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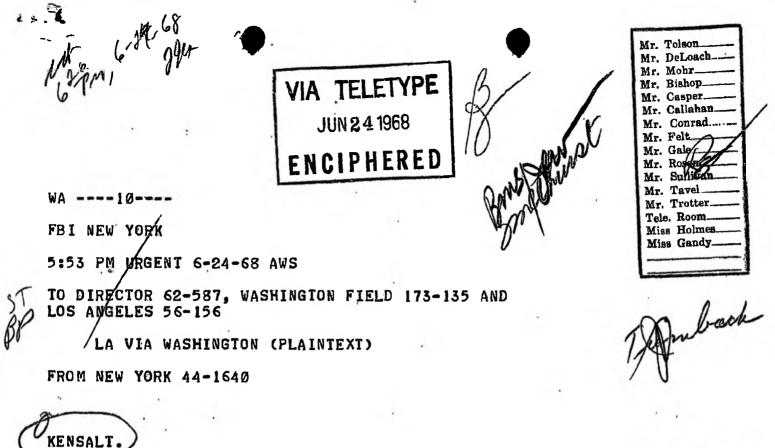
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JIM FURY, TICKET USAGE SUPERVISOR, PAN AM, NEW YORK CITY, STATED HE CALLED HIS ATLANTA OFFICE. HE AND ATLANTA OFFICE HAVE NO RECORD OF PATRICIA C. ABERCROMBIE, AND NUMBER FOUR SEVEN TWO DASH THREE ZERO EIGHT THREEE OR FOUR SEVEN TWO DASH THREE ZERO EIGHT TWO HAS NO MEANING TO HIM OR HIS ATLANTA OFFICE.

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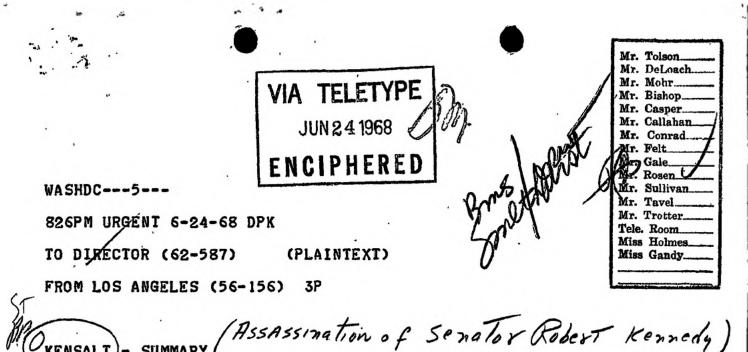


REINTERVIEW OF NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL.

RE WFO TEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST, REQUESTING NYO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WARREN WEAVER, NEW YORK TIMES.

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DISSEMINATION OF LOS ANGELES KENSALT REPORT DATED JUNE FIFTEEN LAST.

PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, TWO COPIES OF LOS ANGELES REPORT IN THIS MATTER DATED JUNE FIFTEEN LAST, WERE DISSEMINATED TO OFFICE OF EVELLE J. YOUNGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOUNGER WAS AWAY FROM CITY, DISSEMI-NATION MADE TO WILLIAM L. RITZI, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO WAS ACTING FOR YOUNGER.

ONE COPY OF REPORT IN THIS MATTER DATED JUNE FIFTEEN United States Altorney LAST, DELIVERED TO AUGA W. MATTHEW BYRNE, JR., AT US. COURT HOUSE. LOS ANGELES.

EX-115 SIRHAN B. SIRHAN DOLLS ITA JUN 27 1968 DONALD LLOYDARIC RICE INTERVIEWED SANTA, MONICAL 2CALIFORNIA, ADVISED BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN DURING SUMMER 6,0 .ILIN 25 1968

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SESSION SIXTY SIX AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE. RICE STATED SIRHAN OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM IN HIS STUDY OF ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ASSOCIATION SLIGHT OTHER THAN SCHOOL CONTACTS. RICE CONSIDERED SIRHAN SERIOUS, INTELLIGENT "STUDENT TYPE" PERSON. HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING POLITICAL INTERESTS, BACKGROUND OR ASSOCIATES OF SIRHAN. RICE STATED LAST CONTACT WITH SIRHAN IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER SIXTY SIX AND HAS NO CURRENT KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. RICE UNABLE TO SUGGEST ANY MOTIVATION OR REASON FOR SIRHAN'S ACTION.

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INAYAT'KHAN EMPLOYED BURROUGHS CORPORATION, PASADENA, ADVISED FIRST MET SIRHAN SIRHAN IN FALL SIXTY SIX AT RESIDENCE OF OMAR RAMZI IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUAL HE CAN RECALL BEING AT RESIDENCE OF RAMZI WAS INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS FAIZULLAH KHAN. INAYAT'KHAN STATED SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS MET SEVERAL TIMES AT RAMZI'S RESIDENCE, DISCUSSED GENERAL TOPICS AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS IN US AND JORDAN. INDICATED SIRHAN AND OTHERS IN GROUP WERE SUPPORTERS OF BATH PARTY, MID EAST POLITICAL PARTY COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WHICH SUPPORT ANY GOVERNMENT THAT IS PRO-JORDAN'IN PHILOSOPHY AND IDEOLOGY.

