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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Tampa, Florida
October 14, 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *MB* Legat, Rome (62-283)(P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: October 31, 1968

ReRomlet 8/20/68.

No additional information relating to this matter has come to the attention of the Rome office. Legat, however, will remain alert for any information bearing upon SIRHAN's activities or upon the assassination and report it to the Bureau promptly.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Date: October 16, 1968
To: Director, FBI (62-587)
From: Legat, Ottawa (62-512)(P)
Subject: KENSALT

ReBulet 10-9-68, enclosing RCMP report dated 8-23-68,
at Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

The above-mentioned RCMP report has reference to
RCMP letter dated 6-27-68, forwarded by Ottawa airtel dated
6-28-68, in this matter. Specifically, RCMP letter dated
6-27-68, enclosed a transcript of a conversation between
an unknown female and CKGM Radio Station "Hot Line" program.

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November 22, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Schutz

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KENSALT

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Attached are copies of an LHM prepared by Legat, London relative to the interview of John Ewart Akass. Also attached is a copy of Legat's letter pertaining to the interview of Mr. Dieter Strand.

Enclosures (4)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (62-587)

FROM : Legat, London (163-2480) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 11/5/68

Re LA airtel 9/17/68.

On 10/25/68 Sgt. MAURICE LENHAM, New Scotland Yard, interviewed JOHN EWART AKASS, "SUN" Newspaper, London. The results of this are set forth in the attached LHM.

Reairtel also set out a lead to have a Mr. DIETER STRAND of Bromma, Sweden interviewed. The Swedish police state that STRAND is in the United States and he has been requested to contact the nearest FBI Office. Two copies of the Swedish police letter re this are enclosed herewith.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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November 5, 1968

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Date: 30.10.1968
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MESSAGE POSTALISE
DISPATCH-LETTER
MENSAJE POSTAL CONDENSADO

Destinataire:

To: FBI LONDON

Destinatario:

Copie à/Copy to:

Ampliación para:

Ref.: Re: Assassination of United States Senator Robert F. Kennedy
on June 5, 1968

Texte:

Text:

Texto:

With reference to your letter of October 8, 1968, we wish to inform you that Mr Dieter STRAND, born on October 23, 1936, is a journalist employed by the Swedish newspaper "Aftonbladet". He is at present stationed in the U.S.A. as correspondent for this paper and can thus be contacted at their editorial office in New York. Sven Thorander, Detective Superintendent in the C.I.D. of the Stockholm Police, has advised an attaché of the American Embassy in Stockholm, Mr Mike Phillips, that it was possible for the New York editorial office to invite Mr. Strand to get into touch with the nearest office of the F.B.I. This proposal was accepted and on October 23, 1968 one of the editors of "Aftonbladet" informed the Police that Mr Strand had been invited to contact an office of the F.B.I.

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DATE: 11/12/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: Communication Addressed to RICHARD NIXON
and HUBERT HUMPHREY, National Headquarters,
Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

ReBulet 10/31/68.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are five (5) copies
of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning the captioned
matter and interview with SHARIF B. SIRHAN on 11/7/68. Also
enclosed are two copies of FD-376 for transmittal of the LHM
to Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

SHARIF B. SIRHAN has denied writing the letter or
causing it to be written but indicated he did not repudiate
the thoughts that were expressed in the letter.

A copy of the LHM is being made available to Secret
Service locally, inasmuch as one of their agents was present
during the interview. The interview will also be made available
to the Los Angeles Police Department in the next report, sub-
mitted in the form of an FD-302.

