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This theory was also the basis of an affidavit by Los Angeles Attorney BARBARA WARNER BLEHR who charged Los Angeles Police Department Criminologist DE WAYNE WOLFER with improper ballistics investigation. This matter is currently under investigation by the Office of the Los Angeles District Attorney.

On 8/10/71, Deputy District Attorney RICHARD HECHT, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, advised that on Monday, 8/16/71, his office was beginning Grand Jury hearings on the alleged mishandling of evidence by the Clerk of Court office. This investigation has delayed the investigation by the District Attorney's Office concerning the alleged irregularities of the ballistic examination.

The Bureau will be kept advised of further developments.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

DATE: 8/11/71

FROM : SA DALE DAVID WIERSCHKE

SUBJECT: KENSALT

At 4:25 pm writer received a telephone call from BAXTER WARD who stated he was calling as a private citizen although he is a TV commentator on Channel 9. He stated he wished to furnish certain information to an Agent of the FBI through a personal interview. The personal interview he desired is in connection with a "boy" in Orange County who was shot at the night before last (Monday, 8/9/71). WARD stated he had gone to the "boy's" residence today, had talked to the "boy's" parents and observed the vehicle the "boy" was driving at the time the shooting occurred. WARD stated the "boy" has information concerning the ROBERT KENNEDY assassination which information WARD would like to furnish the FBI.

WARD stated he would not furnish the names or identify the "boy" involved until he was contacted personally by an Agent.

WARD was specifically asked whether he had advised the appropriate local authorities and stated he did not intend to publicize the matter because the parents were fearful that some harm would come to the "boy".

WARD stated a personal interview could be arranged by contacting him at telephone number HO2-2133.

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SAC's Note - Ward is highly critical of the Director and the FBI and our files show it. He even broadcasts the anonymous letter several years ago highly critical of SA Agents, officials, etc. Our files show he is of questionable character & married the Relative of a top hoodlum. We have nothing to gain by getting in personal contact with him and interviewing him. He may even record the interview. From above info. it does not appear there is a Fed. violation. His alleged information should be furnished direct by him to appropriate local authorities. He should be so advised orally by S.I.V.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SUPERVISOR CHESTER E. ST. VINCENT

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 8/12/71

At 9:45 AM, this date, an effort was made to telephonically contact BAXTER WARD. It was determined that he was not in his office and the following information was furnished to CHERYL OSTEEN, WARD's personal secretary:

My call was being made in response to his call to this Office on 8/11/71. From the facts furnished by Mr. WARD on 8/11/71, there does not appear to be a Federal violation over which the FBI has ~~Federal~~ jurisdiction. Since SIRHAN SIRHAN has been convicted for the killing of Senator KENNEDY in Los Angeles County Superior Court and since the case is now on appeal, any information relating to this case should be properly furnished to District Attorney JOSEPH BUSCH or his staff.

OSTEEN advised she would be certain to furnish this information to Mr. WARD today.

He has not called back as of 30 8/13/71

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

August 13, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
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On July 14, 1971, Lila Hurtado, who resides at Caleta Las Monjas Number 50, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, and is employed by the Ford Motor Company, District Sales Office, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, furnished the following information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Puerto Rico:

In October 1968, she began employment for William R. Huntington, an interior decorator, whose office was located at 9000 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. Huntington was a well known interior decorator and did work on a regular basis for many of the Hollywood film stars to include Sammy Davis, Jr., Milton Berle, and Peter Lawford. He was also a close friend of President John F. Kennedy and the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The day following the 1968 elections, when Richard Nixon was elected President, Huntington appeared at his office in a distraught state and commented "I don't believe what the American public has just done". Hurtado was of the opinion that Huntington was referring to President Nixon winning the election; however, she did not have an opportunity to question the statement made by Huntington.

Several weeks later, Huntington informed Hurtado on a confidential basis and instructed her never to tell anyone that he had heard a tape recording shortly after the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles of a private party that had taken place shortly prior to Kennedy's assassination. Huntington told Hurtado that the tape had been made by Ronald Buck, an attorney in Los Angeles, and who at that time, was the Manager of a private club called The Factory, and that he had recorded the tape at a party where many wealthy individuals

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and top military and government officials were in attendance. Huntington informed Hurtado that the individuals at the party appeared to be gloating over the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, that they appeared to be making plans for the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Huntington informed Hurtado that he had called Robert F. Kennedy shortly after he had heard the tape in Buck's office, and asked him to go with him to Buck's office in order to listen to the tape. According to Huntington, Buck played the tape for Kennedy, and upon hearing the tape, the late Senator reportedly stated, "I can't do anything about that until I become President, as that will be the time when I will have the power to do something about it". Hurtado learned from Huntington during this time, the names of three individuals who had attended the private party; however, she could only recall the name of a Mr. Hunt, who was a millionaire from Texas.

Hurtado stated that from the time that she began employment with Huntington, Huntington was in serious financial troubles. However, at times he would appear with a great deal of money, and was always more than willing to share his wealth with other people. She stated that Huntington resided in a fashionable apartment in the Los Angeles area with another individual who was the President of a bank (not further identified), namely, Robert A. Mueller, whom Hurtado described as the "housemate and confidante" for Huntington. Huntington traveled frequently between Los Angeles and Chicago, where he was designing the interior decoration for the The Factory, a subsidiary of The Factory in Los Angeles. Huntington, on one occasion, was arrested in Los Angeles in a little park located directly across the street from 9000 Sunset Boulevard for reportedly soliciting a male in a restroom.

According to Hurtado, Huntington had four coronary attacks, and just prior to his death on March 7, 1971, he visited his personal physician, Dr. D'Allesandro in Chicago for a complete physical checkup. Huntington reportedly informed the doctor that his life had been threatened; however, Hurtado was not aware how his life was being threatened.

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Hurtado remained employed with Huntington until approximately May 1970, when she went to St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands, and worked under a temporary contract for the Peace Corps. In September 1970, she contacted Huntington telephonically, indicating a desire to return as his employee; however, he emphatically informed her to stay with friends in Puerto Rico, since if she came to Chicago, she might possibly be harmed. Hurtado stated that the reason that Huntington made this statement was because of her knowledge of the tape recording. She suspected that Huntington was being pressured by possibly Joseph Borenstein, an attorney with offices on South Dearborne Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Buck, in order that he not reveal the contents of the tape.

Hurtado stated that she does not have any proof whatsoever that this was the case, only that she knew that Huntington was an honest, sincere, and sane person, and that he would at times make comments to the effect that his life was in danger. It was Hurtado's opinion that Borenstein was blackmailing Huntington and that he was able to control Ronald Buck and his activities. She believes that Borenstein may have connections with La Cosa Nostra, and because of the contents of the tape, Borenstein was able to pressure Buck and Huntington. She stated that she is fearful for her life, since when she last spoke to Borenstein in March 1971, he indicated to her that he would be coming to San Juan, Puerto Rico to see her. She stated that this would be strange inasmuch as she and Borenstein were never romantically involved, except that Huntington, in confidence, may have informed Borenstein that Hurtado was aware of the contents of the tape.

Hurtado stated that the following individuals may be able to furnish more information regarding the tape recording:

Robert A. Mueller
Housemate and confidante of Huntington

Robert B. Bromberg
Associate of Borenstein in Los Angeles

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Lea Perwin (phonetic)
Ronald Buck's former Secretary
now employed with Diamond Jim's in Los Angeles

Dr. D'Allesandro
~~Chicago, Illinois~~
Personal physician for Huntington

Rosita Haylan
6220 La Mirada Avenue
Apartment 23
Hollywood, California
Close personal friend of Huntington

Francisca Riviere
Husband - Jean Claude
San Francisco, California
worked in Buck's office

The following investigation was conducted at Los Angeles, California, regarding Lila Hurtado's allegations:

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office contained no information identifiable with Lila Hurtado or any of the individuals listed above reportedly from the Los Angeles area.