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INAYAT'KHAN THOUGHT SIRHAN WAS VERY IMPRESSIONABLE. RECALLS SIRHAN BECOMING AGITATED OVER ONE DISCUSSION OF UNFAIRNESS OF COMMITTEE SYSTEM IN OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT. ADVÍSED SIRHAN AND OTHERS DO NOT BELIEVE RULERS OF THEIR NATIVE LANDS FIGHTING WITH ENOUGH DETERMINATION 14 REGAIN RIGHTFUL LAND FROM ISRAELI PEOPLE. INAYAT'KHAN STATED DID NOT KNOW SIRHAN SIRHAN WELL BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS YOUNG. IMMATURE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS VERY IMPRESSIONALBE. CALIF

KHAN, ALSO IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN AS PART OF STUDENT GROUP MEETING AT HOME OF OMAR RAMZI. CLAIMED DID NOT KNOW HIM MET SIRHAN AT SEVERAL POLITICAL FUNCTIONS HELD AT WELL. CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES.

FAIZULLARKHAN

LOCK. STOCK AND BARREL GUN SHOP.

CLERK AT GUN SHOP PREVIOUSLY ADVISED SIRHAN B. SIRHAN ACCOMPANIED BY TWO UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WHEN PURCHASED AMMUNITION THAT LOCATION JUNE ONE LAST. COMPLETE REVIEW THIS MATTER BEING MADE TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF ASSOCIATES OF SIRHAN WHO COULD FIT DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO GUN SHOP .

ALL PHASES THIS INVESTIGATION BEING PURSUED TO DEVELOP COMPLETE INFORMATION RE ALL PHASES SIRHAN'S LIFE IN US. United States END

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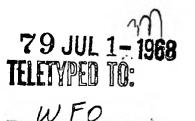
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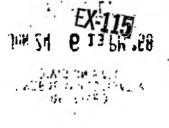
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RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, NEW YORK, AND LA DATED JUNE TWENTY LAST, REQUESTING NY TO LOCATE JERRY SIMS OF LIFE MAGAZINE AT CBS, NEW YORK, AND HENRY KOKOJAN AND A. W. RISSER AT LBC.

INQUIRY AT NBC REVEALS THAT H. W. RISSER AND HENRY KOKOJAN ARE BASED IN DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR NBC. RISSER, A SOUNDMAN, LIVES IN DALLAS AND HAS TELEPHONE NUMBER EM EIGHT DASH THREE ZERO ZERO. KOKOJAN, A CAMERAMAN, LIVES IN IRVING, TEXAS, TELEPHONE NUMBER RÌ ONE DASH FIVE TWO EIGHT ONE.





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DALLAS INTERVIEW RISSER AND KOKOJAN AS TO THE KENNEDY Assassination unless advised to contrary by LA.

RE TEL REQUESTED NY TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY SIMS OF LIFE MAGAZINE BY CONTACTING CBS. NEW YORK.

LIFE MAGAZINE, NEW YORK, HAS NO RECORD OF JERRY SIMS. IN VIEW OF APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING IN RE TEL AND THE FACT THAT SIMS WAS WORKING OUT OF LA, NO FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE BY NYO TO LOCATE SIMS.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JUNE TWO SIX, INSTANT. DANBURY, CONN. PD RECORDS REFLECT JOHN M. LAWRENCE ARRESTED DANBURY SEPTEMBER THREE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, CHARGES VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES ONE ONE DASH FIVE (SOLICITING) TWELVE DASH THIRTEEN (LOITERING) AND VIOLATION CONN. STATE STATUTE FIVE THREE DASH ONE SEVEN FOUR (BREACH OF PEACE) AND TWO NINE DASH ONE SEVEN (REFUSING TO BE FINGERPRINTED). INSTANT CHARGES STILL PENDING LOCAL COURT.

LAWRENCE ARRESTED DANBURY PD SAME DATE AS FUGITIVE FOR NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON TWO BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED APRIL THREE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, MINEOLA, NEW YORK.

LAWRENCE BORN DECEMBER FOUR ONE NINE TWO ONE, FT. WORTH, TEXAS, Resides five seven tenth st, new york city, occupation law clerk.

NEW YORK CONDUCT ARREST CHECK RE LAWRENCE AT NASSAU COUNTY AND SUTEL RESULTS LA. END SLV FBI_WASH_DC 1- 196060 R 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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The file indicated he had about average IQ, but lacked insight. It also indicated he had traveled extensively. He said he was interested in Buddhism although his religion was listed as Catholic. He stated he was interested in "civil rights" and indicated he had spent time in Mississippi with voter registration activity and in assisting in the rebuilding of a damaged church.

The doctor's statement in the file upon discharge of DRIGGS was "Patient discharged without psychosis, not mentally deficient, not psychopathic".

