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Gentlemen:

On either the night of Wednesday, June 5, or the night of Thursday, June 6, 1968 (but I think it was the night of the 5th), while watching films on my TV screen* which I believe were taken at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles right before the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, my attention was caught and focused for several seconds on the movements of a man in a light-colored shirt, with either his back or profile to the TV camera, running or probably walking at a fast pace through this large crowd. Now I realize that this in itself is nothing and that any number of very sensible reasons could have accounted for his movements, or it may be that he simply felt like moving in that manner, but it was the shooting incident which took place around that time that made me keep wondering why that man seemed to be weaving his way through the crowd with such purpose right then when the rest of the people around him appeared to be either standing approximately in one place or moving about slowly.

I put off writing you for several days about the above question that kept occurring to me as it seemed so silly and insignificant (and it still does, especially on paper). Regardless, this is what I saw at that time. If you think it has any significance, you can take it from there and look for this man while you are looking at the rerun of these films, as I'm sure you will be studying all of these films because of your investigations.

Very truly yours,

Edythe Louviere
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cc: The Honorable Sam Yorty
Mayor of Los Angeles
Commissioner of Police of the
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*I never noticed which television channel I was watching at that particular time, but it was one of the following: Channels 3 (KATC) and 10 (KLFY) in Lafayette, La. and Channels 2 (WBRZ) and 9 (WAFB) in Baton Rouge, La.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 9947

SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 183194; LONDON 9945, 9946.

1. JON KIMCHE PROVIDED EMBOFF FOL. ADDITIONAL INFO FROM HIS SOURCE EVENING JUNE 16.

A. ON ONE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST SIRHAN SAILED FROM NEW YORK AS CREW MEMBER. ON ANOTHER HE TRANSITED CANADA.

B. SIRHAN REPORTEDLY WAS AT QATANA TRAINING CENTER NEAR DAMASCUS JUNE-SEPT. 1964.

C. IN FEB. 1966 SIRHAN WENT TO BEIRUT AND STAYED WITH A PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN FAMILY AT AL HAMA. THEN HE SPENT THREE MONTHS AT MA'ADI TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO, AND TWO MONTHS IN GAZA STRIP.

D. SIRHAN'S FATHER NOW HAS LARGE SUM OF MONEY FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE. FALSE REPORT ALLEGING RECORD OF PREVIOUS MENTAL INSTABILITY AND PERIOD IN MENTAL HOSPITAL BEING PREPARED.

2. KIMCHE NOTED IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CHECK SOURCE'S INFO THAT SIRHAN AWAY FROM U.S. FOR TWO PERIODS OF MONTHS.

3. EMBOFF ASKED HOW SOURCE REACTED TO IDEA HIS MIGHT BE

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DIFFERENT SIRHAN THAN THE ONE BEING HELD IN CONNECTION ASSASSINATION. KIMCHE SAID SOURCE CLAIMS HE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN OF HIS INFO. KIMCHE THINKS SOURCE PLAYING FAIR WITH HIM, AND HAS ACCESS TO INSIDE FATAH INFO.

4. HOWEVER, IN FURTHER EXCHANGE KIMCHE GAVE FIRST INDICATION OF UNCERTAINTY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. AND HE SAID, "I CAN'T GUARANTEE THIS, BUT THERE IT IS."

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 9946

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1. QUESTION OF JON KIMCHE'S RELIABILITY AROSE IN EMBOFF EXCHANGE WITH ISRAEL FIRST SEC YEHUDA TAGGAR EVENING JUNE 15. (EMBOFF DID NOT MENTION HIS EARLIER EXCHANGE WITH KIMCHE.) TAGGAR SAID WHEN HE ARRIVED LONDON ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO HE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT CULTIVATE KIMCHE BECAUSE OF THEIR MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP WITH FON- MINISTRY ADVISER EZRA DANIN. AFTER OBSERVING HOW OFTEN KIMCHE WAS PROVED WRONG, AND IN VIEW KIMCHE'S REFUSAL NAME SUCH SOURCES AS HIS "CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO", TAGGAR GAVE HIM UP. WHEN ASKED, ISRAEL EMBASSY HERE ON BACKGROUND BASIS STRESSES KIMCHE'S LACK OF CONNECTION WITH GOI AND HIS "GENERAL UNRELIABILITY" AS JOURNALIST.

