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The attached was forwarded to this Section by your office due to the alleged involvement of Federal officials (the CIA) in the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. After reviewing these materials, we find that the references to CIA participation are too general and undefined for proper disposition by this Section. Additionally, Christian and Turner apparently seek a re-investigation of the RFK assassination by the Department or other federal agency, a situation which we feel would make any response by this section inappropriate. We are accordingly returning these materials to you for whatever disposition you deem proper.

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OCTOBER 18, 1978

Dear Ms Ordin:

Several months ago we had hand-delivered to you an advance (galley) copy of our just-released book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case. In a covering letter, we made note that there might be danger in store for a good many "prospective witnesses" identified in this case via our book. Such may now have occurred.

Enclosed is a letter to the Pomona Police Department relating to some recent events concerning the members of the Johnny Gray family, some of who have now provided us with additional information over and above that previously known and described in our book; it is our firm opinion that the lives of one or more of these witnesses could be in immediate danger.

We ask that you take immediate steps to protect the lives of all members of the Gray family in cooperation with the Pomona police authorities.

As previously stated, we stand ready to assist your office in any way useful; however, we are slightly disturbed that we have yet to receive any kind of response from you about the contents and contentions of our book.

If you do not take our appeal seriously, please notify us as such and we shall seek other intervention. However, it is our best opinion that your office has primary responsibility at this juncture.

JGC/WWT:jah

Very sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Attorney General Griffin Bell

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TO: SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS/ATTENTION: CHAIRMAN LOUIS STOKES
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND CORRELATIVE DATA TO THE
ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR., AND THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE

CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Random House has already supplied the individual members of your committee with copies of our recently released book, THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY: A Searching Look at the Conspiracy and Cover-up -- 1968-1978.

The purpose for presenting the book was not necessarily to induce your committee to re-open the RFK assassination case through Congressional hearings. (We will comment further on this later.) Rather, it is our intention to try and expand your perspectives on the overall assassination issue by drawing your attention to correlative data in the RFK assassination as it might relate to the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. King; and to demonstrate some parallels that can be drawn between all these events, especially in areas that might best be described as a "common modus operandi."

In Chapters 13, 14, and 17 of our book, we present evidence strongly indicating that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was a real-life "Manchurian Candidate." This relates to his having been a hypno-programmed "robot of another," whose ultimate role in the assassination turned out to be that of a "decoy-patsy." In short, our evidence adds up to his participation in the overall event as being both involuntary and unconscious; that the circumstantial web of evidence used to convict him as RFK's "lone and unassisted assassin" was partially planted by the operatives behind the conspiracy, and by Sirhan himself as a result of highly sophisticated hypno-conditioning, making it appear that he stalked and killed Senator Kennedy with considerable premeditation and malice aforethought; equally important, however, that same trail of evidence ("diaries," traceable actions, eyewitnesses to various statements, etc.) was calculated to surround Sirhan with an ideological and "political" motive for his alleged act of assassinating Senator Kennedy; we can capsulize this as appearing to identify Sirhan as having been a radical leftist of strong "Communist" sympathies and inclinations (if not organizational ties), a drug-taking practitioner of the "occult" (with direct ties to the Rosicrucian and Theosophical, etc. movements), which allegedly involved considerable ritualistic practices that included intensive "self-hypnosis." Ultimately, Sirhan was made to appear to have been a semi-conscious pawn under the control and direction of an element long portrayed as the nucleus of a "worldwide conspiracy," alternately referred to as "The Illuminati" or "The Council on Foreign Relations," or in the most recent of times, "The Trilateral Commission." As we note in Chapters 4, 5, 13, 14, and 15, the nature of this superimposed "evidence" can be clearly traced

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OCTOBER 18, 1978

Dear Officer Herring:

Pursuant to our phone conversation this morning at the home of Mrs. Louise Gray of your city:

We trust that a review of our book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination will assist your department in assessing the events of the recent past around the Gray home; certainly formal statements should be taken from all members of the Gray family as they relate to their individual and collective recollections of relevant incidents and events; this we have done ourselves over the last two weeks; we should be happy to assist you in any way useful, of course.

It is because of the history of the RFK case in the hands of Los Angeles (and subsequent State) law enforcement officials that we have deemed it necessary to seek the intervention of higher governmental authority, especially at the Federal levels of government; we urge that you do the same if you think the information developed by your investigators so warrants.

It is our opinion that the lives of many innocent persons could be at stake in this matter; thus, we ask that your department take the affair seriously and act with all due urgency.

Thanks for your attention and concern.

JGC/WWT:jah

Very sincerely,

cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
Ms Andrea Ordin,
United States Attorney

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ENCLOSURES

FROM: CHRISTIAN/TURNER

TO: SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

to the doorstep of but one element, before, during and after-the-fact of the RFK assassination: the most extreme of right-wing activists in the United States and a powerful array of possible sponsor-superiors.

We conclude that RFK's assassination was, in the final analysis, a conspiracy and cover-up involving a "confederation of interests" both inside and outside of government, local, State and federal, with clandestine CIA operatives in control.

We propose that the current hearings before your committee involves matters that appear to parallel the RFK assassination case in several crucial respects; perhaps the most critical being the difficulties the Committee seems to be having with the seemingly enigmatic natures of alleged assassins Lee Harvey Oswald and James Earl Ray in terms of assigning respective "motives" for their participations in the JFK and MLK assassinations.

Might we suggest that that which we ascribe to the "motive" behind Sirhan's "involvement" in the RFK assassination could well apply to either and/or both the JFK and MLK cases:

Oswald's behaviour and psychological profile (especially after his return from Russia) closely parallel those of Sirhan; and he, too, left behind "diaries" that not only self-incriminate himself, but cast a definite "political" aura around him as a "living historical record." And, this is but a small portion of like evidence in this important area pointing toward a "Communist" orientation of his alleged act, as against a more logical extreme, radical right-wing sponsorship. If Oswald, like Sirhan, had been a "Manchurian Candidate," he would undoubtedly have been programmed to do precisely what he did, in fact, do, before, during, and after-the-fact of the JFK assassination.