Los Angeles will attempt to secure typewriting
specimens from the typewriter maintained at the residence of
Mrs. MARY SIRHAN in Pasadena, California. The Bureau will
be kept advised.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO RICHARD
NIXON AND HUBERT HUMPHREY, NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS, WILLARD HOTEL,
WASHINGTON, D.C., SIGNED BY
SHARIF B. SIRHAN

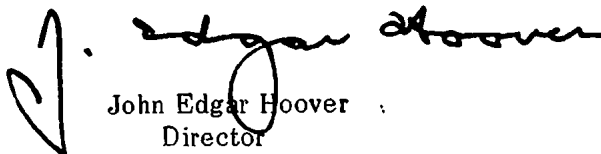
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☒ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
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Los Angeles, California

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AND HUBERT HUMPHREY, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C., SIGNED
BY SHARIF B. SIRHAN

On October 28, 1968, representatives of Secret Service Headquarters furnished a copy of a communication addressed to Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, National Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. This communication was allegedly signed by Sharif Bishara Sirhan and was postmarked Pasadena, California, October 22, 1968. The return address was given as Sharif B. Sirhan, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and the envelope was addressed to Nixon. A Xerox copy of the letter is attached.

On November 7, 1968, Sharif Bishara Sirhan was contacted at his residence, 1659 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, by two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Los Angeles, California. Also present at this time was his brother, Saidallah B. Sirhan, who shares a flat with him at this address, and Mr. Anthony Sherman, Jr., a representative of the United States Secret Service Agency, Los Angeles branch.

Sirhan was advised by the FBI Agents that the inquiry related to the authorship of a two-page written document addressed to President Elect Richard Nixon and Vice President Hubert Humphrey, bearing the signature Sharif B. Sirhan. Mr. Sirhan was then orally advised by the FBI Agents of his rights. He was then asked to read an Advice of Rights Form. Mr. Sirhan interrupted this to say, "Before I say anything, I want to see the letter." A copy of the above-mentioned letter was given to him to read. He read it slowly, line by line, his hands visibly shaking, although he showed no other signs of emotion.

Mr. Sirhan then said, "I did not write this. It is not mine." He then indicated he was certainly in agreement with some of the political statements contained in the letter and had himself expressed some of these ideas, but he would not

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Mr. Sirhan said he had no knowledge as to who the author of the letter could be. He said he did not dictate the letter to anyone or cause it to be written in his name. He denied that the signature at the end of the letter was his and added that the signature appearing on the letter was not a good copy or facsimile of his own. In this connection, he said he sometimes signs himself Sharif B. Sirhan, sometimes Sharif Sirhan.

Mr. Sirhan declined to furnish a signed statement attesting that the letter and signature were not his. He refused to furnish any samples of his signature, stating, "You have my signature and you have your experts. See to it yourself!"

Mr. Sirhan said he did not have a typewriter in the flat but added that there was a typewriter in his mother's home in the room formerly occupied by his brother, Sirhan B. Sirhan. He said he did not know what kind of typewriter this was and described it by dimensions as being a standard size typewriter. He indicated that he did not use it.

Mr. Sirhan said he does not know about any such organization in the United States as "the Palestine Commandos" but was certain there were many of this type in his homeland.

Mr. Sirhan said the lines drawn at the bottom of page two of the letter beneath the signature have no significance to him as Arabic or any other type of symbol and could not comment on them.

Mr. Sirhan said "No" to the question as to whether he had any reason to believe the letter in question could have been written by another member of his family or anyone of his acquaintance.

Mr. Sirhan turned to the contents of the letter and said the thoughts expressed in the letter could be the thoughts

COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO RICHARD NIXON AND
HUBERT HUMPHREY, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WILLARD
HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C., SIGNED BY SHARIF B. SIRHAN

of a majority of persons living in the United States. He then with some emotion bitterly described the manner in which he had been treated since the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. He spoke of people "staring at him everywhere he went", of people coming to his home and asking him questions. He said, "They say my brother killed him. Why do they have to come to me with all their questions? I didn't kill him." At this point Mr. Sirhan was reminded of the purpose of the interview and the reasons therefor, but he appeared upset and said he had nothing to add on this matter, and the interview was terminated.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Mr. Richard Nixon and
Mr. Hubert Humphrey
National Headquarters
Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C., 20004

10/25
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Received 10/25/68
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Willard Hotel
Norman Beebe
Press Dir.

