTIAN has been advised that the Los Angeles Division will accept any information he sees fit to volunteer, and it is pointed out that the 11-page enclosed document was volunteered by CHRISTIAN. No information will be given out to CHRISTIAN, and it is not anticipated that any further meetings with CHRISTIAN will be had.

With respect to CHRISTIAN's assertion that SIRHAN had been to Caliente, Mexico, at the race track just prior to the assassination, investigation to date has not placed him in that area or established any loss of funds.

Two copies are being furnished to San Francisco in view of information concerning JERRY OWEN and WILLIAM TURNER and GEORGE DAVIS, all of whom are familiar to that office.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles in view of his continuing interest in this matter.

It should be noted that CHRISTIAN has given his views at length to the Los Angeles Police Department, who have expended considerable time in attempting to corroborate or refute, and they have concluded they are without value and are currently preparing a summary of this area, which will be made available when completed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

DATE: May 20, 1969

FROM : Director, FBI (62-587)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Reurairtel 5/12/69 and attachments thereto.

In view of the fact that all prior information relating to FBI investigation in this matter has been furnished the Los Angeles authorities, advise if there is any reason other than stated in referenced communication for withholding dissemination in this instance.

John Christian
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(P)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

ReBulet 5/20/69 concerning material furnished by
JOHN CHRISTIAN.

Inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reflects they are cognizant of the facts incorporated in the material. The LAPD, in the person of Deputy Chief ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, and the District Attorney advise that all material not already furnished the courts will be kept in a confidential status as to source.

UACB by 5/31/69, the material will be given to local authorities for their information.

re: John Christian
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-5481) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: THOMAS DANIEL GOOD

Re Los Angeles telephone call to San Francisco, dated 5/20/69.

A review of San Francisco files revealed the following concerning THOMAS DANIEL GOOD:

It was determined on the afternoon of 6/5/68 that TOM GOOD resided at 22 South 11th Street, San Jose, which is a rooming house for students at San Jose State College. Efforts were made to contact him later in the day of 6/5/68. Fellow students advised that his present whereabouts were unknown, but that this was not unusual. He was frequently away from his room without explanation.

In the early morning of 6/6/68, it was determined that GOOD had returned to his room, sometime during the night, but was not presently there. A note was left on his door stating that he could be reached thru A. GROSSMAN, telephone numbers 647-0428 or 861-3630.

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It was noted at this time that students were taking exams at San Jose State College.

Mrs. GRACE MAC MILLAN, Registrar's Office, San Jose State College advised on 6/6/68 that GOOD is enrolled in a Special Program Project. This course does not meet at regular times and does not require the student to be on campus at any particular time.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: THOMAS GOOD

Re Los Angeles report 7/1/68 (page 499); Re Los Angeles report 8/7/68 (page 550); re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 9/9/68; San Francisco airtel to Bureau 8/27/68; San Francisco airtel to Bureau 5/21/69.

In connection with the request of the Department of Justice concerning THOMAS GOOD, there is no evidence available showing his presence in the Los Angeles area in June 1968.

San Francisco airtel of 5/21/69 would indicate that, at least on 6/5 and 6/68, GOOD was in the San Jose, California, area.

UACB, no further action will be taken regarding GOOD.

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Los Angeles, California 90017
May 21, 1969

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RADIO BROADCAST
BY ART KEVIN
RADIO STATION LHJ

On April 22, 1969, Michael Mc Cowan, investigator for the team of defense attorneys representing Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, advised that one Art Kevin of radio station KHJ, had made a broadcast over the weekend of April 19-20, 1969, pertaining to the Sirhan investigation.

In this broadcast Kevin referred to several facets of this investigation which he claims were left unanswered. The following is a copy of the Kevin broadcast as furnished by Mc Cowan:

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WITH SIRHAN

BY ART KEVIN

EDITORS NOTE: ART KEVIN IS NEWS DIRECTOR OF KHJ RADIO.)

LOS ANGELES(CNS)--NOW THAT THE SIRHAN BISHAR ASIRHAN TRIAL IS OVER, SOME VALID QUESTIONS CAN AND MUST BE ASKED ABOUT SIRHAN'S ALLEGED ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATION BEFORE THE EVENTS OF THAT TRAGIC NIGHT AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THAT LOCAL MINISTER WHO IMPLIED THAT SIRHAN TRIED TO MAKE HIM PART OF AN ESCAPE PLOT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION?

THE REVEREND, THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY GEORGE T. DAVIS, CLAIMED THAT SHORTLY BEFORE THE KENNEDY MURDER HE PICKED UP THREE HITCHHIKERS, TWO MEN AND A GIRL. THE MINISTER SAID THE GIRL WAS "DIRTY BLONDE".