Clearly Marina Oswald Porter's recent testimony about the sudden and sometimes erratic changes in her husband's moods and actions could be explained with some logic as the end result of Oswald's having been subjected to the kind of very sophisticated and extensive/intensive hypno-conditioning that our experts conclude was applied to Sirhan.

Ray's situation is quite similar; there can be no question that his overall actions and statements to date are both suspicious and suspect; the trail of highly incriminating evidence he left behind before and after Dr. King's assassination is, on the surface, prima facie "proof" that Ray was the killer, with at least great premeditation; concurrently, Ray's story about "Roual" seems like pure invention.

However, we believe that there might well be another explanation for Ray's participation in the MLK assassination; again, it parallels that of the RFK case, with several variations.

If hypno-programmed, Ray would have "stalked" Dr. King as an unconscious act (post-hypnotic conditioning), making his current explanation suspect on its face. Ray insists he only went where "Roual" instructed and paid him to, as an essentially

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"innocent pawn" (at least to the impending act of assassination). Yet, three aspects make Ray's story about this alleged arrangement highly unlikely: (a) while having been with this man numerous times of some nine months, Ray's ability to describe his physical appearance is both erratic and limited; (b) Ray cannot relate anything substantive about this man's background or personality or character traits; and (c) Ray not only has not been able to produce any eyewitness or physical evidence to support the existence of this man, but has made statements that seem to contradict with one another and known or established evidence in the case (vis-a-vis any evidence that might have been contrived).

There are two alternative explanations and corresponding conclusions to be drawn from the above: (1.) Ray is lying about "Roual" in order to try and explain away the enormous evidence around him; thus, not only does his alibi dissolve, but with it goes any resistance to his being the actual gunman, whatever his motive(s). Or (2.) Ray has been the victim of hypno-conditioning which, in part, involved the implanting of the fictional "Roual" character and a calculatedly spurious scenario that would, with little difficulty, fail to stand up in any meaningful way; and this is precisely what appears to have occurred.

We are, of course, proposing an intricate and highly sophisticated background to the assassinations of the President and Dr. King; nonetheless, we ask the Committee to carefully examine and contemplate that which we have produced to support our contentions that this did, in fact, occur in the RFK case. However, there is another step that remains to be taken in the RFK case that can and should be applied to the JFK, MLK, and Wallace cases as well: the subjecting of three still-living suspects -- Sirhan, Ray, and Arthur Bremer -- to medically-supervised diagnostic tests and subsequent "deprogramming" to determine (a) whether or not any or all of these men have been victims of "Manchurian Candidate" hypno-programming; and (b) to attempt to bring forth any and all information that might shed light on their actual knowledge and experiences within any conspiratorial scenario, including the identities of any persons so involved.

We are informed by one of the leading authorities in the world on medical hypnosis, Dr. Herbert Spiegel of New York, that the above can be effected; and that he is reasonably sure that the expected results would be forthcoming; he notes, however, that those involved in any "deprogramming" effort would have to be completely familiar with evidential aspects that might relate to areas of existing evidence and suspected evidence; we strongly suggest that Dr. Spiegel head any such pursuit of this adjunct procedure, because of his demonstrated abilities and respected position in the world medical community, and because he is clinically familiar with elements of the RFK case that are clearly defined within the pages of our book.

We attach herein a copy of a document relating to the Jack Ruby case, a part of which has been excerpted into our book; might we suggest that had Ruby's lawyers paid attention to the contents of this document, the world might have long ago have had a greater understanding of what might well have changed the course of American history. Dr. Spiegel informs us that he is prepared to address your Committee in

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closed or open session at your earliest convenience; as noted in our book, his presentation includes a demonstration film that will graphically illustrate that which we contend in the RFK case is hardly "political science-fiction," but a distinct and frightening possibility from a scientifically feasible point of view. We might note that we recommended such a presentation last year (via Washington lawyer Lester S. Hyman) and Dr. Spiegel was subsequently contacted by one of your staff members, who inquired about his availability to come to Washington; he never heard back.

In closing, let us suggest that if the contents of our book -- the evidence of conspiracy and cover-up -- warrants a reinvestigation of the RFK assassination case, you should also agree that your Committee is neither prepared nor capable of pursuing the matter further; we trust that you will concur with us that this case -- and quite possibly all of these cases -- would best be addressed by the President of the United States because of the very portent of the issue having to do with the very survival of this nation.

In all due respect, we ask that you join with us in requesting that the highest possible authority in the country presents this issue before an appropriate judicial setting as soon as possible.

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cc: President Jimmy Carter
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ATTACHMENTS

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AUTHORS' NOTE:

The attached letter has been drawn from our investigative file data. While it is missing what appears to be its last page (with its author's signature), it nonetheless contains his handwritten annotations and corrections on the original letter, which is in our possession.

We should like to make special note that this letter's central premise was presented to "the Special Commission" (apparently the Warren Commission) for its review and consideration; we are unaware of any reference to this action being made in any of the Warren Commission final volumes.

We made an attempt to contact the originator of this letter in June, 1969, at the New York City address on the letterhead, but he had apparently moved out of the area and left no forwarding address. .

We found the references cited in the attached letter invaluable sources of information on our own work in this highly sophisticated area of medical science.

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Dear Mel,

Since writing you and getting your note, I've made it my business to read two original case studies -- one by a leading German psychiatrist, the second by an outstanding Danish psychiatrist and lecturer at the University of Copenhagen. The Danish case study includes a detailed description of a third case which occurred in Denmark also. Every one of these cases is virtually on all fours with the picture presented not only by your client, but Oswald as well. Bill Woodfield's series on his interviews with Ruby completely corroborate the theory -- which is now an absolute and earnest conviction in me -- that Jack Ruby was in fact hypno-conditioned.

I hope that in some way this letter will communicate to you the depth of my conviction which admits of no doubt at all. If anything, I began my study of the Oswald and Ruby cases through the facts reported in the Press with the eye not only of a lawyer but of an American with liberal political beliefs, incensed at both the assassination and the killing of Oswald. If anything, I was prejudiced against Ruby. As the pattern began to emerge, I checked the psychiatric texts, read Schilder and other first-rate sources. The theory was beginning to take shape in spite of my prejudice; yet there was no willingness in me to take this theory seriously until every source confirmed the pattern. I then got off my letter to the Special Commission, every word in it based on the facts and the documented sources. I must tell you, in all honesty, that I never received an acknowledgment from the Special Commission of my letter; but that does not matter, for I am thoroughly convinced of Ruby's innocence, that he was the robot of another.