Ronald Buck, Attorney, 9000 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on August 3, 1971, furnished the following:

He had known William R. Huntington prior to his death in early 1971, for several years. Huntington was a personal friend and had also been employed by Buck as an interior decorator. Buck is a partner in The Factory, a private club in Los Angeles. Huntington did the interior decorating in this club, and was working there in 1968. Huntington had no interest whatsoever in politics; had never, to his recollection, mentioned the Kennedys, Martin Luther King, or showed any concern over the Nixon Presidential Election.

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Buck does recall about that time, a young attorney whose name he does not recall who was with Jim Garrison in New Orleans, coming to his office with various photographs, charts, and reports on the President John Kennedy assassination. This individual convinced Buck there was probable cause that individuals in addition to Oswald must have been involved in the assassination. He does not now recall the details of this theory, nor at this time, believe it valid. He does not believe he ever discussed this matter with Huntington. Huntington did not know Robert Kennedy. Buck was personally acquainted with Robert Kennedy, but never discussed the above Garrison information with Kennedy.

Mr. Buck stated that he did not make any tape recording of conversations of anybody discussing the Kennedy assassination and is positive he never had a discussion with either Robert Kennedy or William Huntington regarding a tape recording of any kind. Mr. Buck emphasized Huntington's non-political status and was positive that any allegations purporting that he was politically inclined are false. Mr. Buck knew Lila Hurtado, who was employed as a Secretary by Huntington, but was not well enough acquainted with her to make a statement regarding her reliability. Mr. Buck, Pierre Sallinger, Peter Lawford, and others were waiting at The Factory on the night of the Robert Kennedy assassination for Robert Kennedy to attend a party in his honor at The Factory. Robert Kennedy was never in Mr. Buck's office, nor was he ever at The Factory while Huntington was present. Mr. Buck advised that William Huntington was a close personal friend of his; however, he was financially irresponsible; he was a homosexual; and frequently lied without any reason. He advised that William Huntington's interests were in his interior decorating work and his close friends. Other than this, he had no interests known to Mr. Buck. Mr. Buck advised that he is not acquainted with Robert Bromberg. He advised that after the completion of the decoration of The Factory in 1968, William Huntington went to Chicago to establish a similar type club in Chicago, and Mr. Buck had limited contact with him, thereafter until Huntington's death in early 1971.

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Lea Purwin, 11700 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on interview on August 4, 1971, furnished the following information:

In 1968, she was employed in an executive capacity in the management of The Factory, a private club in Los Angeles. She was in frequent daily contact with both Ronald Buck and William Huntington, and as such, was aware of their business and personal problems. Huntington was employed in the interior decoration of The Factory. Huntington was a homosexual, and he lived with another homosexual named Robert A. Mueller. Huntington was a very personable individual, but was almost a psychopathic liar, and in her opinion, ended up believing many of the lies he told. She advised that Huntington was completely non-political, and had no interest whatsoever in politics. She had never heard him mention the Kennedys, Martin Luther King, nor had he expressed concern over the election of Nixon. She advised that Ronald Buck was an attorney, an author, and a part owner of The Factory. She stated he was very garrulous, and discussed many things with her that involved his personal life. She advised that if any such incident as the alleged tape recording had occurred, and it had been discussed with either Ronald Buck or William Huntington, that she would have been aware of it from both of them. She advised that she would recall if any such discussion had taken place, and that none had. She advised that Ronald Buck was acquainted with Robert Kennedy, Pierre Sallinger, and Peter Lawford, but that Huntington was not acquainted with Robert Kennedy.

She advised that Lila Hurtado worked as a Secretary for William Huntington, that she was a very emotional girl, and that she was presently employed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She advised that Rosita Harlan was regarded by Huntington as a clairvoyant, and that Huntington would discuss any personal problems or any important decisions with Harlan prior to taking any action. She advised that Francisca Riviere is undoubtedly Francisca Simms who was employed by Purwin, and in Purwin's opinion, would be unable to furnish any information regarding allegations regarding tape recordings

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made by or in the possession of Ronald Buck. She stated that she is not acquainted with, nor does not know of a Robert Bromberg.

Robert A. Mueller was interviewed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, on August 5, 1971. He advised that he could always be contacted through telephone number OL 27011. He furnished the following information regarding William R. Huntington:

He resided with Huntington at 9260 Cordell Drive, Los Angeles, California, from 1967 to 1969, and had been acquainted with him for several years prior to that time. He stated that Huntington had absolutely no political interests; that he, Mueller, had asked him to vote in the last two elections, one Presidential and one State, prior to Huntington going to Chicago, and that Huntington had declined to do so. He never knew Huntington to make any statements or express any concern regarding the assassinations of the Kennedys or Martin Luther King. He never heard Huntington make any statement regarding any type of tape recording made by Ronald Buck or in the possession of Ronald Buck or any tape recording regarding an assassination. He advised that Lila Hurtado was employed by William Huntington as a secretary, and took care of some of his interests after Huntington went to Chicago.

He stated that Lila Hurtado was an extremely emotional girl; that she was, he believed, romantically involved with Joseph Borenstein, a Chicago attorney, who was involved in The Factory in Chicago. He stated that Lila Hurtado, when she left here, stored some of her belongings at Mueller's aunt's place. She recently travelled from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Los Angeles for the purported purpose of checking her belongings at his aunt's house. He stated that in his opinion, there was nothing of sufficient value that was stored in his aunt's home to warrant this trip. She told him upon leaving Los Angeles, that she intended to travel to Chicago. She told him that Joseph Borenstein was apparently dissatisfied with Mueller's involvement in Huntington's affairs, and was

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out to get him. Mueller advised that in view of statements made by Purwin, that he was concerned over what action Borenstein might take regarding him. He advised Borenstein reportedly had hoodlum connections in Chicago. He advised that Rosita Harlan was in Huntington's opinion, a clairvoyant, and Huntington consulted her on matters of importance. Mueller does not know of a Robert Bromberg. Mueller advised that he considered any allegations that Huntington was emotionally concerned about any political matter were undoubtedly false.

Rosita Harlan, 6220 La Mirada Avenue, Apartment 23, Los Angeles, California, advised that she has known William Huntington for several years, and that he was a close personal friend. She advised that prior to his death in March 1971, that he discussed many of his personal and professional problems with her. She stated that he never had any discussion with her regarding any allegations involving the Kennedy assassinations or the assassination of Martin Luther King. She stated that he had no political interests. She advised that prior to the 1968 elections, she asked him who he thought she should vote for, and his comment was "I guess Nixon is as good as anyone". She advised that she knew Lila Hurtado and that Hurtado is an extremely emotional person; she would cry at the slightest provocation; she had a tendency to exaggerate things out of complete proportion; and she considered her extremely unreliable. She stated that she is not acquainted with a Robert Bromberg. She advised that to her knowledge, Huntington did not know Robert Kennedy, and that if he had ever been in contact with Kennedy, or if any allegations regarding the Kennedys had been made to him, that she is certain that she would be aware of them.

Chicago sources have described Joseph Borenstein as a legitimate businessman, accountant, and attorney, who has for years, done work for the hoodlum element in Chicago, and remains associated with them. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, although Borenstein does associate with and does accounting and legal work for the hoodlum element, there is no indication that any of his activities with them are illegal. Borenstein has been uncooperative on contact in the past regarding his hoodlum associates.