ONE OF THE TWO MEN HE SAID WAS SIRHAN SIRHAN. THE MINISTER SAID THAT PART OF THEIR CONVERSATION CONCERNED HORSES. HE SAID HE HAD SOME TO SELL AND SIRHAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING ONE OF THEM.

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1ST ADD QUESTIONS 255 XXX THEM.

THE MINISTER SAYS HE GAVE SIRHAN HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WAS CONTACTED AND TOLD TO MEET SIRHAN FOR A CASH DEAL ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER. THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS TO MEET SIRHAN IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL RIGHT NEXT TO THE KITCHEN AREA.

THE MINISTER DID NOT KEEP THE APPOINTMENT DUE TO A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT IN OXNARD.

THERE IS ANOTHER MYSTERY CLERIC IN THE MURDER CASE. THIS MAN, WHO TOLD CAMPAIGN WORKERS HIS NAME WAS JAMES MONDELL, WAS WALKING WITH THE KENNEDY GROUP THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER IN THE HOTEL.

HE HAD TOLD SOME OF THE HAPPY CAMPAIGN WORKERS THAT HE WAS A FORMER CATHOLIC PRIEST. AFTER THE SHOTS RANG OUT, THE FORMER PRIEST REPORTEDLY SAID SOME PRAYERS OVER THE FALLEN SENATOR.

MONDELL HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THE NIGHT OF THE ASSASSINATION, AND NO CATHOLIC ORDER LISTS HIM AS A FORMER PRIEST.

THEN THERE IS LOCAL ANTI-CASTRO LEADER JOSE DUARTE. HE REVEALED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED A PRO-CASTRO MEETING SOMETIME BEFORE THE KENNEDY MURDER AT WHICH HE GOT INTO A NEAR FISTFIGHT WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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2ND ADD QUESTIONS 255 XXX SIRHAN.

DUARTE SAID THAT SIRHAN ACCUSED HIM OF BEING A C-I-A AGENT WHEN HE SPOKE ILL OF FIDEL CASTRO.

STILL UNEXPLAINED IS THE APPARENT SNIPER ATTACK ON SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, SIRHAN'S OLDEST BROTHER.

SAIDALLAH SAID THAT ON JULY 3, 1968, HE WAS SHOT AT WHILE DRIVING ON A FREEWAY BY UNKNOWN PERSONS IN ANOTHER CAR.

POLICE CONDUCTED AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION BUT NEVER REVEALED THEIR OFFICIAL FINDINGS.

TWO PERSONS THAT HAD SOME CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER ARE NOW DEAD. THEY ARE KATHY FULMER AND CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALES.

GONZALEZ, 17, WAS THE FIRST TO GO. HE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS JAIL CELL IN JUAREZ, MEXICO, IN EARLY JULY, 1968.

CONZALEZ WAS UNDERGOING PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. HE WAS ARRESTED AFTER A PASSERBY READ A LETTER THAT HAD FALLEN FROM THE YOUTH'S POCKET IN WHICH HE CLAIMED HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE KENNEDY MURDER HERE IN LOS ANGELES.

GONZALEZ SAID THAT HE HAD MET SIRHAN ONCE AT A LIBRARY IN SANTA MONICA AND THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED HOW "THE KENNEDY'S WERE GAINING DICTATORIAL POWERS".

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THAT NAME THRUOUT AS XXXGONZALEZ.

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MEXICAN AUTHORITIES DISCOUNTED THE BOYS STORY. HOWEVER THE U-S ATTORNEY IN EL PASO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE F.B.I. WAS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

KATHY FULMER DIED IN LOS ANGELES APRIL 11 1969, FROM AN APPARENT OVERDOSE OF SECANOL. SHORTLY AFTER THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, MISS FULMER HAD TURNED HERSELF IN TO LOS ANGELES POLICE SAYING THAT SHE MIGHT BE THE MYSTERIOUS POLKA-DOT DRESS LADY THEY WERE SEEKING.

POLICE SAY THEY CLEARED KATHY FULMER AND THE YOUNG WOMAN WAS FORGOTTEN IN THE INVESTIGATION UNTIL SHE DIED.

THE MYSTERY OF THE POLKA-DOT DRESS LADY HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED. SHE ALLEGEDLY WAS STANDING NEXT TO SIRHAN THE NIGHT OF THE ASSASSINATION.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL WAITER VINCENT DIPIERRO TOLD THE GRAND JURY THAT SHE AND SIRHAN WERE SMILING AS SIRHAN OPENED FIRE ON THE SENATOR.

BOOKER GRIFFIN OF THE NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION IN LOS ANGELES, SAID HE TOO SAW THE POLKA DOT DRESS WOMAN WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS "A WEIRD CAT".