You have probably never heard of "locking suggestions", Mel. This is the problem Ruby is up against -- and the tragedy is that Ruby doesn't even know it. I don't know what, apart from "Fugue or dissociated state", the diagnosis of Schafer and Bromberg was, but I will bet my last dollar that they found him to be an obsessive-compulsive neurotic with psychopathic and schizoid components, that the picture of brain damage was in the results of the Bender-Gestalt, the Bellevue-Wechsler, the Rorschach and

other association tests they administered. Please believe me, Mel -- the brain damage picture is not the result of previous concussion and physical trauma, but of hypno-conditioning, of induction by suggestion through deep hypnosis of an artificial psychosis. Unlocking of this psychosis, of establishing the identity of the hypno-conditioner, requires a dedicated hypno-therapist with an exhaustive knowledge not only of Freudian but of Pavlovian principles. Please believe me also that Ruby's explanation of what gave rise to his act, of his feelings of depression and overwroughtness at the President's death, of his feelings for Mrs. Kennedy and the further torment Oswald's trial would cause her, of his chagrin at the ~~many~~ anti-Kennedy ads and hate posters -- these are all confabulations and rationalizations similar to those found in Korsakoff's Syndrome; all caused by the hypno-conditioning he was subjected to. In all of the cases, the hypno-conditioned victim shows the symptoms of an obsessive-compulsive neurotic with psychopathic and schizoid components; one even showed symptoms of schizophrenia paranoia with the delusions, the hallucinations, the whole bit -- all the result of the conditioning process. See P.J. Reiter (M.D., Lecturer on Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic Medicine at the University of Copenhagen), "Antisocial or Criminal Acts and Hypnosis: A Case Study", English Ed., Munksgaard - Copenhagen, 1958.

You must understand that the question of the hypnotic induction of criminal acts and behavior is one which has a long history going back to Charcot, Freud, Janet, Bernheim. It has a complex and learned literature which involved the ~~& the~~ best minds in psychological medicine from 1895 onwards. The Salpetriere (Charcot) and Nancy (Bernheim) schools had controversial opinions regarding the question. Liegeois, Professor of Law at Nancy, considered the question of tremendous importance to jurisprudence. Himself ~~an~~ a distinguished jurist, he sided unreservedly with Bernheim that hypnotism can be misused for criminal ends -- a question which subsequent experimental work and actual cases established as indisputable fact. The use of hypnotism for criminal ends takes up four long chapters in his monograph ("De la Suggestion et du Somnambulisme dans leurs rapports avec la Jurisprudence et la Medicine legale", Paris, 1889), and he cites a number of such cases appearing in the French courts from 1830 onwards.

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~~Do not~~ think for one moment that because this literature and discussion appeared in the '90s, it is outdated. On the contrary, all of the most recent studies support its illustrations and theses. When Reiter (supra) refers to Karl du Prel ("Das Hypnotische Verbrechen und seine Entdeckung", Munich, 1889), it is only by way of re-stating what his own study, treatment and method of uncovering the evidence in the actual case assigned to him showed.

Karl du Prel (a psychoanalyst of the late nineteenth century, a contemporary of Freud's) was "not only in firm support of the

theory but realizes that there is an obvious possibility that it may create an entirely new type of criminal and one of a particularly dangerous type. The criminal who makes use of hypnotism has unrivalled opportunities of wiping out all traces of his action and, moreover, of avoiding discovery, since even if he comes under suspicion it will be extremely difficult, and often quite impossible, to produce any evidence against him."

Now, perhaps, you have some idea of what "locking suggestions" are and why it takes a truly dedicated hypnotherapist with good understanding not only of the problem but an excellent grasp of Freudian and Pavlovian theory. A run-of-the-mill psychiatrist could never unlock Ruby -- for he would have no understanding of what is involved.

Do you want more ?...Describing the nature of the subject-victim's reaction, Reiter gives us du Prel's simple explanation. Thus, "...the hypnotizer can take advantage of the loss of memory which the medium suffers after a deep hypnosis regarding everything that has passed between his subject and himself. This includes the recollection of those suggestions made to him, under hypnosis, about actions which he is to perform not during his hypnotic state but after his awakening, after a longer or shorter period of time has elapsed. The effects of such suggestions may take place at a certain prescribed time or on receipt of a signal fixed upon under hypnosis (note: Bernheim reports a case in which the post-hypnotic suggestion was carried out to the very minute exactly a year after it was given, without recollection by the subject). Such suggestions are known as post-hypnotic suggestions and it is a well-known fact that when the subject comes to carry them out, and has no recollection of what occurred under his hypnotic state, he regards them as spontaneous impulses on his part. They may be felt as imperative, inner compulsions, inexplicable in themselves. But more often it appears that the subject tries to 'rationalize' them, improvising pseudo-motives to account for them. Outwardly, therefore, such actions may seem to resemble strongly the compulsory actions of obsessive-compulsive neurotics."

Do you want to know why Ruby shows a brain syndrome picture ? Probably because some toxin was used together with the conditioning. Alcohol. Peyote. Mescaline. LSD-25. To lock the post-hypnotic suggestions firmly in, to prevent Ruby from clearing, from being re-hypnotized by anyone other than the Conditioner. Sound like something out of a piece of fantasy-fiction ? Then see "The Manipulation Of Human Behavior", 1961, (John Wiley & Sons, compiled under the auspices of and sponsored by Uncle Sam's own USAF), *Bieberman & Trammell, eds., for capsules from 3 leading Governmental Cases, see pp. 157-171.*
I tell you, Mel, this case is insidious. The theory isn't really a second-line defense. It's what actually happened. I would love

A F F I D A V I T

IN BEHALF OF SIRHAN SIRHAN PRESENTLY SERVING TIME IN SAN QUENTIN PRISON.

I, Dr. Eduard Simson, being first duly sworn, depose as follows:

1. I have been a resident of the State of California since 1949. I have lived in Monterey, California for more than five years.

