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On June 20, 1968, RONALD L. ARCHER, 7306 El Redondo Circle, Buena Park, California, phone 521-3597, telephonically contacted SA DONALD H. PERRY at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

ARCHER stated that a few days before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed, his (ARCHER's) brother-in-law JOHN MC CARTHY, telephone number 637-1659, made numerous statements to the effect that KENNEDY would be killed in Los Angeles and he made references to Jordan and Jordanians.

ARCHER stated that when he told MC CARTHY that the FBI should be advised about his statements, MC CARTHY became irate and stated he, MC CARTHY, would have to call his employer because his employer did not want the FBI to know about this. ARCHER stated that he does not know MC CARTHY's employer or his actual address, but stated he could be reached at the above telephone number which is accurate.

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was contacted at her residence at 1810 Grove Avenue,
Apartment C, Orange, California, phone 637-1659, in an
attempt to locate her husband. She was advised that her
husband was reported to have made some statements concerning
the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Born 7-30-82

Barn In Mrs. MC CARTHY stated that she is thoroughly confused over the whole situation. She stated she was not sure of the facts, but she recalled that her husband had mentioned that he had met a man, in a car she thought, who stated that if KENNEDY were to become President, or even before that, he would be killed. She further stated that her husband seemed very nervous after he heard an announcement, over the radio after the assassination, in connection with a reported diary which had been found. It belonged to SIRHAN SIRHAN and mentioned a particular name which her husband thought might have some connection with the conversation he heard. He said he was surprised to meet this man, but the man said he had a very important engagement on the day after KENNEDY was killed so that he could not do what her husband had asked him to do.

Mrs. MC CARTHY explained that her husband had mentioned this information to his employer, at J.K.I. Investigations, and his employer had indicated he would contact a lawyer and tell him what the circumstances were, and if he thought it was of importance, the lawyer could call JOHN MC CARTHY and then JOHN could tell the FBI about it. She explained that she knew that the FBI would get a great number of calls regarding the assassination, and since they were not sure the incident had any connection with the assassination, they did not want to bother the FBI unless it looked as if it would be very important.

Mrs. MC CARTHY said that JOHN had mentioned something about this information to his brother-in-law, RONALD L. ARCHER,

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who told him he thought he should report this information to the FBI. They tried to explain to the brother-in-law that it was being handled, but he, ARCHER, insisted on calling the FBI.

Mrs. MC CARTHY stated she did not know where her husband was currently working, because he had just started a new job, but he could be contacted telephonically that evening for an appointment.

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JOHN FRANCIS MC CARTHY was contacted at Mac Arthur Boulevard and Campus Drive in Costa Mesa, after having made an appointment . telephonically on the evening of June 25, 1968.

He was advised that he was being contacted in connection with information regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which he reportedly had in his possession.

MC CARTHY explained that he had been working for J.K.I Investigations, 190 North Orange, Orange, California, as an investigator in June 1968, but he is no longer employed there because of a reduction in force. In connection with a case to which he was assigned, he had to contact CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM, 1319 East Baldwin, Orange, California, in connection with a compensation case. GRESHAM had had an alleged injury and was receiving compensation, and he, MC CARTHY, was attempting to ascertain if GRESHAM was seriously injured. He stated he contacted GRESHAM at his residence, which was for sale, and in the course of their conversation, he asked MC CARTHY if he would be able to help him in doing some work cleaning up some property. GRESHAM indicated that he could not. The first contact with GRESHAM was on May 29, 1968, at which time they talked about the coming election, and the subject of Senator KENNEDY came up. MC CARTHY alleged that GRESHAM stated, "KENNEDY, that bastard, I wouldn't vote for him." He further stated something to the effect that if KENNEDY were to be elected President, he would probably be shot like his brother, and he added, "You know why, because of his support of Israel. He wanted to send arms to the damn Jews."

MC CARTHY stated that he recontacted GRESHAM on June 3, 1968, and tried to make an appointment with him on Wednesday, June 5, 1963, but he stated that he had a very important engagement and would not be able to make it on that date. MC CARTHY explained that it was in the early morning hours of that day that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, and

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after thinking about his statement, he wondered why GRESHAM would not be able to meet him. He further stated that after hearing a broadcast concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN's diary which had mentioned the name GOLDBERG, he recalled that GRESHAM had also mentioned the name GOLDBERG, but he could not recall in what connection.

MC CARTHY stated that he told his boss, JAY KUDE, about the conversation, and KUDE indicated he had a friend who was an assistant to Chief THOMAS J. REDDIN of the Los Angeles Police Department, and he, KUDE, would think it over, and if it looked like it was important, he would tell this man at the Los Angeles Police Department.

MC CARTHY explained that on June 9, 1968, he and GRESHAM had about a two hour conversation at GRESHAM's house, and GRESHAM stated he had been thinking a lot about the assassination, and it was bad. He further stated that it might happen again, and a good place would be Chicago, the city of violence. GRESHAM stated that he heard later that someone had been murdered in Chicago, and he wondered about GRESHAM's statements. MC CARTHY said that there is always TED KENNEDY who is left, and GRESHAM stated that he will probably "get it too." MC CARTHY stated that the man had not been drinking, because he does not drink, and he made no mention of Jordanians and indicated no connection with any Jordanians.

MC CARTHY said that he is not sure whether his boss actually told the man at the Los Angeles Police Department about the above information.