1. how do you justify taking one land from one people (Palestinians) and giving it to another (Zionist Jews)?
2. In the name of what justice do you justify the Palestinian refugees living in the desert in tents and suffering from hunger, disease, and dying away from their homeland after being the owners of the land in Palestine?
3. how do you justify the Zionists Jews coming from other countries and taking the place of the real owners (Palestinians) who have fled to different parts of the world from Zionists terrorism and aggression?
4. how do you justify the killing and murders that take place and are still taking place in Palestine?
5. how do you justify giving and supporting the Zionists State with military aid as Zionist Jews so that they kill more innocent and peaceful people (Palestinians)?
6. now would you like someone forcing you out of your house and throwing you in the backyard and giving it to someone else that is not the owner?
7. now would like someone to strip you from your country and consider you as a second class citizen after you were a first class citizen? This is what happened in Palestine.

Palestine belongs to Palestinians just as America belongs to the Americans whether you like it or not (it depends on your conscience whether you believe in justice or not). We as Palestinians are ready to die for our beloved country (Palestine), and the only peaceful solution for our people is that Palestinians should go back to their homes and the Zionist Jews should go back to their original countries where they come from. If the Zionist Jews come from paradise, let them go back to paradise and if they come from hell let them go back to hell and the Palestinian Refugees should go back to their homes and land.

I am not a communist and I hate communism. You know and it is very clear that there is no communist practices or organizations in the Arab World. If there is communism in the Arab World, they were forced to accept and ask for help from Russia in order to liberate Palestine from Zionism because the United States has turned against them and if there is communism in the Middle East, American politicians are to blame because they are using good hearted American people for their own glory and fame. It is a shame to mention this but it is the truth. American politicians should look for America's greatness, fame and glory and not for themselves. It is also a shame to see American Presidential candidates bow and kneel to Zionism to get in the white house.

Communism is using new techniques in modern warfare which is (kill yourselves) as for example what happened in Viet Nam where American soldiers were killed and not one Russian soldier's blood was shed.

Zionism is using America and taking advantage by claiming that America should fight communism for their aim which is the destruction not only for America but for the whole world. For example, the killings, murdering, and robbing and inhuman barbarian and animalistic and criminalistic acts and behavior that they committed against the innocent peace-loving Palestinians is illegal. Also, Zionism in America is blurring the vision of good hearted Americans so that they cannot see black from white and keeping them away from the truth. The disorder and violence, crime, hunger in America is caused by Zionism through their propaganda and by sending millions of American dollars to the Zionist State. I wonder how they can be loyal to two countries, America and Israel? Is America their country or the Zionist State which is called Israel?

I not only love America but I am ready to die for America. I hate to see America being used by Communism and Zionism. Communism is destroying America on the outside, and Zionism is destroying America on the inside.

I have asked these questions to Senator Robert Kennedy in May 1968 but he ignored us and went on promising the Zionists with jets so that he gets more votes to get to the White House, here I find myself asking the same questions to you again. Please do not force us to believe in political assassination which is against our heritage and culture unless we are pressed from you. Let it be clearly known that I have ordered and directed my Palestinian Commandos to destroy every American politician who supports or negotiates any kind of help to the Zionist State. We are aware of Dayan's visit to the United States in December 1968. This will be his last visit.

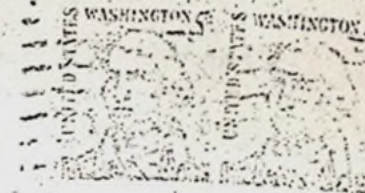
I further more beg and ask again and again please do not make us believe in political assassinations. And as I mentioned above, I am willing to die for America as for Palestine. I hate to see America destroyed by Zionism and Communism. We think in America that we are above Communism and Zionism. The truth is not that, but we are lost in between.

We thank you for giving this matter the greatest consideration hoping that you will be against the aggressors (Zionists) for the sake of justice and the world peace, thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Shakir Saman
Shakir Saman

Sharif B. Sirhan
898 East Howard Street
Pasadena, California



Mr. Richard Nixon
National Headquarters
Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C. 20004
U. S. A.