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
 RE: KENSALT

RE: ALLEGATIONS MADE BY
LILA HURTADO REGARDING
 TAPE RECORDING CONCERNING
 THE ASSASSINATION OF
 ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Re San Juan letter to the Director dated 7/20/71,
 Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 7/28/71, and Los Angeles
 airtel to the Director dated 8/2/71.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies
 of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding investigation
 concerning the above allegations.

Enclosed for Chicago and San Juan are one copy
 each of the above LHM.

A lead was set out in referenced 8/2/71, airtel
 for the Chicago Office to interview Dr. D'ALESSANDRO.
 Inasmuch as it would appear that the investigation at Los
 Angeles would refute the reliability of LILA HURTADO, Chicago
 should discontinue efforts to locate and interview D'ALESSANDRO.

Inasmuch as no substantiation of the allegations
 of HURTADO was developed at Los Angeles, no further action
 is being taken in this matter by Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 8/18/71

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

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 8/11/71, Mr. ~~SID TRAPP~~, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, telephonically advised the writer as follows:

There is a special Grand Jury being convened in Los Angeles County to look into alleged irregularities on the part of the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk with respect to evidence which may have been mishandled by that agency in connection with the SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prosecution. In connection therewith, Mr. TRAPP was attempting to determine if his office might obtain a photographic or photostatic copy of the original SIRHAN notebooks; the identity of the employee who made such a copy and the location of the negatives.

Mr. TRAPP advised further he did not desire that these items be turned over to him or his office at this time, but was merely attempting to ascertain their whereabouts in the event that they were subsequently needed.

This is being made the subject of a memorandum in event it is of possible future significance.

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

DATE: 8/18/71

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

SUBJECT: KENSAULT

On 8/18/71, the writer contacted Miss JANET WARD, Secretary to JOHN HOWARD, Assistant Los Angeles County District Attorney. Miss WARD advised that the Los Angeles County Grand Jury presently in session is continuing to hear evidence presented by Deputy Los Angeles County District Attorney RICHARD HECHT. The presentation concerns itself with the examination of employees of the Los Angeles County Clerks Office who were charged with the handling of the evidence in the SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN trial. In addition, testimony is being taken from other individuals who allegedly were given access to the items of physical evidence.

One of the individuals scheduled to appear before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on 8/18/71, is THEODORE CHARACK who recently prepared a "documentation" film on the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Another individual scheduled to appear before the Grand Jury on that same date is ROBERT BLAIR KAISER who authored the book entitled "RFK Must Die", following the SIRHAN trial.

Investigator DEWITT LIGHTNER of the Los Angeles County District Attorney Investigators staff advised his office is in possession of an interview with one DONALD SCHULMAN. The interview was conducted at the time of the assassination of the late Senator KENNEDY and was formerly associated with Radio Station KNXT in Los Angeles. The interview of SCHULMAN was being utilized by Mr. HECHT in his presentation to the Grand Jury on 8/18/71, and would be made available at a subsequent date.

Miss WARD explained it is anticipated the Grand Jury proceedings would continue through Thursday 8/19/71.

The writer, as instructed, will continue to follow this matter and keep the office appropriately advised.

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

Re Los Angeles airtels to the Bureau dated 8/10/71, and 8/13/71.

Los Angeles County Grand Jury convened 8/17/71, for purposes of examining employees of Los Angeles County Clerk's Office. Those employees who had access to physical evidence utilized by prosecution in trial of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN have been summoned before Grand Jury to testify as to possible improprieties in handling of evidence.

In addition, individuals whose names have appeared as having had access to items of physical evidence subsequent to SIRHAN trial have also been subpoenaed to testify. Among those called are THEODORE CHARACK and ROBERT BLAIR KAISER, author of book entitled "RFK Must Die".

Representatives of Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office anticipate Grand Jury proceedings would possibly terminate 8/20/71. Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office representative today advised further Grand Jury proceedings will probably continue until 8/23/71, or 8/24/71.

Los Angeles will continue to follow and keep the Bureau appropriately advised.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 8/11/71

On 8/10/71, Deputy District Attorney RICHARD HECHT of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office advised that as of next Monday, 8/16/71, he was commencing Grand Jury hearings concerning the alleged mishandling of evidence by the Clerk of Court Office.

HECHT stated that these Grand Jury proceedings would delay the investigation into the alleged irregularities of the ballistic examination conducted in the SIRHAN case.

HECHT reiterated that his office would still make available an advance copy of any press release made concerning the final outcome of the investigation by his office into the alleged error on the ballistics examination.

HECHT was advised that the writer would be on annual leave for a period of one week beginning on 8/16/71, so that he would be advised to furnish any information that might break concerning this matter to Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN. HECHT stated that he did not anticipate any developments within the next few weeks.

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Memorandum

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

FROM : MIDNIGHT SUPERVISOR RONALD A. HOVERSON

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 8/26/71

During the early morning hours of 8/26/71, ARTHUR AUGUST LAMBERT, 259 South Columbia Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone 484-1593, called this office on a number of occasions and furnished information a summary of which follows:

Yesterday, 8/25/71, he learned from the news media that Los Angeles County Clerk of Court WILLIAM G. SHARP has been accused of tampering with official records and documents in the SIRHAN SIRHAN case and LAMBERT said this is the typical "MODUS OPERANDI" of SHARP. On 7/7/67, LAMBERT filed a civil action in Los Angeles Superior Court under docket number 67-958CC in the court of Judge CHARLES CARR, against SHARP and one of his deputies ITTORE CONTINI, for intimidating SHARP's subordinates in forcing them to refuse to give to LAMBERT certain documents from their files. LAMBERT maintained that ~~KAMBERT~~ SHARP and CONTINI mutilated and destroyed certain documents by beating on them with their fists.

LAMBERT continued to criticize SHARP as being inept and dishonest, that for a price anyone could have records removed from the Clerk of Court's office.

See 62-228-5186 regarding LAMBERT.

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 8/19/71.

Los Angeles County Grand Jury completed hearing testimony, 8/23/71 from employees of Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and other individuals who reportedly had access to items of evidentiary nature while in possession of Los Angeles County Clerk.

In addition to THEODORE CHARACK and ROBERT BLAIR KAISER, author of book entitled, "RFK Must Die," JOHN CHRISTIAN was also subpoenaed to appear. CHRISTIAN failed to appear. However, since service of subpoena was made to him by mail at his request, CHRISTIAN directed letter to foreman of Grand Jury with copy to Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office advising, in substance, that he would be away from Los Angeles for three to four weeks and in addition, felt he had nothing to offer to Grand Jury inquiry.

Foregoing information concerning CHRISTIAN furnished to Bureau Agent on extremely confidential basis by representative of District Attorney's Office, who requested it not be disseminated outside of Bureau.

On 8/24/71, JOHN HOWARD, Assistant Los Angeles County District Attorney, confidentially advised his office did not seek criminal complaints against Los Angeles County Clerk or employees of that office. HOWARD also

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confidentially advised that CHRISTIAN is believed by his office to have had access to evidence subsequent to SIRHAN's trial and may have actually removed portions of copy of SIRHAN's notebooks in possession of Los Angeles County Clerk. HOWARD requested this information pertaining to CHRISTIAN not be disseminated.

According to HOWARD, Los Angeles County Grand Jury had not yet returned verdict concerning their deliberations.

Los Angeles will continue to follow and keep the Bureau advised.