MC CARTHY described GRESHAM as about 61, white male, about 5'10", 165 pounds, medium build, brown-gray hair, hazel eyes, gold rimmed glasses, married, unemployed.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS:

On June 27, 1968, FOREST HOLSINGER, Owner, Mary's Draperies, 1143 Struck Street, Anaheim, California, employer of Mrs. CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM, was interviewed concerning Mrs. GRESHAM and her husband. He stated he had met CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM and he feels that he is definitely reliable. He stated that neither Mr. nor Mrs. GRESHAM has discussed politics with him and neither one has shown any strong feeling concerning any of the candidates for public office.

On June 28, 1968, records of the Registrar of Voters, Santa Ana, California, were caused to be reviewed by SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS.

These records reveal that CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM, 1319 Baldwin Avenue, Orange, California, registered as affiliated with a major political party on April 4, 1964. He is described as:

Height
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Occupation

5 foot 9 inches October 9, 1906 West Virginia Plumber

The records further reveal that DELSIE MAE GRESHAM, 1319 Baldwin Avenue, Orange, California, registered as affiliated with a major political party on December 31, 1963. She is described as:

Height 5 foot 7 inches
Date of Birth May 30, 1911
Place of Birth West Virginia

No registration could be located in the files for JOHN FRANCIS MC CARTHY.

Records, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Santa Ana, California, as reviewed on June 28, 1968, reveal that CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM, OC Number 69628, is described as:

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Sex Male
Race White
Nationality American
Hair Brown-gray
Eyes Gray
Height 5'8"
Weight 180

Weight 180
Date of Birth October 9, 1906
Place of Birth West Virginia

Arrests Arrested on a charge of drunk

on November 14, 1959. No disposition was shown

The records further reveal that JOHN FRANCIS MC CARTHY is described as:

Race White Sex Male Nationality American Hair Brown Eyes Hazel Height 5'8 1/2"

Weight 176

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
CII Number

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Place of Birth
Pennsylvania
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He applied as a Security Guard on September 22, 1964. He was arrested on May 31, 1965. and on July 31, 1965 charged with drunk in public, California Penal Code 647 F, and his bail was forfeited on May 31, 1965 and July 31, 1965, respectively, in the amount of \$29.00.

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JAY KUDE, J. K. Investigations, 190 North Orange, Orange, California, phone 639-1961, advised that JOHN FRANCIS MC CARTHY had been employed as an investigator by his company for about 45 days.

He stated that after the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MC CARTHY had related conversations, which MC CARTHY stated he had had with CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM of Orange, California. He recalled that MC CARTHY had said that GRESHAM had made derogatory remarks about Senator KENNEDY and had called him a "bastard" and had stated that if KENNEDY were to be elected, he may be shot. He further stated something to the effect, "I will tell you why --- because of his stand with the Arabs and the Jews, because he wants to ship arms to the Jews."

After hearing the allegation, KUDE stated that on about June 13, 1968, he reported this information to Officer BOB GRAY, who is an aide to Chief THOMAS REDDIN of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He explained that GRESHAM is a high school friend of his and after he reported it to GRAY, GRAY said that he would turn the information over to the LAPD Task Force handling the assassination investigation. KUDE further stated that later an Officer THOMPSON of the LAPD called him and obtained the information from him.

When KUDE was asked concerning the reliability of MC CARTHY, KUDE stated that he had a high opinion of his reliability. He stated that his work was satisfactory, to a certain extent, but he was not experienced, and he had made some errors of judgment on some occasions. He stated that he had not indicated to MC CARTHY that he would possibly be terminated prior to the time that Senator KENNEDY was assassinated. He stated he could think of no reason why MC CARTHY would make up a story about alleged statements by CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM.

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He stated that as far as GRESHAM is concerned, he does not feel he is reliable, because, in connection with a compensation case, GRESHAM was given a permanent back brace which he was supposed to wear permanently, has movies of GRESHAM cutting his lawn without wearing it.

When advised that GRESHAM had denied the allegations made by MC CARTHY and that GRESHAM is a registered Democrat, who stated he had voted for Senator KENNEDY in the primary elections, which information was corroborated independently by his wife, KUDE stated that GRESHAM could have been a "sleeper" and could have registered as a Democrat for a cover if the assassination was a conspiracy.

KUDE pointed out that both GRESHAM and SIRHAN had had industrial injuries and that apparently SIRHAN SIRHAN had had an injury in connection with horse training for REX ELLSWORTH. He stated that he would like to know if there were any connections between the legal representation on the part of SIRHAN and that of GRESHAM, which might possibly connect them in some way. KUDE pointed out that GRESHAM's attorney is HOWARD GEBLER of the firm Rose, Klein, and Marius, with headquarters in Los Angeles, California.

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CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM was contacted at his residence at 1319 East Baldwin, Orange, California.

GRESHAM was advised that he was being contacted in connection with the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and for any information he might have in this regard.

GRESHAM stated that he felt it was too bad about Mr. KENNEDY and explained that he and his wife, DELSIE GRESHAM, had voted for Mr. KENNEDY in the primary election on June 4, 1963, and they thought very highly of him. He stated they both have been registered Democrats for many years.

