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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES 56-156, AND WASHINGTON FIELD (PLAIN)

WFO AND LA VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 44-1640

KENSALT

RELATEL, SIX TWENTY-FIVE LAST, ADVISING JOHN HERBERS,
NEW YORK TIMES REPRESENTATIVE, WAS COVERING SENATOR KENNEDY'S
CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN AND AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL AT TIME OF
SHOOTING.

HERBERS IS ASSIGNED TO THE WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE
NEW YORK TIMES.

WFO INTERVIEW HERBERS.

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TO DIRECTOR 62-587, LOS ANGELES 56-156 AND WFO 173-135 (PLAIN)
FROM NEW YORK 44-1640

KENSALT.

J. J. Roder
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RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, LA, NY AND RH DATED JUNE TWENTY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, WITH LEAD FOR NY TO INTERVIEW PETE HAMMILL.

MIDGE MORRIS, ONE SEVEN ZERO WEST END AVENUE, NYC
WIFE OF PICTURE EDITOR OF NEW YORK TIMES NEWSPAPER
ADVISED THAT PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF PETE HAMMILL, FREE LANCE
WRITER, WAS NOT KNOWN AT THE NEW YORK POST WHICH SHE
CALLED. HOWEVER, SHE LEARNED AT NEWSDAY NEWSPAPER OF
LONG ISLAND, NY, THAT HAMMILL WAS PRESENTLY IN IRELAND,
WRITING A BOOK. HIS PRESENT LOCATION CAN PROBABLY BE
LEARNED THROUGH NICK THIMMESCH, BUREAU CHIEF FOR NEWSDAY,
NEWSPAPER IN WASHINGTON, DC.

WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED TO CONTACT
TIMMESCH TO DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HAMMILL FOR
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714PM URGENT 6-27-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (62-587) (PLAINTEXT)

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT - SUMMARY (Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy)

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
RE TRIP OF DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT HOUGHTON, LAPD, TO
WASHINGTON, D.C. RE INTERVIEWS THIS MATTER

CAPTAIN HUGH BROWN, WHO HEADS LAPD TASK UNIT ON THIS CASE, ADVISED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT HOUGHTON AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MADE TO WASHINGTON, D.C., IN ADDITION TO ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW ETHEL KENNEDY, FOURTEEN OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE OF INTEREST TO THEM. THOSE OF INTEREST INCLUDED FRANK MANKIEWICZ, BILL EPBRIDGE, WILLIAM G. BARRY, FREDDY PLIMPTON, GEORGE PLIMPTON, HUGH MC DONALD, JIM WILSON, WILLIAM WEISEL, WARREN ROGERS, KRISTI WITKER, DICK DRAYNE, JACK GALLIVAN, VIRGINIA GUY AND JULES J. WHITCOVER. JUL 1 1968

ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE EITHER BEEN INTERVIEWED OR LEADS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED BY FBI PERSONNEL.

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RE PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WILL APPEAR FOR PLEA BEFORE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT ON JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NEXT. SIRHAN'S ATTORNEY, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, HAS INDICATED HE WOULD ASK THE COURT FOR A CONTINUANCE IN HEARING FOR PLEA TO ENABLE PARSONS TO FURTHER STUDY CASE.

PARSONS INDICATED GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPT IS LENGTHY AND WILL REQUIRE TIME TO STUDY. PARSONS ALSO EXPECTED TO REQUEST THAT A SECOND PSYCHIATRIST EXAMINE SIRHAN.

EARLIER THE SUPERIOR COURT HAD APPOINTED TWO PSYCHIATRISTS TO EXAMINE SIRHAN BUT ONE OF THE PSYCHIATRISTS, DR. EDWARD STANBROOK, DECLINED. THE OTHER PSYCHIATRIST, DR. ERIC MARCUS, HAS EXAMINED THE ACCUSED AND THE RESULTS WOULD BE ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE IN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE PLEA BY SIRHAN.

RE WITNESSES TO SHOOTING

GENE BARRY

GENE BARRY, TELEVISION AND MOVIE ACTOR, INTERVIEWED AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, ADVISED HE AND WIFE HAD ATTENDED CAMPAIGN PARTY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL EVENING OF JUNE FOUR LAST. BARRY ADVISED WAS IN EMBASSY ROOM AT

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TIME OF SHOOTING AND DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING. BARRY HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF SEEING SIRHAN SIRHAN AT ANY TIME DURING COURSE OF EVENING, JUNE FOUR, OR EARLY MORNING, JUNE FIVE LAST. BARRY STATED WAS IN KITCHEN AREA OFF EMBASSY ROOM APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE KENNEDY ARRIVED EMBASSY ROOM BUT SAW NO ONE RESEMBLING SIRHAN.

BETTY BARRY

BETTY BARRY, WIFE OF ACTOR GENE BARRY, ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND ATTENDED KENNEDY CAMPAIGN PARTY AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST. STATED DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING OR IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF SHOOTING.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE SENATOR KENNEDY ARRIVED IN EMBASSY ROOM, SHE OBSERVED YOUNG MAN WHO RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN SIRHAN STANDING AT FOOT OF STAIRS WHICH LEAD FROM THE EMBASSY ROOM TO AREA BELOW. FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIRHAN SIRHAN AND BROTHERS, SHE WAS OF THE OPINION MAN SHE SAW STANDING AT FOOT OF STAIRS COULD HAVE BEEN SIRHAN; HOWEVER, SHE WAS NOT SURE OF HER IDENTIFICATION.

ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION BEING GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND BEING BROUGHT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION. BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF RESULTS OF HEARING BEING CONDUCTED JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

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10-41 PM URGENT 6-26-68 VLB
TO DIRECTOR (62-587) -PLAIN-
FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 3P

① KENSALT - SUMMARY (Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy)

--PROSECUTIVE ACTION RE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN--

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN SCHEDULED TO ENTER PLEA BEFORE LOS ANGELES
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RICHARD SCHAUER ON JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

SIRHAN WILL APPEAR FOR PLEA IN CHAPEL OF NEW COUNTY JAIL
AS SECURITY MEASURES NOT EFFECTED IN HALL OF JUSTICE FOR COURT
APPEARANCE. EXTENSIVE PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND MORE ARE
BEING PREPARED FOR FUTURE PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONDUCTED AT HALL
OF JUSTICE. A SPECIAL ROOM ON THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR OF THE HALL
OF JUSTICE IS BEING REFURNISHED FOR USE IN ALL ACTION NOT REQUIRING
FULL COURT ROOM FACILITIES. COURT ROOM ON EIGHTH FLOOR WILL ALSO
HAVE PROTECTIVE DEVICES AND ALL CONSTRUCTION BEING DONE BY

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MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY RATHER THAN OPEN TO COMPETITIVE BIDS. PLANS CALL FOR ARMOR PLATED COURT ROOM PARTITIONS, BULLET PROOF GLASS, STEEL PLATE AND WIRE NETTING AS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JUNE TWENTY-FIVE LAST VOTED TO AUTHORIZE TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PROTECTION OF NOT ONLY SIRHAN SIRHAN BUT ALSO THE JUDGE AND JURY.

LATER TODAY, INSPECTOR RALPH WELCH, ^{Los Angeles Sheriff's Office} ~~ALSO~~, ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WAS MAKING PRESS RELEASE THIS AFTERNOON TO EFFECT THAT SIRHAN WOULD MAKE PLEA ON FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NEXT, AT NINE PM AT CHAPEL OF NEW COUNTY JAIL. SAME PRECAUTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN AS IN PREVIOUS HEARING.