2. TAGGAR ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT KIMCHE GLOATED TO HIM RE UK MOD OFFICIAL MCGUIRE'S CONGRATULATIONS ABOUT MAY 7 ARTICLE (PARA 4B LONDON REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: IN RECENT YEARS KIMCHE HAS CONSISTENTLY EVINCED LOW OPINION OF ISRAELI PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS, AND THEY OF HIM. HIS PRIMARY GOI CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MOSTLY WITH IDF INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER OFFICERS. HE WAS REPUTEDLY CLOSE TO FORMER DEPUTY MINDEF PERES. YESTERDAY HE SPOKE WARMLY OF AMB TO ITALY AVRIEL, AND INDICATED ONLY CIVILIAN "ESTABLISHMENT" OFFICIAL HE RESPECTS IS YA'ACOV HERZOG OF PRIMIN ESHKOL'S OFFICE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 9945

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 183194; LONDON 9887, 9924

1. SUMMARY: JON KIMCHE CLAIMS BELIEVE HIS SOURCE (WHOM HE DECLINES TO NAME) OF INFO FOR SIRHAN STORY REPORTED LONDON 9869 IS RELIABLE. HE SUGGESTS TWO ASPECTS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE OF CHECKING. BRITISH AUTHORITIES SHARE OUR DOUBTS ABOUT KIMCHE'S GENERAL RELIABILITY.

2. IN HOUR-LONG EXCHANGE SAT AFT. AT EMBOFFS QUARTERS, KIMCHE STUCK TO MAIN OUTLINE OF HIS ALLEGATIONS RE SIRHANS TRIPS FROM US TO NEAR EAST. AFFORDING KIMCHE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BACK AWAY FROM HIS EVENING STANDARD STORY, EMBOFF APPEALED TO HIS SENSE OF PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, PROMISED USG WOULD PROTECT INFO, AND EVINCED SYMPATHETIC INTEREST IN KIMCHE'S NEW PUBLISHING VENTURE (LONDON A-3472, MAY 7). KIMCHE KEPT REITERATING HE COULD NOT PROVE HIS INFO CORRECT BUT HIS SOURCE USUALLY RELIABLE. HE SEEMED UNIMPRESSED BY POSSIBILITY THIS MIGHT BE SIMPLE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

3. EARLY IN EXCHANGE, KIMCHE:

A. EXPLAINED HE HAD TO POSTPONE LAST NIGHTS

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APPOINTMENT WITH EMBOFF; IN ORDER SEE A CAIRO SOURCE WHO STOPPED AT LONDON AIRPORT TWO HOURS. THEIR MEETING UNRELATED TO SIRHAN CASE.

B. VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS STORY'S REFERENCES TO "AN ARAB GOVERNMENT" AS SOURCE OF HIS INFO ON SIRHAN WERE UNTRUE. HE CITED "AN ARAB GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY SOURCE."

C. SAID HE REFLECTED HARD AND RE-CHECKED WITH HIS SOURCE BEFORE PUBLISHING JUNE 13 ARTICLE. CHECKED WITH SOURCE AGAIN AFTER EMBOFF PHONED FOR APPOINTMENT. (EMBOFF DID NOT SPECIFY SUBJECT, BUT KIMCHE KNEW.)

4. KIMCHE MADE FOL POINTS IN RESPONSE EMBOFF'S PROBES:

A. HIS CONTACTS WITH SOURCE ARE DIRECT. LAST NIGHT THEY CONVERSED BY PHONE.

B. OVER TWO YEARS SOURCE HAS BEEN "ALMOST ALWAYS RIGHT." HE PROVIDED INFO FOR KINCHES MAY 7 EVENING STANDARD PIECE RE "SURPRISE AIDE-MEMOIRE" SENT BY SOVIETS TO ARAB GOVTS INCLUDING JORDANS. (ARTICLE POUCHED MAY 8 TO NEA/ARN, NEA, IAI, IO, UNP, AMMAN, BEIRUT, JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, ETC.). THOUGH THIS STORY DENIED BY JORDANIAN EMB LONDON AND OTHER AUTHORITIES, LATER "SIR HAROLD MCGUIRE" COMPLIMENTED KINCHE ON ACCURACY HIS INFO. SAME SOURCE ALSO GAVE KINCHE INFO FOR JUNE 6 ARTICLE (LONDON 9621) RE FATAH STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN PARIS "AND PHILADELPHIA," WHICH OTHER SOURCES LATER CONFIRMED TO KINCHE.

COMMENT: PHILADELPHIA NOT MENTIONED IN JUNE 6 ARTICLE.