When asked if he, GRESHAM, had spoken with anyone regarding Senator KENNEDY, he stated that he had not, except to discuss the matter with his wife. He stated that he and his wife had heard several of his speeches and had liked them very well. He stated that he had made no particular note of KENNEDY's remark that the United States should support Israel and he had not thought that it would make the Arabs irked at him. GRESHAM further stated that he had never considered possible assassination of Senator KENNEDY prior to the actual assassination. He stated that he was home on Tuesday, June 4, 1963, and heard the news of the assassination on television on the morning of the day of the assassination.

GRESHAM stated that on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, he had to go to the State Unemployment Office on Bristol Avenue in Santa Ana in order to pick up his check. He explained that he had had a back injury in connection with his job and has not been able to work for a couple of years.

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GRESHAM stated that no one had ever mentioned possible assassination of KENNEDY to him prior to the assassination itself.

GRESHAM catagorically denied making any anti-KENNEDY statements at any time to anyone and stated that he definitely did not talk to anyone about the possible assassination of Mr. KENNEDY.

GRESHAM stated that he belongs to Local 532 of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union in Santa Ana, and he did not make any political statements there. He stated that he was at a loss to understand how someone could allege that he would make anti-KENNEDY statements when he was actually a supporter of Mr. KENNEDY. He tried to think of people whom he had seen during the month of June, and he indicated he had seen his stepdaughter and her husband, his stepson, his stepson's wife's mother, some real estate man who had visited his home. He had received some phone calls in connection with his house, which is for sale; but he did not discuss politics with any of these people.

He stated that he does recall that a young man, whose name is unknown to him, came to his house about three weeks ago and asked him about the house, which was for sale, and also inquired of him if he could help the man with some work in Pomona, California. He talked to this man about an hour and then about a week later the man came and wanted to know if he had changed his mind about working, and he was there about only 15 minutes. No mention of politics or the assassination was made at the times of their conversations. They primarily talked about the house and about their respective careers in the U. S. Army. He stated he could not remember the man's name and

GRESHAM described the man as follows:

did not think he had written it down. He stated he had

not heard from the man since that time.

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About 22 - 23 years About 5'9½" About 180 pounds Age

Height

Weight

Hair Brown Marital Status Married Children One

Occupation Self-employed as a cleanup

GRESHAM stated he had resided at that residence since 1963, and between 1960 and 1963 he had resided on Patavia Street in Orange. He came to California in 1964 from Charleston, West Virginia, where he had lived since childhood. He stated he was a widower whose wife had died 34 years ago, and he had re-married several years ago. GRESHAM is described as follows:

> CLIFFORD DANIEL GRESHAM Name

Sex Male Race White

Birth Data October 9, 1906, West Virginia

Eyes Brown Hair Grey 5'8" Height

180 pounds Weight Build Medium

Discharge Honorably discharged from

U. S. Army, 1942-1945 Social Security

Number Father WHEELER JOHN GRESHAM

Charleston, West Virginia BESSIE JANE LYNCH GRESHAM Mother

West Virginia

Political Affiliation Democrat all his life

GRESHAM stated that he is willing to take a lie detector test concerning the allegation that he had made statements against Senator KENNEDY and about the possible assassination, before and after the actual assassination.

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Mrs. DELSIE GRESHAM, also known as Mrs. Clifford Daniel Gresham, was contacted at her employment at Mary's Draperies at 1210 North Batavia, Orange, California.

She was advised that interviewing agent had just interviewed her husband at their residence, and she was asked if her husband had ever mentioned the possible assassination of Senator KENNEDY prior to the assassination.

Mrs. GRESHAM replied that he had not and that it had not entered either her mind or his to the best of her knowledge.

When asked if her husband had discussed the political campaign with anyone, she stated that she and her husband have made it a policy not to discuss politics or religion.

Mrs. GRESHAM was advised that an allegation had been made in which her husband had made statements concerning the possible assassination of Senator KENNEDY prior to the assassination. She stated that the allegation must be false, but she has no idea of anyone who would be an enemy of her husband to make such allegations.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING STATEMENT
ALLEGEDLY MADE BY A WAITRESS NAMED
"LISA" IN SHERMAN HOUSE COFFEE SHOP,
CHICAGO, ON JUNE 1, 1968, THAT SHE
HAD JUST HEARD SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD

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On the evening of June 5, 1968, LARRY SHERMAN of the Puritan Finance Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that on Saturday, June 1, 1968, he was having coffee with a friend in the Sherman House Coffee Shop, located at Madison and Randolph Streets in Chicago. SHERMAN advised that a waitress, whom he knows only as "LISA", came to the table and stated she had just heard that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot in the head. Shortly thereafter, she returned to the table and stated she had been misinformed in this regard.

The following investigation was conducted in this matter.





Mr. LARRY SHERMAN, Puritan Finance Corporation,
188 West Randolph Street, was re-interviewed concerning the
information he previously furnished about a waitress at the
Sherman House Coffee Shop informing him on Saturday, June
1, 1968, that she had just heard that "ROBERT KENNEDY had
been shot in the head."

Mr. SHERMAN stated he and a group of four other men were having lunch at the Sherman House Coffee Shop (Clark and Randolph) between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M., June 1, 1968. While having lunch one of his waitresses, a LISA, or similar sounding name, informed his group that she had just heard that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot in the head. Mr. SHERMAN stated he and his group were "stunned" by the news and while the group was discussing the information, the waitress returned and said she was mistaken about KENNEDY being shot in the head but made no attempt to clarify her mistake or elaborate further.