--AUTOPSY REPORT RE SENATOR KENNEDY--

SECRETARY TO HERBERT MC ROY, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF LOS ANGELES CORONER, ADVISED TODAY DR. THOMAS T. NAGUCHI CONTINUES TO BE OUT OF CITY. EXPECTED TO RETURN TO OFFICE JUNE TWENTY SEVEN NEXT. OFFICE STAFF ADVISED THAT AUTOPSY REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED, BUT WILL DETERMINE WHEN REPORT AS WELL AS ~~THE~~ AUTOPSY PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON RETURN OF DR. NAGUCHI. WILL ADVISE FBI PROMPTLY.

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Via AIRTEL

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

Re Washington Field Office teletype to the Bureau, Los Angeles and other offices dated 6/18/68, requesting NYO to interview LESTER BERNSTEIN of Newsweek Magazine.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 30 copies of a FD 302 containing results of interview with BERNSTEIN.

BERNSTEIN was in the Ambassador Hotel but was in a suite of rooms when Senator KENNEDY was shot and did not witness shooting.

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To: Director, FBI (56-587)

From: SAC, Pittsburgh (44-583) ~~(SAC)~~KENSALT

Lt. Col. GLADWIN PATRICK, Region Commander, Region III, 109th Military Intelligence Group, 2322 Federal Building, Pittsburgh, furnished the following information on 6/27/68:

Col. PATRICK advised that he returned from vacation 6/26/68 and included among the correspondence that accumulated while on leave was a letter addressed to his wife from a MARGE CARTER in San Francisco, Calif. This letter was dated 6/18/68 and included the following statement: "We saw a really chilling taped interview with DICK GREGORY made in May. He predicted that a 'big, big white leader would be shot in June' and that much trouble would ensue."

Col. PATRICK advised that MARGE CARTER is the wife of MRS. JED E. EMERSON CARTER, 300 Hill St., San Francisco, Calif. 94114, who was an acquaintance and roommate of his during the time he was in college, and although he has not maintained a close relationship with CARTER, they have corresponded with each other. He said that CARTER works for the Federal Drug Administration in San Francisco and his wife is a nurse at a hospital somewhere in the greater San Francisco area.

Col. PATRICK advised it was not clear in the letter received from MARGE CARTER where or in what manner she encountered the taped interview.

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Col. PATRICK advised that he did not desire the CARTERS to know that he had furnished this information to the FBI; however, if it became absolutely necessary to resolve or clarify the above information, he would not object to the CARTERS being contacted.

Col. PATRICK said the letter further indicated that the CARTERS were departing San Francisco on 6/29/68 for Alaska and would not return to their home until mid-July.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. In the event this has not previously come to the attention of these offices it is suggested, in view of Col. PATRICK's request, that efforts be made to identify the taped interview of DICK GREGORY with the various TV stations in San Francisco and other available sources before any direct contact is made with the CARTERS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

FROM : A. Rosen *ROSEN*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

DATE: June 28, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Trimbach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

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At the hearing held 6/28/68 in the chapel of the Los Angeles County Jail, Sirhan Sirhan, represented by attorney Russell E. Parsons, was granted a continuance to enter a plea until 7/19/68.

Parsons told the judge that he was not ready for Sirhan to enter a plea at this time and he asked for a three-week continuance. Parsons also requested that Sirhan be examined by Doctor George Abe, psychiatrist for the Metropolitan State Hospital (a mental institution), Norwalk, California. Judge Richard D. Schauer granted these requests.

Based on the above, no further court action is expected on this case until 7/19/68.

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For information, Department advised.

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*Miss GARDNER
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TO DIRECTOR (62-587) AND LOS ANGELES (56-156)

TO LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK (44-1640) PLAINTEXT 1P

KENSALT

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NEW YORK
AND LOS ANGELES DATED JUNE NINETEEN LAST REQUESTING NEW YORK
TO INTERVIEW MR. AND MRS. GEORGE PLIMPTON.

PLIMPTONS INTERVIEWED. MRS. PLIMPTON SAW ASSASSINATION.
MR. PLIMPTON GRABBED ~~SIRHAN~~ SIRHAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER
SHOOTING.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

ReLAtel to Bu, NY and SF, dated 6/25/68,
requesting NY to interview JOHN and MIDGE MORRIS.

Enclosed for LA are 30 copies of FD-302
of interview with MIDGE MORRIS and 30 copies of FD-302
of interview with JOHN MORRIS.

JOHN MORRIS was in room, but did not see the
shooting.

MIDGE MORRIS was not near the kitchen when
Senator KENNEDY was shot.

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9 KENSALT - SUMMARY

ACQUAINTANCE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

CRAIG BELTON BLESS

BLESS, ONE SIX SIX ZERO SOUTH OAK KNOLL, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HE MET SIRHAN ON CAMPUS, PASADENA CITY COLLEGE ABOUT SEPTEMBER SIXTY-FOUR. KNEW SIRHAN ONLY ON CASUAL BASIS. SIRHAN INTERESTED IN PLAYING POOL AND BLESS PLAYED WITH HIM A FEW TIMES NEAR SCHOOL. SIRHAN, ACCORDING TO BLESS WORKED AT RICHFIELD GASOLINE STATION, PASADENA, WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE.

BLESS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF SIRHAN AND DID NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM. LAST SAW SIRHAN IN SIXTY-SEVEN. KNEW NO ASSOCIATES OR GIRL FRIEND OF SIRHAN.
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WITNESSES TO SHOOTING

WILLIAM MC CARTHY, BOSTON HERALD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MC CARTHY ADVISED NOT FAMILIAR WITH PLANS OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS TO WHAT ROOM HE INTENDED TO GO IN HOTEL AFTER SPEECH IN EMBASSY BALLROOM.

HE ADVISED HE WAS AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST, BUT LEFT ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM FOR SENATOR MC CARTHY'S HEADQUARTERS AT ANOTHER HOTEL. DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING.

ROBERT HEALEY, BOSTON GLOBE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALEY ADVISED HE COVERED SENATOR KENNEDY'S CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN. HAD NO KNOWLEDGE REGARDING CHANGE OF PLANS OF SENATOR KENNEDY ABOUT GOING TO EMBASSY ROOM AFTER SPEECH IN EMBASSY ROOM AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

HEALEY OBSERVED SIRHAN B. SIRHAN AT TIME HE WAS SEIZED AFTER SHOOTING. HAD NEVER SEEN SIRHAN ON ANY OTHER PREVIOUS OCCASION. HEALEY WATCHED SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEECH FROM COLONIAL ROOM, AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON TELEVISION. DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING.

ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION BEING GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND WILL BE BROUGHT TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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NOTEBOOK OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

CLETE ROBERTS HOLLYWOOD TELEVISION NEWS CASTER OF
OPINION BASIS OF HIS NAME IN NOTEBOOK OF SIRHAN WAS THAT
SIRHAN PROBABLY SAW A PRO-ISRAEL TV BROADCAST ROBERTS DID
IN JUNE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

BROADCAST WAS DONE FROM ISRAEL ON PROGRESS OF ARAB-ISRAEL
WAR AND AIRED OVER CBS LA. ROBERTS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS
OF SIRHAN AND BROTHERS OF SIRHAN AS ANYONE SEEN BEFORE BY HIM.
NO THREATS WERE EVEN RECEIVED BY ROBERTS ON BASIS OF BROADCAST.

ACQUAINTANCE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

DOUGLAS LAYFIELD

LAYFIELD ONE FIVE FIVE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF SOUTH ARLINGTON
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ADVISED KNEW SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA BUT KNOWLEDGE
WAS CASUAL.