LATER SANDY SERRANO, A YOUNG KENNEDY CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER WORKER, TOLD POLICE THAT A WOMAN IN A POLKA-DOT DRESS RAN PAST HER SHORTLY AFTER THE MURDER SHOUTING "WE SHOT HIM...WE SHOT KENNEDY".

SUDDENLY ON JUNE 21, 1968, LOS ANGELES POLICE DROPPED THEIR ALL POINTS BULLETIN FOR THE LADY IN THE POLKA-DOT DRESS.

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4TH ADD QUESTION 255 XXX DRESS.

POLICE SAID THAT MISS SERRANO HAD WITHDRAWN HER STATEMENT ABOUT THE POLKA-DOT DRESS WOMAN. BUT THEY MADE NO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENTS OF BOOKER GRIFFIN OR VINCENT DIPIERRO.

I PERSONALLY LEARNED THROUGH AN EAST COAST SOURCE THAT MEMBERS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S STAFF IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN ADVISED THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, THAT A DEATH PLOT WAS IMMINENT.

THE MURDER WAS TO TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE HERE IN CALIFORNIA DURING ONE OF THE MOB SCENES THAT NORMALLY SURROUNDED A KENNEDY RALLY.

LOS ANGELES POLICE WERE GIVEN THIS INFORMATION BUT NEVER REVEALED THEIR FINDINGS.

FINALLY, I LEARNED THAT THE F.B.I. WAS PROBING A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN SIRHAN AND THE ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS AL-FATAH. SOURCES HERE TOLD ME THAT ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE HAD SENT A COMPLETE FILE ON THE GROUP TO LOCAL F.B.I. OFFICIALS. THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE F.B.I. WAS LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR AL-FATAH WHICH MAY HAVE ORIGINATED AT THE CHURCH THE SIRHAN FAMILY BELONGED TO.

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IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THROUGHOUT THE INVESTIGATION, LOS ANGELES POLICE
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE WERE NEVER HAPPY THAT THEY HAD TO
MAINTAIN SILENCE ON THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS.

THEY WERE FORCED TO REMAIN SILENT BY A NEWS MUZZLE ORDER ISSUED 12
DAYS AFTER THE SENATE ORDERED.

ISSUED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ARTURO ALARCON WHO SAID HE
ACTED TO ASSURE SIRHAN A FAIR TRIAL.

HE SAID THAT ALL THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF A FAIR TRIAL FOR THE ACCUSED
SHOULD HAVE LEFT SO MANY RELEVANT QUESTIONS UN-ANSWERED FOLLOWING THE
THIRD MAJOR POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE LAST YEARS.

(NOTE: THIS REPORT BY ART KEVIN IN NO WAY CHARGES OR HINTS THAT
THERE WAS A PLOT TO KILL NEW YORK SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, BUT ONLY
HOPES TO POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY RESPONSIBLE QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN
UNANSWERED.)

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RADIO BROADCAST
BY ART KEVIN
RADIO STATION KHJ

In connection with this broadcast the local minister who implied that Sirhan tried to make him part of an escape plot immediately after the assassination, is identical to Jerry Lee Owens.

The mystery cleric referred to by Kevin as James Mundell is identical to Reverend James W. Mundell. The local anti-Castro Jose Duarte is identical to Major Jose Duarte. In connection with the alleged freeway shooting attack on Saidallah Sirhan, Sirhan's brother, it was the conclusion of the Pasadena Police Department that this was possibly a self-inflicted attack.

In reference to Kathy Fulmer and Crispin Gonzalez mentioned by Kevin, it is noted that Fulmer never had any connection with the investigation and the reference to Crispin Gonzalez was completely evaluated.

Kevin gives reference to the mystery of the polka dot dress lady and it is noted that this aspect was completely refuted by Sandra Serrano who originated the story and Vincent Di Pierro who claimed to have seen this girl when both of these individuals took polygraph examinations and admitted the falsity of their prior statements.

Investigation also showed that there was no basis for the statement by Booker Griffin concerning the girl in the polka dot dress.

In connection with Kevin's statement that Israeli Intelligence had sent a file to the local FBI Officials, no such file was ever received by this office.

It is to be noted that in connection with the above items designated by Kevin in this broadcast, that each and every item has previously been thoroughly investigated by both the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Office of the FBI and each area has been thoroughly resolved and all of this information has previously been furnished to the Bureau in report and/or Letterhead Memorandum.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 5/21/69

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a Letterhead Memorandum in reference to a broadcast made by one ART KEVIN of radio station KHJ concerning the Sirhan investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (89-64) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
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DATE: 5/29/69

Re Oklahoma City airtel to Los Angeles 3/25/69;
Los Angeles airtel to Oklahoma City 3/27/69; Oklahoma City
airtel to Los Angeles 4/10/69.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
J. ROBINSON FIELD:

It has been determined that "BIG BOY" RYAN as
referred to in referenced airtel 3/25/69 is identical to IRL
RHYNES. RHYNES was the subject of an investigation captioned
"IRL RHYNES, aka "BIG BOY" RHYNES; SM - MINUTEMEN", Oklahoma
City file 157-436. In regard to this investigation, RHYNES
was interviewed 8/19/68 and advised as follows:

RHYNES was interviewed at his ranch, East Jesse,
Oklahoma. RHYNES was given a copy of "Your Rights" form, as
well as a waiver of rights form and was explained certain rights
as outlined. When asked to waive his rights and execute the
form by affixing the signature thereto, he stated he would not
sign the form at this time, based upon the advice of his attorney,
but that he would answer any questions that may be asked. RHYNES
stated further he understood all his rights as outlined on the form
and had nothing to hide.

RHYNES was explained the basic organization and aims
of the Minutemen organization, how they obtain funds and members
and asked whether he had ever donated funds to an organization
by that name or whether he had ever been a member of that organiza-
tion. In answer to both questions RHYNES stated emphatically he
had never been approached by them for any reason whatsoever and
that he was not now or had he ever been a member of the Minutemen
organization. In addition, RHYNES stated he knows he is considered
a radical in his community and in the business world, not only

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in his politics but in the management of his business affairs, but that the only radicalism that he knows is "being radical for his country and for his farm". RHYNES stated further that based on the original aims of the Minutemen organization, that had they approached him during the early period of their development, he may have furnished them some funds; however, now, because of the stated aims of their leader, ROBERT DE PUGH, and other leaders, he would not give them a dime.

RHYNES was then made aware of the aims and objectives as well as the people who are backing the "Patriotic Party". RHYNES stated emphatically again that he had never been approached and that he was not now or had ever been a member of this political party and had never contributed any funds to them. RHYNES was appreciative of being made aware of the aims of this party and the names of some of the members backing this party and stated that since their aims were not the same as his, he would not in any way allow himself to become affiliated with them.

At this point RHYNES was made aware of Federal statutes concerning the possession of illegal automatic weapons and other machine guns. RHYNES stated he had never purchased machine guns or other automatic weapons, but that he had many weapons in his possession. Most of these weapons were shotguns and .22s utilized by his grandson and him, as well as friends who visit the ranch.

At this point RHYNES took the interviewing agents on a tour of the house, displaying his vast collection of shotguns and shotgun ammunition utilized by hunting parties on his ranch. When asked specifically if he owned any M16 automatic rifles, RHYNES stated he did not own any M16 rifles but that he did have some AR 15's and would be happy to display them to the interviewing agents. These AR 15 rifles were then produced from under the bed in his bedroom, two in number, and were examined by the interviewing agents and found not to be of the automatic type. The fire control levers on both weapons had positions for safe and fire, but no positions for automatic firing. Both weapons were checked to see if they had been internally tampered with so they could be fired automatically and they were both

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found to be set up as delivered from the factory. RHYNES stated he possesses these weapons for protection of his household only and that any stories that might have accrued about him were probably as a result of his boasting at various times that he had some automatic weapons and that he would shoot people who trespassed onto his property. He knew this to be a falsehood, but he stated, "My mouth has got me in trouble before."

RHYNES was displayed Identification Orders 4176 on ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH and 4181 on WALTER PATRICK PEYSON. RHYNES stated he had never met either of these individuals and that under other assumed names or any other circumstances he was sure he had not seen either of these men. RHYNES stated further that he would notify the FBI immediately if he should hear anything concerning either of these individuals.

On 3/11/69 BURL GRIFFIN, Sheriff, Pontotoc County, Ada, Oklahoma, who is personally acquainted with RHYNES, advised SA J. ROBINSON FIELD that RHYNES is generally considered to be a big talker, is very boastful and he is not taken seriously by those who know him. It should be noted that when RHYNES was interviewed above, he admitted having firearms at his home but none of these firearms were considered illegal. //

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Police Department Long Beach California	Russell Edward Parsons #6198	January 11, 1928	checks	released to Sheriff's Office, January 13, 1928
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Lester Harris #89575	January 11, 1928	suspicion not sufficient funds	
Sheriff's Office San Bernardino California	Russell E. Parsons #11558	January 30, 1928	checks (2 counts) hold for Riverside and Imperial Counties	