Mr. SHERMAN described the waitress as being white female in her 50's, about 5'6", weighing 140 - 145 pounds, dark hair, wore glasses and spoke with a slight accent, possibly German. He stated his group sat in the South East corner of the Coffee Shop.

Mr. SHERMAN stated since Senator KENNEDY was shot in the head on June 5, 1968, he thought he should furnish the above information to the FBI.

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On June 6, 1968, EVA JASPERSON, Manager, Sherman House Coffee Shop, Randolph and Clark Street, advised that she remembered the incident or "rumor" about ROBERT KENNEDY being shot in the head. She stated it happened Saturday afternoon, June 1, 1968, and stated she did not know who started the rumor, but she did know it was a statement made in error by one of the waitresses "overhearing" a conversation between a customer and another waitress. This concerned KENNEDY receiving a blow on the head which was misconstrued as being shot in the head and subsequently passed on in error to other customers.

Miss JASPERSON stated the waitresses on duty Saturday afternoon June 1, 1968, who worked the South east section of the coffee shop were ROSE TURCK, LEE DENNIS and BEATRICE PIEPKORN.

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LEE DENNIS, waitress, Sherman House Coffee Shop, Randolph and Clark Streets, advised she remembered the incident of Saturday afternoon, June 1, 1968, concerning KENNEDY being shot. She heard BEATRICE PIEPKORN, another waitress in the coffee shop, talking to ROSE TURCK, waitress, about KENNEDY being hit in the head. She stated ROSE misinterpreted the information and passed it on to a group of customers that KENNEDY had been shot in the head. After ROSE learned that the information was not true either ROSE or BEA informed the customers that the information about KENNEDY was not true.

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BEATRICE PIEPKORN, waitress, Sherman House Coffee Shop, stated the whole terrible mistake was started in error by one of the waitresses repeating information furnished to her by PIEPKORN when the other waitress misunderstood.

PIEPKORN advised that she was talking to one of her customers who informed her that there was an article in the Saturday Chicago newspaper about KENNEDY being at the beach in California and someone (thought to be one of his children) was caught in an undertow and Senator KENNEDY in an attempt to save this person was hit on the head by a rock or surfboard. She stated she and the customer were discussing the newspaper article and she passed it on to one of the other waitresses claiming she (PIEPKORN) said "Did you hear about Senator" KENNEDY being hit in the head?", which, of course, was totally wrong.

She stated she had no intention of starting any such rumor. She was merely repeating information which appeared in the newspaper and through a misinterpretation of her original information it was conveyed to a few customers that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot in the head.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED BY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT AN ARAB NAMED "ABDO" WAS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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Sergeant FRED ANDERSON, I. I. D., Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, advised the Chicago Office of the FBI on June 5, 1968, that an anonymous call had just been received at the police department. The anonymous caller stated that an Arab named "ABDO" was involved in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. "ABDO" was reported to live at 5313 South 73rd Street, Summit, Illinois. The caller further indicated that "something surprising" would be found in the garage at this address.

The following investigation was conducted in this matter.

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GLORIA ABDO, 5313 South 73rd Street, Summit, Illinois, advised that she is the wife of RICHARD ABDO. She stated that she and her husband have been residing at that address for approximately three years. She described her husband as follows: White male, born June 20, 1929, at Chicago, Illinois; height, 6'; weight, 220 pounds; brown eyes; brown hair; Selective Service Number 11-060-29-0098, discharged Corporal, 1954, ER 55264279; place of employment, Basic Brothers Construction Company, 61st and Cicero.

She stated that he is of Lebanese extraction, but that he lived his entire life in Chicago.

She stated that she is absolutely positive that her husband had nothing to do with the KENNEDY killing, and that she would be glad to allow agents to search her garage.

She then executed a form setting forth. her rights and waiving them to be giving permission to have the garage at the rear of 5313 South 73rd Street in Summit, Illinois, searched.

The search of said garage by SAs GACCIONE and WACKS revealed nothing of an incriminating nature.

Mrs. ABDO stated possibly her landlord, who she has had difficulties with, had made the telephone call suggesting that something incriminating was in her garage. She had no other idea as to why someone would attempt to involve her husband with the KENNEDY killing.

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CHARLES B. MILLER, Assistant Vice-President, Union Federal Savings and Loan Association, 3430 South Halsted, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is the owner of the building at 5313 South 73rd Street in Summit, Illinois. MILLER advised that the ABDO family were not model tenants, but neither did he think that RICHARD ABDO would have had anything to do with the KENNEDY killing.

He stated that he had not made a telephone call to the Chicago Police Department suggesting a tie-up between Mr. ABDO and the KENNEDY killing.

He stated that various tenants have lived downstairs from the ABDO family and RICHARD ABDO has had some difficulties with them. He therefore suggested that possibly one of the tenants had made the telephone call. He did not recall the names and addresses of tenants, but said if necessary he could make them available to the FBI Office.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RUMOR
REPORTED BY KASS LITZENBERG ON
JUNE 2, 1968, PREDICTING SOME
POLITICAL FIGURE WAS GOING TO BE KILLED



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GARY MICHAEL PARIZEK, 1299 California Street, who is the Assistant Manager of the Supply Section of the bookstore, San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, furnished the following information:

KASS LITZENBERG, 1537 Lardner Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a female acquaintance, talked with PARIZEK by telephone on Sunday, June 2, 1968, about 2:00 p.m. During the course of conversation, she mentioned she had either heard a rumor or something on the radio, he does not recall which, predicting that some political figure was going to be killed. No mention was made as to who was going to be killed or when the killing would take place. What she said was rather vague, and PARIZEK did not pay any particular attention to it at the time.