LAYFIELD KNEW SIRHAN THROUGH HIS LAYFIELD'S FRIENDSHIP WITH

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WALTER CROWE JR. LAYFIELD DENIED KNOWING SIRHAN WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEMPT RECRUIT HIM INTO PROPOSED STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY CHAPTER BEING FORMED ON CAMPUS. ONLY KNEW SIRHAN ON CAMPUS NEVER MET SOCIALLY. DID NOT KNOW SIRHAN HAD BEEN INJURED IN FALL FROM HORSE AND KNEW NOTHING OF HIS PERSONAL HABITS. LAYFIELD CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW OF SIRHAN'S NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES AND KNEW OF NO ACQUAINTANCES WITH EXCEPTION OF CROWE. DID NOT KNOW OF ANY GIRLFRIENDS OF SIRHAN OR OF ANY INTEREST HE HAD IN GUNS.

WITNESS TO SHOOTING

WALTER DOMBROW

DOMBROW CAMERAMAN CBS NEWS PHILADELPHIA ADVISED HE AND CREW FILMED KENNEDY SPEECH AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL EARLY MORNING JUNE FIVE LAST. HE AND CREW SET UP ACROSS BALLROOM FROM WHERE PODIUM LOCATED. FILMED ENTIRE SPEECH FROM TIME KENNEDY ENTERED BALLROOM UNTIL LEFT THROUGH REAR DOOR BEHIND PODIUM.

DOMBROW ADVISED HEARD NO SHOTS NOR DID HE OBSERVE ASSASSINATION DUE TO DISTANCE FROM PODIUM. AFTER CONFUSION STARTED THEY BROUGHT OUT WOMAN BLEEDING FROM HEAD (ELIZABETH EVANS) AND THEY FILMED HER. IT WAS THEN HE LEARNED KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. WHEN REACHED LOCATION WHERE KENNEDY SHOT HE HAD BEEN REMOVED. DOMBROW HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KENNEDY'S CHANGE OF PLANS OF ROUTE UPON LEAVING PODIUM.

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MATT DOUGLAS AND WILLIAM DEIMER WHO MADE UP DOMBROW CREW ALSO INTERVIEWED AND FURNISHED SAME INFORMATION AS DOMBROW. NONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW SIRHAN AT ANY TIME.

MISCELLANEOUS

GRANT HOLCOMB KNXT TV CHANNEL TWO LOS ANGELES NEWS BUREAU LOS ANGELES MADE AVAILABLE COPY OF LETTER DATED SIX EIGHTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FROM LEGAL REPRESENTATION INTERNATIONAL LAW COUNSELORS SEVEN ZERO THREE THREE SUNSET BLVD. HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. SIGNED JESS NATHAN OFFERING TO REPRESENT SUPPOSED BROTHER OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN BAGHDAD ON ALLEGED CHARGE OF SPYING FOR ISRAEL.

LETTER SENT TO PRESIDENT COURT OF THE CASSATION BAGHDAD IRAQ. COPY OF LETTER SENT TO KNXT.

LOS ANGELES PREVIOUSLY ADVISED BUREAU ALL BROTHERS OF SIRHAN IN THIS COUNTRY AND MOTHER OF SIRHAN ADVISED HAD NO OTHER SONS.

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*ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY*

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

MARCUS L. YOUNG, INSTRUCTOR AT JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL,
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, IS IN CHARGE OF CADET CORP AT THAT
SCHOOL. YOUNG FAINTLY RECALLS SUSPECT SIRHAN AS BEING
GOOD CADET BUT INDICATED THAT SIRHAN WAS NOT MEMBER OF
RIFLE TEAM CONNECTED WITH CADET CORP; AND THEREFORE,
WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITY OF FIREARMS TRAINING.
MARCUS YOUNG STATED ALL CADETS MAY HAVE FIRED A TWENTY TWO
RIFLE ONCE A YEAR BUT THAT ONLY RIFLE TEAM HAD SPECIFIC
FIREARMS TRAINING.

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ASSOCIATE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

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WAYNE J. BRANTLEY ADVISES WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF SIRHAN
BISHARA SIRHAN FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD IN LATE SIXTY THREE.

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BRANTLEY HAS NOT SEEN SIRHAN SINCE DECEMBER OF THAT YEAR AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER FRIENDS OR ASSOICATES THAT SIRHAN MIGHT HAVE. BRANTLEY CONSIDERED SIRHAN TO BE APPRECIATIVE OF LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT SIRHAN DID NOT DISPLAY ANY ANIMOSITY TOWARD ANY GROUP OR ANY INDIVIDUAL.

WILLIAM BEVERIDGE ADVISED THAT HE EMPLOYED SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ON A PART TIME BASIS FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR YEARS BEGINNING IN ABOUT SIXTY. SIRHAN WAS EMPLOYED DOING GARDENING WORK AND BEVERIDGE STATED THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN SIRHAN FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR YEARS. BEVERIDGE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED SIRHAN TO BE A QUIET, WELL BEHAVED WITH NO DISPLAY OF TEMPERAMENT OR SHOW OF VIOLENCE. ✓

RE INTERVIEW OF FORMER EMPLOYER JOHN H. WEIDNER

WEIDNER, OWNER OF ORGANIC DASH PASADENA, A HEALTH FOODS STORE AT ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO NORTH LAKE AVENUE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED JUNE ELEVEN LAST AT THIS LOCATION AND ADVISED SIRHAN SIRHAN, KNOWN BY NICKNAME OF "SOL", EMPLOYED AS STOCKBOY FROM SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST THROUGH MARCH SEVEN LAST. WEIDNER EMPLOYED SIRHAN AT REQUEST OF SIRHAN'S MOTHER, A REGULAR CUSTOMER AT STORE. SIRHAN WORKED SUNDAY

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THROUGH FRIDAY; AND ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY STOCKBOY, OCCASIONALLY MADE DELIVERIES TO OTHER HEALTH FOOD STORES OWNED BY WEIDNER IN MONTEREY PARK AND DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA. WEIDNER DESCRIBED SIRHAN AS CAPABLE EMPLOYEE, BUT UNDISCIPLINED, AGGRESSIVE, AND OCCASIONALLY BAD TEMPERED.

WEIDNER ADVISED ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, SIRHAN BECAME EXTREMELY EXCITED AND ANGRY OVER MINOR DISAGREEMENT WITH WEIDNER, CALLED WEIDNER LIAR AND STALKED OUT OF STORE INDICATING HE WAS QUITTING. ACCORDING TO WEIDNER, SIRHAN REAPPEARED AT STORE SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER THIS INCIDENT AND TOLD WEIDNER HIS CONSCIENCE WOULD NOT LET HIM CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT WITH WEIDNER, BUT HE WOULD STAY ON FOR TWO MORE WEEKS AS PER PRIOR NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

WEIDNER AND SIRHAN HAD ANOTHER DISAGREEMENT ON MARCH SEVEN LAST, AND SIRHAN AGAIN TOLD WEIDNER HE WAS QUITTING AND LEFT STORE IN AN ANGRY MOOD.

IN MID MARCH WEIDNER RECEIVED NOTICE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE LABOR COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF LABOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOS ANGELES STATE OFFICE BUILDING, LOS ANGELES, RE A PETITION FILED BY SIRHAN FOR UNPAID WAGES. ON MARCH THIRTY LAST WEIDNER APPEARED BEFORE COMMISSIONER AND SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED

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WHEREBY WEIDNER WOULD PAY SIRHAN APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS FOR WAGES DUE. WEIDNER HAS NOT SEEN SIRHAN SINCE THAT DATE.

SIRHAN NEVER DISCUSSED HIS PERSONAL ACTIVITIES WITH WEIDNER, AND WEIDNER IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH ANY OF SIRHAN'S ASSOCIATES.