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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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11 FERNANDO FAURA, on behalf of himself,)
12 and all other residents of the State)
13 of California,)

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 SAMUEL YORTY, Mayor of the City of Los)
17 Angeles; THE LOS ANGELES POLICE)
18 DEPARTMENT; EDWARD M. DAVIS, indivi-)
19 dually and as Chief of Police of the)
20 City of Los Angeles, and as representa-)
21 tive of the class of members of the Los)
22 Angeles Police Department; JOSEPH P.)
23 BUSCH, JR., individually and as)
24 District Attorney of the County of Los)
25 Angeles, and as representative of the)
26 class of members of the office of the)
27 District Attorney of Los Angeles)
28 County; EVELLE J. YOUNGER, individua-)
29 lly, and as Attorney General of the)
30 State of California, and as represent-)
31 ative of the class of members of the)
32 office of the Attorney General of the)
33 State of California; ROBERT A.)
34 HOUGHTON; Los Angeles Police Officer)
35 MCGANN; Los Angeles Police Officer)
36 O'STEEN; and DOES I through XX,)
37 Inclusive,)

38 Defendants.

NO. _____

COMPLAINT FOR

DISCLOSURE OF
INFORMATION

(Gov. Code Sec. 54950)

Plaintiff alleges on behalf of himself and all other

1 III

2 Defendant SAMUEL YORTY is now, and, at all times mentioned,
3 was the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and the chief executive
4 officer of said city. Said defendant does not have the right to
5 decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good
6 for them to know.

7 IV

8 Defendant LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT is the agency and
9 department of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, res-
10 ponsible for the police protection of that city within the State
11 of California, and for the police investigations of all crimes
12 committed within that city. Said defendant does not have the
13 right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is
14 not good for them to know.

15 V

16 Defendant EDWARD M. DAVIS is the Chief of Police of the
17 City of Los Angeles, State of California. He is responsible for
18 the supervision, control, regulation and management of the Police
19 Department and each and every officer thereof, and for the inves-
20 tigation into all crimes committed within the City of Los Angeles,
21 and, in June of 1968 as Deputy Chief of Police, particularly that
22 investigation into the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on
23 June 5, 1968. He is empowered and has the responsibility to set
24 policy for and to make and enforce all necessary and desirable
25 rules and regulations of said Police Department. He is sued
26 individually and in his capacity and as representative of the
27 members of the defendant Police Department, who have carried out,
28 and continue to carry out a course of conduct which has

1 suppressed, and continues to suppress important, valuable and
2 relevant information concerning the investigation into the murder
3 of Senator Robert F. Kennedy by said Police Department, and which
4 has and continues to deprive the citizens and residents of the
5 State of California of the full and uncensored information con-
6 cerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

7 VI

8 Defendant JOSEPH P. BUSCH, JR. is the District Attorney
9 of the County of Los Angeles, State of California. As such, he
10 is its public prosecutor, responsible for the prosecution of all
11 public offenses. He is responsible for the supervision, control,
12 regulation and management of the office of the District Attorney,
13 and each and every member thereof, and for the trial of all
14 felonies committed within the County of Los Angeles, and, in June
15 of 1968 and thereafter as Deputy District Attorney, had
16 supervisory responsibilities with reference to that trial known
17 as "The People of the State of California vs. Sirhan Bishara
18 Sirhan", alleging the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He is
19 empowered and has the responsibility to set policy for and to
20 make and enforce all necessary and desirable rules and regulations
21 of said office of the District Attorney. He is sued individually
22 and in his capacity as representative of the members of the
23 office of the District Attorney, who have carried out and continue
24 to carry out a course of conduct which has suppressed, and con-
25 tinues to suppress important, valuable and relevant information
26 concerning the investigation of the murder of Senator Robert F.
27 Kennedy, and particularly concerning the prosecution in the trial
28 known as "The People of the State of California vs. Sirhan Bishara

1 Sirhan", and has ^{cont} continues to deprive the citizens and residents
2 of the State of California of the full and uncensored information
3 concerning said murder.

4 VII

5 Defendant ROBERT A. HOUGHTON in June of 1968 was Chief of
6 Detectives of the Los Angeles Police Department and assigned the
7 duty of conducting the investigation into the death of Senator
8 Robert F. Kennedy., Said defendant is now Deputy Director of the
9 Division of Law Enforcement in charge of the Criminal Division
10 of Central Intelligence Information in the office of the Attorney
11 General of the State of California.

12 VIII

13 Defendant EVELLE J. YOUNGER is Attorney General of the
14 State of California. He is sued individually and in his capacity
15 as representative of the members of the office of the Attorney
16 General. In June of 1968, and thereafter through the trial known
17 as "The People of the State of California vs. Sirhan Bishara
18 Sirhan", he was District Attorney of Los Angeles County and was
19 responsible for the supervision, control, regulation and manage-
20 ment of the office of the District Attorney, and each and every
21 member thereof, and for the trial of all felonies committed
22 within the County of Los Angeles, and particularly the Sirhan
23 trial referred to above alleging the murder of Senator Robert F.
24 Kennedy. He is now responsible for the policy, rules and regula-
25 tions of the office of Attorney General and has carried out and
26 continues to carry out a course of conduct which has suppressed,
27 and continues to suppress, important, valuable and relevant
28 material and information concerning the facts which have been

1 gathered and the evidence available to have been presented in
2 the prosecution of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, and has and continues
3 to deprive the citizens and residents of the State of California
4 of the full and uncensored information concerning said murder.

5 IX

6 Defendant Los Angeles Police Officer M.J. McGANN is pre-
7 sently employed by the Los Angeles Police Department and on and
8 from June 5, 1968 through the investigation and trial of Sirhan
9 Bishara Sirhan made investigations and reports regarding the
10 murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and made investigations into
11 a possible conspiracy with the Los Angeles Police Department
12 "Conspiracy Team".

13 Sued individually and in his capacity and as a represent-
14 ative of the members of the Police Department, who have carried
15 out and continue to carry out a course of conduct which has
16 suppressed and continues to suppress important, valuable and
17 relevant information concerning the investigation into the murder
18 of Senator Robert F. Kennedy by said Police Department, and which
19 has and continues to deprive the citizens and residents of the
20 State of California of the full and uncensored information con-
21 cerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

22 X

23 Defendant Los Angeles Police Officer O'STEEN is presently
24 employed by the Los Angeles Police Department and on and from
25 June 5, 1968 through the investigation and trial of Sirhan Bishara
26 Sirhan made investigations and reports regarding the murder of
27 Senator Robert F. Kennedy and made investigations into a possible
28 conspiracy with the Los Angeles Police Department "Conspiracy

1 Team".

2 Sued individually and in his capacity and as a representa-
3 tive of the members of the Police Department, who have carried
4 out and continue to carry out a course of conduct which has
5 suppressed and continues to suppress important, valuable and
6 relevant information concerning the investigation into the murder
7 of Senator Robert F. Kennedy by said Police Department, and which
8 has and continues to deprive the citizens and residents of the
9 State of California of the full and uncensored information con-
10 cerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

11 XI

12 Pursuant to the policies set forth in Government Code
13 Section 54950, as aforesaid, plaintiff, as a resident of the
14 State of California, and all of the people of the State of
15 California, are entitled to know all the facts and evidence un-
16 covered by the defendant LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT and the
17 investigation of its "Background/Conspiracy Team" under the
18 leadership of defendant ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, and all the facts and
19 evidence within the knowledge of JOSEPH P. BUSCH, JR. and the
20 office of the District Attorney in connection with the death of
21 Senator Kennedy and with the trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and
22 all the facts and knowledge of EVELLE J. YOUNGER and the office
23 of the Attorney General related thereto and all the records, facts
24 and evidence utilized, uncovered and retained by Los Angeles
25 Police Department Officers M. J. McGANN, and Los Angeles Police
26 Department Officer O'STEEN.