Two days later, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated, PARIZEK recalled the above-referred-to remarks of LITZENBERG, and wondered if what she had heard had any connection with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

In attelephone conversation with LITZENBERG subsequent to the KENNEDY assassination, she referred to their previous conversation in which she had mentioned the prediction she heard to the effect a political figure was going to be killed, and said she guessed that whatever the rumor had been, it must have been correct.

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SA IRVING J. PROUT and SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON/rlg

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Miss BARBARA HOFPAUER, 576 Valencia Street, Apartment 304, employed as a clerk at the bookstore, San Francisco State College, 1600 Holloway, advised that on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, one of her co-workers, GARY MICHAEL PARIZEK, also known as Mike Parizek, came to her and asked if she had heard about a rumor going around the bookstore. He explained that on the evening of June 3, 1968, he had received a telephone call from a girl in Pennsylvania, who said there was going to be a killing on June 6, 1968. PARIZEK did not give the name of this girl. No mention was made of Los Angeles, California, or the name KENNEDY, although she, HOFPAUER, immediately thought of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in view of the earlier assassination of President KENNEDY. According to HOFPAUER, PARIZEK is a nervous person and following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, PARIZEK was so upset and sick he had to take three days off from work. PARIZEK is employed as the Assistant Supply Manager at the bookstore, although he is currently on vacation. He lives at 1999 California Street, San Francisco.

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Miss KASS LITZENBERG, 1537 Lardner Street, phone #CU 9-4232, advised that she did not recall making a statement concerning a rumor or prediction that ROBERT F. KENNEDY or some political figure would be killed. She stated that she does recall many people discussing the predictions made by a JEAN DICKSON (or similar name), of Washington, D.C., and she may have referred to the predictions of DICKSON or to the fact she heard a discussion of this. She said she cannot recall the exact prediction made by DICKSON.

Miss LITZENBERG stated she was no information concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. She stated she does not know JEAN DICKSON, anyone connected with the KENNEDY family, or anyone connected with the alleged assassin of Senator KENNEDY.

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JIBRIL, WHO INDICATED APPROXIMATELY ONE
YEAR AGO HE WAS A MEMBER OF A SECRET
ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE WAS
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POLITICAL FIGURES

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On June 5, 1968, WILLIAM SHAW, Director of Security, Argonne Laboratories, Lemont, Illinois, advised the FBI Office in Chicago, Illinois, that approximately one year ago, information was received by his office from ART LINDENBAUM and Doctor (FNU) FEINSTEIN, both employed at Argonne Laboratories, Biological and Medical Research Unit. This information concerned an individual named ABBAS JIBIL, also employed at Argonne Laboratories, Biological and Medical Research Unit. SHAW advised that JIBIL worked with LINDENBAUM and Doctor FEINSTEIN approximately one year ago, was a Jordanian, and also indicated that he was a member of a secret organization whose purpose was assassination or "doing away with" political figures.

SHAW further advised he was told by LINDENBAUM that JIBIL was working for an unknown physician under a grant, during the fall of 1967, at Northwestern University.

The following investigation was conducted in this matter.



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ARTHUR LINDENBAUM, Scientist, Biology - Medical, Building 202, Room 277, provided the following information:

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ABBAS OTHMAN JIBRIL began working in post-doctoral colling work at Argonne in approximately July of 1964. At this time JIBRIL was assigned to him for supervision purposes. As the time passed, JIBRIL and LINDENBAUM began discussion of various social nature during which discussions JIBRIL made brief statements along the lines of being anti-Jewish. As time passed, these statements grew stronger and were made in front of other employees, many of which had Jewish backgrounds. LINDENBAUM advised these feelings of JIBRIL stemmed from childhood and the teachings in his native country. Several of the other Jewish workers in the laboratory began to complain to LINDENBAUM about JIBRIL's statements. Born Palestine, Israel

into a lengthy discussion concerning his feelings at which time JIBRIL "broke down" emotionally and began making various statements, including one dealing with "keeping track of the Jews" and mentioning plans to "take care of the Jews." JIBRIL also spoke of an organization which is "taking care" of the above-mentioned items. He did not state the name or location of this organization. At no time did he mention anything about political leaders or attempted assassination of any individuals.

LINDENBAUM advised he then spoke with Dr. ROBERT FEINSTEIN, Argonne Laboratory, concerning these statements at which time FEINSTEIN felt the matter should be discussed with the Argonne Security Department. This was the only contact FEINSTEIN had with this situation as he only knew JIBRIL from having seen him in the building.

LINDENBAUM advised after discussing this matter with the Security Department he learned JIBRIL had approached two other individuals.

One of the individuals approached was a Negro who is employed in the building. According to the unrecalled source of this information, JIBRIL was talking to this Negro

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about being a member of a minority race and perhaps he, the Negro, should join forces with JIBRIL, a Jordanian, yet no specific objective was stated.