WEIDNER NOTED THAT OCCASIONALLY SIRHAN DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS AND EXPRESSED HIS DISLIKE FOR STATE OF ISRAEL AND JEWISH PEOPLE IN GENERAL. ACCORDING TO WEIDNER, SIRHAN WAS EXTREMELY BITTER ABOUT UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF ISRAEL DURING HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB NATIONS AND ABOUT JORDAN'S LOSS OF TERRITORY. WEIDNER FURTHER RECALLED SIRHAN ONCE TOLD HIM THAT WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, HE SAW ISRAELIS KILLING ARAB CHILDREN AND HE ONCE TOLD WEIDNER'S WIFE WHEN HE WAS YOUNG HE WITNESSED ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLING A DEFENSELESS JORDANIAN WOMAN.

WEIDNER CONTINUED THAT SIRHAN WAS VERY SYMPATHETIC TOWARD POOR PEOPLE AND NEGRO RACE, AND DURING A CONVERSATION WITH WEIDNER RE RIOTING IN NEGRO COMMUNITY, SIRHAN INDICATED HE FELT VIOLENCE WAS ONLY WAY NEGROES COULD OBTAIN THEIR RIGHTS.

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ON ANOTHER OCCASION, SIRHAN INDICATED TO WEIDNER HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN GOD. WEIDNER ALSO RECALLED HE ONCE ASKED SIRHAN IF HE WAS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND SIRHAN REPLIED HE DID NOT BECOME A UNITED STATES CITIZEN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO LIBERTY IN THIS COUNTRY.

ROOSEVELT GRIER

GRIER STATED THAT ON THE EVENING OF JUNE FOUR LAST HE WAS WITH SENATOR KENNEDY DURING SEANTOR'S VICTORY SPEECH. GRIER STATED THE VICTORY SPEECH WAS HELD IN EMBASSY ROOM AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, THREE FOUR ZERO ZERO WILSHIRE BOULEVARD.

GRIER ADVISED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SENATOR'S VICTORY SPEECH, THE SENATOR, HIS WIFE ETHEL KENNEDY AND OTHER PERSONS ON PLATFORM DURING SENATOR'S VICTORY SPEECH, LEFT PLATFORM AT THE REAR. GRIER STATED HE ASSISTED THE SENATOR'S WIFE OFF PLATFORM WITH HELP OF BILL BARRY. GRIER ADVISED MEMBERS OF PARTY PROCEEDED TO WALK IN DIRECTION THAT THE PARTY HAD ENTERED THE EMBASSY BALLROOM. GRIER STATED HE HAD GONE APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN FEET WHEN HE HEARD SOUNDS WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING SIMILAR TO A FIRECRACKER BEING EXPLODED. GRIER STATED HE DID NOT SEE THE SENATOR AT THIS TIME, AND THE CROWD OF PEOPLE PRECEEDING HIM SUDDENLY DISPERSED. GRIER STATED AFTER THE CROWD HAD DISPERSED HE OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE STANDING WITH A BLACK

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OBJECT IN HIS RIGHT HAND WHICH RESEMBLED A GUN. GRIER STATED THIS UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE WAS HOLDING OBJECT WHICH RESEMBLED A PISTOL WITH HIS ELBOW IN A BENT CONDITION AND HIS FOREARM PARALLEL TO THE FLOOR. GRIER STATED HE IMMEDIATELY MOVED TO HIS RIGHT BEHIND WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, AND UPON COMING AROUND THE OTHER SIDE HE SAW TWO MALE INDIVIDUALS STRUGGLING WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHO HAD THE WEAPON IN HIS HAND. GRIER DESCRIBED ONE OF THE PERSONS STRUGGLING WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE WITH THE GUN AS BILL BARRY. GRIER ADVISED THE TWO INDIVIDUALS HAD JOSTLED THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN WITH THE GUN CAUSING THE GUN TO FALL ONTO A COUNTER OR TABLE. AT THIS MOMENT GRIER STATED HE TURNED SEEKING TO LOCATE THE SENATOR AND WHEN HE RETURNED HIS VIEW TO THE ENSUING STRUGGLE, HE NOTED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN CARRYING THE GUN PREVIOUSLY HAD REGAINED POSSESSION OF THE GUN. GRIER STATED HE TOLD BARRY AND THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON ASSISTING BARRY WITH THE PERSON WITH THE GUN THAT "I WILL GET THE GUN". GRIER STATED HE GRABBED THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON'S RIGHT HAND WHICH WAS HOLDING THE GUN WITH HIS RIGHT HAND, IN A POSITION THAT HIS, GRIER'S, THUMB COVERED THE

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HAMMER OF THE WEAPON AND THE REMAINING FINGERS WERE GRIPPED AROUND THE TRIGGER HOUSING. GRIER STATED HE GRABBED THE WEAPON THIS WAY TO PREVENT FURTHER DISCHARGE OF THE WEAPON. GRIER STATED HE WRESTLED THE GUN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S HAND AND APPLIED A HOLD ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S LEG TO PREVENT THIS PERSON FROM POSSIBLY GETTING AWAY. GRIER STATED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WERE ASKING HIM TO GIVE THEM THE GUN. GRIER STATED HE DID NOT GIVE UP THE GUN INASMUCH AS HE DID NOT KNOW THE PERSONS WHO HAD REQUESTED THAT HE GIVE UP THE GUN. GRIER STATED AN UNRECALLED INDIVIDUAL STATED TO HIM "GIVE THE GUN TO RAFER", MEANING RAFER JOHNSON. GRIER STATED HE HANDED THE GUN TO RAFER JOHNSON. GREIR HELD SUBJECT TILL POLICE ARRIVED, DID NOT OBSERVE ANYONE RUN FROM THE SHOOTING SCENE AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT HEAR THE ASSAILANT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS.

GRIER STATED THAT ON JUNE ELEVEN HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FROM MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY WHO ADVISED RAFER JOHNSON WAS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THAT HE WOULD GO TO NEW YORK. END PAGE SEVEN

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CONTACT AT JOHNSON'S RESIDENCE, LOS ANGELES, DETERMINED THAT HE MAY RETURN LOS ANGELES AFTER NEW YORK VISIT.

RE RAFER JOHNSON

DAILY CONTACTS HAS BEEN MAINTAINED WITH ERMA JOHNSON, SISTER OF RAFER JOHNSON, AND JAMES JOHNSON, WHO IS RAFER'S BROTHER. NEITHER INDIVIDUAL CAN FURNISH HIS OUT DASH OF DASH TOWN ADDRESS; HOWEVER, IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING HE IS PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK CITY. JOHNSON FAMILY WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT LOS ANGELES OFFICE WHEN THEY RECEIVE JOHNSON'S NEW YORK ADDRESS OR IF HE RETURNS TO LOS ANGELES.

RE FRANK J. BURNS, JR.

WITNESS FRANK J. BURNS, JR., ATTORNEY, ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS STANDING DIRECTLY BEHIND AND SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT OF SENATOR KENNEDY WHEN KENNEDY WAS SHOT. HE RECALLED A NOISE LIKE A STRING OF FIRECRACKERS GOING OFF, IMMEDIATELY TURNED HEAD AND RECALLED SEEING AN EXTENDED ARM HOLD GUN. HE AND OTHERS WHOM HE CANNOT IDENTIFY THEN WRESTLED WITH PERSON HOLDING GUN.

DESCRIBED SITUATION AS CHAOTIC AND ONLY HAS VAGUE IMPRESSION OF PEOPLE AROUND HIM. HE RECALLED BILL BARRY,
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KENNEDY'S BODY GUARD, COMING UP AND PLUNGING INTO "KNOT" OF PEOPLE HOLDING ASSAILANT AND YELLING FOR A ROPE SO THAT ASSAILANT COULD BE TIED UP. BURNS RECALLS JESS UNRUH STANDING ON SERVICE COUNTER WHERE ASSAILANT HELD AND YELLING THIS PERSON SHOULD BE KEPT ALIVE. POLICE OFFICERS THEN CAME UP, HANDCUFFED THIS INDIVIDUAL BEHIND HIS BACK, AND REMOVED HIM FROM AREA.

