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San Quentin, California 94964

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Dear Mr. Sirhan:

I can't say much here, but I have watched your case with some interest, and have written in your behalf to activities overseas, though the matter is difficult as you know. It seems people can engage in all sorts of hidden shrewd criminal crime in a n effort support this or that foreign policy as long as they don't get caught in apparent violent acts, and even then if it is directed against minorities such as Gov. Wallace the action taken is not as severe as in the matter of a leader of a majority.

If I can do anything for you, which I doubt I can, feel free to so notify me. I was stationed at North Island with the Navy and have had some dealings since discharge in that area, so I am familiar somewhat with the problem. Anyway you have to go is a almost hopeless miserable course, but others survive, and I hope you will be fortunate enough to do likewise - until you reach an environment where people can understand your side.

Best Wishes,

(postcards & \$1 enc.)

*Edward J. Holland*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11000 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90024

October 16, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mr. Edward Davis  
Chief of Police  
Los Angeles Police Department  
150 North Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chief Davis:

Enclosed for your department is a proposed statement of George C. Thompson to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury regarding the alleged murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This document was received at FBI Headquarters postmarked Glendale, California.

There is no indication as to who sent this document although it is assumed it was sent by George C. Thompson.

Thompson has made previous calls to this office and allegedly to your department concerning his comments and thoughts on the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

This enclosure is for your information and the completion of your files. No action is being taken in this matter by this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Joe David Jamieson*

JOE DAVID JAMIESON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, California

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

The appeal of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was argued before the California Supreme Court on April 7, 1972, by Los Angeles attorney Luke Mc Kissack who has been handling the appeal of Sirhan. Mc Kissack argued to reduce the first degree murder conviction of Sirhan to second degree murder or manslaughter. Mc Kissack argued the motion for mistrial based on illegal search and seizure and diminished capacity.

The life of Sirhan was already saved by the California Supreme Court's ruling of February 18, 1972, abolishing California's death penalty.

Deputy Attorney General Ronald George argued that the police did not have time to secure a search warrant in connection with the obtaining of Sirhan's notebook from the family residence in Pasadena, California.

Deputy Attorney General Howard Schwab advised that on June 20, 1972, the California Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Sirhan by the Los Angeles Superior Court. Further Schwab advised that the California Supreme Court modified their ruling in July 26, 1972, by stating that Sirhan's right to raise the question of alleged discrimination in the selection of his jury was not retroactive.

Schwab advised that the office of the State Attorney General considered this case closed.

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 nor duplicated within your agency.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 10/16/72

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

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned "SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN".

SIRHAN's appeal was argued before the California State Supreme Court on April 7, 1972, and on June 20, 1972, this court upheld the verdict of the Los Angeles Superior Court in the conviction of SIRHAN.

This ruling by the California Supreme Court was modified on July 26, 1972, concerning the right of SIRHAN to raise the question of alleged discrimination in the selection of his jury. The California Supreme Court ruled that SIRHAN did not have the retroactive right to raise this question.

This case is considered closed by the office of the State Attorney General which office handled the appeal in this matter.

As no further investigation remains outstanding in Los Angeles, this case will be considered closed.

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

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated 10/16/72.

News articles appearing in the Los Angeles press date-lined Washington relate that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN appealed his case to the United States Supreme Court to review his conviction of murdering ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SIRHAN's appeal was prepared by two Los Angeles attorneys, ROGER S. HANSON and GEORGE R. MILAMN. Neither attorney is known to have had any previous connection with this case.

According to the press articles these attorneys claim that the California appellate judges strained the laws of search and seizure to uphold the conviction due to the political importance of KENNEDY. Previous appeals to the California courts complained about the search of SIRHAN's mother's home, where SIRHAN's notebook was found.

Any information coming to the attention of the Los Angeles Office concerning this appeal will be furnished to the Bureau.

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November 6, 1972

Mr. John A. Caporuscio  
142 Shotwell Park  
Syracuse, New York 13206

Dear Mr. Caporuscio:

Your letter was received on November 1st.

56-156\*  
In reply to your request, the FBI has no authority to release any information concerning the case involving Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, inasmuch as he was prosecuted by local authorities in Los Angeles, California, for the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. If you have further inquiries concerning this matter, you may desire to contact Mr. Joseph Busch, District Attorney of Los Angeles County, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray, III*

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Acting Director

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*H. R. Richards*

Dear Sir

I am looking for some factual information from your records as to the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

I would like from your official records, if possible, who was directly involved with the de-arming of Sirhan Sirhan? Was it either Rapier Johnson or Roosevelt Lewis? or was it someone else? Were either of these two men involved in any other way, if not in the de-arming?

This will be of great assistance in my report but so far I have conflicting stories as to which of these two men were involved.

Your quick reply will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You  
John CAPORUSCIO  
142 Shotwell Park  
SYRACUSE, New York  
13206



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES [(137-10334)] [X]

DATE: 2/2/73

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

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SUBJECT: [LA 7512-PCI] [X]

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Captioned PCI was contacted on 1/30/73, at which time he advised as follows:

An individual with whom he is personally acquainted and who has had extensive writing and fundraising experience, has been approached by TED CHARACK. According to the information furnished by CHARACK, he, in partnership with one GERARD ALCAN, has produced a motion picture film entitled, "Who Shot Bobby Kennedy?" This PCI advised that an individual by the name of (FNU) JOHNSON, who is alleged to be an assistant to Senator THEODORE KENNEDY of Massachusetts, has reportedly seen the film and has approved its contents for release. ED PAULEY is reportedly interested in investing money in the release of this film. In addition, the Walter Read chain of theaters has also been approached by CHARACK and has expressed an interest in entering into a financial relationship with CHARACK for release of the film. Another individual by the name of DAVID KRASNA, who is an agent with the William Morris Advertising Agency, has reportedly reviewed the film and considers it to be a marketable project. [X]

According to CHARACK, original money for the production and filming of this picture was furnished by the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. [X]

CHARACK has claimed that he has invested in this film \$250,000 at the present time. [X]

JESSE UNRUH, currently a candidate for mayor of the City of Los Angeles and a former Democratic State Assembly member, appears throughout the film. [X]

CHARACK has advised that the film purports to show a "shoddy" investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) into the assassination of the late ROBERT F. KENNEDY. One of the areas stressed in the film centers around an armed security guard who was on duty at the Ambassador [X]

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Hotel in June 1968, when KENNEDY was shot. He apparently was questioned at quite some length by CHARACK and/or his associates. One of the statements attributed to CHARACK in the film is the fact that the weapon which he carried the night of the shooting in his capacity as an armed security guard, was not even testfired by the LAPD or any other law enforcement agency.