IMPORTANT PERSONAL

for
62-587-
November 6, 1968

Honorable Donald H. McGannon
President
Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, Inc.
90 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. McGannon:

I have received your letter of November 4th and
the records of tribute to Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther
King. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

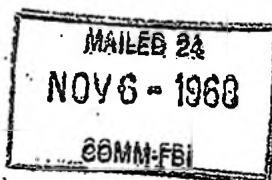
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. McGannon is on the Special Correspondents List. He recently
sent the Director another album entitled "The Great Ones." This was
acknowledged by letter 10-11-68.

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WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING COMPANY INC

DONALD H. McGANNON
President

November 4, 1968

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Kensalt

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Avenue Between 9th & 10th Streets
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The assassination of two great Americans in 1968 left a nation outraged and stunned. None of us will forget those days in April and in June when two men of non-violence, Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, were senselessly slain.

In that period of crisis, broadcasting not only carried the tragic story to the nation, but expressed the anguish and the soul-searching mood of America. The enclosed album, a tribute to the two men, are recordings of radio programs on our stations by Group W commentator Rod MacLeish.

Kindest regards.

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Sincerely,

Donald H. McGannon

Donald H. McGannon

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FBI WASH DC

FBI LOS ANG.

3:07PM URGENT 11-8-68 LJF

TO DIRECTOR (62-587, 44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156, 44-1574)

KENSALT; MURKIN.

RE HUBERT JAMES PUTT.

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REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER EIGHT INSTANT.

ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES IS TELETYPE
FROM MEMPHIS JULY EIGHT, SIXTY FIVE, CAPTIONED QUOTE ROBERT L.
EZELL, JR.; CHARLES L. HENDRICKS; WILLIAM D. LARKIN; ELMER E.
WILLIAMS; HUBERT JAMES PUTT - VICTIM; CR UNQUOTE, WHICH ADVISES
THAT PUTT WAS A TRUSTY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY JAIL WHERE SERVING
SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF PETTY LARCENY AND ALLEGED HE HAD
BEEN MISTREATED. NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES.
NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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(56-94)

11/27/68

Director, FBI REC-139 (62-587) -1006

1 - Mr. Schutz

KENSALT

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ReJNlet 11/15/68.

In order that this matter may be resolved, Pitts should be interviewed immediately by the Jackson Office and an effort made to determine whether he was, in fact, responsible for the telephone calls referred to in Jackson letterhead memorandum dated 10/12/68.

- 1 - Los Angeles (56-156)
- 1 - Birmingham
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (56-94) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau, 10/21/68, and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/24/68.

Information copies are furnished to Mobile and Birmingham as they have had previous leads in this matter.

On 11/8/68, J. B. GIBSON, COD, Pascagoula, Miss., ^{In Forwards} advised that on 11/7/68, at 2:05 a.m., he picked up LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR., 546 N. Fair St., Pascagoula, Miss. a N/M, born 12/21/50. He said this individual admitted to him that he had been calling young white boys in the community using the name ANTONY DENEER and impersonating a young white French female. GIBSON advised that PITTS was using telephone number 762-9920 located at Larry's Standard Service, Highway 90, Pascagoula, at the time he was arrested. GIBSON said he noted this was the same telephone used by an individual using the name SUBRINA DUBLE who had been called to his attention earlier by SA JAMES J. FILES. He said he questioned the boy about these calls and is satisfied that he was the one who made the calls using the name SUBRINA DUBLE, although he did not admit it on interview. He said he did admit making the calls to the young white boys impersonating the young white girls.

GIBSON said that PITTS' mother, who is an intelligent and respected Negro in the community and who works for the Police Department as a crossing guard, told him that her son had in his possession recently literature from the FBI concerning employment opportunities, bearing the FBI phone number at Jackson.

Since there is nothing to indicate that PITTS has any knowledge whatsoever concerning this investigation, he is not being contacted.

② - Bureau

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - LAB FILE
1 - Mr. Schutz - 5716

To: FBI, Los Angeles (56-156)

Date: December 2, 1968

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Re: KENSALT

[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 62-587 - 1007
Lab. No. D-681118133 AT

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: AIRTEL 11/16/68

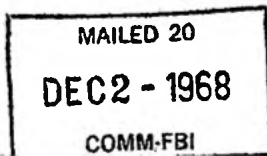
Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Qc35 is described in FBI Laboratory report dated 11/12/68, addressed to Los Angeles.