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JUNE TWENTY FOUR LAST, LARRY GLENN, NEW YORK TIMES REPRESENTATIVE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED WALLACE TURNER IS ASSIGNED TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BUREAU OF NEW YORK TIMES, SUITE NINE TWO FIVE, FOX PLAZA, PHONE NUMBER SIX EIGHT SIX-EIGHT SIX SIX TWO, AND WAS IN LOS ANGELES COVERING SENATORIAL CANDIDATE MAX RAFFERTY IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS JUNE FOUR LAST. PREVIOUS INFORMATION REFLECTS TURNER WAS IN THE COLONIAL ROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL AT APPROXIMATE TIME OF SHOOTING. -587-687

GLENN ALSO ADVISED JOHN HERBERS, NEW YORK TIMES REP SENTATIVE FROM NEW YORK, WAS COVERING SENATOR KENNEDY, AND 14 JUN 27 1968 JOHN MORRIS PLUS, MORRIS' WIFE, MIDGE WERE ON THE SCENE 7 79 JUL 3-1968 TELETYPED TO:

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IN THE AMBASSADOR AT TIME OF SHOOTING. MORRIS IS NEW YORK TIMES PICTURE EDITOR BUT WAS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS. MORRIS XESIDES ONE SEVEN ZERO WEST END, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO ONE TWO DASH EIGHT SEVEN FOUR DASH SEVEN ONE EIGHT SEVEN.

ON JUNE TWENTY FOUR LAST, ART KEVIN, KHJ TV, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THAT HE RECALLS SEEING STEVE BELL, AN ABC RADIO REPORTER AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL AT APPROXIMATE TIME OF SHOOTING.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK - WILL INTERVIEW JOHN HERBERS PLUS JOHN, AND MIDGE MORRIS, AND STEVE BELL.

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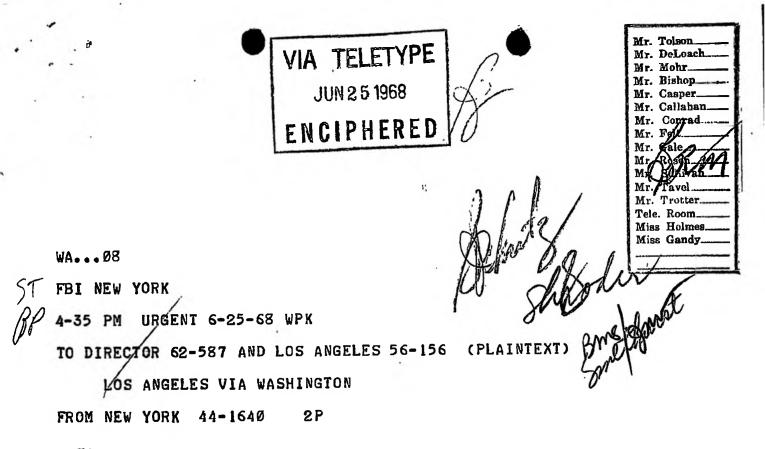
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MR. IAN BRODIE, REPORTER FOR THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS MADE A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA, TO SPECIAL AGENT FRANCIS L. CASHIN IN THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK OFFICE. MR. BRODIE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN COVERING SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, BUT THAT HE (BRODIE) WAS IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR DASH FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN SENATOR KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED.TELETYPED TO: END PAGE ONE A 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176 PAGE TWO

MR. BRODIE STATED THAT HARRY BENSON, A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS AND IVOR DAVIS, A REPORTER FOR THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS WERE IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR DASH FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, BUT THAT THEY ARE PRESENTLY ON VACTION IN GREAT BRITAIN. BRODIE ADDED THAT BENSON AND DAVIS WOULD CALL SPECIAL AGENT CASHIN WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

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-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) B 1 Date: 6/25/68 . PLAIN TEXT Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) - AIRTEL Via (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640) FROM: KENSALT SUBJECT : Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a diagram drawn by MARY WHALEN. On 6/19/68, FELICIA MESSURI, 16 Fairview Avenue, Tarrytown, New York, wife of ANTHONY MESSURI, NBC-TV Director, telephonically contacted the White Plains, New York Resident Agency and furnished the information set forth below to SA FRANCIS P. GREALY: She had accompanied her husband to Los Angeles, California, and was present in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. She was, at the time of the shooting, standing on a packing crate at the rear of the ballroom. Standing next to her was MARY WHALEN, whose husband WILLIAM C. WHALEN, is an NBC Associate Director. They had been standing there following Senator KENNEDY's speech and departure from the podium, when they heard the shrieking cries and saw the scuffling of the crowd, and learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. After the initial hysteria over the shooting, a man turned toward her and said something to her. At the Bureau 689 2- Los Angeles (Encls. 2); (56-56) 1- New York FLC:jrf TET PALI -JUN 🚓 1968. (7) 21 JUL 3- 1968 Approved: ent in Charge 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

ST 114 Press reports indicate that Russell E. Parsons. - Sumin 73-year-old Los Angeles, California, attorney, will serve as Defense Counsel for Sirhan Sirhan, accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. For your information, there follows a brief summary of information in our files concerning Wr. Parsons.

In 1937, a Departmental Applicant investigation of Russell Edward Parsons was initiated, which investigation was discontinued at the request of the Department prior to completion. The investigation which was conducted indicated Mr. Parsons was born in 1893 and attended the University of Southern California Law School for only one year, taking two subjects, one of which he failed. It is noted that Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory indicates Mr. Parsons was born in 1895 and obtained his law degree at the University of Southern California.