CHARACK further is alleged to claim that he does not dispute that SIRHAN SIRHAN was involved in the shooting of KENNEDY but casts serious doubt that the SIRHAN weapon actually was the death weapon.

The PCI advised that the film portrays either directly or by inference, that KENNEDY was actually killed by the weapon in possession of the armed security guard the night of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel.

This PCI advised he has made arrangements to speak with CHARACK, posing as an agent for a group of individuals who might be interested in investing financially in the film.

On 2/1/73, this PCI again advised he had met on that same date with CHARACK, at which time CHARACK reiterated, in substance, the information claimed by him as set forth above. During the conversation with CHARACK, the PCI learned that CHARACK claims that the LAPD and former Chief of Detectives ROBERT HOUGHTON, were solely responsible for the investigation of the KENNEDY shooting. He claims to have been "quietly harassed" by the LAPD during the preparation, writing and filming of this movie. In addition, "SIRHAN's people" have likewise conducted efforts to discourage him, CHARACK, from proceeding further with the film.

CHARACK advised that at the present time he has only one finished copy of the film, which is on 16 millimeter film, adequate and acceptable for showing. In addition, he has another "work copy" which is not as complete as the finished product. This PCI is making arrangements to review either of these copies of the film. He advised CHARACK is reluctant to permit either of these films out of his possession, since

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he has only the one finished copy which he is utilizing to show to prospective investors. CHARACK has agreed to permit this PCI to view the finished copy and will then permit him to utilize the "work copy" upon the representation that the PCI will utilize it in an effort to raise funds so that the film can be released. ☒

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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DATE: 2/8/73

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Reference is made to memo of SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR., 2/2/73, [concerning film reported on by LA 7512-PCI (137-10334)] (56-156-3124).

The writer, SA A. O. RICHARDS, and DA Investigator ANDERSON reviewed the [film] on Tuesday, 2/6/73, in Training Room, FBI. [Film secured through LA 7512-PCI.] SA LADD made a sound track of the [film.]

A review reflects allegation that THANE CAESAR, Security Guard, shot Senator KENNEDY, allegedly drawing and firing, and refers to Maitre d' K. UEKER.

The facts are twisted and distorted to reach a foregone conclusion.

Case being reopened and assigned to prepare LHM concerning the [film] and some of its allegations so Department might be aware of it and also the alleged approval by Senator EDWARD KENNEDY.

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*AO Richard*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

March 28, 1973

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THEODORE CHARACH

Theodore Charach, in partnership with one Gerald Alcan, has produced a motion picture film entitled "Who Shot Bobby Kennedy?". [X]

Information has been received by the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that an individual named First Name Unknown (FNU) Johnson, who is alleged to be an assistant to Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, has seen the film and approved its contents for release. Also, it is reported that the Walter Read chain of theaters has been approached by Charach and has expressed an interest in entering into a financial relationship with Charach for release of the film. Another individual by the name of David Krasna, who is an agent with the William Morris Advertising Agency, has reportedly reviewed the film and considers it a marketable project. [X]

According to the information received, Charach has stated that the original money for the production and filming of the picture was furnished by the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. Charach has claimed that he has invested \$250,000 in this film at the present time. [X]

Charach has advised that the film purports to show a "shoddy" investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) into the assassination of the late Robert F. Kennedy. One of the areas stressed in the film centers around an armed security guard who was on duty at the Ambassador Hotel the night that Kennedy was shot. One of the statements attributed to Charach in the film is that the weapon carried by the guard was not test fired by the LAPD. [X]

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Charach is further alleged to claim that he does not dispute that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was involved in the shooting of Kennedy but casts doubt that the Sirhan weapon was actually the death weapon. [X]

The film portrays by inference that Kennedy was actually shot by the weapon in possession of the armed guard the night of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel. [X]

Charach claims to have been "quietly" harassed by the LAPD during the preparation of the movie. In addition, "Sirhan's people" have likewise continued efforts to discourage him from proceeding further with the film. [X]

It is noted that an article appeared in the "Free Press", a Los Angeles, California, newspaper under date of June 12, 1970, relating that on June 4, 1970, Attorney Godfrey Isaac filed a complaint against the LAPD and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office on behalf of his client Theodore Charach.

The complaint charges defendants Edward M. Davis (then Deputy Chief of Police), District Attorney Evelle J. Younger (now Attorney General of the State of California), and Robert A. Houghton (then Chief of Detectives, LAPD) with "deliberately, intentionally, and knowingly" suppressing "fact and evidence" relating to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy June 5, 1968.

The facts allegedly suppressed, according to Isaac and Charach are that 1) Donald Schulman, an employee of KNXT, states he was behind Kennedy, saw a security guard also behind Kennedy fire his handgun, and saw Kennedy hit by three bullets. Schulman, according to Charach, was not called to testify.

Isaac and Charach further claim in their complaint that 2) Ambassador Hotel maitre d' Karl Uecker grabbed Sirhan after the second shot fired by Sirhan, subdued him with help from Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier, then saw a security guard holding a gun in his hand.

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The complaint continues that 3) Thane Eugene Cesar, the security guard behind Kennedy, was a supporter of George Wallace and had expressed disdain for the Kennedys especially for Robert Kennedy because of his identification with blacks.

