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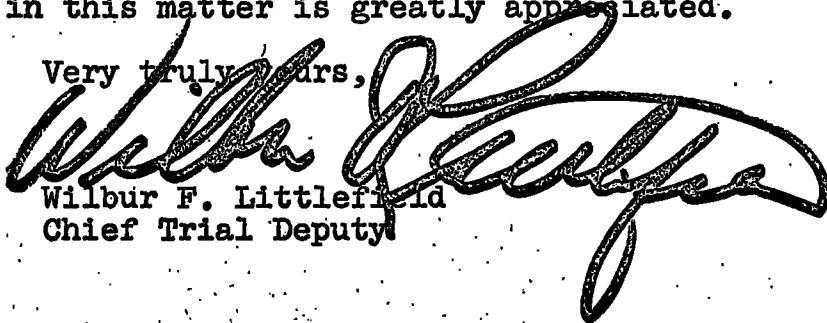
In re: People of the State of California vs.
Sirhan Bishara Sirhan
Superior Court No. A 233421
Public Defender No. 383175

This office has been appointed by the Court to represent
Mr. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in connection with the above
matter.

In accordance with my telephone conversation of this after-
noon with the Hon. William Matthew Byrne, Jr., United States
Attorney for the Central District of California, I am en-
closing a letter to Mr. Bishara Salameh Sirhan, the father
of the defendant, and respectfully request that you use
your good offices to expedite the delivery of this letter.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Wilbur F. Littlefield
Chief Trial Deputy

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Classified pouch K2-1844, Inv. C-072, leaving Department June 17 contains, in envelope addressed to Ambassador, sealed letter to be delivered to Bishara Salameh Sirhan from Richard S. Buckley, Public Defender, Los Angeles, S/S Registry No. 1278841.

Pouch expected arrive June 20-21. Please acknowledge receipt and confirm delivery time to Sirhan.

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X UNITED ARAB AIRLINES ADVISED TODAY THAT CAPTAIN FALAH
OMAR NOT DUE LONDON THIS WEEK. THEY WILL KNOW JUNE TWO ONE
NEXT IF DUE NEXT WEEK. AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES LONDON HE WILL
BE INTERVIEWED RE KENSALT MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-587) LOS ANGELES (56-156) AND WFO (173-135)

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (89-61) 2P

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RE WFO TELETYPE BUREAU ET AL JUNE EIGHTEEN, LAST.

DAVE MURRAY, "CHICAGO SUN-TIMES" ADVISED THIS DATE FROM HERESAY ONLY HE BELIEVED SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY TOOK KITCHEN ROUTE IN ORDER TO AVOID HEAVY CROWD IN EMBASSY ROOM AMBASSADOR HOTEL. STATED SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY EXTREMELY TIRED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION AND BELIEVES HIS AIDES TOOK KITCHEN ROUTE SO HE WOULD NOT BE CAUGHT IN CRUSH OF CROWD IN EMBASSY ROOM. SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY SCHEDULED TO GO COLONIAL ROOM FOR INTERVIEW BY NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL REPRESENTATIVES, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION. COLONIAL ROOM HAD BEEN SET UP AS PRESS ROOM. STATES DICK DRAYNE, PRESS SECRETARY TO SENATOR EDWARD F. KENNEDY PRESENT AT TIME AND MAY KNOW MORE DEFINITELY WHY SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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TOOK KITCHEN ROUTE. STATES BOB ROSE, WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS", WHO RESIDES LOS ANGELES, WAS AT HOSPITAL, BUT DID NOT SEE HIM AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL. BELIEVES SY KORMAN, WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE "CHICAGO TRIBUNE", WHO ALSO RESIDES LOS ANGELES, IN EMBASSY ROOM AT TIME ASSASSINATION. STATES TOM LITTLEWOOD, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT "CHICAGO SUN-TIMES", WHO RESIDES WASHINGTON, D.C., ALSO PRESENT IN EMBASSY ROOM. MURRAY STATES HE NEVER OBSERVED SIRHAN PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION. WASHINGTON FIELD LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DICK DRAYNE AND TOM LITTLEWOOD, IF NOT ALREADY DONE. LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BOB ROSE AND SY KORMAN. FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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cc: Mr. Shroder

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Date: 6/11/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-NEW)
PERNELL EZZELL;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Attached are 11 copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual.

Interviews of FRANK WETZELL and FAY EZZELL were conducted by SAs THOMAS B. McNALLY and GORDON W. TINDLE. SA McNALLY contacted Dr. HERBERT COLLINS and checked records of the Orlando Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, both Orlando, Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

PERNELL EZZELL

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

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