BURNS HAS IDENTIFIED PHOTOS OF SIRHAN SIRHAN AS BEING ASSAILANT. BURNS WAS DIRECTLY BEHIND SENATOR KENNEDY DURING SPEECH AND IT WAS HIS, BURNS IMPRESSION, KENNEDY WAS TO GO DOWN STAIRS TO THE AMBASSADOR ROOM FOLLOWING SPEECH. AS THE SENATOR FINISHED SPEAKING HE BEGAN TO MOVE TO HIS RIGHT TOWARD A CLEAR PATH. BURNS HEARD A VOICE COMING FROM HIS LEFT SAYING THAT SENATOR WAS GOING IN WRONG DIRECTION AND SHOULD GO OFF REAR OF PLATFORM. BURNS STATED APPARENTLY THE SPEECH WAS LONGER THEN ANTICIPATED AND PLANS WERE CHANGED TO HAVE KENNEDY GO TO PRESS ROOM RATHER THAN DOWN STAIRS TO THE AMBASSADOR ROOM AT THE LAST MINUTE. HE WAS NOT AWARE WHO WOULD HAVE CHANGED PLANS.

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RE: EMPLOYMENT OF BROTHER ADEL SIRHAN

ON JUNE ELEVEN LAST, LOUIS G. SHELBY, OWNER, "THE FEZ", ONE FIVE ZERO EIGHT NORTH VERMONT, ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN KNOWN TO HIM AS BROTHER OF FORMER EMPLOYEE AT HIS CLUB, ADEL SIRHAN.

SHELBY STATES ADEL ~~SIRHAN~~ EMPLOYED PERIODICALLY FROM CALIF. JANUARY, SIXTY TWO, THROUGH APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN.

SHELBY ADVISED ADEL VERY PRAGMATIC INDIVIDUAL, PRACTICAL AND DEFINITELY NOT COMMUNIST. SHELBY STATES ADEL SIRHAN EXTREMELY CLOSE DASH MOUTHED WITH NO KNOWN ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN HIMSELF.

SHELBY STATES THAT IN APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN, HE HAD EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH SUBJECT, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, REGARDING POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES. SHELBY ADVISED SIRHAN CONVINCED U.S. INVOLVED IN FURTHERANCE OF ZIONIST GOALS. SIRHAN BELIEVED U. S. FOREIGN POLICY DIRECT CAUSE OF COUNTRY OF ISRAEL BEING FORMED.

SHELBY DISCLOSED SIRHAN EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED AS HE FELT THAT INDIVIDUALS AND EVEN NATIONS WERE POWERLESS TO THWART THE ZIONIST PLOTS.

RE: MUNIR SIRHAN

INFORMATION WAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM THE PHOENIX OFFICE CONCERNING THE ARREST ON A CHARGE OF VAGRANCY FOR
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~~AKA~~ MUNIR CALIF
MUNIR ~~BISHARA~~ SIRHAN, AKA JOE, ON MAY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SIX,
AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. ARRESTED WITH MUNIR AT THAT TIME WAS
A DAVID MYERS, JR., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; PHILLIP LEE
CLEVINGER, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA; AND A RONNIE EDMAN HOULEN,
FROM MC CLEAN STREET, OTTUMWA, IOWA.

RECORDS OF THE LONG BEACH PD CHECKED TODAY REFLECT
THAT PHILLIP LEE ~~CLEVINGER~~, AKA PHILLIP ~~CLEVINGER~~, WAS ARIZ CALIF
LISTED AS A SUSPECT IN THE FILES OF THE LONG BEACH PD
IN SEPTEMBER OF SIXTY SIX AND SEPTEMBER OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR
PASSING A NON SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS IN LONG BEACH. CLEVINGER
WAS ALSO LISTED AS AN ASSAULT VICTIM ON JULY SEVEN, SIXTY
SEVEN.

RECORDS OF LONG BEACH PD ALSO REFLECTED AN ARREST FOR
RONNIE EDMAN ~~HOULEN~~ ON JANUARY TEN LAST ON A CHARGE OF ARIZ.
INTOXICATION AND DISTURBING THE PEACE. LONG BEACH POLICE
RECORDS REFLECT LAST KNOWN ADDRESS FOR HOULEN AS ONE SEVEN
FOUR ZERO FREEMAN, APARTMENT ONE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

MISCELLANEOUS

RE: SANDRA ~~SERRANO~~ CALIF.

SANDRA SERRANO, ON EVENING OF JUNE ELEVEN LAST,
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE NOW HAS ATTORNEY AND WILL NO
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LONGER SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW BY LAPD, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S (DA'S) OFFICE FBI OR ANYONE ELSE RE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING HER ATTORNEY.

LAPD AND DA'S OFFICE TODAY ADVISED IN VIEW OF FACT SERRANO NOW HAS ATTORNEY AND IS OBVIOUSLY NOT FRIENDLY NO FURTHER EFFORT BEING MADE TO AFFORD HER POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. GEORGE STONER, CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DA'S OFFICE, ADVISED HIS OFFICE DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE CONTACTING SERRANO AGAIN AND DOES NOT CONSIDER HER STORY OF VALUE TO INVESTIGATION.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LYNN COMPTON, CHIEF DEPUTY DA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ADVISED REVIEW OF INVESTIGATION BY LAPD AND HIS INVESTIGATIVE STAFF FAILS TO INDICATE, NOR IS THERE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT, SIRHAN WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ANYONE ELSE OR CONSPIRED WITH ANY OTHER PERSONS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

BALLISTICS EXAMINATION

CURRENT ISSUE OF "TIME" MAGAZINE, DATED JUNE FOURTEEN, NEXT, CONTAINS STATEMENT TO EFFECT SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SHOT TWICE BY TWENTY TWO CALIBER "LONG RIFLE HOLLOW NOSED SLUGS".

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DA'S OFFICE ADVISES SENATOR KENNEDY SHOT THREE TIMES. LAPD - ^ASID ADVISES KENNEDY SHOT WITH TWENTY TWO CALIBER HOLLOW POINT CCI, COMMONLY KNOWN AS MINI MAG. CCI STANDS FOR CASCADE CARTRIDGE, INC., THE MANUFACTURER. CCI IS NOW OMARK - CCI, LEWISTON, IDAHO.

LAPD ADVISED TODAY BALLISTICS EXAMINATION REPORT NOT YET COMPLETED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS COMPLETED.

PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

WILBUR LITTLEFIELD, CHIEF, TRIAL DEPUTY, IN THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, WAS NAMED TO REPRESENT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ACCUSED SLAYER OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY. PRESS REPORTS REFLECTS SIRHAN REPORTEDLY WANTS TWO PRIVATE ATTORNEYS TO DEFEND HIM ON MURDER CHARGES BUT SAID HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO RETAIN COUNSEL.

LITTLEFIELD WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE CASE AFTER A MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.

INTERVIEW OF WALTER ~~CROWE~~ CALIF.

THE BUREAU HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH WALTER CROWE WHO HAS A BACKGROUND ASSOCIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST YOUTH GROUPS.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF LOS ANGELES OFFICES ADVISES A MEETING OF STUDENTS CLUB, WESTERN SECTION, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT, COMMUNIST PARTY, WAS HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF JIM BERLAND, ONE NINE SEVEN FOUR SOUTH ROBINSON AVENUE, LOS ANGELES ON JUNE EIGHT LAST. AT THIS MEETING, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, FBI AGENTS INTERVIEWED CROWE.