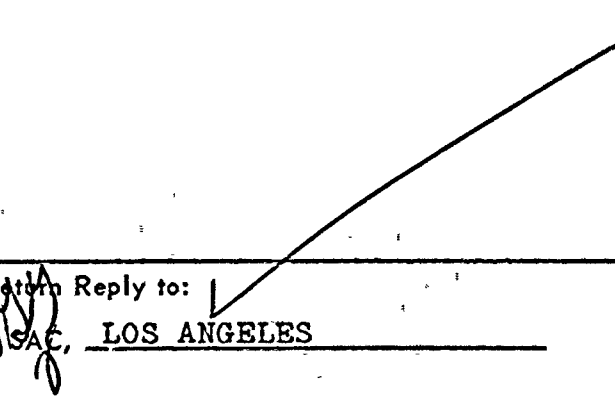
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SO El Dorado Kans	Eugene Brading #384	5-15-34	burg	5-17-34 5-10 yrs Hutchinson Kans
SI Ref Hutchinson Kans	Eugene H. Brading #11044	5-17-34	burg 2nd deg	3-10 yrs 11-7-36 parole 11-15-38 disch
SO Miami Fla	Gene Brady #51043	2-24-41	opr gamb house	4-22-41 \$200 and costs or 6 mos SP pd
PD Miami Fla	Gene Brading #14992		applicant for defense area pass 12-11-41	
PD Miami Fla	Eugene H. Brading #26000	3-13-42	inv auto theft	3-14-42 to JP 2nd dist
SO Miami Fla	Eugene Brading #57136	3-14-42	L of A	3-26-42 6 mos SP sent vacate SS rel on prob
USM Miami Fla	Eugene Brading #4287-M	1-7-43	2nd War Powers Act (gas ration books)	see supplement
PD Miami Beach Fla	Eugene Brading	1-15-44	vag by being thief inv. failing to register as fel having been conv of burg	3-24-44 rel to PD Miami Fla.
SO Miami Fla	Eugene Brading #64323	1-15-44	vio SS	3-23-44 SS of 4-2-42 revoked 2 yrs SP
Captain of the Port Miami Fla	Eugene Hale Brading #-	ident card 4-17-44		

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FDH NY NY	Eugene Brading #49277	10-25-45	viol Prob OPA Gas Coupons	10-29-45 disch. bail
SO Miami Fla.	Eugene H. Brading #F-74750	12-7-45	Vio of Prob.	12-7-45 1 yr USP
FCI Tallahassee/ Fla.	Eugene Hale Brading #4698	12-17-45	Prob Vio Vio 2nd War Powers Gasoline Coupons	1 yr 10-7-45 exp G.T.
PD Camden NJ	Harry Eugene Bradley #9837	3-5-48	mat. wit	5-7-48 dism.
USM NY NY	Eugene Brading #C-1864-51	3-11-51	consp. interstate theft	pending
Fed Det Hdqs. NY NY	Eugene H. Brading #62238	3-11-51	consp mail fraud	8-28-51 to USM San Antonio Texas
SO San Antonio Texas	James Bradley Lee #--	3-30-51	stolen property	
USM El Paso Texas	Eugene Brading #28400	9-4-51	embezzlement	12 yrs Cust of the Atty Gen.
SO El Paso Texas	Eugene Brading #31819	9-4-51	embezzlement	
PD Dallas Texas	James Lee Cole #--	inquiry 5-3-52		
PD Fort Worth Texas	James Lee Cole #19359	5-1-52	Fug.	rel to Co on writ 5-1-52
PD City of University Park Dallas Texas	Eugene Hale Brading #4502	5-3-52	inv G.P.	rel 5-3-52
PD Dallas Texas	Eugene Hale Brading #32644	5-3-52	inv fugitive	trans to University Park PD Dallas Texas Arr #52-8146
SO Dallas Texas	Eugene Hale Brading #42567	8-20-52	Vag	rel by Sheriff

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FD Beverly Hills Calif	Gene Hale Brading #37473	7-20-53 ex-con reg		
USM Balto Md	Eugene H Brading #17419	3-1-54	stolen properties Act	
USM Balto Md	Eugene H. Brading #BA 87-2020	3-1-54	ITSP mail fraud conspiracy	
USP Atlanta Ga	Eugene H Brading #74599	3-25-54	mail fraud & consp	12 yrs
USP Leavenworth Kans	Eugene H. Brading #72695-L	9-16-55 in trans fr USP Atlanta	mail fraud & consp	
USP McNeil Island Wash	Eugene H. Brading 6893-MC	8-11-56	mail fraud & consp	12 yrs., par 183-EGT 2-13-59 Los Angeles Calif
PD Los Angeles Calif	Jim Braden #LA 690 046-B	2-9-64	484 PC shoplifting	60 das susp 2 yr prob 50 X 5 das Pd

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	12-7-45 prob revoked. Taken into custody 12-7-45 for service of sent originally imposed- 1 yr in institution of penitentiary type.			
		SUPPLEMENT		

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BFD NY NY	WANTED BY BUREAU: Eugene H Brading was James Bradley Lee, James B Lee, James Lee (maybe ident) Fug Index #30694, Bu file #87-15374, OO El Paso Texas per inf rec 8-6-51 NO LONGER WANTED Per Bu Memo dated 8-11-51 (maybe ident)			
	Eugene H Brading	8-11-51	ITSP	
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Date 5/7/69