C. KIMCHE WILLING COOPERATE WITH US "100 PERCENT" BUT CAN'T NAME SOURCE. YEARS AGO HE WAS BADLY BURNED BY IDENTIFYING A SOURCE, AND HAS NEVER DONE SO SINCE DESPITE MANY ENTREATIES BY ISRAELI AND BRITISH OFFICIALS. LATER KIMCHE SAID HE COULD TELL US SOURCE IF LATTER APPROVED, BUT KIMCHE DOUBTED SOURCE WOULD.

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D. INFO RE SIRHAN'S TRIPS "WAS FLOATING AROUND IN FATAH CIRCLES" TO WHICH SOURCE HAS ACCESS. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT KIMCHE SAID SOME ARAB DIPLOMATS BEING DRAWN INTO FATAH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, SOME OF THEM UNWILLINGLY.

E. SOURCE CERTAIN SIRHAN VISITED NE INCLUDING DAMASCUS IN 1964 AND CAIRO IN 1966. SOURCE LESS SURE ABOUT EARLIER TRIP. PRESUMABLY FBI COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER SIRHAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN U.S. THROUGHOUT 1964 AND 1966.

F. KIMCHE WAS DOUBTFUL ABOUT SOURCE'S INFO RE SIRHAN'S MARRIAGE AT 13, BUT SOURCE INSISTED MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE 1957 AT SALT. PRESUMABLY LOCAL RECORDS BEING CHECKED.

G. RE UPI STORIES (TEL AVIV 4128) INCLUDING THEORY OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY INVOLVING SIHRAN SALIM EM ABER KHAIBIR SIRHAN OF DETROIT, KIMCHE COMMENTED ONLY THAT THE ASSASSIN'S FATHER HAS MADE CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS.

H. LAST NIGHT SOURCE TOLD KIMCHE FATAH QUITE CONFIDENT SIRHAN WOULD NOT TALK, BUT ARE SENDING SPECIAL TEAM TO LOS ANGELES TO KILL HIM IF HE DOES.

5. WHILE DISCUSSING MUTUAL ISRAELI ACQUAINTANCES, KIMCHE SAID HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH IDF AND AMB TO U.K. REMEZ WERE UNIMPAIRED BY LAST YEAR'S FLAP OVER JEWISH OBSERVER.

6. KIMCHE OFFERED SHARE ANY FUTURE PERTINENT INFO WITH REPORTING EMBOFF PRIOR LATTER'S JUNE 18 TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHER EMBOFF.

7. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS EMBASSY JUNE 14 CHECKED VIA APPROPRIATE CHANNELS POSSIBILITY THAT HMG MIGHT HAVE SOMEONE WITH WHOM KIMCHE LIKELY BE FORTHCOMING. U.K. AUTHORITIES RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT PLACE CREDENCE IN KIMCHE'S RELIABILITY AND DOUBTED THEY COULD GET THE TRUTH FROM HIM.

8. DEPT. RPT. FURTHER IF DESIRED.

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KIMCHEI JUST POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY NOON SESSION WITH EMBOS
WHICH HAD BEEN SET FOR THIS EVENING.

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SUBJECT: SIRHAN CASE

PRESS STORIES INDICATE BISHARA SIRHAN, FATHER OF SIRHAN SIRHAN, MAY VISIT U.S. CONNECTION TRIAL HIS SON. IF BISHARA SIRHAN APPLIES FOR VISA, NOTIFY DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. YOU MAY PROCEED WITH NORMAL PROCESSING APPLICATION BUT TAKE NO FINAL ACTION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

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1. EMBASSY MAY HAVE NOTED PRESS REPORTS SHOOTING IN CHICAGO
JUNE 8 ABDER RAYYAN GROCER OF JORDANIAN ORIGIN. NEWS MEDIA
SPECULATING THAT KILLING WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND CONNECTED
WITH KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

2. VICTIM WAS SHOT FROM REAR WHILE LOOKING OUT OF STORE ENTRANCE
TOWARD STREET. TWO MEN SEEN RUNNING FROM STORE, ONE OF WHOM
TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS PERSON HAVING PREVIOUS POLICE RECORD
AND POSSIBLY CONNECTED BLACK POWER GROUP. NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT
WHETHER VICTIM KNOWN TO KILLERS BUT APPARENTLY THERE WAS NOT
ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

3. RUMOR REPORTEDLY EXISTED THAT GROCER HAD RECENTLY MADE
DISPARAGING REMARK ABOUT THE LATE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND
ROBERT KENNEDY. ACCORDING NEWS MEDIA, HOWEVER, RAYYAN WAS KENNEDY
ADMIRER WITH PICTURES OF KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON STORE WALL.