2. I am now and for approximately seventeen years have been engaged in the field of clinical psychology and psychotherapy. I was licensed as a psychologist in the State of California in 1960.

3. My formal academic background includes graduation from Stanford University (A.B.), a M.A. from New York University, a M.Psy. from the University of Louisville, a Ph.D. (Magna Cum Laude) from Heidelberg University, and a Diploma in Community Psychiatry, State of California Center for Training in Community Psychiatry and Mental Health Administration in Berkeley. I was Post-Doctoral Fellow with the Devereux Foundation, and a USPHS-NIMH Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

4. My membership in professional organizations includes: Fellow-British Royal Society of Health; Fellow-American Society for Clinical Hypnosis-ERF; Fellow-International Council of Psychologists; member-American Psychological Association, American and International Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, American Association of Mental Health Administrators and American Association of University Professors.

5. My practical experience and positions held include five years Chief Clinical Psychologist, Monterey County Mental Health Services; six years, Senior Psychologist, California State Prison, San Quentin; four years Chief Psychologist, Hunterdon Medical Center, New Jersey; and two years Clinical Psychologist, Alaska Territorial Department of Health.

6. I have taught Abnormal Psychology and Methods of Psychotherapy at the University of California, Santa Cruz Extension Program as well as at the University of Hawaii, Hartnell College and California State University, San Jose (a total of twenty-eight courses). I have also taught college extension courses for prisoners at Soledad Correctional Training Facility.

7. During my six years with the San Quentin Prison (two years full time, four years part time), I had an opportunity to study thousands of prisoners, including the condemned men on Death Row. For two years I was in charge of San Quentin Prison's psychological testing program.

During the summer of 1969, I interviewed and tested extensively and repeatedly during approximately twenty weekly visits, one particular inmate on Death Row, Sirhan Sirhan (accused of killing Senator Robert F. Kennedy).

8. After my visits with Sirhan were terminated, I found that Sirhan had repeatedly requested that his family contact me for the specific purpose of reviewing the psychiatric testimony that had been given at his trial. I reserved my decision to become further involved in this case until a much later date when I had the chance

to meet and talk to William W. Harper, a ballistic's expert and to study the trial transcripts. Mr. Harper's findings encouraged me to look further into the psychiatric testimony. I am appalled at the conduct of the mental health professionals involved in this case. It was with some reluctance that I agreed to examine the transcripts of the trial testimony as given by the psychologists and psychiatrists. I undertook the writing of this affidavit because I feel that it would be a disservice to the profession of psychology to let this matter rest without further review.

9. I discussed my findings with the prison's Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. David G. Schmidt. It was our conclusion that the findings reported during Sirhan's trial did not match but, in fact, were strictly in conflict with our findings elicited from Sirhan at San Quentin. My psychological test findings were strongly in conflict with the testimony of the trial's main witnesses, Dr. Diamond, Dr. Schorr, and Dr. Richardson, as well as with the testimony of psychologists performing "blind analysis" of Sirhan's "raw (test) data."

Nowhere in Sirhan's test responses was I able to find evidence that he is a "paranoid schizophrenic" or "psychotic" as testified by the doctors at the trial. My findings were substantiated by the observations of the Chief Psychiatrist at San Quentin, Dr. Schmidt, who also did NOT see Sirhan as psychotic or paranoid schizophrenic.

For instance, the bias and errors of the psychologists, such as Dr. Schorr, are well illustrated by the fact that his IQ estimates of Sirhan were significantly lower than those I obtained at San Quentin. During my testing at San Quentin, Sirhan obtained the following results on the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale:

Verbal IQ 129 (Very Superior)
Performance IQ 119 (Bright Normal)
Full Scale IQ 127 (Superior)

Dr. Schorr testified that his intelligence testing of Sirhan produced the following, much lower, IQ estimates:

Verbal IQ 109 (Average)
Performance IQ 82 (Dull-Normal)
Full Scale IQ 98 (Average)

From these scores, Dr. Schorr inferred and related to the jury that, based on his intelligence testing, Sirhan was a schizophrenic. Actually he was performing below his true intelligence because:

- a) he was under stress of being imprisoned under very unusual circumstances,
- b) he did not, as an Arab, want to cooperate with a Jewish doctor (doctors) he deeply distrusted.

This deep distrust, NORMAL (under the circumstances) was interpreted by his doctors as "paranoia", "schizophrenia", or "psychosis". None of these labels could describe Sirhan's behavior on Death Row where I found that his behavior fell well within the normal range.

10. The testimony of psychiatrists and psychologists, which I have carefully studied from trial transcripts, shows significant errors, distortions, even probable falsification of facts. The main reason for these errors rests largely on their belief that Sirhan killed Robert F. Kennedy. Their approach to examining Sirhan was highly misguided because of this preconceived notion. Had they known the ballistics evidence strongly contradicts Sirhan

having killed Robert F. Kennedy, their approach to interpreting Sirhan's test responses and spontaneous behavior would have been different. Pp 8063, 8068, 9, 70.

11. Assuming that Sirhan killed Robert F. Kennedy, an assumption, the validity of which apparently no one seriously questioned, the mental health specialists saw their role primarily in proving what to them was a known fact, rather than in discovering the truth. Consequently, since their approach was incorrect, they related erroneous conclusions to the jury.

12. The fact that the doctors examining Sirhan were mostly Jewish, whom Sirhan, as an Arab, highly distrusted, no psychological test results or hypnotic experiments conducted by them could be expected to yield valid information. The Jewish doctors, personally involved in the Arab-Jewish crisis, should have disqualified themselves. Psychological testing can provide valid information only when the subject trusts and fully cooperates with a psychologist. This Sirhan did with me, but, as he revealed to me, not with the court psychologists. Consequently, with or without hypnosis, the court psychiatrists and psychologists were NOT in a position to "unlock" Sirhan's mind. This could only be done by a doctor Sirhan fully trusted. I had become such a doctor for Sirhan. I believe I was well on my way to accomplishing this task, but could not complete it because my visits with Sirhan were abruptly terminated by San Quentin's Associate Warden James Park.