Also the complaint stated that 4) Cesar was walking with Kennedy and Uecker through the kitchen when Sirhan started shooting at which time Cesar admits drawing his gun and being in a position below and in close proximity to the Senator.

The final issue of the complaint is that 5) the autopsy of Senator Kennedy revealed that Kennedy died from a gunshot wound received from the rear behind the right ear with an upward trajectory. Further, the autopsy shows that Kennedy sustained two contact gunshot wounds under the right armpit. None of the three shots were fired from a distance greater than six inches, and the fatal wound was inflicted from only one to three inches behind Senator Kennedy's head. The complaint alleges that the prosecution asked only general questions of the coroner at the trial thus the number and direction of the wounds was never established for the jury and the people.

Robert Blair Kaiser, author of "RFK Must Die!", an article appearing in the West Magazine of the Sunday Los Angeles "Times" of January 30, 1972, discusses aspects of the conspiracy theory in the killing of Kennedy.

Kaiser refers to Charach and his documentary film and stated that Charach seemed determined to prove conspiracy no matter what the facts. Kaiser points out that Charach proceeded in his research from a false premise: that Sirhan met Robert Kennedy face to face in the pantry and never got closer than two feet and therefore could not have shot Kennedy behind the right ear.

Charach did not know (or did not care), according to Kaiser, about abundant testimony from others that Sirhan approached Kennedy from behind. It did not fit his theory.

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Kaiser continues in his article to point out that since Charach claims Sirhan did not shoot Kennedy, Charach, in the office of his attorney Godfrey Isaac, told Kaiser it must have been a security guard hired by the hotel for the night. The guard, Thane Eugene Cesar, according to the official records, was behind Kennedy and had drawn his gun immediately after the shooting. Charach, Kaiser states, maybe reasoned that Cesar took advantage of the moment to kill Kennedy.

Ballistics, according to the Kaiser article, do not support this theory as all identifiable bullets recovered from the victims shown in the pantry were all from the .22 caliber gun. Cesar had a .38 caliber gun with him in the pantry. Also, all eye witness reports to the shooting show no one other than Sirhan shooting.

Charach in his film features an interview with Donald Schulman, a news runner with KNXT at the time of the assassination. Schulman, according to Kaiser, told a KNXT reporter that he had seen security men shooting back at the assassin. Schulman, Kaiser points out, was not even on the police list of persons in the pantry on the night of the assassination.

Kaiser also refutes the testimony of Karl Uecker of the Ambassador Hotel who is featured in the Charach film stating how Sirhan was never behind Kennedy, and he, Uecker, grabbed Sirhan after the first two shots were fired by Sirhan.

Another feature of the Charach film explained by Kaiser is the testimony of William W. Harper of Pasadena, an alleged ballistics expert who sheds doubt on the ballistics examination of the LAPD. Harper's contention is that the serial number of the gun used to fire test bullets was not the gun taken from Sirhan at the time of the assassination. Kaiser in his article explained the clerical error made by the LAPD ballistics examiner in erroneously putting the serial number of a similar test gun on the test bullets actually fired from the gun taken by Sirhan.

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On February 6, 1973, the [film produced by Charach] was viewed at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI by Supervisor William J. Nolan, Special Agent Amedee O. Richards, Jr., and Los Angeles County District Attorney Investigator Captain Clayton R. Anderson. [X]

It was observed that the underlying theme of the film produced by Charach was that the bullets fired from Sirhan's gun did not kill Kennedy; therefore, someone else shot Kennedy in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel. [X]

In support of this theory, the film features an interview with Karl Uecker, maitre d' at the Ambassador Hotel who was leading Kennedy through the pantry area when the fatal shooting took place. In this interview by Charach, Uecker claims that Sirhan was in front of both he and Kennedy and was not in a position behind Kennedy. Also Uecker claims that he grabbed Sirhan's wrists and grappled with him after the second shot was fired and that he had seen a security guard with a gun in his hand. [X]

It is noted that when Uecker was interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI at the time of the investigation that he claimed at that time that Sirhan had reached around behind him and had fired from a position in back of and in close proximity to the late Senator.


Further in this film Charach interviews a Donald Schulman who claimed to be in the pantry area the night of the shooting and who claims to have seen a security guard shooting and claims to have seen Kennedy shot three times. No evidence was developed during the course of the investigation to indicate that Schulman was in the pantry area the night of the assassination, that he had any first-hand knowledge of the shooting, or the events that took place in the pantry area. Schulman's name was not listed among those people being in the pantry area or being eye witnesses to the crime, and there was no record of Schulman's name in this investigation until a much later date when he was brought forth by Charach as a possible witness. [X]

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THEODORE CHARACH

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Eye witness testimony of individuals present at the scene all agree that the security guard, Thane Eugene Cesar, did have his gun in his hand which he admits himself in an interview with the LAPD, but as previously pointed out Cesar was carrying a .38 caliber weapon and all of the bullets recovered from the pantry area from the victims shot were from a .22 caliber weapon.

Further in this film, Charach attempts to cloud the issue through the testimony of William W. Harper, an alleged ballistics expert from Pasadena, California. Harper, in his testimony, tends to cloud the ballistics examination and evidence by showing that the serial number on the envelope containing the test bullets allegedly fired from Sirhan's gun did not bear the serial number of Sirhan's gun but of a similar weapon which was subsequently destroyed by the LAPD. This matter was thoroughly covered in a county grand jury investigation following the trial wherein from testimony given it was concluded that the LAPD ballistics examiner had made a clerical error in putting the serial number of a test gun on the envelope that actually contained the test bullets fired from the gun taken from Sirhan on the night of the assassination. The other test gun which was a .22 caliber Iver Johnson, similar to the weapon of Sirhan, was used for test purposes only to test for such things as powder marks and decibel ratings. 