4. SUSPECTS IN SHOOTING STILL AT LARGE. ONE ACCOMPLICE BEING HELD
AND CHARGE WITH MURDER.

5. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS TALKED WITH JORDANIAN HONORARY
CONSUL IN CHICAGO WHO KNEW VICTIM PERSONALLY. ACCORDING TO HONORARY
CONSUL CORRECT NAME OF VICTIM WAS ABID JUMAA RAYYAN. HE WAS
CONSIDERED SOBER AND HARD-WORKING MEMBER OF COMMUNITY AND WAS

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WHITE HOUSE SIT ROOM ATTN SECRET SERVICE, PID; STATE OFFICE OF
SECURITY INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH ATTN MR. RUSK; DEPT OF JUSTICE

ATTN ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK.

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1. A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING

1cc Civil Rights Division
Dept of Justice
via Special Messenger
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copy for INS to be delivered by Special Agent

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INFORMATION ON SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN:

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C. SUBJECT'S FATHER QUARRELED WITH HIS WIFE AND FAMILY ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO OVER THE KIND OF EDUCATION THE CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE. SUBJECT'S FATHER WANTED THEM TO HAVE A TRADITIONAL EDUCATION, BUT HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THIS AND LEFT THE FAMILY AND RETURNED TO TAYBEH.

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|| AND THAT THEY BEGAN TO DRINK EXCESSIVELY.

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2. SOURCES REPORT THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHER ADEL SENT \$200.00 TO HIS FATHER ON 23 FEBRUARY 1968. THE INSTRUMENT WAS DRAWN ON THE UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK AND WAS CASHED AT OR PAYABLE TO THE DISCOUNT BANK IN RAMALLAH. THE VOUCHER NUMBER WAS 9,088,908.

3. SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT SUBJECT'S MOTHER HAS A SISTER NAMED VICTORIA WHO LIVES IN AMMAN, JORDAN. VICTORIA IS MARRIED TO ~~SALIM~~ NASAR, WHO OWNS A GROCERY STORE IN AMMAN. SUBJECT'S FATHER VISITED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW IN AMMAN TEN DAYS AGO.

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*This discussed with James Ledburn
CIA on 6/7/68. He was requested not
to use us as transmission channel
for TRANS & crypt. On 6/10/68 Ledburn
advised this has been straightened
out for future.*

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Date: 6/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (62-2416)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

INFORMANT

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, the original and four copies, and to Los Angeles, four copies, of a letterhead memorandum which contains information received from ADREA ROSENBERG (Mrs. BERNARD ROSENBERG), 1960 Locust Street, Denver, Colorado, who requested that her identity be protected. It is to be noted that Mrs. ROSENBERG and her husband are very prominent in business and social circles in Denver. Mrs. ROSENBERG is an instructor in internal affairs at Temple Buell College. She has been very cooperative with the FBI and has obtained valuable information for the FBI in connection with cases pertaining to the internal security of the United States.

It is requested that the Los Angeles Office furnish copies of this letterhead memorandum to the United States Attorney, and to the local District Attorney, who has the responsibility for the prosecution of SIRHAN.

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *[Signature]* DATE: June 12, 1968 *[Signature]*

FROM : S. J. Papich *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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BB Reference is made to the recent UPI news release indicating that one Solomon Sirhan had been arrested in Iraq as an Israeli agent. It was further indicated that he was the brother of the subject in the instant case. *[Signature]*

James Hunt, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on June 12, 1968: *[Signature]*

Discreet inquiry conducted by CIA in Iraq has disclosed that there is no basis whatsoever for the referenced story. There was no arrest of any "Israeli agent" in Iraq, and there is no evidence that the subject in this case has a brother named Solomon. The news story allegedly originated in Cairo, and CIA surmises that the Egyptian Government fabricated the story in an effort to embarrass the Israelis. The Iraqi Government was so incensed over the news item that it submitted an official apology to the government of Jordan claiming there was no basis for the news item. *e*

Inquiry by CIA in Jordan has failed to disclose any evidence that the subject in this case has a brother named Solomon.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the General Crimes Unit of the General Investigative Division.

- 1 - Mr. Schutz (Thompson)
- 1 - Mr. Cotter
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK -PLAINTEXT-

/NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON/

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 2P

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REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES JUNE TWELVE LAST, INSTRUCTING THAT VERONICA DEEMS, SANTA MONICA DETECTIVE KENNETH LLOYD HILAIEL AND LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER RATHBURN BE INTERVIEWED; NEW YORK TELS TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JUNE TEN AND ELEVEN LAST CONCERNING TAMARA GOROVICH.