13. The following examples which I discovered in the trial transcripts serve as illustrations of the many errors and biases of

interest here was the pedantic collation of Sirhan's books taken by McCowan. These books were twenty-nine in number and the list was given to Sirhan's family. The before-mentioned book is included in this list. Mr. McCowan describes with great detail "The American People" by Muzzey. On page 373 over a picture of Ulysses S. Grant is written "Nuts to myself" twice. This is written with a fine pencil and very lightly. Mr. McCowan concludes his report of this book: "The writing does not appear to be Sirhan's writing", and Mr. McCowan clearly states: "The above concludes the writings in this book". However, on page 527 there is a very strongly pressured pen underlining "It was his last public utterance..." And there is a handwritten addition: "Many more will come." This sentence Dr. Marcus quoted at the trial. If McCowan could see the very fine writing on p. 373, how could he fail to see the different and heavily underlined notations on p. 527? In view of the fact that Mr. McCowan's research is so thorough, I find it incomprehensible that this could have been overlooked. Sirhan's consistent feelings about strange handwriting in his notebook and this addition leads me to believe that someone other than Sirhan underlined and made notes in this book -- at some date after these books were taken from Sirhan's home.

25. Reading and studying carefully the transcript of Sirhan's trial, there is a dominant impression that the psychiatric-psychological team, largely made up of Jewish doctors, pooled their efforts to prove that Sirhan, the hated Arab, was guilty and insane, a paranoid schizophrenic. Subsequent studies I have done in a more neutral, trusting relationship at San Quentin clearly point out the simple truth: Sirhan is not and was never a paranoid schizophrenic. The jury

was fed pooled information, the main author of the defense strategy being Dr. Diamond. The evidence suggests that Dr. Diamond was wrong, was not objective enough and was not an impartial searcher for truth as a psychiatrist in such a grave situation involving a man's life and death should be. The testimony that followed, too often utilized textbook stereotyped descriptions, rather than the life and personality of a bright young Arab, Sirhan Sirhan. Sirhan had become the center of a drama that unfolded slowly, discrediting and embarrassing psychology and psychiatry as a profession. He was the center of a drama, the true center of which probably still lies very much concealed and unknown to the general public. Was he merely a double, a stand-in, sent there to draw attention? Was he at the scene to replace someone else? Did he actually kill Robert Kennedy? Whatever the full truth of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination might be, it still remains locked in Sirhan's mind and in other, still anonymous minds.

26. Dr. Diamond testified (p. 6848): "(Sirhan) was more than willing to communicate to me that he had shot and killed Senator Kennedy." Sirhan told me that he did not trust Dr. Diamond, that he was making up stories for him to please and confuse him. (p. 6884) Dr. Diamond is correct in admitting that Sirhan lied to him and that it was difficult for him to determine what was truth, what was lie. Yet he drew conclusions from such material, presenting it as the full truth.

To illustrate Dr. Diamond's typical tendency to reach beyond his competence and be an expert also in areas of no expertise, he testified (p. 6854) "I am somewhat familiar with guns ... this type of revolver (that Sirhan used) ... never should have been manufactured and all

psychosis was obtained when Sirhan was under hypnosis (p. 6881).

The fact is, paranoid schizophrenics are almost impossible to hypnotize. They are too suspicious and do not trust anybody, including friends and relatives, not to speak of a hypnotist from, for him, the most hated race. Psychotics in general are among the poorest subjects for hypnosis. They cannot concentrate, they do not follow instructions and basically do not trust. Sirhan, however, was an unusually good hypnotic subject. Sirhan asked me to hypnotize him, which I did not do, in order not to contaminate my test findings with fantasies. He himself had manufactured a hypno-disk was practicing self-hypnosis in his Death Row Cell, an activity requiring considerable self-control which no psychotic has. The fact that Sirhan was easy to hypnotize, as testified by Dr. Diamond, proves he was not a paranoid schizophrenic (during one hypnotic experiment Dr. Diamond made Sirhan jump around, like a monkey; only good hypnotic subjects respond so readily to hypnotic suggestions).

30. (p. 6907) Dr. Diamond testified: "Schizophrenia (as he diagnosed Sirhan) is a disease of the mind which is all pervasive." Admitting this, he presented no evidence, no proof that Sirhan was totally disorganized, "sick" across the board in his mental functioning. Quite to the contrary, numerous witnesses saw him as highly intelligent and well oriented. The fact that Sirhan's behavior was quite appropriate to the reality he was in makes his behavior essentially normal. Normal behavior is tuned in to reality, is fitting to the circumstances in which the person finds himself. The "mentally ill" person does not like his reality and handles it by substituting a world of fantasies; he substitutes his fantasies and wishful thinking to reality, something he can handle without loss of self-esteem.

some of the r's were made in an unusual manner and he answered, he wanted to know whether we had hired a handwriting expert to forge the papers (forge his handwriting)."

Dr. Pollack testified (p. 7550) that Sirhan doubted the handwriting in the notebooks was his.

At no time did Sirhan offer the admission that he wrote the notebooks; yet the notebooks were one of the most important parts of evidence leading to his conviction. (p. 6978) Sirhan rejected and disowned the notebooks. According to a handwriting analyst's testimony (p. 7415) the handwriting in the notebooks was by someone who was "taking a little more pains with it than he ordinarily does". It is unlikely people do this in their notebooks; a more reasonable assumption is, it is done more by someone who tries to imitate a handwriting. Mr. Sloan, the prosecution's handwriting analyst, (p. 7432) was very likely also influenced by the fact that he believed Sirhan killed Robert Kennedy. I strongly suspect the notebooks are a forgery, for the thinking reflected in them is foreign to the Sirhan I carefully studied.

34. Dr. Diamond, the defense psychiatrist, blocked further evaluation of Sirhan by Dr. Pollack when Dr. Pollack did not agree with his views on Sirhan, thus further adding to the bias of promoting one specific interpretation to the jury. (Dr. Pollack did not agree with the diagnosis of Sirhan as a "schizophrenic" or "paranoid schizophrenic", as did the psychiatric TEAM working under the direction of Dr. Diamond.)

The following testimony is from Dr. Pollack (p. 7725): "I found no symptoms of any psychosis in Sirhan."