27 XII

28 Pursuant to the policies set forth in Government Code

1 Section 54950, as aforesaid, plaintiff, as a resident of the State
2 of California, and all of the people of the State of California,
3 is entitled to know all of the facts, location, use and evidence
4 uncovered by the Los Angeles Police Department in connection with
5 an historical document, namely, a tape recording of one, John
6 Fahey whose testimony was recorded by Fernando Faura on June 12,
7 1968 and which was subsequently given to the Los Angeles Police
8 Department, specifically officers M.J. McGANN and O'STEEN for use
9 in the Los Angeles Police Department's investigation into the
10 conspiracy to murder Senator Robert F. Kennedy, specifically for
11 use of the "Background/Conspiracy Team"; the aforesaid tape
12 recording was never returned to Fernando Faura and the Los Angeles
13 Police Department has continued to refuse to return it and to
14 suppress evidence of the whereabouts of the tape recording of one,
15 John Fahey, who testified, on June 6, 1968, to Special Agents
16 Lloyd D. Johnson and Eugene R. McCarthy of the Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation as evidenced on Federal Bureau of Investigation
18 report file "Los Angeles 56-156 June 6, 1968," particularly set forth
19 in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and also
20 on June 12, 1968 to newsman Fernando Faura as evidenced by the
21 aforementioned tape recording made by Fernando Faura and subsequent-
22 ly, in good faith, given for reproduction only to Los Angeles
23 Police Officers M.J. McGANN and O'STEEN on June 14, 1968, at or
24 about 2:00 P.M. at 150 S. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, Calif-
25 ornia; He testified that he had spent the entire day of June 4, 1968
26 with a girl not yet identified by name but later identified as the
27 "elusive girl in the polka-dot dress" and that she had made
28 direct representations and direct inferneces that a conspiracy

1 had been planned to murder Senator Robert F. Kennedy later on
2 that same day and had invited him to attend to witness the murder
3 at the Ambassador Hotel at his "winning reception"; plaintiff and
4 the people of the State of California under the aforementioned
5 Government Code Section 54950 are entitled to know why this
6 evidence was suppressed and why the tape has been confiscated.

7 XIV

8 The suppressed facts, information and evidence all tend
9 to disprove the conclusion by defendants, and each of them, that
10 Senator Robert F. Kennedy was killed by a lone assassin, identified
11 as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan acting alone; disprove the conclusion
12 by defendants, and each of them that there was and is no evidence
13 of a conspiracy that conspired and planned to assassinate Senator
14 Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968; disprove the conclusion by
15 defendants, and each of them, that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was not
16 a member of a conspiracy to assassinate Senator Robert F. Kennedy;
17 and disprove the conclusion by defendants that no persons other
18 than Sirhan Bishara Sirhan were in the Ambassador Hotel in Los
19 Angeles on June 4, 1968 with the intent to assassinate Senator
20 Robert F. Kennedy.

21 XV

22 The suppressed facts and evidence hereinabove referred
23 to include the following:

24 A. A tape recording of one, John Fahey, a male adult,
25 was confiscated by the Los Angeles Police Department from Fernando
26 Faura on June 14, 1968 at or about 2:00 P.M. at 150 S. Los Angeles
27 St. in Los Angeles, California by officers M. J. McGANN and
28 O'STEEN under a pretense of merely wanting to reproduce the tape

1 for use in their investigation into the murder of Senator Robert
2 F. Kennedy. John Fahey had previously been interviewed by the
3 Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 6, 1968 as evidenced by
4 Federal Bureau of Investigation report "Los Angeles 56-156" dated
5 June 6, 1968 by Special Agents Lloyd D. Johnson and Eugene B.
6 McCarthy as more particularly set forth in Exhibit "A" attached
7 hereto and made a part hereof. The tape recording by Fernando
8 Faura has special historical significance because it involved the
9 murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and also because in his
10 statement John Fahey alleged that a girl who he had met at the
11 Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968 had told him
12 through direct inference that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the
13 target of a conspiracy that had planned some action later on that
14 night at his "winning reception". Thus direct evidence of a
15 conspiracy was given to the Los Angeles Police Department which was
16 and is suppressed.

17 B. The evidence introduced by the office of the District
18 Attorney of Los Angeles County during the trial of Sirhan Bishara
19 Sirhan was an attempt to show that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan acted as
20 a lone assassin and that he was not a member of a conspiracy to
21 assassinate Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In fact, at least 6 persons
22 including Sandy Serrano (Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a
23 part hereof), Susan Locke (Exhibit "C" attached hereto and made a
24 part hereof), George Green (Exhibit "D" attached hereto and made a
25 part hereof), Booker Griffin (Exhibit "E" attached hereto and made
26 a part hereof), Vincent De Pierro, as evidenced on Page 105, 107
27 and 108 of Grand Jury transcript A-233421, Evan Phillip Freed
28 (Exhibit "F" attached hereto and made a part hereof, all positively

1 recall a girl in a "polka-dot dress" at the Ambassador Hotel in
2 the kitchen hall area just before and after the murder of Senator
3 Robert F. Kennedy. This girl in the "polka-dot dress" was
4 independently mentioned and described by the aforementioned
5 persons in reports to the Los Angeles Police Department and in
6 the Grand Jury proceeding against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. A girl
7 in a polka-dot dress was identified by at least one of the afore-
8 said witnesses to be the same girl that John Fahey had met earlier
9 on June 4, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel and who had made represent-
10 ations of her knowledge and implications of a conspiracy to murder
11 Senator Robert F. Kennedy at his "winning reception". At least
12 two persons, namely, Sandy Serrano and Albert V. Ellis heard
13 a girl say "we shot him" immediately after the shooting. Thus,
14 based upon John Fahey's allegations and the remaining six persons'
15 testimony and reports, evidence of a conspiracy is extremely likely.
16 The Los Angeles Police Department is in possession of the
17 statements of all of the aforementioned persons and has evidence
18 of the conspiracy to murder Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

19 C. At least one person saw Sirhan Bishara Sirhan two (2)
20 days before the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy at the
21 Ambassador Hotel in disguise with at least two other men. This
22 witness, Mrs. Gallegos, a Kennedy campaign worker at the Ambassador
23 Hotel made positive identification of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan from
24 photographs and indicated she saw Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in a cook's
25 white smock disguise with two other men two days before the murder.
26 At least two persons, namely, Gregg Clayton, a Rafferty campaign
27 worker, saw three to four men on the night of the murder with a
28 man he believes to be Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and a girl and, in fact,

1 Pam Russo, another Rafferty worker, supports this testimony. Thus
2 there is direct evidence that three persons could have seen
3 other persons in the company of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan just prior
4 to the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and again the girl
5 in the "polka-dot dress" and these avenues have not been investi-
6 gated. The Los Angeles Police Department has refused to investi-
7 gate this evidence of a possible conspiracy to murder Senator
8 Robert F. Kennedy.

9 D. There are discrepancies in reports made by investigat-
10 ing officers which indicate fabrication of evidence, suppression
11 of evidence and evidence not thoroughly investigated or pursued
12 to an end result.