Re

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Field File No. 56-156

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EUGENE HALE BRADING

FBI No. 799 431

Other No. CII 777 303

Aliases

JIM BRADEN, EUGENE BRADLEY, GENE HALE BRADING

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 6/3/69

FROM : SA R.J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 5/28/69, PETE NOYES, Managing Editor, KNXT-TV (Channel 2), a CBS affiliation, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised that he confidentially learned from ROBERT KAISER that NBC-TV recently paid SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN \$1,000 a minute for a 20 minute interview with SIRHAN. The interview is allegedly to be aired on NBC-TV in the future. According to NOYES the interview took place in the Los Angeles County Jail.

KAISER, as has previously been recorded, was a member of the defense team representing SIRHAN who served as an investigator. As a result of information obtained by him in that capacity, KAISER is writing a book concerning the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Lieutenant BOB HART, Sheriff's Information Bureau, was telephonically contacted on 5/28/69, concerning the foregoing and stated that he had no personal knowledge of any such arrangement between NBC and SIRHAN. He explained, however, he would endeavor to ascertain if such an interview did, in fact, take place.

On 5/29/69, Lieutenant HART advised he had been unable to ascertain that any representative of the news media had interviewed SIRHAN in the Los Angeles County Jail facility. Lieutenant HART further explained that in the event any such activity had taken place the only individual who could have granted permission for the interview would have been Sheriff PETE J. PITCHESS.

Dep't Chief R. Houghton 5/29/69 advised heard some thing but not able to verify.

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On evening of 6/3/69.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: June 4, 1969

FROM : SA Billy Dale Hubbard

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Officer T. J. MILLER, Los Angeles Police Department, telephone number MA 4-5211, extension 2962 telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office at approximately 10:15 a.m. this date inquiring as to whether or not the Los Angeles Division might have the final disposition concerning HUSSEIN AHMED NAMER, DOB 11/20/47, AHMED RAGEH NAMEX, DOB 6/15/25, and ABDO AHMED NAMER, DOB 12/19/49, who were all arrested in New York on 11/9/68, charged with conspiracy to assassinate President elect Nixon. Officer MILLER related that he is assigned to Homicide squad of LAPD where he was assigned investigation regarding whether HUSSEIN AHMED NAMER who was working in the Los Angeles area as a farm worker was acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He related that he had contacted the Secret Service, Los Angeles in an attempt to ascertain the disposition of charges against the NAMERS' sometime ago and had not received the results of the disposition. MILLER was wondering if the FBI might have the disposition of arrest of the NAMERS' or could find out the disposition this date.

A review of serials 175-0-246 through 246 0 contains numerous clippings concerning the arrest of the NAMERS', but no disposition is available. Serial 175-0-246D, page two states there is an investigation underway to determine whether the NAMERS' knew Sirhan. Review of indices cards for KENSALT does not reveal the name for either of the NAMERS.

OFFICER MILLER should be recontacted and advised the information available to Los Angeles does not reveal the disposition of the charges against the NAMERS and whether or not the information will be obtained and furnished them.

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ADDENDUM: Officer Miller was recontacted by the writer at approximately 1:30 p.m. to advise nothing pertaining to NAMERS' in L.A. files except newspaper clippings and that L.A. would submit teletype to ascertain disposition to New York Office. MILLER related subsequent to telephone call had been contacted by Secret Service and they had advised by contacting Secret Service, New York, that NAMERS' stand trial in King's County Superior Court, Brooklyn, New York, before Judge T. Vincent Quins, charged with conspiracy and solicitation to commit homicide and illegal possession of weapons on June 10, 1969. A motion to suppress was scheduled for June 9, 1969. No decision has been made concerning the federal charges at this time.

In view of the above no action being taken. ~~XXXXXX~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 6/4/69

FROM : SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 5/16/69, SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE and SA NORBERT R. LINKER interviewed SHERMONT BANKS, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. BANKS was advised by SA LA JEUNESSE that the purpose of the interview was to determine what knowledge he had, if any, regarding the allegation that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had attended a meeting of the Black Congress in Los Angeles prior to 6/5/68.