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Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy Los Angeles. California

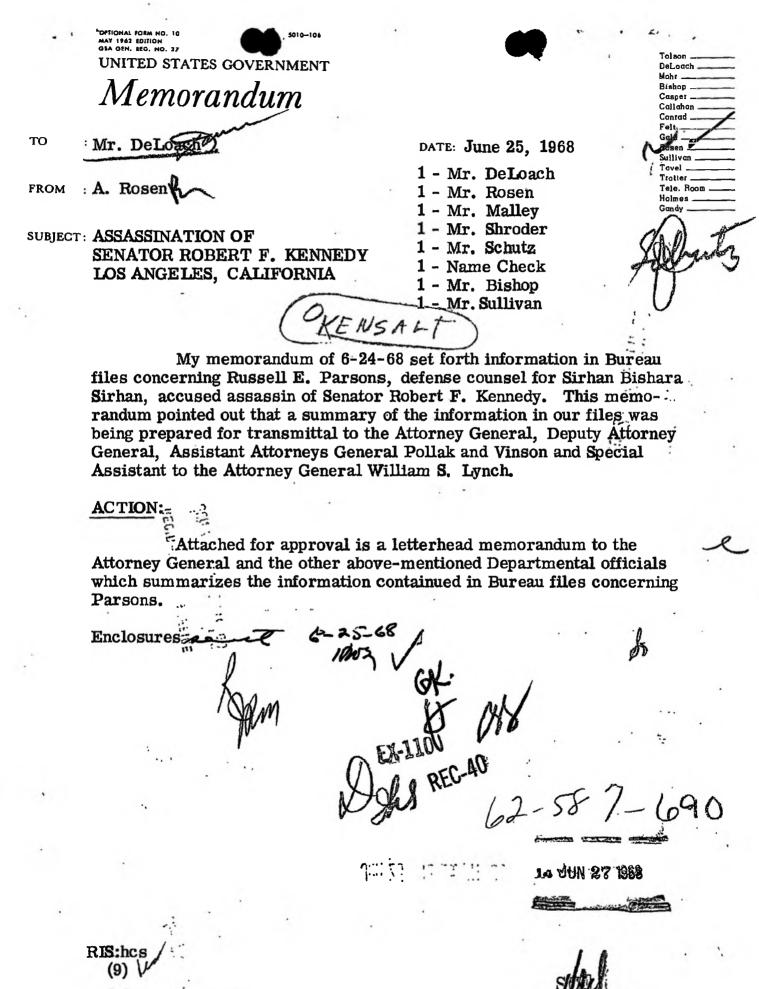
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The files of this Bureau reveal that in 1942 Mr. Parsons was one of the attorneys for the officials of Mankind United who were indicted for violation of the Sedition Statutes. According to press reports in August of 1940, Mr. Parsons, then Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles, California, was interested in prosecuting an old murder case which he stated resulted from the investigation of communist activities in the San Pedro, California, area. Mr. Parsons was quoted as stating the murdered individual had been engaged in anticommunist activities and had been killed during communist attempts to infiltrate and destroy a union.

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As mentioned above, Mr. Parsons has been active in criminal cases and this Bureau's files reveal that among the individuals whom he has represented have been Joseph, Fred and Alfred Sica, who have been described as Los Angeles hoodlums active in criminal activities, including such activities in the field of bookmaking.



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time this incident had no significance but, since there has been talk of a conspiracy regarding this assassination, the occurrence has been on her mind and she believed it might have some bearing on the shooting. Her present recollection is that this man said something to the following effect: "You saw me! You witnessed the fact that I was standing here when the senator departed!" Those are not the exact words, but she gained the impression he was trying to establish that he was in her view when Senator KENNEDY was shot.

Mrs. WHALEN was present when this unknown man (UNSUB) made this statement; which he addressed to both of them. She/recentHySUSCUSSed this incident with Mrs. WHALEN, who recalled that she had also seen this UNSUB in the ballroom crowd earlier, during Senator KENNEDY's speech, carrying a small black object which she assumed was a pocket radio.

Mrs. MESSURI described UNSUB as white, 40-50 years old, 6 feet tall, heavy set, dark complexion, black curly hair, wearing marcon knit shirt. She could not decide his possible nationality. He displayed no physical characteristics but indicated a sense of urgency in his actions and manner of speaking. No accent was detected.

On 6/19/68, MARY WHALEN related to SA HOWARD G. KINALLY, JR., the peculiar conduct of an unknown individual, who was standing near her at the time of the shooting. During KENNEDY's appearance on the podium, UNSUB held a small leather-covered object near his face. Mrs. WHALEN believes that the object, which was about three inches by 5 inches in dimensions, was either a transistor radio or a small transmitter.

After the shooting, UNSUB approached Mrs. WHALEN and her friend, Mrs. FELICIA MESSURI, wife of NBC Producer-Director ANTHONY MESSURI, and said: "You've seen me here all evening, haven't you"? Remember, you have seen me here. Don't forget". At this point UNSUB, who was alone, disappeared NY 44-1640

and was not seen again.

Mrs. WHALEN described UNSUB as follows:

Race Age Height Weight Hair Complexion Peculiarity Dress

White 45 to 50 6' 190 to 200 pounds Dark Brown or Black Swarthy "Wild-eyed" expression Maroon sports jacket and dark knit sports shirt.

Attached is a sketch showing the location of UNSUB in the ballroom. SA KINNALLY requested Mrs. WHALEN to prepare this sketch so that appropriate T.V. films or news photos may be examined for a possible picture of UNSUB in the event the Bureau is interested in identifying him.