In an apparent effort to cloud the issue of the assassination and to inject the theory of conspiracy, Charach has twisted and distorted the facts of the investigation to reach a foregone conclusion that a weapon other than Sirhan's had been the murder weapon.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 3/28/73

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

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SUBJECT: KENSALT

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned "THEODORE CHARACH."

The enclosed memorandum concerns a film produced by CHARACH and one GERALD ALCAN entitled "Who Shot BOBBY KENNEDY?". This film was reviewed at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI by Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, Special Agent AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., and Los Angeles District Attorney Investigator Captain CLAYTON R. ANDERSON.

Information concerning the production of this film and a copy of the film which was viewed at the office was furnished by LA 7512-PCR.

The film purports to show through interview of alleged key witnesses that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN did not fire the bullets that caused the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. CHARACH acknowledges the presence of SIRHAN and does not dispute that SIRHAN was firing a weapon but seeks to show that these were not the fatal bullets.

CHARACH starts with this conclusion and twists and distorts the facts to substantiate his point of view. In the course of the film, CHARACH interviews KARL UECKER, maitre d' at the Ambassador Hotel who led KENNEDY through the pantry area and grappled with SIRHAN. He also interviews a DONALD SCHULMAN, a KNXT employee who allegedly saw a security guard fire his gun. A third point of the film is testimony by WILLIAM W. HARPER, a ballistics expert who attempts to cast doubt on the authenticity of the ballistics evidence furnished by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

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A review of the investigation conducted by both the FBI and the LAPD and the testimony furnished at the trial of SIRHAN are a complete variance with the alleged facts opened by CHARACH.

As no further investigation remains outstanding, this case will be considered closed.

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FINDINGS WHICH SHOULD BE AT THE END OF JUNE OR THE BEGINNING  
OF JULY. IT LOOKS GOOD. SO PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR PATINCE  
I KNOW YOU REALIZE THIS IS GOOD STRATEGY. THE MATTER OF WOOD  
HAS BEEN ATTENDED TO, WHEN I SEE YOU ILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT  
IT. NOW COMES THE GOOD WORD MURRAY WE ARE FINALLY ABLE TO XEROX  
A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT. AND NOL SHRIFS CASE IS POSTPONED.  
MANY PEOPLE HAVE STOPPED ME ON THE STREET TO SAY THEY THINK  
ITS A SHAME THE WAY THE FAMILY IS BEING PICKED ON BECAUSE IF  
HE WAS GUILTY AND THEY KNEW IT THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE LET HIM  
OUT ON SUCH LOW BAIL. THE LAWYER YOU MENTIONED WILL SIT WITH  
US IN A WEEK OR TWO. EVERYTHING IS GREEN AND NEW. YOU NEVER  
RECOGNIZE THE STREETS. THE FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION HAS EVERYTHING  
TORN UP AND THE TRAFFIC IS SOMETHING ELSE. WE HOPE FOR A HAPPY  
EASTER FOR YOU AND ALL THE PRISONERS. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU  
ALL.

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A.O. Richards

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

DATE: 4/27/73

FROM: SAC, San Francisco (62-5481)

SUBJECT: KENSALT  
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Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of a message from SIRHAN's mother, made available on April 25, 1973, by HELEN HESTER, Warden's secretary, San Quentin Penitentiary, Tamal, California, where SIRHAN is an inmate. The contents are self-explanatory.

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

DATE: 5/25/73

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 5/17/73, informant advised that he has recently been frequenting the Sunset Strip area, particularly Alfie's and the Old World restaurants. Within the past week informant stated he has met an individual by the name of TED CHARACH who has been frequenting these locations and is attempting to raise money for a film concerning the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Informant stated that he himself has not yet seen the film but has heard a great deal about it and that the film purports to show that actually SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN did not fire the shots that killed Senator KENNEDY in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel. Further, informant stated that this film is supposed to run for one hour and 58 minutes, and that there was recently a showing of the film to Paramount Producer AL RUDY, who produced the film "The Godfather". Informant stated that he had been invited to the showing of the film for RUDY but had been unable to attend this showing. Informant stated that a former maitre d' at the Ambassador Hotel was featured in this film and claims to have been holding SIRHAN's hand while he was firing, and that SIRHAN had always been in front of, rather than behind; Senator KENNEDY at the time that he was shot.

Informant stated that he had never met CHARACH before this time but that CHARACH is attempting to raise something like \$200,000 to get the film into production. Informant stated that in his opinion CHARACH acts very strangely and he appears to continually be staring off into space or at the ceiling whenever he has had any conversations with him.

Informant stated that he has learned that RUDY seems to be interested in the production of this film but that he is checking it out very closely to determine if it will have an appeal to the public.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 6/6/73

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

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 5/29/73, ROBERT BLAIR KAISER, author of the book entitled, "R. F. K. Must Die", telephonically requested a personal contact be made with him.

KAISER is a former member of the Defense Team, who represented SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, when he was prosecuted for the murder of the late Senator, ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

According to KAISER, he has recently been affiliated with the Rand Institute at 545 Madison Avenue, New York City, where he has been doing some research in behalf of the President of Rand. He stated he has been paid a Consultant's fee of \$148 per day and has worked for Rand in New York on a monthly basis, working every other month. During the months he is not employed by Rand, he has been engaged in research and preliminary efforts with respect to a book he is writing on the life of the well-known attorney, MELVIN BELLI. He is doing this with the cooperation of BELLI and expects to be in San Francisco, California with BELLI from 5/30/73 through the month of June. Subsequent to that period of time, he will again return to New York City, where he can be reached through the Rand Institute, 545 Madison Avenue, New York City.

With respect to his book, "R. F. K. Must Die", KAISER advised he received a letter from an individual who identified himself as ALLEN M. FITZGERALD, Box 8273 Cranston, Rhode Island, dated 3/4/73.

KAISER replied to FITZGERALD's letter on 5/8/73 and subsequently received a reply from FITZGERALD on 5/12/73.