The other individual approached was Dr. KLAUS KUETTNER, currently employed at St. Luke Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago. According to information received from KUETTNER, JIBRIL approached him and discussed the fact that the Germans, of which ancestry KUETTNER is a part, had a "hatred" for Jewish people and they, Dr. KUETTNER and JIBRIL, should join forces, again no specific purpose named.

LINDENBAUM pointed out it is his opinion JIBRIL, as a member of the Jordanian people, even though born in Palestine, which is now Israel, has such a deep emotional seating of his hatred of Jewish individuals, he is not able to adjust to life in the United States. LINDENBAUM advised he felt this was in all probability taught to JIBRIL as a youngster and this is the only line of thinking he knows.

LINDENBAUM again advised JIBRIL did not make any statements about political leaders, or figures, nor did he ever make any statements concerning any assassinations. He did note, however, JIBRIL did talk once about being involved in the murder or murders of British soldiers who were in Jordan when he, JIBRIL, was about fifteen or sixteen years of age.

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ABBAS OTHMAN JIBRIL, a resident of 87th and Orchard Streets, Lemont, Illinois, was interviewed at West Suburban Hospital, 530 North Austin Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois, where he is currently employed in the Department of Pathology, on leave from the Northwestern University Medical School, 303 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

JIBRIL is now age 38, and he stated that he was born in Palestine on September 5, 1929. He came to the United States in 1952, and attended Loyola University in Chicago. In 1956, he went to Canada so that he could return to the United States with a visa in order to enable himself to become an American citizen. He related that he returned to the United States with the visa in 1956 and ultimately obtained a PHD from Oklahoma University in 1964. He obtained his American citizenship in 1964 at Oklahoma City. He related that he is currently a consultant in pathology at West Suburban Hospital. He related that he was married in Chicago in 1961 to the former CAROLINE B. HOFFMAN, who was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and they have four children as follows: MONA, age 6, DEANAH, age 4, SARAH, age 2, and OTHMAN, age 1. He stated he has one brother in the United States, ABDEL KIRIM JIBRIL, age 28, who was also born in Palestine, and who is also employed at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Illinois.

He stated that his father, OTHMAN JIBRIL, age 67, is residing in Israel-occupied Palestine and he has another brother, OMAR JIBRIL, who is employed by the Ministry of Finance, Amman, Jordan. In addition, he has two brothers in Israel-occupied Palestine and also a sister in that location. He also has a sister living in Kuwait and another sister residing in Amman, Jordan.

He stated that approximately one year ago, he was employed at the Argonne Laboratory, Lemont, Illinois,

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and one of his superiors there at the time was ARTHUR LINDENBAUM. He said that LINDENBAUM was of Jewish extraction and was aware of the fact that he, JIBRIL, was of Arab extraction. He said that LINDENBAUM was further aware of the fact that he, JIBRIL, had been born and lived at least part of his life in Israel-occupied Palestine. He related that LINDENBAUM constantly "needled" him regarding Arab - Israeli relations, particularly in regard to the formation of the State of Israel in 1948 from former Arab territory. JIBRIL noted that he has a "low boiling point" over the Arab - Israeli political situation and LINDENBAUM, in his opinion, was obviously aware of this. He at first denied ever having made the statement to LINDENBAUM or anyone else that he was a member of a secret organization whose purpose was to assassinate political leaders and others in power in this country. Upon reflection, however, he stated that in the heat of argument with LINDENBAUM he may have in fact made such statement, however, if he did, it was merely an emotional outburst on his part, and had no basis in fact. He added that as far as he knows there is absolutely no Arab terrorist group operating in the United States, however, he does know that such groups do operate in Israel and in other areas of Palestine now occupied by the State of Israel.

He further commented that he does not personally know and never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, the alleged assassinator of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He stated that he considers himself a loyal American citizen and in this regard commented, "I love this country". He also related that he is Vice President of the Arab - American Congress for Palestine, which has no official address other than a post office box in Chicago, Illinois, the identity of which he does not know. He said the purpose of the Arab - American Congress for Palestine is to aid Arab refugees who have

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been forcibly removed from their homes by the formation of the State of Israel in 1948, as well as the former Arab lands which have been conquered by the State of Israel. According to JIBRIL, this aid consists of food and other necessities of life, such as clothing and medicine, but does not include firearms or other things of this nature. <u>l</u> LA 56-156 JOS/pjc į

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING OLIVER
B. OWEN, WHO ADVISED LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT HE HAD PICKED UP
A HITCHHIKER HE BELIEVED IDENTICAL
TO SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN IN LOS
ANGELES ON JUNE 3, 1968

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OLIVER B. OWEN, also known as Jerry and Curly, 1113 N. Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana, California, telephone 839-0123, appeared at the FBI for interview with prior arrangements for the interview having been made through his attorney, GEORGE T. DAVIS. OWEN appeared at the office with BEN HARDTSTER, a private detective and WESLEY GARDNER, a former Deputy Sheriff in Napa County. Both of these men were acting as body guards for OWEN. Prior to the interview, GARDNER advised that OWEN had been under sedation and was somewhat tired. OWEN was interviewed out of the presence of HARDISTER and GARDNER.

At the outset of the interview, OWEN was advised that he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of an individual whom he had identified to his attorney DAVIS and the press as possibly being identical with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and the fact that he has stated that he had received threatening calls from persons unknown.