Mrs. WHALEN feels certain that she could identify UNSUB if she should ever see him again. Mrs. WHALEN's address is 1346 Midland Avenue, Bronxville, New York.

Mrs. WHALEN said she first observed UNSUB while she was going through the crowd to get Mrs. BARRY STODDARD, whose husband is also employed at NBC, Rockefeller Center, New York, New York. Mrs.STODDARD, who is presently in the hospital for an eye operation, probably also saw UNSUB.

Los Angeles is requested to advise whether above information is of significant value and if NYO should interview Mrs. STODDARD upon her recovery.

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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You have been previously advised of the circumstances and conditions surrounding the incarceration of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Details concerning this matter are set forth in the report of Special Agent Amedee O. Richards, Jr., dated June 9, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, and captioned "Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, Civil Rights," copies of which were previously furnished to the Department.

In addition, Deputy Attorney General Warren Christopher on June 7, 1968, visited the Los Angeles County Jail and observed the area and cell where Sirban is incarcerated.

Since the incarceration of Sirhan we have had a Special Agent on duty at the jail on a full-time basis in a liaison capacity. No pertinent information has been developed as a result of this arrangement and considering the manpower expenditure on this assignment, this liaison function is being discontinued unless advised to the contrary. The Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office has stated that Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has assured him that any pertinent developments resulting from Sirhan's incarceration will be immediately brought to our attention.

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- The Deputy Attorney General

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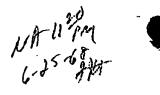
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LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFICER JERRY SIMS REPORTS TODAY LAWRENCE KNOWN TO PD. DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, AND REPORTEDLY CONFINED APRIL TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY TWO, ON "WRIT OF COMMITMENT" DENVER, COLORADO.

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of an Airgram from the American Embassy, Amman, which was sent to the Bureau by the Department of State.

This concerns unclassified information pertaining to published reports of interviews of Bishara Sirhan, father of Sirhan Sirhan. Pertinent information should be included in your next investigative report.

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Text of ad-Difaa article, June 17, 1968

SIRHAN'S FATHER IN AMMAN: A TALK TO "AD DIFAA" AT MIDNIGHT

At 2:00 p.m. yesterday, ad-Difaa learned that Mr. Bishara Sirhan, father of Sirhan Sirhan, accused of assassinating Senator Robert Kennedy, arrived in Amman from the West Bank on a permit issued by the occupation authorities. It is said that Mr. Sirhan has come to Amman to clear up certain financial matters in preparation for his departure for America. Until 10:00 p.m. 6 MP. of ad-Difaa searched high and low for him. In what hotel was he staying? In 15 P. 6 whose house was he a guest? At last, we found him at the Hotel Continental. USA Our reporter, Salah Abd as-Samad, who spent over two hours with Mr. Bishara Sirhan, wrote the following interview.

Bishara Sirhan was sitting calmly and talking confidently. You could detect in his tone parental emotions. The 52-year old man said, "The murder of Senator Kennedy saddened me because he was from the Kennedy family, but the picture has a second face..."

"Which...?"

"The political face..for the Senator was also an American politician, so on this I have a view to express."

"Please..."

"I believe that the imbalance in Senator Kennedy's speeches while electioneering for the Presidency was the primary cause of what happened."

"How..?"

"He was promising certain parties to supply them with arms and aircraft with full awareness of the consequences of that promise. Its consequences would be more displacement of children, more orphans and more widows. This is in addition to the degradation of and contempt for the Arabs in his speeches, a thing that made my son Sirhan feel insulted in that society where Senator Kennedy was speaking. And this is what pushed my son to act as he did. Had the late Senator been reserved and merely called for peace in the Middle East, nothing would have happened."

"Are you furious with Sirhan?"

"In the first moments after I learned of the incident I was furious."

"And now?"

"My heart and mind are now with him. I believe that world opinion and human conscience will stand by him."

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"Why?"

"Because he is a man of good character by the testimony of his university teachers and friends. He is also a fervent Arab in every drop of his blood." "What was the position of the Israeli authorities toward you?" "At 4:30 a.m. of the day following the news, an Israeli military car parked in front of my house. I was then taken to the Military Governor's office in Ramallah. An Israeli officer asked about my life, that of Sirhan, and the family..."

"And the Israeli intelligence agency?"

"It also interrogated me and wrote down information similar to that which I gave at the Governor's office."

"And what is the latest news about Sirhan?"

"I learned that he told the investigators he refuses to be tried in the USA, and wants to be tried elsewhere."

"What is his pretext for that?"

"He is not American. I am not either. None of my sons got naturalized."

"What else?"

"Two Lebanese lawyers and a Swedish lawyer have volunteered to defend my son." "What do you imagine will be the sentence against Sirhan?"

"I believe there are in the world people of free conscience. I believe world public opinion will be on my son's side because Sirhan was a model boy and did not commit his action except to prevent further tragedy and further displacement of children; from their homes. Sirhan imagined that Senator Kennedy would add to those tragedies. For all that, I hope that people of conscience in the whole world will stand by my son."

"I only wish the Los Angeles Court, and the American people and members of the Kennedy family would imitate me..."

"In what?"

"In my toleration. My son Munir was killed in Jerusalem in 1946 after a car ran over him. But I pardoned the culprit and gave up my rights, even the amount given to me as compensation, 500 dinars. I. donated it to mosques and churches and to the poor. I only hope that toleration will be observed by all during the trial of Sirhan."