13 1.) As indicated on Los Angeles Police Department
14 progress report/conspiracy team #S-48 as reported on September 20,
15 1968; a Mr. Woo made a statement that he had "last" seen John
16 Fahey with Fernando Faura on May 15, 1968, at least 20 days before
17 the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, as more particularly
18 described on page 5 of Exhibit "G" attached hereto and made a part
19 hereof. Yet, Mr. Fernando Faura was never contacted regarding this
20 allegation that John Fahey was seen with Fernando Faura before
21 the murder. The police department expended considerable time
22 and expense investigating John Fahey and the possible conspiracy
23 and it would seem likely that they would have at least contacted
24 Fernando Faura if they had evidence that John Fahey was lying or
25 that Fernando Faura was lying and/or presenting a false witness
26 to the police; yet, as late as September 19, 1968, John Fahey
27 was still being contacted by the Los Angeles Police Department
28 as evidenced by Los Angeles Police Department tape interview

1 #29285, Number I-622, made by Sgt. Alexander with John Fahey
2 (see Exhibit "H" attached hereto and made a part hereof). This
3 valuable testimony of Mr. Woo, either fabricated or real in fact
4 should have been thoroughly investigated regarding the credibility
5 of John Fahey, the witness presented to the Los Angeles Police
6 Department by Fernando Faura. The Los Angeles Police Department
7 Progress Report of the Background/Conspiracy Team #S-48 dated
8 June 20, 1968 indicated also that John Fahey sought out newsman
9 Fernando Faura at the Hollywood Citizen Newspaper office on June
10 12, 1968 for the purpose of relating his incident with the girl
11 and his knowledge of her representations on June 4, 1968 which
12 had become reality the following day of June 5, 1968. Thus, there
13 is a contradiction in John Fahey's actions that should have been
14 pursued.

15 2.) Albert V. Ellis, in a Federal Bureau of Investi-
16 gation File # Los Angeles 56-156 dated June 14, 1968 as dictated
17 by Special Agent Robert F. Bickard on June 17, 1968 allegedly
18 identified a snapshot or photograph of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as
19 a man he had earlier seen at the Ambassador Hotel on the night
20 of the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy; yet, Los Angeles
21 Police Department Report I-1364, dated August 22, 1968 by officers
22 Shaw and Harris indicates that Ellis had never before been shown
23 a photograph or snapshot of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as more particu-
24 larly described in Exhibit "I" attached hereto and made a part
25 hereof. Thus, we have a fabrication and/or discrepancy in two
26 official reports.

27 3.) In Los Angeles Police Department Report I-622

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1 by officer H. Hernandez a progress report of the Background/
2 Conspiracy Team, an itinerary of Mr. John Fahey's activities of
3 June 4, 1968 is listed as was given by John Fahey to his employer
4 to account for his contacts as a salesman during the day in order
5 to cover his activities with the "girl", aforementioned, that he
6 had met at the Ambassador Hotel and with whom he had spent the
7 entire day (Exhibit "J" attached hereto and made a part hereof);
8 yet, only one contact on John Fahey's employer's itinerary indica-
9 ted that she had seen John Fahey on that day of June 4, 1968,
10 (page 6 of Exhibit "G" attached hereto and made a part hereof).
11 The remaining six contacts all listed by name and location were
12 not mentioned in the Police Report as to whether they were contact-
13 ed and, if so, as to their verification of contact with John Fahey
14 on June 4, 1968. Thus, it appears that there was a failure to
15 thoroughly investigate John Fahey's activities on June 4, 1968.
16 Yet, an independent polygraph test, as more particularly described
17 in Exhibit "K" attached hereto and made a part hereof, upheld the
18 basic premise of John Fahey that he had spent the day with the
19 "girl". If the Los Angeles Police Department in their polygraph
20 test as indicated in "conspiracy team report I-622" proved
21 positive(see Exhibit "G" attached hereto and made a part hereof)
22 then this direct evidence of a conspiracy should have been
23 brought forward and not suppressed; yet, if the test was negative,
24 why was John Fahey contacted as late as September 19, 1968, as
25 evidenced by report I-622 by Sgt. Alexander on tape interview
26 #29285 by the Los Angeles Police Department (see Exhibit "H"
27 attached hereto and made a part hereof)? John Fahey's statements
28 and his direct evidence of a conspiracy were suppressed and his

1 testimony was ineffectively discredited.

2 4.) Jesus Perez, an employee of the Ambassador Hotel
3 related his version of the events just before the murder of
4 Senator Robert F. Kennedy and his discussion with Sirhan Bishara
5 Sirhan in the kitchen area of the Hotel to the Los Angeles Police
6 Department officers Sgt. Calkins and Sgt. McGANN as evidenced by
7 tape #28929, transcript #13, dated June 5, 1968; page three of
8 that report is missing and was not available at the time of the
9 trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Page two indicates that his
10 testimony on page three very likely concerned the presence of a
11 pretty "girl" in the kitchen area with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and
12 his later testimony definately indicates a "girl" in the kitchen
13 area with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. It is likely that page three
14 contained evidence of a "girl" with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, her
15 description and the type of dress. The Grand Jury transcript,
16 #A-233421 titled the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles vs.
17 Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on page 73 indicates that Jesus Perez,
18 Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and some other men made reference to a "girl"
19 with them or in the kitchen hall area. Thus, there is missing
20 evidence which may be very conclusive of the "girls" identity, as
21 to the "mysterious girl in the polka-dot dress" and as to her
22 association with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan which would tie-in directly
23 with the testimony of the six aforementioned persons and also
24 tie-in directly with the allegations of John Fahey and to prove
25 the conspiracy to murder Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968.

26 5.) Evidence suppressed or discredited includes John
27 Fahey's observations, Sandy Serrano's observation, Susan Locke's
28 observations, George Green's observations, Booker Griffin's

1 observations, Albert V. Ellis's observations, Vincent DiPierro's
2 observations, Pam Russo's observations, Evan Phillip Freed's
3 observation, Mrs. Gallego's observations and observations of the
4 girl in the "polka-dot dress" and her association with John Fahey
5 the day of the murder, her association with at least three men,
6 one of which appeared to be Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, at the
7 Ambassador Hotel on the night of the murder, and of at least
8 two men seen two days prior to the murder of Senator Robert F.
9 Kennedy, disguised in cook's uniforms, one of which was identified
10 as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. The aforementioned direct evidence and
11 circumstantial evidence certainly lead to the conclusion that it
12 is unlikely that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was acting as a "lone
13 assassin".

14 6.) John Fahey's testimony was discredited through
15 the use of ambiguous questions on the polygraph test of September
16 5, 1968 made by the Los Angeles Police Department as described on
17 Los Angeles Police Report I-622 (see Exhibit "G" attached hereto
18 and made a part hereof); whereas a prior independent polygraph
19 test on August 20, 1968, (see Exhibit "K" attached hereto and made
20 a part hereof), upheld the truthfulness of his allegations and the
21 content of Exhibit "A" as hereinattached.

22 7.) On August 19, 1968, Jordan Bonfante, Life
23 Magazine Los Angeles Bureau Chief and Fernando Faura interviewed
24 Jan Page, a waitress at Trancas Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway,
25 North of Malibu, California, at which time she indicated she did
26 observe a man and a woman, whom plaintiff alleges to be John Fahey
27 and the "polka-dot girl", enter the restaurant, order something
28 and then leave. The "girl" with John Fahey was independently

1 described by Jan Page as the "girl" matching John Fahey's indepen-
2 dent description of the "girl" and also Jan Page's description
3 supported the aforementioned six persons descriptions of the
4 "girl in the polka-dot dress" aforementioned. The interview was
5 made by Fernando Faura and Jordan Bonfante, Life Magazine Bureau
6 Chief in Los Angeles in order to verify John Fahey's allegations
7 that he had been with the "girl" on June 4, 1968 at Trancas
8 Restaurant. A second contact on June 22, 1968 with Jan Page
9 indicated that she no longer wished to discuss the matter with
10 Fernando Faura and Jordan Bonfante after a discussion she had with
11 the Los Angeles Police Department. Thus, her testimony to support
12 John Fahey's allegations was suppressed and it is reasonable to
13 assume that the Los Angeles Police Department influenced her
14 co-operation and original willingness to give information.