No particular similarities were noted in the writings of SAIDALLAN SIRHAN and SHARIEF B. SIRHAN with respect to the questioned writing on Qc35.

Unless the original document for Qc35, or a clearer copy thereof, is submitted to the FBI Laboratory, it is doubtful whether future comparisons with known handwriting samples, will result in any definite conclusion. Therefore, at the present time there is no immediate need for Los Angeles to submit the original documents for Kc25 and Kc26 to the FBI Laboratory.



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**REPORT
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Los Angeles (56-156)**

Date: **December 2, 1968**

Re: **KENSALT**

FBI File No. **62-587**

Lab. No. **D-681118133 AT**

Specimens received **11/18/68**

Kc25 Two receipts for welfare funds and four Pasadena Police forms bearing known signatures of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN

Kc26 Pasadena Police Department handwriting sample form bearing known handwriting and hand printing of SHARIEF B. SIRHAN

Result of examination:

The "Sharif B. Sirhan" signature on Qc35 is entirely too indistinct to permit suitable comparison with the writing on specimens Kc25 and Kc26. Therefore, a definite conclusion was not reached whether the signature on Qc35 was written by either of the writers of Kc25 and Kc26.

Kc25 and Kc26 are retained.

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Date: 11/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
 SUBJECT: KENSALT

681118133

Re: Communication Addressed to RICHARD NIXON and
 HUBERT HUMPHREY, National Headquarters, Willard
 Hotel, Washington, D. C.

ReBulet 10/31/68; re Los Angeles letter to Director
 11/12/68.

For the information of the Bureau, in addition to the handwriting samples of members of the family taken by Agents of this office, there are additional documents on file at the Pasadena, California, Police Department and at the City of Pasadena Welfare Department containing the signatures of SHARIF SIRHAN and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN. The most recent of these is a receipt for welfare funds given to SHARIF and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN dated 11/4/68. The second is a handwriting sample card made out in the name of SHARIEF B. SIRHAN on 3/30/65 and signed by him in the same way. Also available are copies of handwriting specimens of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN as contained on two pawn tickets dated 9/16/68.

Xerox copies of these documents are enclosed. The Bureau is requested to advise Los Angeles if the originals of these documents should be obtained at this time.

For the information of the Bureau, on 11/8/68 Lieutenant GERALD WRIGHT, Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena, California, advised that there is a deep and bitter rift in the

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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SIRHAN family between SAIDALLAH and SHARIF SIRHAN, who are living apart from the family home, and the mother, MUNIR and ADEL SIRHAN. Pasadena police officers who have been guarding the house on Howard Street have reported that several days ago SAIDALLAH SIRHAN appeared at the house and was refused entrance by his mother. He allegedly threw a fit of temper, screaming at her and accusing her of having money and not dividing it with SHARIF and himself. Lieutenant WRIGHT indicated he has arranged some welfare payments to SAIDALLAH and SHARIF on the basis of their contention that they could not work under their present circumstances.

At the time of the interview of SHARIF SIRHAN on 11/7/68 it was noted that SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, who was present, had been drinking. Later the same evening, about 10:00 P.M., SAIDALLAH appeared at the Pasadena Police Department looking for his brother SHARIF. SA PHILIP J. REILLY spoke with SAIDALLAH on the telephone to assure him that his brother was not in FBI custody. SAIDALLAH appeared to be quite intoxicated at this time, and separate conversation with Sergeant CHARLES T. DUVALL of the Pasadena Police Department, who was interviewing SAIDALLAH at the time, confirmed this.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 11/7/68

FROM : *ft* LEGAT, MANILA (175-4) (RUC)

fps SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: INTERVIEW OF GUESTS AT THE
AMBASSADOR HOTEL

Re Los Angeles airtel, 9/17/68.

Enclosed are four copies for the Bureau and two copies for Los Angeles of a letterhead memorandum dated 11/7/68, reflecting the results of the interview of Mrs. DESMOND ALFRED HADDEN, 34 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland, New Zealand, on 10/9/68.