(p. 7513) "Sirhan was NOT psychotic."

as well as invalid.


37. Dr. Diamond's testimony strongly suggests that his hidden aim was to disturb Sirhan emotionally with the use of hypnotic experiments so he would behave like a paranoid schizophrenic, and so support his theories (I would more appropriately term them Freudian fantasies) which would explain why Sirhan killed R.F.K.

38. In summary, my repeated psychological testing of Sirhan Sirhan after his trial and our interviews strongly indicate that the psychiatric-psychological testimony at the trial was full of numerous factual errors and misleading to the jury. Most of the doctors testifying saw their role in proving why Sirhan killed Kennedy, which required a focus on pathology (mental illness) that I found does not exist. They failed to consider the real facts in a more objective light and failed to consider the possibility clearly suggested by the ballistic testimony and Sirhan's own testimony under close scrutiny that perhaps Sirhan did not kill Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan's trial was not handled properly by the mental health professionals. In retrospect, a close study of the trial testimony and my own extensive study of Sirhan leads to one irrevocable and obvious conclusion:

Sirhan's trial was, and will be remembered, as the psychiatric blunder of the century.

Dated: March 9, 1973



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Dear Mr. Flynn:

In your letter of November 22nd you use the term "your allegations" as related to our book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination; frankly, we are wary of this being used to classify some aspects of our investigation, most especially the evidence we've assembled in support of there having been more than one gunman firing at the assassination scene.

We suggest that official photographs from the FBI, the County Coroner, and signed statements from principals therein and others present at the crime scene, all attesting to a multiple weapon attack on Senator Kennedy, hardly constitutes "allegations" from our quarters; and when this evidence is juxtaposed with the handling of the "ballistics" aspects of the case by Los Angeles law enforcement officials (circa 1968-1978), it becomes all the more convincing that there exists "reasonable cause" to suspect that some type of a "conspiracy and cover-up" effected RFK's death.

The above information would best be placed before a federal grand jury for consideration and deliberation; if this is what you have in mind, we are prepared to assist in any way useful and necessary; if not, then we shall be compelled to seek appropriate remedies from other sources now available to us.

All that is required here is an open mind and awareness that we are all dealing with matters that have had and will continue to have a profound effect on the future of our nation.

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cc: Vincent T. Bugliosi
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November 22, 1978

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Dear Messrs. Christian and Turner:

We are in receipt of a proof of your book entitled
"The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy."

After we have reviewed your allegations, we shall
be in contact with you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hantman:

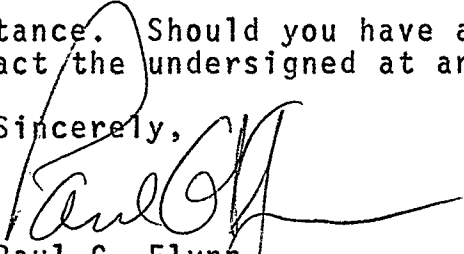
Re: John G. Christian - William W. Turner -
"The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy"

Enclosed are materials which we have received from the authors of the above-captioned book, which has been published by Random House. Messrs. Christian and Turner, the authors of the book, have indicated that our office should take an active interest in pursuing an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. We believe that the matter would best be handled by the Department in Washington, principally because of the nature of the allegations.

In addition to a draft of the publication itself, we have taken the liberty of forwarding correspondence which has been received by the office, which should be of assistance to anyone who might be assigned to look into this matter.

We appreciate your assistance. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the undersigned at any time.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Van de Kamp:

We've been informed by several mutual acquaintances that you have personally examined our recently released book on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

We are also informed that you do not like what you've read; that you apparently believe we have not reported the facts surrounding your involvement in the RFK assassination case.

Might we suggest that you itemize those portions of the book that you find untrue, either about your personal position or the evidence that we present in support of our central theme, "Conspiracy and Cover-up -- 1968-1978."

We should particularly like to have your explanation/response to the evidence presented that deals with the "ballistics" aspects of the RFK case. Official FBI and County Coroner photographs and signed statements from the principals therein and others present at the crime scene would seem to constitute the kind of probative evidence that at the very least should be presented to a grand jury for examination and deliberation. Is there some reason why this was never done, or why it cannot be done today?

We trust that a reading of our book will convince any open-minded person that there exists more than "reasonable cause" to suspect that criminality was the hallmark of the RFK assassination, before, during and after the fact. We should inform you that we've been notified that at least one other agency of government is currently reviewing all the facts set down in our book, and we're inclined to believe that they will reopen the case before too long.

And if the RFK case is reopened and you remain resistent to the causitive reasons why -- the substantial evidence you've examined for yourself now -- you will find yourself in a position not unlike that of your two immediate predecessors -- which will undoubtedly bring great personal, political, and familial distress to you and yours. Like these other district attorneys, you have been lied to and the facts misrepresented by persons around you and by those with other-than-honorable reasons in local and State law enforcement whose careers and possibly their personal freedoms are at stake here.

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If you choose to ignore what ordinarily would be accepted as bona fide threshold evidence of conspiracy and cover-up in the RFK case, and if you harbor the rationalization that we're merely anti-Establishment troublemakers and/or trying to sell books and turn some fast bucks, you are dreadfully mistaken, as we're sure some of our mutual friends will tell you (if you ask).

Frankly, we'd rather sit down with you in private and discuss this case from every angle, then jointly work out some kind of appropriate solution. That's asking a lot of you in your current situation, we know; but we're asking just the same, because our mutual friends also tell us that you are a man of honor and integrity; certainly you come from one of the most respected and influential families in the nation; which should make you take your oath of office all the more serious.

We can both make a major contribution to the future of our nation, one way or another; it's up to you now.

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Very sincerely yours,

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January 12, 1979

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Dear Messrs. Christian and Turner:

In re ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY

Your book on the Robert Kennedy assassination has been examined by members of the District Attorney's Office who are familiar with and currently assigned to the Sirhan case and to our continuing pursuit of related matters.