"Did you do anything to explain your views in defense of Sirhan?"

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"Yes, I sent appeals to President Johnson, the Pope and to U Thant. I appealed to them to work for peace in the Middle East and Vietnam so that the tragedy of Sirhan and Robert Kennedy would not be repeated."

"When do you leave for America to attend the trial?"

"I am studying the matter from all angles, including the financial one and the question of my safety while there."

"That means you are afraid?"

"No. I am not afraid. The matter really requires careful study."

"Your style of talking indicates you are a lawyer?"

"I am a mechanic. The credit for that belongs to the holy books: the Quran, the New Testament and the Old Testament. I studied them all and have them in my house side by side."

"And if I request you to offer a last opinion in this interview ...?"

"I say I hope the Arabs will unite."

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Excerpts from ad-Dustour's Interview with Sirhan

(1) "Bishara Sirhan, 52, is the father of five children and was in charge of a water section under the British Mandate Government in Palestine until 1948. He then came to Amman and worked on various water and mechanics projects until 1957 when he emigrated to the United States with his five children, Sharif, Sa'dallah, Adel, Sirhan, and Munir. Three years ago, he returned alone to his native town, Tayybeh, in the Ramallah area."

(2) "At dawn on June sixth while still asleep, I felt heavy footsteps on the stairs of my house. I awoke and heard the 'moukhtar' (elder) of the village, Fayez Ma'addi, knocking and saying, 'Open the door, Abu Sharif. Don't be afraid. It's Fayez,' I opened the door and Fayez entered with two Israeli soldiers and three civilians, one of whom began to question me in English, which I know well, about my identity and the history of my family and my son, Sirhan. I asked, 'why all these questions?' He answered that he was a correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES and said, 'Did you hear about Robert Kennedy?' 'Yes,' I said, 'yesterday I heard that someone fired at him in Los Angeles.' The reporter then said, 'Didn't you know it was your son Sirhan who shot him?' I said, 'What do you say? My son killed Kennedy? I think that most unlikely.' When he affirmed the news to me. it was a violent shock. I was furious and sad. The reporter asked, 'what is your opinion on the matter? Do you know anything?' I answered, 'here I am asleep in Tayybeh, a village over 12,000 miles from Los Angeles. Of course I do not know anything. It is an unpleasant, stunning, shocking surprise.' The reporter asked, 'what is your feeling?' I replied, 'If the report is correct. I am sorry for Kennedy and deeply regret the incident and am grieved that this has happened to my son; "

(3) "As I said before, there is no enmity between the Kennedy and Sirhan families. I want both Arab and American opinion to listen to this statement. Senator Kennedy had two personalities: first, he was a member of the American Kennedy family; second, he was a great American statesman. On the personal level, I am grieved by his death and shall continue to be so. As for Robert Kennedy the politician, that is a different matter. He stated time after time that he wanted certain nations to get stronger and certain nations to get weaker. This, in my opinion, was a great error. I believe thoughtful men all over the world will agree. As a statesman, Kennedy ought to have been balanced in his statements and speeches and ought to have avoided saying things liable to kindle hatred in the Middle East. As a statesman he ought to have supported peace, right and justice in the Middle East without favoring Israel."

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(4) "I still believe my son is innocent despite the accusations. But even is we suppose he did it, we must examine the motives and reasons that led him to such an act. His love for his homeland and religion must have overcome eveything else and incited him to act. I do not support violence or political assassination. But Kennedy was rash in his statements. I say also that the conscience of America, and its courts, and world public opinion will stand by Sirhah."

(5) "Sirhan has seen destruction and death in his own country, which last suffered war in 1967. In spite of the fact that Sirhan left for America in 1957, and lived over ten years in American society, his religion and homeland were constantly on his mind. The late Senator Kennedy was the man who lit the fuse of the mine inside my son Sirhan."

(6) "What is the program of your visit to Jordan?"

"I arrived in Amman today with a one week permit. I want to see to my account in Intra Bank, where I had some money before June 1967. After that I will return to Tayybeh."

"Do you want to go to the United States?"

"I am considering the matter in detail. I intend to hire lawyers to defend my son, but have not yet decided whether I personally will go to America to be with Sirhan during his trial."

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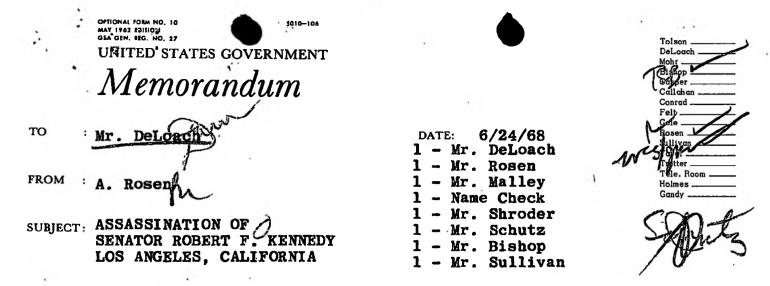
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RECOMMENDATION:

(1) For information.

(2) A summary of the above information is being prepared and will be forwarded to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson, and Special Assistant to the Attorney General William S. Lynch.