The information contained in the memorandum was furnished on 10/31/68 by JOSEPH M. ROLAND, Consul, American Consulate, Auckland, New Zealand.

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(2-Los Angeles) (56-156)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 7, 1968

**ASSASSINATION OF UNITED STATES
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE 5, 1968**

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October 31, 1968, by Joseph M. Roland, Consul, American
Consulate, Auckland, New Zealand:

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34 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland, New Zealand,
confirmed that she and Mr. Hadden were guests at the
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of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. She
stated that she and Mr. Hadden had retired to their room
and were asleep at the time of the shooting, of which they
were unaware until the following morning. Mrs. Hadden
advised that at no time did she or Mr. Hadden see either
Senator Kennedy or Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

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Mr. Bohn

1- Schutz



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles

Date: November 12, 1968

Re: KENSALT

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 62-587
Lab. No. D-681031087 AT

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: Bulet to Los Angeles 10/31/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks: Specimen received 10/31/68

Qc35 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "PASADENA, CALIF 1968 PM 22 OCT," bearing typewritten address "Mr. Richard Nixon National Headquarters Willard Hotel Washington, D.C. 20004 U.S.A." and return address "Sharif B. Sirhan 696 East Howard Street Pasadena, California" and accompanying photocopy of letter to "Mr. Richard Nixon and Mr. Hubert Humphrey National Headquarters Willard Hotel Washington, D.C. 20004" beginning "1. How do you justify taking one land from one people..."

REMARKS:

The "Sharif B. Sirhan" signature on Qc35 is entirely too indistinct to permit a suitable comparison with the known handwriting of SHARIF SIRHAN, K12.

The limited comparison that could be made indicates SHARIF SIRHAN may not have written the signature on Qc35.

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On receipt of the original of Qc35 or a more detailed copy, additional examination will be made.

No Laboratory report is attached. Qc35 is retained.

SAC, Los Angeles

10/31/68

Director, FBI

1 - Liaison (Mr. Rachner)
1 - Mr. Cotter
1 - Laboratory
1 - Mr. Schutz

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On 10/28/68, representatives of Secret Service Headquarters furnished a copy of a communication addressed to Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, National Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. This communication was allegedly signed by Sharif Bishara Sirhan and was postmarked Pasadena, California, October 22, 1968. The return address was given as Sharif B. Sirhan, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and the envelope was addressed to Nixon.

Copies of the attached are forwarded for the information and assistance of Los Angeles. An effort is being made through Bureau liaison to obtain the original or a more detailed copy. The Laboratory is conducting examination of the signature in order to determine if it was, in fact, that of Sharif Bishara Sirhan.

Inasmuch as the communication may constitute a possible violation of the Extortion Statute Los Angeles should initiate immediate investigation in order to determine whether it was in fact prepared by Sharif Sirhan. Consideration should be given to conducting an immediate interview of the suspect.

Expedite and advise Bureau of results.

Enclosures - 2

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.....

NOTE:

The questioned communication allegedly signed by Sirhan Sirhan's brother is extremely pro-Arab and anti-Semitic in nature and is generally critical of positions allegedly taken by Nixon and Humphrey in support of Palestine. The writer pleads "do not force us to believe in political assassination which is against our heritage and culture unless we are pressed from you." The letter contains implied threats to destroy every American politician who supports or negotiates any kind of help to the Zionist State. In view of the contents of this letter it is necessary that we pin down its origin.

ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY:

Attempt through known specimens of Sharif Bishara Sirhan's handwriting to determine whether he did in fact prepare this communication. Bureau Liaison is attempting to obtain either the original or more clearly defined copies.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

CO-2-52,444

Date: November 6, 1968

BY LIAISON R.W. Jones *py*

For
TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent *Rachner* *11/8*
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Sharif Sirhan

Reference is made to your request concerning an original letter which might have been sent by Sharif Sirhan to Vice President Humphrey. A copy of the letter was sent to Mr. Richard Nixon and was postmarked Pasadena, California, October 22, 1968.