We believe that your book does not present any new evidence and that a meeting to discuss your book would serve no useful purpose. On the contrary, the material which you present has been thoroughly explored in various forums. Moreover, you apparently (deliberately) ignore certain significant developments such as the reexamination by my office and the Los Angeles Police Department of the pantry area of the Ambassador Hotel on December 18, 1975, and the crime lab reports pertaining thereto; the reinterview of Lisa Lynn Urso and her return to the pantry with our investigators on August 10, 1977; the import of the Kranz report; statements made by Sirhan to his cellmate, Carmen Falzone; and the interview in 1978 of Sirhan by Supervisors Baxter Ward and Kenneth Hahn. All of these developments and our involvement therein manifest our continuing interest in making sure that no significant stone remains unturned in this matter.

Indeed, on June 28, 1977, I wrote The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd, member of Congress, Second District of Massachusetts, indicating that we stood ready to help The House Select Committee on Assassinations should it be interested in further investigation of the Robert Kennedy assassination.

Mr. John G. Christian
Mr. William W. Turner

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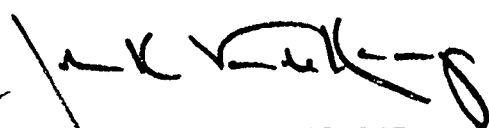
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The assassination remains a matter of great public concern, and I/we continue to encourage anyone with new information to bring it to us. I invite you to do the same.

I must say that I am puzzled by your rather cryptic statement that I may find myself in a position "which will undoubtedly bring great personal, political and familial distress to you and yours." I trust you were simply indulging in literary hyperbole.

Very truly yours,

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JANUARY 19, 1979

Dear Mr. Van de Kamp:

Your January 12th letter makes it clear that you are either unwilling and/or incapable of addressing the hard facts (evidence) in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case; apparently you have now firmly decided to stand beside the law enforcement clique to stonewall the original cover-up all the way.

Nonetheless, for purposes of the public record, we will address your letter's contentions point-by-point to further illustrate the truth of the above:

1. The December 18, 1975 "reexamination" of the crime scene by your staff and the LAPD involved the removal for analysis of various wooden doorframes and panels; apparently you now contend that since the LAPD crime lab found no bullet holes in these items that the assertion of guns other than that of Sirhan's having been fired has now been retired. Nonsense.

The LAPD has admitted that the above items of evidence were removed from the kitchen pantry in 1968 and subsequently destroyed (prematurely) in 1969. Your office knew this before the "Great Pantry Raid" took place, yet you went through the charade anyway. Why?

In lieu of these items of physical evidence, however, are the photographs and signed statements by highly credible and reliable crime scene eyewitnesses, all of which would, we're sure, stand up in any legitimate grand jury. Do you contend that this is not so? If so, why?

2. Returning Lisa Lynn Urso to the crime scene nine years after the event to offer "proof" that Sirhan was a "lone and unassisted assassin" is more charade; the evidence, both physical and eyewitness, remains in severe contradiction to this. Our book presents this in finite detail.
3. The Thomas "Kranz Report" has been reviewed by some of the most respected and credentialled experts in criminalistics and the law and called the shabbiest "investigation" ever conducted; we label it for what it is: a transparent attempt to whitewash the original, ongoing cover-up.

A case in point: our book invests hundreds of pages in establishing "reasonable cause" to suspect a criminal involvement in the RFK assassination by one Oliver Brindley Owen, aka "The Walking Bible." Kranz dismisses Owen in one short paragraph, which is actually a synopsis of the LAPD's conclusions. Further, Kranz admitted to us that he never questioned Owen or even looked beyond the LAPD's report to arrive at the conclusion that Owen was not criminally involved. Have

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you or your staff interviewed Owen about the incriminating evidence presented in our book? If not, why not? If so, then you should release your findings to the public.

4. Carmen Falzone's (Playboy Magazine) statements that Sirhan "admitted" to him that he was RFK's "lone and unassisted assassin" has been refuted in an affidavit signed by Sirhan and some 80 fellow inmates at Soledad Prison; your office is well aware of this, yet you use this highly suspect man's unverified contentions to contend the opposite.

Are you also aware that Falzone has a long record of associations with both the underworld and "intelligence" communities, elements we graphically identify as being integrally involved in the RFK assassination? Is it coincidence that Falzone's statements, had they have been taken seriously by parole authorities (which they weren't), would have caused cancellation of Sirhan's fixed release date from prison? And once Sirhan is released it will be quite possible for our contention that he was a hypno-programmed ("Manchurian Candidate") and no more than a "decoy-patsy" to be proven under medical "deprogramming" by some of the world's most respected doctors.

One of Falzone's charges asserts that Sirhan was guided into the RFK assassination because of an admiration for well-known Arab terrorist leaders; that this has since evolved into an actual contact with foreign and domestic terrorists; that a plan was afoot for Sirhan to be helped (by Falzone) to escape prison in order for them to join up with these terrorists to steal an atomic weapon, which would then be used to blackmail the American government on threat of it being detonated in the likes of New York City or Washington, D. C. Political science fiction? Well, this is the tale that you now ask the public to accept as truth; at least your office claims that it placed Falzone under a polygraph test and you vouch for its readings that his "story" is the Gospel truth. Why not release those tests to the public for review by independent polygraph experts?

Curiously enough, TV news producer Pete Noyes recently informed us of the following: that in the immediate aftermath of the RFK assassination that you told him that you were convinced that Sirhan had been part of an Arab terrorist conspiracy to kill RFK. In fact, Noyes tells us that you kept up this interest for many months, supplying him with "official information" (leads along these lines) with great frequency. At the time, we're advised that you were involved in association with government agencies. Might one of these have been the CIA?

And isn't it "coincidental" that our book goes into great detail about elements of the CIA's "Dirty Tricks" section (within the LAPD) controlling the RFK assassination investigation from its very inception?

5. The interview conducted by Supervisors Ward and Hahn with Sirhan in 1978 established nothing more than effective confirmation that he cannot remember his involvement in the RFK assassination, nor identify any coconspirators therein. Our experts say this condition is entirely consistent with Sirhan's having been hypno-programmed into an "artificial amnesia," from which he cannot escape without expert medical assistance. Yet you infer that somehow Ward and Hahn were able to validate your "lone assassin" contention during their session with Sirhan.

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While your letter pontificates about "making sure that no significant stone remains unturned in this matter," your actual behaviour is precisely as described in our book: you speak with forked tongue.