CROWE WAS CRITICIZED FOR TALKING TO FBI AGENTS AND IT WAS POINTED OUT EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT NOT TO TALK TO THE FBI UNTIL A WARRANT IS PRESENTED, AFTER WHICH A PERSON THEN HAS THE RIGHT TO SEE HIS ATTORNEY FIRST. BERLAND SUGGESTED TO CROWE AT THIS MEETING THAT HE SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH ATTORNEY BEN MARGOLIS BEFORE SUBMITTING ANOTHER INTERVIEW WITH FBI AGENTS.

COMMAND POST - LAPD.

ON JUNE TWELVE INSTANT, CAPTAIN HUGH BROWN, COMMANDER HOMICIDE DETAIL, LAPD, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN DETACHED FROM HIS REGULAR ASSIGNMENT TO SUPERVISE THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION IN BEHALF OF HIS DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE UNIT IN ROOM EIGHT ZERO THREE AT THE LAPD, WHICH HE EXPECTS WILL BE OPERATIONAL APPROXIMATELY NINE AM, JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT.

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INTERVIEW OF HOTEL EMPLOYEES

APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED SEVEN EMPLOYEES OF THE
AMBASSADOR HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED TO DATE TO INSURE ALL POSSIBLE
INFORMATION DEVELOPED. THIS PHASE CONTINUES.

APPROPRIATE LIAISON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

REVIEW OF REPORT

SAC, GRAPP PERSONALLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED LOS ANGELES
REPORT OF SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., DATED JUNE NINE LAST.

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**ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Interviews with witnesses into the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy continue, as well as interviews with associates and former employers of the accused assailant Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Approximately 207 employees of the Ambassador Hotel have been interviewed to date.

Roosevelt Grier, professional football player who was present at Senator Kennedy's speech in the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California, during the night of June 4, 1968, related to FBI Agents how he, with the assistance of hotel employees and Rafer Johnson, Olympic champion, disarmed Sirhan after the shooting. Another individual, Louis Shelby, a restaurant owner where Adel Sirhan had been employed, described the assailant as an extremely frustrated individual and one who was convinced the United States was involved in the furtherance of Zionist goals.

Chief Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, Lynn Compton, has advised our Los Angeles Office that a review of investigation conducted by the investigative staff of the District Attorney's office and the Los Angeles Police Department fails to indicate that there is any evidence to support Sirhan was associated with anyone else or conspired with any other person in the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

With respect to the prosecution of Sirhan, it has been reported that Mr. Wilbur Littlefield, Chief Trial Deputy in the Office of the Public Defender, has been named to represent Sirhan. The news media indicates Sirhan reportedly desires two private attorneys to defend him but alleged he has stated he could not afford to retain private counsel. Littlefield was placed in charge of the case after a meeting of the Los Angeles Bar Association.

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COMMUNIST REACTION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

The stock portrayal of a diseased American capitalist society, increasingly driven to violence by internal conflict and increasingly corrupted by violence, dominates communist propaganda reaction worldwide to the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles on 5 June 1968. Comment playing the associated theme that use of violence as an instrument of foreign policy goes hand in hand with lawlessness at home is predictably larded with references to U.S. "aggression" in Vietnam and intensifying dissent over the war. Beyond these standard common elements, the reactions vary in accordance with the character and propaganda practices of the respective regimes.

The harshness of Moscow's indictment of U.S. society is unrelieved by elements of warmth and sympathy for the "majority" of "sober-minded" Americans that marked the Soviet response to the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, and the Soviet propaganda reaction to the personal tragedy this time is secondary and perfunctory. Czechoslovak and Rumanian reactions stand out as exceptionally warm toward Senator Kennedy personally, East German propaganda the most blatantly offensive in its treatment of the U.S. leadership as a whole.

Hanoi takes note of Senator Kennedy's opposition to Administration policies on Vietnam but does not address itself to the impact of his death on the U.S. political scene. Vietnamese communist comment, hinting at Administration involvement in an assassination conspiracy, suggests in one instance that a motive was to forestall further probes into the circumstances of President Kennedy's death--a suggestion raised by various other media, including (briefly) Moscow and (elaborately) Havana. Almost uniformly, communist commentators reject the idea that a single individual could be held responsible.

Peking dismisses the slaying as yet another manifestation of the "dog-eat-dog" climate of a decaying, crisis-ridden society and devotes minimal propaganda attention to the subject.

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COMMUNIST REACTION TO THE ASSASSINATION
OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDYUSSR: Broad-Ranging Indictment of "Sick," "Violent" America

Soviet propaganda's sweeping indictment of the American way of life pictures Senator Kennedy as a victim of vaguely defined "reactionary" forces resorting to "political gangsterism" in a desperate effort to retain control over a corrupt, disintegrating capitalist society.

Following the assassination of President Kennedy in November 1963, Moscow broadcast solemn music, numerous messages of condolence from Soviet leaders, and a flood of testimonials to the "out-standing American statesman" who had sought peace and Soviet-American cooperation. Expressions of grief and sympathy for the American people were coupled with expressions of concern lest the course of U.S.-Soviet detente be disturbed. Four and a half years later, reacting to the death of Martin Luther King, Moscow developed the theme of the "sick," "violent" society, though with numerous eulogies of the victim of the assassination; memorial meetings were held in the USSR, and Radio Moscow observed a moment of silence on the day of the funeral.* This time, censorious comment on the "vices" and "ulcers" of U.S. society almost wholly displaces expressions of grief, sympathy, concern, or personal tribute.

Apart from the differences in protocol dictated by the respective offices and roles of the men involved, the difference in atmosphere and thrust of the current propaganda may be viewed as a reflection both of the tensions in international relations and of Soviet propaganda's preoccupation with an intensified ideological struggle between the socialist and "imperialist" systems, against the background of intellectual restiveness in the USSR.

* Radio Moscow devoted roughly the same amount of its comment to Senator Kennedy's death as it did to the assassination of Dr. King, about 15 percent of total comment on all subjects, in the five days following the event. More than 30 percent of Moscow's radio comment reacted to the assassination of the President in the five days after the events in Dallas.

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

Soviet media have publicized two formal expressions of condolence-- a message to Mrs. Kennedy from Kosygin on 7 June and a message to Vice President Humphrey on the same day from the chairmen of the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities of the USSR Supreme Soviet. Both express the Soviet people's "indignation" over the "wicked murder." The sole personal tribute is a reference to the Senator as an "eminent U.S. statesman" in the message to the Vice President.

Soviet commentators, in characterizing Senator Kennedy personally, refer to him neutrally as "a candidate" for the presidential nomination or as a relatively "sober-minded" or "realistic" U.S. politician--Moscow's customary description of the Senator in the past. Even these restrained tributes appear not in the form of testimonials but in the context of comment on the "atmosphere" in the United States that is said to have generated the murder.

THE THEME OF DECADENT CAPITALISM

Moscow's overriding focus on the ills of American society is reflected in the comments by Soviet cultural figures, who in 1963 wrote articles and poems in praise of the slain President. Now a long poem by Yevtushenko in PRAVDA attacks the United States as a land where there is "freedom to murder."

Moscow commentator Shakhev set the tone of Soviet propaganda in 1963 by praising the late President's efforts to ease tensions and his approach to domestic problems; the same commentator on 7 June 1968, in a widely broadcast commentary, uses the Senator's death as the take-off point for an unrelenting attack on the United States, concluding: "America's capitalist society corrupts the soul, the mind, and the heart of man. That is what the murder of Robert Kennedy highlights for us."

Developing the "sick" society theme, Moscow commentator Rubtsov describes the United States as a "political jungle" ruled by force--"a country that is trying to solve internal and external problems by criminal methods of violence, murder, and repressions." PRAVDA correspondent Korionov declares on 8 June that the assassination demonstrates "the foul essence of the world of modern capitalist America," where "political killings" are the "direct result of the well-planned course of monopoly circles."