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Inquiries have been made with the Vice President's Office and they advised that a check with their office has not revealed an original letter from the subject. If received, it will be immediately furnished to this Service and you will be advised. *Ce*

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via 0-7 for action
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Assassination of Rep. John F. Kennedy

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The trial of the man who killed Senator Robert Kennedy began in Los Angeles on the 7-th of January. For seven months, Sirhan Bishari Sirhan, whose name became notorious on 5 July 1968 after the shot in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, has been awaiting trial in a small (2 by 2.5 meters) windowless cell on the 13-th floor of the "Hall of Justice" in Los Angeles.

The newspaper-men wrote that no person in America had ever been so closely guarded. Incidentally, journalists from Tennessee maintain that "their guy," who is accused of murdering Martin Luther King is guarded even more strictly.

At 9:40 A.M. of 7 January, Sirhan Sirhan was led out of his cell, and a few minutes later, he was led into the court-room in which the windows were tightly battened down with armored shutters.

Sirhan behaved outwardly calm. His alarm was given away only by the fingers of his hands -- he was constantly touching his upper lip involuntarily. That is how it was on the first day. On the second, even these indications of nervousness disappeared. He smiled several times at his mother and younger brother, who were present among the public.

There were no more than one or two seats in the court-room for the public. No journalists were allowed in there, they follow the proceedings from a special room on another floor, where a TV screen is set up for local closed-circuit court-room viewing; the camera is concealed behind the air-conditioning inlet screen.

At the door, every person admitted to the court-room is thoroughly searched by the sheriff's men...

At the very first session, the murderer's lawyer demanded a one month delay of the trial. This demand was denied, however, and the trial began. It promises to be a long one: at least two months. There are

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over 200 witnesses alone (for the prosecution and defense). The first two days were devoted to selecting the jury.

Sirhan has three attorneys, one of whom is named Emile Zola Behrman by an irony of fate. But the great writer's namesake acquired a dismal fame for himself by defending a sergeant who had driven soldiers into a swamp and watched how they perished there.

As always, when a major trial is beginning, the pages of newspapers are alive with sketches from the court-room. No photographs are permitted. It is not even permitted to photograph the TV screen. The TV reporters make up their enforced absence from the court-room by activity in the streets of Los Angeles. They ask passers-by this question: can Sirhan hope for a fair trial after the "publicity" that has been received by "this case"?

Although the most skillful among the numerous visitors to the "Ambassador" are still stealing tea-spoons with the hotel's emblem, "publicity" is not a very fitting word for the tragedy that occurred on June 5-th. One should rather speak of a deliberate effort to impose a certain version of the murder upon American public opinion. When the investigation was only making its first small steps, the Mayor of Los Angeles appeared on television and announced that Sirhan Sirhan is an "agent of the communists" and that Robert Kennedy was a victim of a "communist conspiracy."

A similar rumor was circulated immediately following the shot that struck down Martin Luther King in April, and even earlier -- after the tragic death of President Kennedy in Dallas in November 1963.

The monotony of the "scenarios" foisted off on the public cannot fail to put those on guard who follow the events connected with these three murders.

During a recent trip through the United States, I spent two days in New Orleans. I naturally wanted to meet the district attorney Jim Garrison. I wanted to find out whether Jim Garrison saw any connection between the three crimes. And if so, then how?

Unfortunately, Garrison turned out to be out of town. He had gone somewhere on business. It was senseless to ask his secretary, Mrs. Shuler where he went or for how long. But I was still in luck. In New Orleans I found out that shortly before my arrival, Jim Garrison had given an interview to a small Los Angeles newspaper, the "Free Press." I managed to get a text of this interview. It turned out that the reporter had asked the district attorney many of the same questions that I had intended to ask. This is why I am quoting several excerpts from this talk, which seems interesting to me; I only want to add that as far as I know, this interview was not published by a single one of the major American newspapers (the American press has recently written almost nothing about Jim Garrison; it is as if a deal had been made to hush up everything concerning the activities of this person). Why this

is so -- the reader will understand for himself, after reading the replies given by Garrison to questions of the "Free Press" reporter.

Reporter: What parallels, if there are any, do you see between the murders of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy?