15 XVI

16 Defendants, and each of them, deliberately, intentionally
17 and knowingly suppressed the facts and evidence referred to in
18 Paragraph XV above from the People of the State of California by
19 not presenting it to the grand jury or at the trial of People vs.
20 Sirhan, or disclosing said facts and evidence in an appropriate
21 and impartial manner. By the suppression of said facts, evidence,
22 reports and data from the People of the State of California by
23 the defendants, and each of them, the plaintiff and other citizens
24 and residents of the State of California were prohibited from
25 being fully informed and were told only what said defendants
26 decided was good for them to know.

27 XVII

28 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges,

1 that defendants are in the possession of many other facts which
2 disprove the "lone assassin" theory put forth by the defendants
3 at the trial of People vs. Sirhan, but that defendants have re-
4 pressed these facts from the People of the State of California,
5 and that evidence of a conspiracy can be proven with the aforesaid
6 suppressed facts and evidence.

7 XVIII

8 The repression of the facts and evidence set forth herein,
9 but not limited to that set forth herein, is contrary to the policy
10 of the State of California as expressed in Government Code Section
11 54950, and is a violation of the public trust.

12 XIX

13 The true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate,
14 associate or otherwise, of defendants named herein as DOES I
15 through XX, inclusive, are unknown to plaintiff, who therefore sues
16 said defendants by such fictitious names, and plaintiff will amend
17 this Complaint to show their names and capacities when same have
18 been ascertained. Each of said DOES named herein has been respon-
19 sible in some manner for suppressing facts and evidence and depriv-
20 ing the People of the State of California from full and uncensored
21 information.

22 WHEREFORE, plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all other
23 citizens and residents of the State of California, prays for
24 judgment as follows:

25 1. That defendants, and each of them, be enjoined from
26 determining what is good for the people to know and what is not
27 good for them to know, and be ordered to disclose and make public
28 all the facts and evidence revealed by their investigation into

1 the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

2 2. That defendants, and each of them, particularly the
3 Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Police Officers McGANN
4 and O'STEEN be ordered to report fully and fairly to the people
5 of this State, the use and whereabouts of an historical tape
6 recording made by Fernando Faura of John Fahey on June 12, 1968
7 and which was subsequently released to the above defendants for
8 their duplication and use in the investigation into the murder
9 of Senator Robert F. Kennedy; that said historical tape recording
10 be returned to Fernando Faura.

11 3. That a State Grand Jury be convened for the purpose
12 of fully, fairly, dispassionately, openly and diligently investi-
13 gating and reporting on the assassination of Senator Robert F.
14 Kennedy; to resolve all questions and issues regarding the con-
15 spiracy to assassinate Senator Robert F. Kennedy and to dispel
16 the theory that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was acting alone.

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18 DATED: August 28, 1971

19 /s/ Richard A. Rocha
20 RICHARD A. ROCHA
21 Attorney for Plaintiff
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7 VERIFICATION

8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
9) ss.
10 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

11 I am the plaintiff in the above entitled action; I have
12 read the foregoing Complaint for Disclosure of Information
13 (Gov. Code Sec. 54950) and know the contents thereof; and I
14 certify that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to
15 those matters which are therein stated upon my information or
16 belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

17 I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the
18 foregoing is true and correct.

19 Executed on August 27th, 1971, at Los Angeles, California.

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Date: 9/3/71

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SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 8/19/71.

Enclosed herewith is a xeroxed copy of a law suit filed by FERNANDO FAURA against SAM YORTY, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles; the Los Angeles Police Department; EDWARD M. DAVIS and others. (Page 2 missing)

On 9/2/71, Investigator DEWIT LIGHTNER, Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, advised he attended a press conference at the Los Angeles Press Club on 9/1/71, which was called by FERNANDO FAURA. During the press conference, FAURA made available a "press kit" to those in attendance. The "press kits" contain, among other items, FD-302 interviews conducted by Bureau Agents in June 1968, in connection with captioned investigation. They included the following:

1. Interview of JOHN FAHEY conducted on 6/6/68, by SAs LLOYD D. JOHNSON and EUGENE B. MC CARTHY.
2. Interview of SANDRA SERRANO conducted on 6/6 and 7/68, by SA RICHARD C. BURRIS.
3. Interview of SUSANNE LOCKE on 6/7/68, by SA PHILLIP B. DEILY.
4. Interview of GEORGE GREEN conducted on 7/15/68, by SA DAVID H. COOK.

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5. Interview of BOOKER GRIFFIN conducted on 6/11/68 by SA's LEROY W. SHEETS and VINCENT J. HORN, JR.

The Bureau has previously received copies of the above-described interviews.

In addition to the foregoing, FAURA, when questioned by a member of the press concerning his source of the above-described FBI interviews, declined to identify that source. According to LIGHTNER, he made some reference to a "third party" as being the individual from whom copies of the FD-302 interviews were obtained.

As has been previously ascertained, ROBERT BLAIR KAISER, who acted in the capacity of an investigator for the defense team during the trial of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, had access to FD-302's of interviews, inasmuch as this material was made available to the defense by the Superior Court. Undoubtedly, FAURA has secured this material from the defense team defending SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

Los Angeles will continue to follow this aspect of captioned matter and keep the Bureau appropriately advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN;
WILLIAM TULIO DIVALE

DATE: 9/7/71

Mr. JACK FOX, KNXT News, telephonically contacted the writer on 9/7/71 and advised that he and PETE NOYES were getting together a book on the SIRHAN killing of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and in the course of writing the book had come across the name of WILLIAM TULIO DIVALE, who allegedly was an informant for the FBI in connection with WALTER CROWE, a friend of SIRHAN. Mr. FOX desired to know if possible whether or not the FBI could confirm this.

Mr. FOX was referred to a book, "I Lived Inside the Campus Revolution", by DIVALE and to the news media in June 1969 when Mr. DIVALE publicly testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board at Los Angeles.

This is to record Mr. FOX's call.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 9/10/71

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 9/3/71.

On 9/2/71 Investigator DEWIT LIGHTNER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation, advised that he had attended a Press Conference at the Los Angeles Press Club, Los Angeles. The conference was called by FERNANDO FAURA, who made available "press kits," to those in attendance. LIGHTNER obtained a copy of the contents of the "press kit," which consists of the following:

- 1) Interview of JOHN FAHEY conducted on 6/6/68 by SAs LLOYD D. JOHNSON and EUGENE B. MC CARTHY
- 2) Interview of SANDAR SERRANO conducted on 6/6 and 7/68 by SA RICHARD C. BURRIS.
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- 4) Interview of GEORGE GREEN conducted on 7/15/68 by SA DAVID H. COOK.
- 5) Interview of BOOKER GRIFFIN conducted on 6/11/68 by SA's LEROY W. SHEETS and VINCENT J. HORN, JR.
- 6) Los Angeles PD interview of EVAN PHILLIP FREED on 6/14/68.
- 7) LAPD report, dated 9/20/68 pertaining to investigation conducted by the LAPD from 9/6/68 to 9/20/68, inclusive, regarding the Medical Background and conspiracy potentials of the case.
- 8) LAPD interview of JOHN FAHEY on 9/19/68.
- 9) LAPD interview of ALBERT V. ELLIS on 8/14/68.
- 10) Interview of ALBERT VICTOR ELLIS on 6/14/68 by SA ROBERT F. DICKARD.

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- 11) Partial interview of FAHEY, captioned
"Exhibit 'J'",
- 12) Copy of Polygraph interview of JOHN
HENRY FAHEY, JR., conducted on 8/30/68
by CHRIS GUGAS of Professional Security
Consultants, Suite 509 - 9301 Wilshire Blvd.,
Beverly Hills, California, apparently for
Mr. JORDAN BONFANTE, Life Magazine, Inc.
9570 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 13) Copy of "Press Release of FERNANDO FAURA
dated 9/1/71.