BANKS explained that on one occasion prior to the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he, BANKS, was in attendance at a meeting of the Black Congress which was opened to the public. During the course of that meeting, which was held at 7228 South Broadway and which he recalls took place sometime in April or May 1968, a man came in who bears a strong resemblance to SIRHAN and who was accompanied by two other individuals. He specifically recalls that he heard a "commotion" during the course of the meeting which was attended by approximately 50 - 60 people. Just prior to the "commotion" ALPRENTICE "BUNCHY" CARTER had been speaking. The individual whom BANKS felt resembled SIRHAN got up and spoke about the "muslims" somewhat in opposition to what CARTER had just talked about. During the conversation, BANKS did not recall that the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN was mentioned. In connection with that meeting at the Black Congress, BANKS stated that at no time did he hear the name SIRHAN SIRHAN. Subsequent to the assassination of the late Senator KENNEDY, BANKS alleged that he spoke with STEVE BARTHOLOMEW about the incident at the Black Panther meeting at the Black Congress Hall. BANKS stated he fully expected a representative of the FBI to contact him sooner regarding the foregoing incident which allegedly occurred during the meeting.

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Photographs of SIRHAN were exhibited to BANKS who said that they are now familiar because of the recent publicity given the case during the trial. He stated he could not be absolutely certain that the individual he saw at the meeting was SIRHAN. He could only state that it closely resembled SIRHAN.

BANKS advised he could be reached through telephone number 293-2858, which he stated is an answering service, or 293-1260, which is the residence where he is living. He explained he could be contacted at either of those telephone numbers for the purpose of arranging a personal interview with the representative of the FBI.

The foregoing interview was terminated at 4:35 p.m.

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: Jerry Littman
News Secretary
626-3888, Ext. 82396

RELEASE: Wed., May 21, 1969
After 10 a.m.

WEEKLY SUMMARY #50

Re: Assassination of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Note to editors: Because of the widespread interest in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, and proceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 50th summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

SUNDAY, MAY 11 -- According to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), Attorney Melvin Belli met with the family of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the convicted slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, yesterday.

The newspaper article, by Noel Greenwood and Linda Mathews, staff writers, indicated Belli said "he probably will handle the appeal of Sirhan's conviction for the assassination of" Sen. Kennedy.

Continued the news story:

"He said he would meet with Sirhan early this week.

"The announcement set off speculation that Belli was about to take over the defense of Sirhan, sentenced to die in the gas chamber.

"I think the death penalty is completely uncalled for," said Belli, who defended Jack Ruby in his trial for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy. Ruby received a death sentence but was awaiting retrial when he died of cancer in January, 1967.

"Although Belli said his interest in Sirhan was limited to writing an appeal brief, an associate indicated Belli's role could develop into much more than that.

"There's no question the family would like him to do that (write an appeal brief)" said Sydney Irmes, a Beverly Hills attorney associated with Belli.

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"Then, the question is whether he's going to go any further. And I think nobody but Sirhan can decide that."

"Russell E. Parsons, one of Sirhan's three defense lawyers, informed of Belli's comments, said he was in the case "until the bitter end."

"I told him (Sirhan) when he hired me that I would go to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary, and he shook hands with me and said, 'That's what I want.'"

"Grant B. Cooper, Sirhan's chief defense counsel, said he knew nothing about Belli entering the case."

"Belli said Sirhan's mother and two brothers first approached him about three weeks ago when he was in Los Angeles for a trial."

"In a two-hour meeting during a court recess, they asked him to enter the case, he said."

"Saturday morning, Sirhan's mother and brother, Adel, met with Belli in the lawyer's Los Angeles apartment. Adel then agreed to arrange for the meeting this week between Sirhan and Belli."

"Belli said his main interest was in writing the appeal should the motion for a new trial for Sirhan be denied. That motion, submitted last month by Cooper, is scheduled for argument May 21 before Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker."

(Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner carried a United Press International story quoting Mrs. Mary Sirhan as stating "I can't comment (about Belli) because I don't know that much about it.")

(The same UPI story reported that "Belli said Sirhan was mentally unbalanced and added, 'Sirhan's not going to die.'")

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MONDAY, MAY 12 -- Sirhan B. Sirhan said today that he will keep Attorneys Grant B. Cooper and Russell Parsons "and none other" to fight his conviction and death sentence for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

According to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), "It was the first word from Sirhan himself in response to stories that celebrated San Francisco Attorney Melvin Belli would handle Sirhan's appeal."

In a statement today, released through Cooper, Sirhan said:

"I, Sirhan Sirhan, having full confidence in my present attorneys, Grant B. Cooper and Russell Parsons, members of the California State Bar, hereby engage them and none other to handle my appeal to the Supreme Court of the State of California and, if necessary, to the Supreme Court of the United States."

The statement, continued the newspaper, was signed by Sirhan and witnessed by Baron Sarkees Nahas, an Arab who served as unofficial advisor to Sirhan's defense during the 15-week trial, and Sheriff's Lt. Rudolph Berteaux.

As for Belli, he was quoted Friday in Tucson as saying Sirhan's family had contacted him and, "They want me to do the appeal," reported the newspaper.

Related the newspaper:

"Sirhan's brother, Adel, 30, said Monday he and his mother, Mary, 59, had met with Belli once, but that the meeting had been indecisive. He said Belli had not been engaged either to assist or replace Sirhan's present attorneys.