Garrison: There is nothing "mysterious" in what is happening. I think that the majority of the people in the country feel this, although the clever news services pretend that the word "mystery" explains everything and there is nothing further to be said. The "counter-revolution" that started on 22 November 1963 murdered John Kennedy with the help of an operation organized by the Central Intelligence Agency. This "counter-revolution" is continuing, and that is all...

They are destroying one public figure who opposes the system of military rule in the U.S.A. after another, or any sufficiently frank person who stands between them and the plans for the war in Asia. John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy have been killed... At the basis is always the same technique... A "lone killer" is always on hand. The differences are minor, details only.

Reporter: A "lone killer"...

Garrison: In quotes, of course. In reality, if you look closely at the "lone killer," you will discover his direct connection with the C.I.A. -- it was so in the case of Oswald. Or you will discover a professional killer -- this was the case with Martin Luther King, although it is not clear: did James Ray do the shooting? I personally doubt that he was the killer. It looks like he was used as a decoy. But this is not important. These are details.

Reporter: And what about Sirhan Sirhan? If he had any connections with the C.I.A., they were apparently very thoroughly covered up, or as they say there, "isolated." Do you know anything about Sirhan?

Garrison: I do not want to go into it, because the district attorney and the Los Angeles authorities may decide that I am interfering in their affairs. I will speak generally. The C.I.A. acts under the cover of many facades. The characteristic feature of this case seems to consist of the following: The killer did not realize very clearly that he was used by the C.I.A. Perhaps he thought that he was acting in the interests of some organization of which he was a member. The Central Intelligence Agency has over 500 "fronts." Is it difficult to find "motives" for any act by an individual person?

There is no doubt that no matter which path Robert Kennedy would have taken after his victory in California (in the primary elections, which were held there on June 4 -- G. B.), a killer was ready and waiting everywhere, a member of some organization perhaps, and one who did not realize that he was a tool of the Central Intelligence Agency of the USA.

When Robert Kennedy won in California, this meant that he was on the way to the President's chair. Had Robert Kennedy lost in California, he would be alive now. But having won, he was doomed to die. He won, and his chances of survival were few.

John Kennedy was murdered because he had once said that he "would break the C.I.A. into ten thousand small pieces." The C.I.A. did not wish to be broken up. This machine is like a living organism -- it does not tolerate anyone standing in its way.

Reporter: Is it true that Robert Kennedy, after becoming President, intended to begin prosecution of the people responsible for his brother's murder? What can you say about this?

Garrison: I had several friends, who were close to him. After meeting with them here, in New Orleans, it became clear to me -- he understood what had occurred, but apparently decided not to undertake anything until he occupied a post that would permit him to do something. He would have done something, if he could. But they killed him...

The C.I.A. is now so omnipotent that it is to a considerable degree autonomous. The C.I.A. is a global force. It is so powerful that as a secret participant in military-industrial operations, it has in a sense greater power than all other ruling bodies in the United States of America.

Such is the opinion of Jim Garrison, the district attorney of New Orleans. I think that neither he nor the reporter who asked him the questions harbor the slightest doubts that this opinion -- be it correct or not -- will be corroborated at the trial in Los Angeles.

This trial will hardly be the major event of the next two months. On January 21, a trial -- if it is not postponed -- will begin in New Orleans, in which Jim Garrison accuses Clay Shaw of taking part in a conspiracy for the purpose of killing John Kennedy. And in March -- again if it is not postponed once more -- the trial of James Ray in Memphis, who is accused of murdering Martin Luther King... There are many sensations in the courts ahead. Americans are stocking up on patience. But meanwhile their attention to the Sirhan trial is distracted by the brutal murder of a girl student from Harvard, which occurred on the first day of the trial in Los Angeles...

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
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Dear Director:

I just read in a Belgian newspaper that the attorney Jim Garrison has demanded to see the X-rays that were taken of the late President John F. Kennedy and the results of the autopsy. The report of the Warren Commission claims that the President was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald. The commission also said that the President was killed by a single bullet. I tell you that Oswald did not kill the President, and you know it as well as I do! I have asked you several times to investigate the matter, after my letter dated November 19, 1963, in which I warned the late

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