OWEN furnished the following information:

On June 3, 1968, he was in downtown Los Angeles on business between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. He explained that he has part interest in a fighter named RIP O'RILEY. He also is a minister and has been since 1937. He said that he has approximately fifteen ponies which he keeps at his ranch at Santa Ana and takes these horses around to shopping centers to give free rides to children to get them to come to church. He said that his church is located in Oxnard, California, and that he kept some of the ponies at his ranch in Oxnard. His purpose for being in Los Angeles on June 3, 1968 was to pick up some sporting goods for O'RILEY at the United Sporting Goods Store. He picked up a pair of boxing shoes, a white robe, some trunks and other equipment.

He had purchased his merchandise at the sporting goods store and was proceeding on Hill Street. He stopped

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at a stop light and two individuals approached his truck. He said he was driving a 1942 Chevrolet pick-up truck which had a large palomino horse ornament on the hood. When the two young men approached his truck, the taller of the two asked if he was going out Wilshire Boulevard and when he said that he was, this individual asked if they could ride in the back of the truck, to which OWEN agreed. He described these individuals as follows:

Number 1

Age
Height
Build
Hair
Complexion

Wearing

Early twenties 5'8" to 5'10" Slender

Black, bushy

Dark, appearing to be of
Latin American origin
Sandals, two-tone Mexican
type jacket, possibly a
vest and a chain around
his neck with a medallion
thereon.

Number 2

Age Height Build Hair Complexion

Wearing

Early twenties

5'3"
Slender
Dark, bushy

Dark, with Latin American

appearance

Dark colored khaki levi type pants, dark gray sweatshirt and wearing tennis shoes.

They proceeded west on Wilshire Boulevard. At the intersection of Vermont and Wilshire, OWEN stopped for a traffic light and as he did so, both men got out of the truck. Number one went directly to a bus stop near where the truck stopped and greeted a man and woman. The man was about thirty to forty years of age and dark complected, possibly Mexican. The woman was dressed in slacks with long dirty

blond hair, light complexion, possibly a hippie. Number two started to follow Number one but turned around and came back to the truck. He opened the door and asked to ride up front to continue toward Hollywood. When OWEN nodded approval, he climbed in the front seat. They proceeded on leaving Number one at the bus stop.

During the ride, the conversation of horses came up and Number two asked OWEN if he owned horses and he said that he did. Number two remarked that he use to work at a race track and at present needed a horse. OWEN said that he had horses for sale and offerred to sell him one for They talked some more about buying and selling a horse and Number two asked OWEN if he could stop for a short time so that he could see a friend who worked in a kitchen nearby where they were at the moment. OWEN said he turned off Wilshire Boulevard onto a side street, the name of which he does not know. He described the street as a deadend street that was several blocks long. He parked the truck and waited while Number two went to see his friend.

After a wait of about ten minutes, OWEN decided that Number two was not going to return so he began to turn the truck around and leave. As he was doing this, he observed Number two come through an opened gate in a fence behind which was a tall building with many rooms. OWEN said that he was later advised by a police officer of the Los Angeles Police Department, University Station, that this building was the Ambassador Hotel.

When Number two got back in the truck, OWEN again began making conversation and asked the man if he was Mexican. He told him that he was not, saying that he was from Jordan having either come from Jordan thirteen years ago or when he was thirteen years old. OWEN could not recall which he said. He said that his name was JOE and gave a surname which OWEN did not understand, but which OWEN believed sounded like ZAHARIAS. OWEN said at about this time, he was arriving at his destination, that is a shoe shop and tailor shop where he was going to leave the boxing shoes and the robe for O'RILEY to have shamrocks put

on. He said that he parked the truck in the Hollywood Ranch Market's lot and took the shoes to a bootblack named SMITTY. While he was conducting this business, Number two stayed in the truck. He returned to the truck and drove a few blocks and let Number two out on the corner of Wilshire near a bowling alley and a go-go topless bar. Before he left Number two agreed to meet OWEN at 11:00 p.m. on the same corner at which time he would have the money to buy the horse.

He met the fighter O'RILEY that evening and left him shortly before 11:00 p.m. and arrived back at the agreed meeting place and observed a 1958 or 1959 Chevrolet, off-white in color, in which there were three men and a girl. OWEN believed that one of the men and the girl may have been the same couple that Number one was talking to earlier at the bus stop. He could not get a good look at the second man in the car. Number two came over to the truck and showed him a \$100 bill saying he would have the rest of the money the next day early in the morning. OWEN told him he would stay overnight in Los Angeles and pointed out a hotel which was either St. Mark's or St. Martin, which would be where he would stay. He registered at this hotel as J. C. OWEN and requested the clerk give him a call at 8:00 a.m. he said that he was up at 7:00 a.m. and just as he was leaving the hotel he received a call from a man asking if he was the man with the pick-up and horse. OWEN acknowledged that he was and said he would meet him in a few minutes at the truck. As he was going to the truck he saw the same white car as before parked at the curb and Number one and the girl whom he saw before, were sitting in the car. man who had been at the bus stop was standing by the truck and as OWEN approached he said "JOE could not make it". offerhed OWEN a \$100 bill and asked if he could bring the horse to the same location that night at which time the remainder of the money would be available. OWEN did not take the money and explained that he would not be able to deliver the horse that night because of a prior committment that he had in Oxnard. He left the man, giving him his business card, which had his home address and an unlisted telephone number and requested that JOE call him if he was interested in the horse. OWEN then proceeded to Oxnard on business and returned to Los Angeles the morning

of June 5, 1967.