Copies of the above described documents are attached hereto.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/7/68

At 7:00 p.m. on June 6, 1968, Mr. JOHN FAHEY came to the Los Angeles Office. He stated he worked for Cal Tek Industries as an outside salesman from 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California, (phone 268-5137). He resides at 1030 North Harper Avenue, Apartment 4, Los Angeles, California, (phone 554-2464). He requested that his story be retained in confidence to protect his marital status.

He stated he had a business appointment at 8:30 a.m. on June 4, 1968, to meet a fellow salesman, REG WHITE, who works for the same company at the Ambassador Hotel. He arrived about 9:00 a.m., and walked through the arcade area of the hotel, looking for WHITE, but did not locate him. At this point, he stated he recalled passing two men on the way into the hotel from the rear, from Eighth Street, who were also walking toward the hotel. The men were dressed in casual clothes, and he assumed they worked there, and only glanced at them. As he was looking into a shop window in the arcade, he observed a blonde woman looking into the window, and spoke to her about the dresses in the window. A casual conversation ensued, and she then asked if he knew where the Post Office was. He did not, so she asked another man, who directed her to the Post Office in the hotel. He did not see the woman again until he was seated at the counter in the hotel coffee shop, when she came in, sat down beside him, and started to talk to him. He offered to buy her breakfast, she agreed, and they moved to a booth. She ordered a full breakfast; he had coffee and toast. She introduced herself as VIRGINIA, and he gave her his first name, JOHN. In the course of the conversation she stated variously that her name was VIRGINIA, ALICE, and BETTY, and kept saying she did not know if she could trust him. She repeated this several times. He assured her she could, and she finally told him her name was GILDERDINE OPPENHEIMER (phonetic). He believed this was a German name and spoke to her in a few German words. She said she did not understand German, but spoke English and Arabic. She stated she came from Virginia, and when he said his mother was from Virginia,

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by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON and
SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY/riz Date dictated 6/7/68

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she changed her story, saying she was from New York. She also indicated she had traveled extensively, saying she had just come from Eilat, Beirut, and Cairo. She kept changing her stories in the course of the day. She stated she had a problem and needed to talk to someone. She said she had to get out of the country, wanting to go to Australia. She said she wanted to leave right away. She asked if he could get her a passport, and he stated he knew nothing about passports. She indicated experience with passports, stating she knew how to change pictures and names, to obtain the Social Security Number of a deceased person, get a birth certificate, and then obtain a passport. She asked if he had connections in Australia, and he said he did not. She indicated she wanted to go to Australia alone. When he asked what trouble she was in, she kept repeating that she did not want to get him involved. He asked if she lived in the hotel, and she stated she did not. She asked his preference in a presidential candidate, and he refused to tell her. She stated KENNEDY was "no good", and he replied, hoping to draw her out, that it did not matter to him, as he was for MC CARTHY. She then stated, "They are going to get him", referring to Senator KENNEDY. At this time, the woman stated they were being watched. FAHEY looked toward the entrance of the coffee shop, and saw one of the two men he had passed coming into the hotel, staring intently at them. The man did not stop staring when he looked. FAHEY stated when he first saw the picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN on television, he believed it was the man staring at them. Upon being shown photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, he stated the photograph of MUNIR looked more like the man staring at them because of the youthful, thin face, but he could not identify the photograph of MUNIR to be the man who was staring at them. During the time they were in the restaurant, the man remained in the doorway, staring at them. When FAHEY told the woman he was a salesman and was going to Oxnard, the woman stated she wanted to go with him for the day, and FAHEY, believing he might find out the woman's problem, agreed. The woman asked if he was going to attend the "victory reception" in the hotel that night, and he said no. She stated, "If you

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come, you will be really surprised. They are going to take care of KENNEDY". FAHEY asked her how she knew, and she stated she did not want him to be involved.

FAHEY and the woman left the hotel, and he took Coast Highway 101, through Malibu, toward Oxnard. The woman kept looking behind and acting nervous, and he then noticed that her hands were wet with perspiration. She stated someone was following them, and FAHEY then noticed a dark blue Volkswagen sedan following them. The car had California license plates, the number of which he did not obtain. FAHEY then began varying his speed, and concluded they were being followed. He came to an area in the highway with a curve, and a parking area on the left hand side with two large boulders on it. He turned into this area and waited, and when the Volkswagen appeared, it pulled into the parking area about fifty feet to his left. He looked out his window at the male driver, and the man stared back at him. The driver then backed the Volkswagen behind the boulder on the left, out of sight. FAHEY decided he should leave, and departed going north toward Oxnard. They did not see the Volkswagen again. While driving, in the conversation, attempting to establish "their" numbers (the size of the group), she mentioned that "they" used radios to communicate between themselves. Nothing further was said about this, but FAHEY became worried, fearing foul play of some sort. He asked her if she belonged to a group, and she replied "once you get involved, you belong or they take care of you". FAHEY began thinking of returning her to Los Angeles, and asked her where she lived. She stated she lived on Kenmore, but had only lived there two or three days. He got the feeling she was not from the area, and was passing through Los Angeles. FAHEY drove to Oxnard and Ventura with the woman. On their return to Los Angeles, they stopped at a restaurant on the east side of the highway, between Oxnard and Malibu. He did not recall the name of the restaurant, but it began with the letters "Tran---" (Trancas). They ate at approximately 5:15 p.m. The woman stated she had a long night ahead of her. She wanted a drink, but he refused to buy her a drink, as he did not want to drink with her. When they returned to Los Angeles, he tried to drive her to her residence on Kenmore Avenue. She refused, but asked him where Olympic (Boulevard) was, indicating she lived near it. She finally asked him to drop her at

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the Ambassador Hotel, and again asked him if he would attend the "victory reception." He refused and dropped her at the front sidewalk of the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire at approximately 7:30 p.m. He observed her walking toward the hotel, and then drove away.

FAHEY recalled that the woman did not ask him for money, and had in fact offered to pay for the breakfast. She displayed a wallet from her purse with a thick sheaf of bills in it.

FAHEY described the men he had observed as he walked into the hotel from the rear as follows:

One man had a light build, with dark hair. The other man was taller, with a rotund or stocky build. Both were fairly short in stature. He stated he had only glanced at them at the time. The man with the light build, who watched him in the coffee shop, was described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian, appeared Greek or of some foreign extraction
Face	Thin
Age	20 - 24
Height	5'2" - 5'3"
Hair	Dark, curly, thick, with medium cut
Clothing	Sweater, jacket with wide stripe of material of another color down the front, casual slacks

This is the man FAHEY believes resembled MUNIR SIRHAN.

FAHEY described the man driving the VW automobile, who stopped alongside of them when they were parked, on the road to Oxnard, as follows:

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Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Build	Stocky
Weight	Unknown
Height	Unknown (observed him seated only)
Hair	Dark grey, well cut, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Age	Early forties
Face	Average, gave appearance of being heavy

FAHEY believed he would recognize the man if he saw him again.

FAHEY described the woman as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	Caucasian; appeared to be slightly Arabic, with fine features, after she told him she spoke Arabic
Age	27 - 28
Height	5'6"
Hair	Dirty blonde in color, well kept. Hair puffed up on top drawn down, and long enough to be clipped near her left shoulder (hair drawn to left side)
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Dark
Weight	Unknown
Build	Very good build, very attractive figure.
Fingernails	Clipped short, sloppy nail polish
Clothing	Tan dress of unknown material with "A" skirt, worn slightly above the knee, tan purse, tan shoes. Wore hose of a different texture and appearance from those worn locally." He stated her clothing appeared foreign or different from local