KAISER made available copies of these letters, which are as follows:

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Allen M. Fitzgerald  
Box 8275  
Cranston, R.I. 02920

March 4, 1973

Robert Blair Kaiser  
c/o E.P. Dutton @ Co.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your book, RFK Must Die, it is obvious there were certain relevant facts of which you were not aware, but I'm sure would have been vitally interested in.

From early 1967 thru February of 1968, I was connected with the Hotel Green, in Pasadena, California. The hotel had been taken over and renovated by a group of Jordanian and Palestinian Arabs, and I had bought into the operation. I had the food and beverage concessions. The power behind the hotel purchase was supplied by an elderly woman named Selma George, who was married to a much younger militant Arab named, Joe George.

The old lady was only concerned with the development of the hotel, but her husband was a complete fanatic about the Israel situation and most violently anti-Semitic. Due to my need to protect the investors behind me, I had to listen to his constant flow of venom regarding the Israel-Arab conflict. I played along with the scene, even thru the "Six Day War," after which the vituperation of the Jews and the agencies helping the Jewish cause, became progressively worse. Joe George's fanaticism had become psychotically violent and I was one of those he believed sympathetic to his cause, so I listened and pretended to agree.

I noticed that Joe began to hold meetings in the dining room of the hotel, attended by six to eight of the most somber looking men I had seen. The conversation was always in Arabic, so I was unable to pick up any of what they were discussing. On many occasions they would enter the hotel thru the bar entrance and go up the back stairway to one of the empty rooms, where they would remain for hours, sending down for refreshments. As much as I have been "around" during my long career, I could smell something very "unkosher" in the wind.

My connection with the hotel was severed in early '68 after I was

subpoenaed to appear before the President's Crime Commission, in Buffalo, New York. I took the 5th but when I returned to California, the heat made it impossible for me to continue in the bar business.

I stayed close to the people, however, since I did retain a silent interest in the operation. After the assassination of RFK in June, '68, I was at the Green for the celebration held by Joe and his people. It disgusted me, but when I saw the pictures in the papers of Sirhan, my disgust turned to shock. I definitely recognized him as being one of those who had been meeting with Joe for all those months of meetings they had been holding at the hotel!! Absolutely no question in my mind at all!

To me this was a dirty game, particularly since I had long been a Kennedy man. I went to two cops I knew quite well, Gene Sherer and Jack Horrall, both of Los Angeles P.D. Intelligence Division. I told Sherer the full story. They had known me for years and knew damned well I was no crackpot publicity seeker, in fact, the last thing I wanted was to have my name publicly mentioned in this connection. They also knew that when I made somebody as I did Sirhan, I was not mistaken. They agreed to check on the tip.

Several weeks later, I met the old lady, Selma George, who told me the F.B.I. had been to see her regarding Sirhan. She told them he used to live across the street from them in Jordan, (or Palestine, I don't recall which) but indicated to them that she hadn't seen him for a long time. They did not check into Joe George, nor did they check out the print shop on Sunset that Joe had taken me to on two occasions and where I had also seen the group meeting. The print shop was on Sunset Blvd. not far from the Ambassador Hotel. The feds made no further investigation of the matter nor was it ever made public that such a connection was possible.

I later spoke to Gene Sherer about the failure of the Feds to act on the stuff and was told by him it would be best if I kept my mouth shut about the whole mess. I knew them well enough to know what it was he was telling me, and they knew me well enough to know I would pick up on the tip and lay off.

In reading your book, I looked for mention of the Green Hotel, and the only clue I could find was in the meanderings of Sirhan in his notebook. Note on page 566, bottom of the page, he has written his address as, 696 E. Green St., just below his proper address, 696 E. Howard. Also, on page 571, bottom page center, the word Green is again written.

Was there any explanation of this?

The mystery of the Feds refusal to follow up on Joe George always stayed with me, being aware of the phony bit involved. I heard later that Joe returned to Jordan. I had too many personal problems to press the issue any further, and the police felt secure I would allow it to slide into oblivion. This I did until your book aroused my curious nature.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter, and I can supply more detailed information if you were interested. Understand, I am looking for nothing.

Sincerely yours,

Allen M. Fitzgerald

PS: Understand, I do not imply that Selma had any knowledge of what had been transpiring. In fact, I am certain she was completely in the dark about the meetings in the hotel and the print shop.

545 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10022

(212) 758-2244

May 8, 1973

Dear Allen,


Yes I am interested in your story and I would like to talk to you about this.

Any chance that you'll be in New York during May? If so, let me know when in advance and I'll arrange to be around when you come.

As you know after reading my book, I had more than a simple feeling that others had worked with Sirhan on this -- and that I was pretty non-plussed about the failure of the authorities to pursue the investigation.

I wonder what your best guess is. Why did Sherer tell you to cool it?

Best regards,

  
Robert Blair Kaiser

P.O. Box 8273  
Cranston, R.I. 02920  
May 12, 1973

Dear Bob,

I would very much enjoy meeting you in New York in May, that being my favorite month for Fun City. However, due to recent developments I will be confined to a limited area for another 8 months, unless certain appeals to a higher authority are successful.

I evidently neglected to tell you I was in the custody of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, a condition that has prevailed since August 26th of last year. It seems they suspected me of attempting to move money out of Mexico to certain bank accounts in the U.S. There were rumors my acts were affiliated with people interested in "laundering loot" designated for election campaign purposes. I had been held without bail for eight months and a few weeks ago made a deal with our magnanimous Justice Dept. to plead to a minor charge in return for a two year sentence. I had also agreed to take no further action against the government but I had my fingers crossed at the time. At the most, I do another 8 months, but if things break the way they are supposed to, I should get this off my back by August. I expect to be removed to the Fed. joint at Danbury, Conn. within the week. Of course all this is no concern of yours, but it does explain why I will have to gorge a bock beer at Luchows this spring.