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DEEMS CALLED AGAIN ON SAME DATE ADVISING THAT A MAN HAD JUNE 14 1968 SUITCASE IN FRONT OF BEAUTY PARLOR IN HOTEL. HILAIEL NOTIFIED SANTA MONICA RESIDENT AGENCY. HE ALSO NOTIFIED LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HOMOCIDE, BUT CANNOT RECALL IF HE TOLD THEM ABOUT SUITCASE. ON JUNE SEVEN LAST DETECTIVE ROBERT SOLLEE, SANTA

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MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCATED A SUITCASE LEFT ON MIRAMAR PREMISES BY UNKNOWN MALE. SUITCASE CONTAINED BOOKING SLIP PERTAINING TO DRUNK ARREST IN NAME OF JOHNNY L. DOWLING. SOLLEE SAID CONTENTS OF SUITCASE INDICATED THAT POSSESSER WAS TRANSIENT AND LIVING OUT OF IT. SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS SUITCASE. CALIF

LOS ANGELES OFFICE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AT MIRAMAR HOTEL ON JUNE SEVEN LAST, BUT NOTHING SIGNIFICANT ESTABLISHED. REGISTRANT FOR ROOM TWO THREE SIX WAS IN NAME MARGARET PETTE. TAGS ON LUGGAGE IN ROOM BORE NAME MISS PETROUCHKOWICH.

ON JUNE NINE LAST SERGEANT TREVIS, SANTA MONICA PD ADVISED LOS ANGELES PD THAT DEEMS FURNISHED INFORMATION ABOUT A TAMARA COROVICH. LOS ANGELES PD OFFICERS R. PHILIPS AND WILLIAM M. RATHBURN INTERVIEWED DEEMS JUNE NINE LAST. DEEMS SAID HER CLOSE FRIEND PETER KALVADA HAD BEEN ACTING VERY NERVOUS AND WEIRD SINCE KENNEDY SHOOTING. SHE HAD FOUND NOTE IN KALVADA'S POCKET WITH MESSAGE "TAMARA COROVICH SUNDAY FOUR THIRTY AAL TWO NINE NINE". DEEMS SUSPECTED THIS HAD CONNECTION WITH KENNEDY SHOOTING SO CONTACTED AIRLINES WHO IN TURN CONTACTED SANTA MONICA PD. LOS ANGELES PD OFFICERS ADVISED THAT DEEMS WAS SORT OF "KOOKY" AND COULD SHOW NO CONNECTION WITH KENNEDY SHOOTING. CALIF

DEEMS NOT LOCATED TO DATE. BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TO MEXICO CITY. OFFICER RATHBURN CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE. BOTH WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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RDR R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

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Date: 6/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: LA)

Re telephone calls between SA JOSEPH L. MC KINSTRAY Belleville, Illinois and SA SPURGEON PETERSON, St. Louis, Missouri, 6/12 and 13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a Xerox copy of a business card in the name SAMIR M. KHALAF furnished by DUDLEY L. DEEDLE, Belleville, Illinois, who stated the card was given to him by an individual he met in St. Louis, Missouri, about 2½ years ago and whom he saw at the Playboy Club, St. Louis, on several occasions. DEEDLE advised that "FARHAN" was done by him on this card after he attempted to determine the name of the real ambassador or counsel general to the United States from the Country this individual claimed he was from after the individual claimed his father held one of those positions.

This is being furnished the Bureau in the event it is necessary to determine the correct letter indicated by first symbol of the individual's name on the card and by the middle symbol of the three letters under his name which appear to be the letter "S".

On 6/12/68, a copy of a photograph of ABDELAZIZ YOUSIF KHALAF, born 8/19/47, Saudi, Arabia (Hayel), was shown to DUDLEY L. DEEDLE, 100 North 81st Street, Belleville, Illinois,

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who was acquainted with the individual giving the name SAMIR M. KHALAF. DEEDLE advised that due to the quality of the photograph he could not definitely state whether or not it is the person with whom he was acquainted. He advised he now recalled that this person claimed to have just become 21 prior to their first meeting 2 years ago and claimed to be studying to be an eye doctor at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

DEEDLE advised that the name appearing on the card furnished by the individual apparently was not his full name as during conversation he had spoken his full name which was lengthy but due to his rapid speech and accent, DEEDLE was unable to recall the name.

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