OWEN said he went to the Coliseum Hotel to see a man, BERT, who owns the restaurant and bar in the hotel. He had, at this time, three ponies in his trailer, which he had obtained in Oxnard. While in the restaurant he learned of the KENNEDY shooting hearing it on television. Someone gave him a copy of the "Hollywood Citizen News", which contained a picture of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, which he noted looked like the man he knew as JOE. He discussed this with BERT and other of his friends in the restaurant and they suggested that he go to the Los Angeles Police Department, University Station, which was nearby and tell them what had occurred. At first he said that he did not want to do this, but they convinced him that as a good citizen this would be the thing to do. That same day, he went to the Police Department and gave them the same story that he was now relating. He said that he was at the station from about 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On June 6, 1968, several phone calls were received at his residence which were answered by his wife and daughter and on each occasion, the person calling hung up without saying anything. When the phone rang again, OWEN said he answered it and the caller said "Keep your mother blankedy blank mouth shut about the horse deal". He believes the caller was a man but his voice was not familiar.

On June 18 or 19, 1968, OWEN received a call from the Los Angeles Police Department requesting that he come downtown to the Detective Bureau on the third floor between 1:30 and 2:30. He took another man named PERKINS with him. When he arrived, the officer on duty asked him to wait, saying that the officer who wanted to interview him was going to be a little bit late. OWEN explained to them that he was on his way to Phoenix and desired to proceed with the interview if possible. After a few minutes wait, the interview proceeded. He said he was handed a number of pictures and asked to pick out the picture of the man who looked like the one who had ridden with him in the truck. He said that after looking through the pictures, he picked out one stating that this man looked similar to the man whom he had given a ride. He recalls that PERKINS asked

the officer if the picture was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and the officer said that he could not answer this question. At the time of this interview, he told the officer that he had received a threatening call and that he would be staying in Phoenix for approximately one week.

On June 22, 1968, OWEN said that he received another call with the caller again using profanities, stating something to the effect "Keep your mother blankedy blank mouth shut or your family may be hurt". OWEN stated that no further calls or threats have been received.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGATION
THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WAS SEEN ON
JUNE 2, 1968, AT RESIDENCE OF MR. AND
MRS. BENJAMIN BEN-EZRA, LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA

It was previously reported that in the early afternoon of June 2, 1968, an individual resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN visited a family at 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California.

JACQUELINE TRIVISONO, 11244 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, was the individual furnishing this information, and according to the records of the Lynwood, California, Police Department, she is a well-known and notorious police complainant.

Lynwood Police Department records indicated she had numerous arrests dating back to 1937 and has in the past operated as a madam and is generally regarded by the police as being a "nut."

Investigation determined that the BEN-EZRA family reside at 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, and had recently come from Israel. A neighbor observed the photograph of SIRHAN and stated he had never visited the BEN-EZRA residence to his knowledge.

Following are results of an interview with Mrs. ESTHER BEN-EZRA:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

<u>1</u> Date9/19/68
Mrs. ESTHER BEN-EZRA, 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California, was interviewed and supplied the following information:
Mrs. BEN-EZRA advised that she and her husband, ELISHA, reside at the Duncan Avenue address with their daughter, MARY. She stated that she has been in the United States only for a period of about four and one-half years, having immigrated to this country from Isreal.
She advised that she also has four sons in the Los Angeles area who visit them frequently. She gave their names as DAVID, HIM, RHAMIN and EZRA BEN-EZRA.
She stated that she has never known SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of his family. She said that any relationship between her family and the SIRHAN family would be extremely unlikely due to her family's Jewish origin.
Mrs. BEN-EZRA stated that they seldom had any visitors other than her sons as they knew very few people in the Los Angeles area.
Upon being shown photographs of the SIRHAN family, she advised that she had never seen any of these individuals before.
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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WILLIAM ERTL, WHO WAS REPORTED IN ANONYMOUS LETTER ADDRESSED TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY

On August 13, 1968, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., made available an anonymous letter addressed to ETHEL KENNEDY, Greenwood Avenue, Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, August 6, 1968. The unknown letter writer stated that a Mr. WILLIAM ERTL, 1402 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was responsible for the assassination of the late Senator KENNEDY.

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The following investigation was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, by SA NELSON E. BOSE on dates indicated:

On August 19, 1968, it was determined, through Leonard's Street Guide of Chicago and Suburbs, the Chicago address 1402 Greenwood is non-existent.

The Chicago Telephone Directory lists no individual, WILLIAM ERTL.

On August 21, 1968, a credit and arrest check conducted by IC RALPH MC CLAIN with the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau was negative regarding WILLIAM ERTL, 1402 Greenwood, Chicago.

The Chicago indices are negative regarding ERTL and contain no reference regarding a large robbery or theft of cashier's checks, from the University National Bank, Chicago.

> INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HOWARD PHILITP ETHRIDGE, WHO REPORTEDLY TOLD TWO WOMEN WHO HAD PICKED HIM UP AS HITCH-HIKER ON AUGUST 13, 1968, THAT HE HAD "BEEN IN" ON KILLING OF KENNEDY