Now, regarding the Sirhan thing, I did pick up your doubts that the RPK murder was the act of one man. Absolutely ridiculous to assume it was! I was not non-plussed about the reluctance of the authorities to after conversations with members of the LAPD Intelligence Division. I

had done a lot of business with people from that organization over the years and developed an extremely close relationship with some of them. They had relayed my tip to the FBI and evidently left it up to them to come up with the answers, and considering that the FBI was in charge of the investigation, and further considering the tremendous animosity that exists between the rival groups, did nothing to assist the feds in putting the pieces together. They would not reveal to the feds who their source of information was, knowing the problems I had going with the FBI at the time. In January, 1968, I had been before the President's Crime Comm. in Buffalo, N.Y. and had a real brawl with them over my taking the 5th and being permitted to by the federal judge. This was a trial of Mafia bosses and the FBI became so perturbed at my refusal to testify they released a story to the press that I had made certain taped conversations with "family members" and had turned them over to the law. Pure BS, but it reflected the bitterness of our relationship. Therefore, the LAPD people, due to the combination of the way they feel about the feds, and the way they knew I felt, candidly said, fuck them, and made no move to bring the facts to light. That was the first impression I received from Sherer and company.

Later I was told, at a time we were all doing some imbibing and they were loose, that they knew goddam well I had the key, but the word had come down to let Sirhan swing alone for the killing. I don't know how much experience you have with these specialists, but when it all boils down to the nitty-gritty they take the path of least resistance, and do as they are told. They are all conservatives and do not deviate from that line when the "club" passes out the word. Everyone of them was a Nixon man. In the light of recent developments, all the conclusions I had arrived at in 68, are now frighten<sup>ing</sup>ly manifested. I think the object was to get it to hell out of the way the eas<sup>est</sup> way possible, without there

remaining a lot of loose ends to further immortalize the name of RFK and giving the Demo candidate the advantage of public sympathy and/or outrage that could result from evidence he was the victim of a conspiracy against the American people with RFK the representative thereof. Understand?

The primary objective was to get Nixon elected. To further confuse the picture as I see it now, James McCord was there on the coast in 68, and sherer met with him! Why? He was CIA then.

Bob, there are many things I cannot bring myself to put into writing, so many things, some fact, some conjecture, but all so relevant to a picture I believe is somehow all tied together. If we ever get the chance to sit down and swap ideas, because I'm sure you came onto some things that perplex you, it would be like a puzzle that we may make fit. Some of the cops on the west coast are past retirement time and if ~~kk~~ they are off the force, I know they will relax more and give me the answers I need. I don't know what the hell good it can do now, but it should prove interesting, anyway.

If there is anything about me that needs verifying, I suggest you reach Austin (Rocky) Kalish, at the screen writers guild in L.A. We've been buddies for 29 years, and he will tell you I'm for real. I say this, due to the overwhelming interest taken in me and who I talk to by the various federal police agencies. They like to discourage my conversations. Rocky has been trying to get me to "tell all" for publication for years. Let me know your location and maybe in a few months I'll let you buy me one.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Fitzgerald



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KAISER advised he expects to contact FITZGERALD in person at such time as he is able to do so. He also is making arrangements to speak with GENE SHERER and JACK HORRALL of the Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division, both of whom are mentioned in FITZGERALD's letter of 3/4/73, supra.

The foregoing is being made the subject of this memorandum in the event it is of possible future significance.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT  
(OO:LA)

On 6/15/73, JAMES KALAFATIS, US Secret Service, NY, advised NYO at 3:45 p.m., that unknown male telephonically contacted Secret Service and stated that a white male, six feet, 180 pounds, Spanish accent, gray hair and wearing a plaid shirt, was in Lou's Bar, 2nd Avenue and 13th Street, and was talking about the KENNEDY assassination.

At 4:20 p.m., 6/15/73, PEARL LITTMAN, Barmaid, and JOHN ULESKY, 30 East 37th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey, were interviewed at Lu Lu's, 199 2nd Avenue, and stated that at about 3:30 p.m., an unknown male whom they described as white male, age 47-50, 6', 180 pounds, gray crew cut, wearing a plaid shirt, who appeared to have a mental problem, entered bar and started walking up and down. He raised his arms in the air and stated, "Sirhan Sirhan, I gave you a gun but I did not want you to kill anybody". He continued to rant and rave and then left the bar. He was last observed going south on 2nd Avenue towards 12th Street. Both stated that they had never seen him before in the area.

A survey in the vicinity of 14th Street between 1st and 3rd Avenue, south to 10th Street, was made with negative results in locating unknown male.

Above being furnished for information purposes.  
No further investigation being conducted by NYO.

~~On 6/18/73, US Secret Service, NY, advised of above.~~

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

DATE: 6/29/73

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles, dated 6/29/73 with enclosure of letter from the Civil Division of the Department of Justice to the Bureau.

Referenced communication requests that the Los Angeles Office sutel to the Bureau the answers to ten questions regarding the alleged dissemination of FBI information to ROBERT BLAIR KAISER.

In view of the above, it is recommended that this case be reopened for compliance with Bureau request.

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Date: 6/29/73

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Subject: KENSALT

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. William D. Ruckelshaus  
Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Legal Counsel

DATE:

HW:ELHerwig:vcc  
145-12-1495

FROM : Mr. Harlington Wood, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

SUBJECT: Committee to Investigate Assassinations v.  
Department of Justice (C.A.D.C. No. 71-1829)

The above-captioned case is scheduled on July 11, 1973, for reargument before the CADC sitting in banc. In preparation for the argument, it would be extremely helpful to know the following facts regarding the case:

1.) What materials did the FBI make available to the Los Angeles District Attorney's office in connection with the prosecution of Sirhan Sirhan for the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy?

2.) Where is the material now that was given to the DA's office? Did the FBI recover the material from the DA's office immediately following the trial?

3.) Did the FBI place any restrictions on the use of the material by the DA's office? Did the DA's office place any restrictions on the use of the material by the defense, once the material was made available to the defense under court order?