The only honest and legitimate way to proceed with this issue is to have a special prosecutor named to present all the evidence to a special grand jury; for you to resist this would be a tacit admission that you and your law enforcement associates have something you cannot sustain vis-a-vis your "lone assassin" position; or something to hide as well.

As your confederates should have informed you by now, we have presented our findings to other agencies of government, none of which have dismissed it as has been the case with your office. In fact, the reactions have been quite positive and encouraging.

We meant every word of our previous letter, including our "rather cryptic statement" about what you can expect when this case explodes in your face; we weren't threatening you, sir; merely letting you know what your good sense should tell you is involved here.

We fully intend to prevail; it's just a matter of time now.

And that, sir, is not "literary hyperbole."

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Dear Mr. Christian and Mr. Turner:

The Foreman of the 1977-78 Grand Jury, Dorothy Courtney, did leave the galleys of your book for the consideration of the incoming Grand Jury. We did not take action with regard to them in that the early months of the Grand Jury term were spent forming committees, acquainting ourselves with County government and hearing criminal cases. There was no time to launch an investigation of the nature requested in your letter.

As a result of your letter of December 6, 1978, I have given this matter further thought. Our mandated civil audit duties and the multitude of projects that are the subject of time consuming review by the Grand Jury compel me to conclude that the Grand Jury cannot honor your request for a review of the evidence in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

Since you conclude that your findings "call for intervention by a federal law-enforcement agency," I suggest - with the backing of our legal adviser - that you refer your book and other data to the U. S. Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, here in Los Angeles.

I regret the delays you have experienced in getting a reply from my office. I am sorry to disappoint you with a negative statement.

Very truly yours,

Richard G. Lillard

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JANUARY 19, 1979

Dear Mr. Lillard:

We have received your response letter of January 9th; we are, in fact, disappointed in your decision to forego any kind of examination of our charges of criminal mis- and/or malfeasance on the part of law enforcement officials under your jurisdiction.

We submit the enclosed exchange of correspondence between ourselves and District Attorney John Van de Kamp to further illustrate the above point; that he continues to obstruct justice in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case under the most dubious of rationales is unconscionable and intollerable.

No public official is above the law; and no agency of county government should be allowed to wantonly flaunt the law as is Van de Kamp; your oath of office compels you to (at least) bring this matter before your fellow grand jurors for discussion.

Thus, we ask you once again to reconsider such a review at the earliest possible moment; if not, then you place yourself in a position of being accused of aiding and abetting the official "cover-up" in the RFK case, which is going to be reopened sooner or later, one way or another.

We trust that you take your oath of office and the trust and responsibility therein with the same sincerity as you do your citizenship in this nation, whose very survival may be at stake here.

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Very sincerely yours,

cc: Dr. Robert J. Joling
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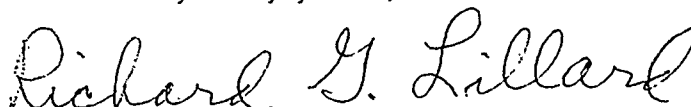
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Dear Mr. Christian and Mr. Turner:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 19, 1979, and the enclosed exchange of correspondence between you and District Attorney John Van de Kamp.

I must again, on behalf of the Grand Jury, inform you that we will not honor your request for a Grand Jury investigation into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

Very truly yours,



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FEBRUARY 2, 1979

Dear Mr. Van de Kamp:

Subsequent to our January 19th response letter to you re your contentions that your official stance is both defensible and intact, we were provided the following information by a high level government official:

That your office and the LAPD notified the above official that you had located a crucial witness, Ms Lisa Lynn Urso, in Hawaii; that Ms Urso had agreed to return to Los Angeles for the purpose of aiding in a reconstruction of the Robert Kennedy assassination as witnessed by her on June 5, 1968 as one of those present during the shooting; that Ms Urso was prepared to demonstrate and validate the official position that Sirhan had fired his weapon into Senator Kennedy at "point-blank range."

That during the reconstruction, the person portraying Sirhan was instructed to go through the motions of attacking Kennedy, climaxing with his placing his weapon at "contact" range to the Senator's body; however, Ms Urso, according to the observing official, stated words to the effect, "No; that's too close," and that she ultimately placed the muzzle of the Sirhan gun no closer than three feet away from Kennedy; this would be entirely consistent with virtually all the statements of the other eyewitnesses to the shooting; it would not, as your letter of January 12th implies, support your position of a "point-blank range" firing of the Sirhan gun into Kennedy's body.

The official who observed the above did not think you were present during this event; many members of your staff were, however; if this event was reported to you as reflected in your January 12th letter, then you have been lied to in still another phase of this case; and the official indicates that there were more present than himself to this incident, so confirmation would not be difficult to effect. That is, if the actual truth behind the case really matters to you.

There is still time for you to turn this sordid affair around; but not much.

JGC/WWT:jah

Sincerely,

cc: Dr. Robert J. Joling
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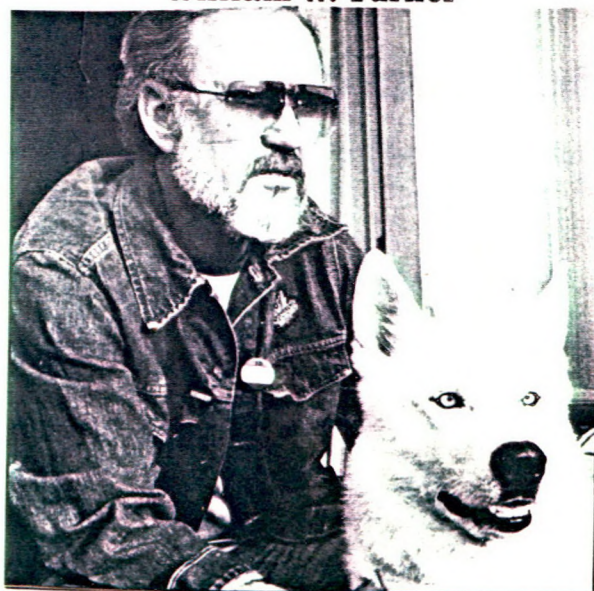
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