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"Asked if the family was dissatisfied with Sirhan's defense, in view of his conviction, Adel Sirhan said, 'No, we are not -- not in any way.'

"He said it was his understanding that Belli's involvement in the case probably would be in filing a friend of the court brief. Belli himself was quoted earlier as saying he did not expect to participate personally in any further court sessions, but would probably restrict his efforts to a written appeal.

"Belli was not immediately available for comment Monday."

Cost of the Sirhan trial to the taxpayers of Los Angeles County totals \$929,285, said Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, "in releasing the final audit of the most expensive trial in Los Angeles County history," according to an article in a Los Angeles legal newspaper (Daily Journal).

"Any appeals will add to the expense," he said, continuing that he hopes "it prevents the need for another Warren Commission which cost \$6 million to investigate the death of President Kennedy."

County costs through April 30, said Hahn, were \$570,478; Sheriff's Department, \$110,000; Pasadena Police Department, \$39,978; Los Angeles Police Department, \$208,829.

Some of the extraordinary costs included \$62,045 to alter the Hall of Justice and Central Men's Jail and \$58,397 for witness, jury and transcribing fees, added Hahn.

(Meanwhile, it was charged at a Civil Service Commission hearing that the suspended Los Angeles County Coroner, Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi,

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"danced in his office while waiting for Sen. Kennedy to die from an assassin's bullet last June," according to the Los Angeles Times.

(The newspaper quoted Noguchi as stating he would be famous if the senator died.

(Noguchi was the coroner at the time of the assassination. He was fired by the Board of Supervisors March 18, after the county chief administrative officer filed a long report critical of Noguchi's conduct in office.

(At today's hearing, Godfrey Isaacs, Noguchi's attorney, said his client revered the senator and "if he could have given part of his life for Kennedy to live, he would have.)

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)
RE: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/26/69.

RE: WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE FROM
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Attached herewith are two copies of a five page weekly summary of information prepared for the benefit of the news media by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. This release is dated 5/21/69 and is being furnished for information of the Bureau.



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WEEKLY SUMMARY #51

Re: Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Note to editors: Because of the widespread interest in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, and proceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 51st summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

MONDAY, MAY 19 -- Payment of \$85,071.08 was demanded today from organizations which last year backed U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy for President, according to an article in a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

(The senator was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968. He now awaits sentencing by Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker. The jury voted the death sentence for the defendant.)

The demand for payment was contained in a suit filed in behalf of the hotel, and directed against the National Kennedy for President Committee, Kennedy National Headquarters, Kennedy Campaign Committee and the latter's attorney, Stanley R. Caidin, and Julius Glazer, accountant.

Filed April 18, the suit was sealed pending the levying of an attachment by the county marshal's office. The marshal's report showed that an account standing in the name of the Kennedy Campaign

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Committee at the U.S. National Bank had been attached.

But Caidin said only a "nominal amount" was in the account.

The suit said the bill was incurred for hotel space, goods and services under an agreement made in June, 1968.

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TUESDAY, MAY 20 -- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today voiced support of federal legislation designed to reimburse state and local governments for expenses resulting from the prosecution of individuals accused of assassinating or attempting to assassinate federal office holders.

Noted an article in a Los Angeles legal newspaper (Daily Journal):

"The resolution delivered by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn called for the county to support a bill now before the United States Senate, which was authored by Montana Senator Lee Metcalf.

"If passed, the legislation would provide for the reimbursement of any prosecution expense resulting from the attempted assassinating or assassination of the President, cabinet member, Senator and member of the House of Representatives.

"The resolution by Supervisor Hahn made reference to the recently-concluded trial of Sirhan Sirhan, the convicted assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

"Hahn said that the trial of Sirhan cost the taxpayers of Los Angeles County \$929,285, and was the most costly in the history of the county.

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"The resolution also requested that the expense of the Sirhan trial be reimbursed by the federal government. Copies of the resolution are being sent to President Nixon and to all the members of Congress."

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 -- Appearing in Superior Court today at the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger issued the following statement regarding a hand-written letter he received from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, brother of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who was slain by Sirhan.

The text of the statement:

"Some time ago, when discussions concerning the possibility of a plea were being conducted, I inquired of an attorney representing Senator Edward Kennedy whether or not the Senator or the Kennedy family had any comments or recommendations relative to the penalty in this case.

"I was told at that time that the Senator did not have any recommendations.

"Last week, this same attorney phoned from New York and asked me whether or not, in my opinion, it would be proper for the Senator to now express an opinion concerning penalty.

"I indicated that, in my opinion, the question of guilt, having been decided, it would be proper for a member of the family of the victim to express an opinion, provided it was done openly in the form of a letter to the probation office or to the judge.

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