4.) Does the FBI in general monitor cases in which its records are provided local prosecuting authorities in order to keep control of the records? Did it in this case?

5.) Did the FBI in fact know of the disclosure of the material to Kaiser and his intention to use it in a book?

6.) Is Kaiser's book, RFK Must Die, in fact based in any substantial way on the FBI materials made available to the Sirhan defense?

7.) Is it true that Kaiser was allowed to make xerox copies of FBI materials?

8.) Is any part of this file presently available in the California court records of the Sirhan case?

a. Is that court record or any part of it sealed?

b. Did any FBI Agents testify in that case from their records on their reports? If so, is that testimony public?

9.) What is the answer to the assertion that Kaiser "received from FBI Agent Roger La Jeunesse oral dissemination of certain information and material developed in connection with the federal government's investigation into the death of Senator Kennedy?"

10.) What is the answer to the assertion that "another author, Robert Houghton, was given complete access to the file by the FBI and that they made use of it in writing Special Unit Senator . . . Author Houghton's access was given without any court order . . . [Kaiser] asserts that the part of the Houghton-Taylor book dealing with Crispin Curiel Gonzalez relies heavily on the FBI investigation and file"?

We would appreciate receiving your response by July 6, 1973.

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Date: 6/29/73

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) *JPS*  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (RUC)

KENSALT.

RE: COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS V.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (C.A.D.C. NO. 71-1829).  
REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES 6/29/73, WITH ENCLOSED LETTER  
FROM HARLINGTON WOOD, JR., ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CIVIL DIVISION.

SET FORTH BELOW ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SET FORTH IN  
LETTER TO THE BUREAU FROM CIVIL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE.

1.) WHAT MATERIALS DID THE FBI MAKE AVAILABLE TO  
THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (DA) OFFICE IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN SIRHAN FOR THE MURDER OF  
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY?

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PURSUANT TO BUREAU AUTHORITY, ALL COPIES OF LOS ANGELES FBI REPORTS RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE, WHICH DEPARTMENT PROSECUTED THIS CASE. *IN ADDITION THREE LETTER HEAD MEMORANDA WERE FURNISHED.*

2.) WHERE IS THE MATERIAL NOW THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE DA'S OFFICE? DID THE FBI RECOVER THE MATERIAL FROM THE DA'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TRIAL?

TO THE EXTENT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI, ALL OF THE FBI LOS ANGELES REPORTS ARE STILL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES DA. NO RECOVERY OF THIS MATERIAL WAS MADE OR WAS INTENDED TO BE MADE BY THIS OFFICE.

3.) DID THE FBI PLACE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE MATERIAL BY THE DA'S OFFICE? DID THE DA'S OFFICE PLACE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE MATERIAL BY THE DEFENSE, ONCE THE MATERIAL WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE UNDER COURT ORDER?

THE COPIES OF REPORTS IN THIS MATTER FURNISHED TO THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE WERE FURNISHED WITH THE REQUEST



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THAT THE REPORTS NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THAT AGENCY.

JOHN HOWARD, THEN CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE, AND ONE OF THE PROSECUTIVE ATTORNEYS IN THE SIRHAN CASE, ADVISED THAT THE DEFENSE IN THE SIRHAN CASE WAS NOT FURNISHED A SET OF LOS ANGELES FBI REPORTS IN THIS MATTER. THE DEFENSE MADE DEMANDS OF THE PROSECUTION THROUGH THE COURT FOR LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FBI INTERVIEWS REGARDING PERTINENT INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION. REVIEW OF INTERVIEWS WAS MADE BY PROSECUTION AND COPIES OF REQUESTED INTERVIEWS WERE MADE BY THE PROSECUTION. THIS MATERIAL WOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO COURT AND TURNED OVER TO DEFENSE THROUGH A MOTION OF DISCOVERY BY THE COURT. NO RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE USE WHICH COULD BE MADE OF SUCH MATERIAL WAS IMPOSED *by the court.*

4.) DOES THE FBI IN GENERAL MONITOR CASES IN WHICH ITS RECORDS ARE PROVIDED LOCAL PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO KEEP CONTROL OF THE RECORDS? DID IT IN THIS CASE?

SPECIFICALLY, IN THIS CASE THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI DID NOT MONITOR THE CASE AS THE REPORTS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES DA WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROSECUTION OF THIS MATTER.

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5.) DID THE FBI IN FACT KNOW OF THE DISCLOSURE OF THE MATERIAL TO KAISER AND HIS INTENTION TO USE IT IN A BOOK?

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY DISCLOSURE OF ORAL OR WRITTEN MATERIAL TO KAISER. THIS OFFICE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTENTION OF KAISER TO WRITE A BOOK UNTIL MAY 1, 1969, AND KAISER HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED BY A BUREAU LETTER DATED 4/29/69, SIGNED BY MR. HOOVER IN WHICH MR. KAISER WAS ADVISED OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF FBI FILES AND TELLING HIM IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO HIM REGARDING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

6.) IS KAISER'S BOOK, "RFK MUST DIE" IN FACT BASED IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY ON THE FBI MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SIRHAN DEFENSE?

KAISER'S BOOK "RFK MUST DIE" IS BASED ON ALL MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE INCLUDING FBI MATERIAL. KAISER WAS A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE TEAM FOR SIRHAN AND WAS PRESENT IN COURT ALL DURING THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN.

7.) IS IT TRUE THAT KAISER WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE XEROX COPIES OF FBI MATERIALS?

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS NO INFORMATION THAT KAISER WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE XEROX COPIES OF FBI MATERIAL. AT NO TIME WAS ANY DISSEMINATION MADE BY THE FBI TO ROBERT BLAIR KAISER OF ANY WRITTEN MATTER NOR WAS THERE ANY ORAL DISSEMINATION MADE TO KAISER OF ANY MATERIAL THAT WAS PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

8.) IS ANY PART OF THIS FILE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE CALIFORNIA COURT RECORDS OF THE SIRHAN CASE?