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Much of the comment takes the occasion to contrast the "violent" capitalist United States with the more disciplined Soviet state and to seek to discredit the U.S. right to world leadership. In the most widely beamed Moscow radio talk on the slaying, broadcast more than 60 times on 6 June, Viktor Glazunov asserts: "America, lauded as an example of Western democracy, appears before the world as a society of brutality and inhumanity. It is rooted in the very essence of the social system in America, in the very foundations of society.... Capitalism is fraught with violence, just as clouds are fraught with rain." Treating capitalism and violence as inseparable, Soviet commentators dismiss the question of gun-control legislation as essentially irrelevant.

A broadcast to North America, by Vladimir Afonin, asks "what sort of moral leadership a country can give if it is unable to protect its own political figures from assassination.... To the world, the American way of life now looks like the American way of death." Moscow domestic service commentator Babich asserts that "the most powerful and rich capitalist country in the world has no inspiring national aims, no ideals to capture the minds and hearts of the people and encourage them to accomplish great deeds." Babich directs an obvious pitch to youth: "What can such bellicose, reactionary ideology give millions of Americans, particularly young ones, who on the very threshold of their conscious life encounter profound dissatisfaction with the cult of profit taking root in their country, and encounter the cult of business, the dollar, and violence?" In contrast to the violence and decadence of capitalism, Vladimir Tregubov reassures domestic listeners, communism in the Soviet Union follows "entirely different laws, in conditions of a truly socialist democracy."

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRIME

Soviet commentators place the responsibility for the assassination on "reactionary circles" and an amorphous conspiracy, usually suggesting that the Senator's comparatively "realistic" views on Vietnam and civil rights were motivating factors. TASS commentator Igor Orlov notes on 7 June that the victims of such crimes are generally leaders who oppose "rabid militarism and racism." On 8 June IZVESTIYA's political commentator Matveyev, remarking that the assassination of Senator Kennedy took place during a time of domestic and foreign political crisis, observes:

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"He was in somebody's way, so he was removed by the most extreme means." IZVESTIYA commentator Kudryavtsev charges that U.S. political circles who "directed the hand" of the assassin "clearly aimed at the Vietnam policy Senator Kennedy intended to pursue if he had become President."

Mikhail Strogovich, a Soviet lawyer, in a broadcast to North America advances the theory that Senator Kennedy was killed because if he had been elected President he would have been in position to reopen the investigation of his brother's murder. This notion is not generally aired in Soviet comment; but Moscow propagandists are insistent on the point--as expressed at the conclusion of Strogovich's talk--that whatever the precise motive, the assassination "cannot be the accidental deed of an unbalanced person acting on his own."

Combining the conspiracy theme with an indictment of U.S. officialdom collectively, Korionov writes in the 8 June PRAVDA that "the shots in Dallas, Memphis, and Los Angeles were not the work of individual terrorists. They were possible first of all because forces are governing the country which stop at nothing in their intention to do away with everything that does not suit them." In a similar vein, Vladimir Paramonov writes in LIFE ABROAD that "the new American tragedy is one more indictment against the ruling circles of this power."

Apart from some references to Mayor Yorty of Los Angeles, to "fascist" organizations, and to "certain local government officials" in Los Angeles as typifying the extreme "reactionary" element, the "forces" and "circles" Moscow indicts are left vaguely identified and impersonal. President Johnson's statements and appointment of an investigative commission are reported without comment.

NATIONALITY OF THE SUSPECT

Soviet media have displayed predictable sensitivity to the fact that the suspect is an Arab immigrant. Radio Moscow did not acknowledge the arrest until 7 June, when it identified the suspect only as "Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestine Arab," and declined to speculate on his motives. On the same day, IZVESTIYA's Kondrashov accused the U.S. press of "playing on the Arab origin of the assassin" and on evidence of his "anti-Israeli attitudes" in order to shift the blame from the American way of life, "the real guilty party in the tragedy."

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In a domestic service roundtable discussion on 9 June, Radio Moscow's Viktor Shragin charges that although the suspect lived "all his conscious life" in the United States, U.S. officials are trying to present him as "some kind of Arab nationalist" and are hinting that "the Reds are implicated." Calling this "an old ruse," Shragin notes a parallel with the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, when charges of communist connections were made against Lee Harvey Oswald. IZVESTIYA's Matveyev similarly discounts allegations by Mayor Yorty that "communists were involved" in the slaying. TASS commentator Orlov notes that a U.S. Communist Party spokesman has "described Yorty's statements as a crude attempt to mislead the public in an effort to prevent a real investigation of this dirty affair and the plot behind it."

In its broadcasts to the Middle East, Moscow has publicized Kosygin's condolences and stressed the general theme of the violent capitalist society that corrupts U.S. policy at home and abroad. Sirhan Sirhan is not mentioned in available Moscow broadcasts in Arabic.

EFFECTS OF ASSASSINATION

Moscow has generally refrained so far from comment on the effects the Senator's death might have on U.S. domestic or foreign policy. PRAVDA's New York correspondents Vasilyev and Kurdyumov suggest on 11 June that there may be an effort to exploit indignation over the slaying to "take antidemocratic measures and persecute the progressive forces." In the only other available comment addressed directly to the possible consequences of the slaying, a Kondrashov article in IZVESTIYA on 8 June says it would appear that Nixon and Humphrey will be nominated, which will "leave many Americans who are dissatisfied with the Vietnam adventure no real choice." Neither Radio Moscow nor TASS carried this article.

Varied Reactions From East European Media

East European media respond with varying degrees of sympathy and expressions of shock, generally echo Moscow's portrayal of Senator Kennedy as the victim of vaguely identified "reactionary forces" in a "sick society," and largely ignore or play down the role of the murder suspect. The Czechoslovak and Rumanian reactions emerge, overall, as the most sympathetic. Yugoslav comment contains personal tributes to Senator Kennedy, along with censure of the evils of U.S. society. Polish, Hungarian, and Bulgarian comment most closely parallels Moscow's, while

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East Germany's is the most blatantly hostile in its assault on the United States.

Prague media on 6 June publicized condolence messages or statements by President Svoboda, First Secretary Dubcek, Premier Cernik, Foreign Minister Hajek, National Assembly Chairman Smrkovsky, and Czechoslovak Ambassador Duda. Prague radio quoted Cernik as stating that the Senator's death had shaken him personally as well as all Czechs, and CTK cited Foreign Minister Hajek's expression of concern that his death could have an unfavorable effect on the "realistic and peace-loving forces" in the United States. Rumanian Premier Ceausescu's telegram to Mrs. Kennedy, reported by AGERPRES on 7 June, expresses grief over the death of an "eminent statesman, leader of American public life," and Bucharest media that day publicized Foreign Minister Manescu's tribute to the Senator at the U.N. General Assembly session over which he presided. Tito's message to the widow expresses great personal shock at the tragedy, calling the Senator's death "an irreparable loss to the American people and to world peace."

By contrast, Ulbricht's condolences to Mrs. Kennedy, carried by the East German news agency ADN on 6 June, are replete with an attack on the "powerful extreme reactionary circles which, in order to enforce their antihumanistic and antidemocratic objectives, are increasingly murdering their political adversaries."

THE "SICK SOCIETY"

The Budapest MAGYAR HIRLAP on 8 June headlines its editorial "Sick Society." The Budapest NEPSAVA on 8 June broadly indicts the whole U.S. leadership, declaring "the conclusion is inevitable that the supreme leadership bears responsibility for the atmosphere of bloody murders." Comment in the Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU calls "the atmosphere of intolerance, chauvinism, nationalist pride, and social conservatism" the source "of a real American tragedy." Warsaw's comment, like Moscow's, speaks of explosion of the "myth" of American democracy, and comment from Sofia follows the standard line in denigrating the image of a free, democratic American society.