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DETAILS:

Pursuant to my memorandum to you captioned as above dated June 21, 1968, Bureau files have been reviewed concerning Russell E. Parsons, who according to news releases is Sirhan Sirhan's new attorney. Grant Cooper, whom we have been most confidentially advised will be associated with Parsons in Sirhan's defense, is being made the subject of a separate memorandum.

BACKGROUND:

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory indicates Parsons was born in 1895 and obtained his college and legal training at the University of Southern California, being admitted to law practice in 1918.

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The Los Angeles Bureau of Vital Statistics disclosed the birth of a son on 2/8/93 in Los Angeles. Parents were shown as Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Parsons and no name was shown on the records for the individual who was born. Parsons was educated at Los Angeles High School, graduating in 1913, and attended the University of Southern California Law School for one year, 1915-16, taking only two courses, one of which he failed. These records do not indicate any further attendance by Parsons at the University of Southern California. There was no record of any attendance by Parsons at the University of California at Los Angeles.

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In 1928, warrants for Parsons' arrest were issued by Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties, California, on bad check charges which were subsequently dismissed. However, on 1/18/28, Parsons pleaded "guilty" to charges of obtaining property by false pretenses, was sentenced to six months in jail, which sentence was suspended, and Parsons was placed on probation for two years. He was admitted to the California State Bar Association in December, 1928.

In September, 1934, he filed a petition in bankruptcy, which case was dismissed in March of 1935 without Parsons receiving a discharge. Individuals interviewed during the investigation, including judges, attorneys, clients and friends of Parsons, advised they had never known him to be involved in any trouble, considered him capable, energetic, hardworking, forceful, a splendid orator, loyal, trustworthy and honest. One attorney at Riverside, California, advised that the check charges mentioned above resulted from the failure of other individuals to carry out their agreement to deposit money to cover the checks Parsons wrote.

In 1940, Parsons, as Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles, was handling prosecution concerning State officials and copies of his arrest record were made available to the press and public in Los Angeles. Following the termination of the trial, the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission investigated the charges against Parsons and reported favorably concerning him. (77-9060)

ACTIVITIES:

Miscellaneous. The Los Angeles Office advised 6/20/68 that Parsons first experience in public office was as County Attorney in Beaver City, Utah, in 1917, where he served two two-year terms and also served as City Attorney for Beaver City. He reportedly returned to Los Angeles in the mid-1930's to practice law and has become nationally known as a trial lawyer in the area of criminal law. In 1938 he joined the Los Angeles

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District Attorneys Office, where he served as top prosecutor assigned to special cases. In 1950 he permitted his name to be entered as "people's candidate" in a mayoralty recall election against Mayor Bowron, which recall failed. In recent years he has devoted his time to the practice of both civil and criminal cases.

In 1942, Arthur L. Bell and other Mankind United. leaders of Mankind United were indicted for violation of the Sedition Statutes and Parsons was one of the attorneys for the defendents. It is noted one of the other individuals representing the defendents was Abraham Lincoln Wirin, who has been active in the American Civil Liberties Union in the Los Angeles area. In January, 1946, Bell, accompanied by Parsons, called at the Bureau, at which time Bell complained of activities of Agents in connection with the Mankind United case, alleging invasion of his privacy, surreptitious searches, tapping of telephones, etc. At the completion of the interview, during which Bell and Parsons were straightened out, they both agreed they had been misinformed and had been laboring under serious misapprehensions and Bell expressed complete satisfaction with regard to all the points he had raised. (65-2682-483,778)

Anticommunist Activities. The 8/5/40 issue of the "Los Angeles Daily News" quoted Parsons, then Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles, concerning prosecution of a old murder case which Parsons stated resulted from the investigation of communist activities in the San Pedro, California, area. He stated that the murdered individual was engaged in anticommunist activities and had been killed by communists. Parsons was quoted as saying "We can prove conclusively this murder was committed in the communist attempts to infiltrate into the AFL and destroy the union." (62-44462-1370X1)

In 1940, Parsons fostered a corporation known as America's Sixth Column, Inc., which corporation was formed to fight and expose by whatever legitimate means necessary, all subversive or un-American activities and the proponents thereof. The Los Angeles Office advised in March, 1941, that Parsons had been interviewed in connection with another matter, at which time he had furnished information concerning his affiliation with America's Sixth Column and expressed his desire 'to cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible. (65-32054-56)

National Lawyers Guild. Although the foregoing paragraph indicated Parsons anticommunist activities, the 2/15/59 edition of "Los Angeles Times" reported on a State-Wide Conference on Criminal Law Reform under the sponsorship of the National Lawyers Guild of California. The article indicated that Russell E. Parsons, well-known local criminal attorney, was one of the featured speakers on the topic of "Pre-Trial Discovery in Criminal Cases." A source in the Intelligence Division of the Los Angeles Police Department at that time called Parsons a "shyster - and a clever one," adding that he specialized in defending bookmakers. The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (63-4296-26-306)

Internal Revenue Service. During 1962, the Internal Revenue Service in Los Angeles conducted an investigation concerning "fee-splitting" between bondsmen and attorneys. One of the attorneys under investigation for "fee-splitting" and possible income tax evasion was Russell Parsons. Numerous individuals were called before the Federal Grand Jury in connection with this investigation which failed to indicate any evidence to substantiate the allegations. (62-9-26-427,pgs. 18-19)