A. IS THAT COURT RECORD OR ANY PART OF IT SEALED?

B. DID ANY FBI AGENTS TESTIFY IN THAT CASE FROM THEIR RECORDS ON THEIR REPORTS? IF SO, IS THAT TESTIMONY PUBLIC?

TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS OFFICE NO PART OF THIS FILE *as such* IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE CALIFORNIA COURT RECORDS OF THE SIRHAN CASE.

NO AGENTS OF THE FBI TESTIFIED IN THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

9.) WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE ASSERTION THAT KAISER "RECEIVED FROM FBI AGENT ROGER LA JEUNESSE ORAL DISSEMINATION

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OF CERTAIN INFORMATION AND MATERIAL DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY?

IN AN AFFIDAVIT PREPARED BY SA ROGER J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. AND SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ON 6/1/71, LA JEUNESSE ASSERTS THAT AT NO TIME WAS ANY DISSEMINATION MADE BY HIM TO ROBERT BLAIR KAISER OF ANY WRITTEN MATTER NOR WAS THERE ANY ORAL DISSEMINATION MADE TO MR. KAISER.

10.) WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE ASSERTION THAT "ANOTHER AUTHOR, ROBERT HOUGHTON, WAS GIVEN COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE FILE BY THE FBI AND THAT THEY MADE USE OF IT IN WRITING SPECIAL UNIT SENATOR . . . AUTHOR HOUGHTON'S ACCESS WAS GIVEN WITHOUT ANY COURT ORDER . . . . (KAISER) ASSERTS THAT THE PART OF THE HOUGHTON-TAYLOR BOOK DEALING WITH CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ RELIES HEAVILY ON THE FBI INVESTIGATION AND FILE"?

ROBERT HOUGHTON, FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, HEADED THE SPECIAL UNIT SENATOR SQUAD WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY FOR THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE AND IN SUCH POSITION HAD

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ACCESS TO ALL MATERIAL IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BUREAU, INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS MATTER HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISSEMINATION OF REPORTS TO THE LOS ANGELES DA'S OFFICE AND THEIR HANDLING OF THESE REPORTS WAS SET FORTH IN LOS ANGELES TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, DATED 11/12/70, 11/13/70, AND 11/16/70.

BY LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED 3/29/71, AFFIDAVITS PREPARED BY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, SUPERVISING AGENT OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND BY SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, REPORTING AGENT IN THE INVESTIGATION, WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU. THESE AFFIDAVITS ATTESTED TWO POINTS REGARDING DISSEMINATION OF BUREAU REPORTS AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT LOS ANGELES, AND TO THE DA'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THESE AFFIDAVITS SPECIFICALLY LISTED REPORTS AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA FURNISHED TO THESE DEPARTMENTS.

BY AIRTEL DATED 6/2/71, AN AFFIDAVIT PREPARED BY SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. WAS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU

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CONCERNING HIS LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES AND HIS CONTACTS  
WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEFENSE TEAM, SPECIFICALLY ROBERT  
BLAIR KAISER.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 7/9/73

On 7/5/73, Mr. RICHARD DENNIS, Legal Counsel at the Bureau, called concerning the teletype submitted by Los Angeles on 6/29/73 answering certain questions regarding the alleged dissemination of FBI information to ROBERT BLAIR KAISER.

A return call was made to Mr. DENNIS by SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., and the questions that DENNIS had in relation to the Los Angeles teletype were answered.

In regard to question #2 concerning the location of material made available to the District Attorney's office, this was amended to show that not only the FBI reports but also the three letterhead memoranda furnished by the Los Angeles Office were still in possession of the District Attorney's office.

In relation to question #5, DENNIS inquired concerning the significance of the date May 1, 1969, and it was explained that at no time did the FBI have any information to the effect that KAISER had the intention of writing a book, but on that date, as set forth in an affidavit prepared by SA ROGER LA JEUNESSE, KAISER did state his intention. It was further reiterated that there was no disclosure of information to KAISER, but that any information coming into his possession was through his access to information disseminated to the defense by court order.

In regard to question #6, it was explained to DENNIS that it was a conclusion of this office, based on having read the book, that the book was based on all material made available to KAISER in his position as a member of the SIRHAN defense team.

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In regard to question #8, the point was clarified to DENNIS that to the extent of the knowledge of this office no file or letterhead memorandum or other document such as an FD-302 was actually a part of the court record but that briefs prepared by the defense would include information based on all information which was made available to the defense.

DENNIS explained that these clarifications seemed to resolve any questions that his Division had in preparing material for the Department of Justice in their arguments against the Committee to Investigate Assassinations. DENNIS stated that he would advise if any further information were needed.



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Date: 7/18/73

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
ATTENTION: LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOS ANGELES, 7/18/73.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, CONTACT HAS *again*  
BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOS ANGELES  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDS  
PERTAINING TO THE SIRHAN CASE.

ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THESE RECORDS  
ARE NOW PART OF THEIR CLOSED FILES AND HAVE BEEN MOVED WITHIN  
THE HALL OF JUSTICE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND THEY ARE *still* ATTEMPTING  
TO LOCATE THE RECORDS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE SPECIFIC LETTERHEAD  
MEMORANDA WHICH *has* ~~HAVE~~ BEEN THE SUBJECT OF THE BUREAU'S INTEREST.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND THE SHORT DEADLINE HAVE  
BEEN IMPRESSED UPON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND  
THEY HAVE INDICATED THEIR FULL COOPERATION IN ATTEMPTING TO

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LOCATE THESE RECORDS, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT DUE TO THE SEVERAL MOVES AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE PART OF THEIR CLOSED RECORDS, THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY IN LOCATING THE DOCUMENTS DESIRED. THE HELP OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS OFFICE TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH HAS BEEN OFFERED.

THIS MATTER WILL BE DILIGENTLY PURSUED, AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THIS SEARCH.