Comment from both Czechoslovakia and Rumania brings up the theme of capitalist decadence and disease, but the propaganda on this score is more limited and more restrained from both countries than from Moscow or the other East European bloc countries.

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THE MOTIVES AND THE SUSPECT

East European media generally define the motive as removal of a man who disagreed with Administration policies. The Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET on 8 June is atypical in pointing out that, as attorney general, Senator Kennedy was privy to an extraordinary number of secrets: "They wanted to get rid of Robert Kennedy because he knew too much." Sofia's ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME, playing the more general theme that the motive was "to intimidate opponents of the aggressive course of the United States," is unique in suggesting that one specific objective was to impede the course of the U.S.-DRV talks in Paris.

East Germany insinuates in an authoritative commentary that President Johnson was somehow involved. A NEUES DEUTSCHLAND editorial article states on 7 June: "As for Johnson himself, perhaps he and his clan were afraid that a President Robert Kennedy might have had the true causes of the murder of John F. Kennedy investigated. So let us ask, who profits?" The article also complains that "imperialist circles," by alleging that an Arab killed Senator Kennedy, are trying to "distract the ghost of suspicion from the organizers of the murder and shift it to the main bastion of world socialism."

Polish media display some sensitivity to the background of the murder suspect. The 7 June TRYBUNA LUDU charges that U.S. publicity media are playing up the line that Sirhan Sirhan committed the crime because he is "a Jordanian nationalist"--a theory of "nationalist motives" which, the paper says, is unsupported by any evidence and has created "understandable indignation" among African and Middle East delegations at the United Nations. The Slovak Communist Party daily PRAVDA questions whether we can now believe that Sirhan Sirhan was acting from "feelings of Arab nationalism, since after five years we do not have the complete facts about the murder of President Kennedy." Rumania, for whom the question of the murder suspect would be especially sensitive, copes with the problem by ignoring it: There is no reference to the identity of the suspect in available comment.

Yugoslav commentators subscribe to the "conspiracy" theory that Senator Kennedy was murdered by reactionary rightwing forces which opposed his progressive views.

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The Albanians, characteristically, present the assassination as a product of a monopoly capitalist system in a state of advanced crisis.

Hanoi Sees "Political Murder" of Administration Opponent

Hanoi and Liberation Radio both broadcast reports on 5 June on the shooting of Senator Kennedy, noted his death on the 6th, and in subsequent comment have drawn the standard picture of a "reactionary and rotten" U.S. society. A NHAN DAN commentary on the 7th goes so far as to state that assassinations "occur daily and are regarded as common events." The article adds that "the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers demonstrate the increasingly serious conflicts among American capitalists, while the murders of Luther King and other progressive U.S. people and the repression of the masses clearly point to the ever-sharpening contradictions between the laboring people and the capitalist class in the United States."

Some of Hanoi's reports on the assassination point out that Senator Kennedy was an opponent of the Administration's policies--"especially its Vietnam policy." And comment on U.S. policies, including a 7 June NHAN DAN Commentator article, cites statements by the late Senator to attack the U.S. position. The Commentator article claims that "the average American" found Senator Kennedy's assessment of the Saigon regime "more credible" than the Administration's, adding that this helped Kennedy in the primaries and "people rightly think this is precisely why Robert Kennedy has been dealt with--as his elder brother John was--by an assassin's bullets instead of by election votes." However, consistent with Hanoi's propaganda position that differences over Vietnam in the U.S. leadership are essentially superficial, the 7 June NHAN DAN commentary notes that the Senator did not favor withdrawing U.S. troops from South Vietnam, although he "stood for a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam problem" and "recognizing the NFLSV."

Responsibility of the Johnson Administration for the assassination is suggested broadly by Hanoi, more directly by Liberation Radio. An initial report on the assassination, carried by both Hanoi and Liberation Radio, recalls the assassination of President Kennedy, notes that President Johnson succeeded to the presidency and that Robert Kennedy was his "most redoubtable" Democratic opponent, and comments that "in the race for position and interests, the ruling cliques, representing the various factions

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of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class, have not hesitated to resort to bloodshed and fire to liquidate one another." The 7 June NHAN DAN commentary, mentioning the arrest of the murder suspect, ridicules the idea that the murder was not the result of a conspiracy and asserts that it "doubtless was a political assassination." The paper sees "similarities" between Senator Kennedy's death and that of President Kennedy, saying "it was rumored" that Robert Kennedy, if elected President, would "bring the John Kennedy murder to light to avenge his brother." NHAN DAN adds: "People also expressed the opinion that the recent murder of Robert Kennedy might be the goal of those who wished to avoid dramatic consequences for themselves."

A 7 June Liberation Radio commentary, stating that "the person who masterminded" the assassination of President Kennedy "is yet to be found," also points to a similarity between the assassinations and asserts that "public opinion is looking for the person who masterminded this new assassination." Liberation Radio adds that "not a few people have posed questions about the role of Johnson in this murder case."

Peking Points to Deepening Crisis of "U.S. Imperialism"

CPR propaganda has devoted only negligible attention to the assassination. An NCNA report of Senator Kennedy's death on 7 June is followed by an NCNA commentary, broadcast 12 times, viewing the assassination in stock terms as still another manifestation of "the deepening political and economic crisis of U.S. imperialism." Observing that American politicians are currently engaged in a "dog-eat-dog" struggle for their respective parties' nominations, the NCNA commentary says it is standard practice to "knife each other in the back."

North Korea's reaction is essentially similar, a Pyongyang domestic service broadcast on 7 June recalling that President Kennedy, too, was shot when he was "campaigning for reelection as President, clinging to the policies of aggression and war." It concludes that "this shows how frantically the bosses of U.S. imperialism are running wild in their dogfight for power...."

Cuban Comment Plays Up Conspiracy Theory

Havana commentators play up alleged efforts to "conceal the truth" about the assassination. There are recollections of the 1963 events, charges that CIA involvement is probable, and repeated

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efforts to suggest White House involvement. A typical commentary in the domestic service rejects the "naive" theory that the murderer was a lone "fanatic," since the Senator's death brought "many benefits to the Democratic Party and, within the Democratic Party, many benefits to President Johnson's candidate, Hubert Humphrey." In a similar vein, another Havana broadcast cites the Garrison investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy, alleges that "the name of President Johnson began to crop up" in these investigations, and concludes that the answer to the question "who benefits from the death of another Kennedy?" should be sought "in Washington, in the White House." Havana comment on 6 June, while the Senator still lay wounded, noted that "trial balloons" were being sent up on President Johnson's "possible candidacy" for reelection.

"Imperialist propaganda" is accused of vainly seeking scapegoats for the murder. The Voice of America is quoted as having tried to link the "presumed murderer with communist organizations." Pointing out that the accused "Jordanian" was "from the occupied zone of Jerusalem," a commentary in the domestic service says "North American propaganda" is "trying to "make public opinion believe Kennedy's murder was due to the nationalist sentiments of an Arab." The commentator suggests that an effort is being made to exploit the coincidence of the assassination with the anniversary of "Israel's aggression against the Arab states."

Insisting that the assassination was "not an isolated act," Havana calls it "the natural product of a society in full decomposition, convulsed by violence, by a criminal violence, whose most prominent conveyers are the men who make up the clique of war criminals holding the power in Washington." There are the predictable linkages to the war in Vietnam, "where the United States without any right uses force in its most brutal forms." Commenting on President Johnson's statement following the shooting, one propagandist says the President "has no right to condemn violence because he is the first to use it, raising it to the level of the mainstay of his foreign policy."

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SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ

Re El Paso tel to Bureau and Los Angeles 6/17/68
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies
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