Legal Representation of Criminals. Joseph Sica in 1950 was active;together with his brothers, in criminal activities, primarily bookmaking, in the Los Angeles area and Russell Parsons represented Sica in a legal capacity. In connection with Parsons' candidacy for Mayor of Los Angeles, as previously mentioned, allegations were received that Sica and his associates collected campaign funds ostensibly for Parsons' campaign. (62-91933-206, pg.3)(72-472-451,pg.30) (88-3277-2065, pg. 8)

In the Fall of 1950, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past identified certain individuals in the Los Angeles community whom he described as "borderline operators" in obtaining "juice," and whom he classified as "power men for a fix or a connection" for gambling or criminal elements. The source stated that many of these individuals were reported as community leaders but still lent

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their assistance to such criminal elements. Among the individuals so identified by this source was Russell Parsons, Los Angeles criminal attorney and former dandidate for mayor in the attempted recall election of Mayor Bowron. (66-17080-5, pg.9)

In May, 1951, Joe and Fred Sica, who were operating as bookmakers in Los Angeles for a considerable period of time and who were considered to be part of an Italian group under the general control of Jack Dragna, were arrested on a charge of conspiracy to commit a felony, bookmaking. Parsons was identified as Sica's attorney. (62-75147-26-397, pg. 64)

In 1953, Joseph Sica was considered by the Los Angeles Office as a top hoodlum and Parsons was still representing him as his attorney. (63-127-1)

In 1959, Russell E. Parsons was reportedly representing Alfonso Rocco Pizzichino, Los Angeles hoodlum, in connection with a contempt of court charge. (92-3876-10, pg. 9)

As late as 1962, Parsons was representing Alfred Sica, Los Angeles hoodlum, in connection with a possible income tax violation on which Sica had been indicted. (92-3930-259)

Attached is a copy of Identification Division Record Number 144 667 for Russell Edward Parsons.

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Police Department Long Beach California	Russell Edward Parsons #6198	January 11, 1928	checks	released to Sheriff's Office,
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Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Lester Harris #89575	January 11, 1928	suspicion not sufficient funds	
Sheriff's Office San Bernardino California	Russell E. Parsons #11558	January 30, 1928	checks (2 counts) hold for Riverside and	
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DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: Not given

Sex: Male

Height: 5 feet-6 inches

Weight: 131 pounds

Hair: Dark Brown

Eyes: Blue

Date and Place of Birth: Age: 34 in 1928; California

Scars & Marks: Vaccination upper left.

Address: in 1928 - 2501 South Highland Los Angeles, California

Occupation: Attorney at Law

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his choice, which could include Jordanian lawyers. The Jordan Government could probably state the concern we both shared more effectively than we could. We were both interested in insuring that Sirhan received a fair trial and that no political development enter the picture to prejudice a fair trial. I told him that I hoped that he could state his case as strongly as possible in Amman. He said he would.

He asked me when the trial began. After consulting with Mr. Neuman in L, I informed him by telephone that on June 28 the defendant would have to plead, i.e., guilty, not guilty, etc. According to the law, the trial must begin sixty days after the indictment, which I was informed was around June 6 or 7. This period could be prolonged by agreement between the defense and prosecuting attorneys. I told him that the District Attorney in California ventured the guess that the trial would probably begin one-and-a-half to two months after June 28.

The Ambassador called me subsequently and said that the Jordan Honorary Consul George Zuraykat had contacted Sirhan on June 19. He said the authorities treated the Honorary Consul very well, but the interview resulted in little more than the Consul's finding out that Sirhan was in good health and was being treated well. A satisfactory conversation between the two was prevented because, according to the Jordan Ambassador, there was a glass partition between the Honorary Consul and Sirhan and the Consul had to talk to him by telephone. The Honorary Consul was enjoined that he had to speak in English or the conversation would be cut. The Ambassador wondered if this were normal procedure and if it would have made a difference if a member of his Embassy had tried to talk with Sirhan rather than the Honorary Consul. I told him I was not certain of what the haw permitted, although I was somewhat surprised by the restrictions imposed. I told him that I would consult with our Legal Adviser's Office and would call him back.



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BI 6/24/68 Date: Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIR MAIL Via _____ (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) /SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) FROM: SUBJECT: KENSALT Re San Francisco airtel to Los Angeles 6/20/98. Enclosed for Sacramento is one copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Grapes", written by GARY ALLEN. For the information of the Bureau and Sacramento, referenced San Francisco airtel contained the following information: On 6/20/68, DIETER W. BAYER, 1332 Grand Avenue, Pacifica, California, home telephone 355-0251, appeared at this office with the enclosed reprint and said that he believed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appears in the photo on Page 4. BAYER said he has been trying to contact GARY ALLEN in Los Angeles through the John Birch Society and has been unable to do so to date. He hoped that ALLEN would be able to reveal the source of the picture as the article does not show this. BAYER further indicated that he is an amateur phogographer and he enlarged this picture and is satisfied in his own mind that it is identical to SIRHAN. BAYER said that he obtained the reprint from a public source, stating that he is collecting articles on communism in this country. He is an escapee from East Germany and has been in this country since 1961. REC 6 - Bureau (AM) 2 - Sacramento (Encl. 1)(AM)(RM) 1 - San Francisco (Info.)(AM) 2 - Los Angeles FMM/mmc ST-103 (8) Sent Approved: Special Agent in Charge 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176 - 1068

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