

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Los Angeles, California November 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

On June 5, 1968, at 12:15 A.M., Senator Robert F. Kennedy, United States Senate, was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, celebrating his victory in the primary elections for the selection of a Presidential candidate for the Democratic Party for the forthcoming elections in November 1968. At that time Senator Kennedy was shot and killed, and the assassin was taken into custody. The assassin was identified as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, and he is presently awaiting prosecution in the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, was furnished a letter addressed to John Weidner, 1380 North Lake Street, Pasadena, California, from one Mr. Esbes, Poste Restante Utrecht, Bernardplain, Utrecht, Holland, which is believed possibly to have been intended for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. A copy of the letter, envelope, and a copy of a letter sent by the Los Angeles Police Department to the Hoofdbureau, Gemente Politie, Utrecht, The Netherlands, are attached.

The Los Angeles Police Department are most interested in making a determination as to:

- 1. The identity and background of Mr. Esbes.
- 2. The identity of the person for whom the letter was intended.
- 3. If the letter was intended for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, all information that might be in the possession of Mr. Esbes concerning this individual.

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July 30, 1968

Hoofdbureau Gemente Politie Utrecht, The Netherlands

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which was received by an ex-employer of Sirhan B. Sirhan.

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Sirhan B. Sirhan, is in custody of the Los Angeles Sheriffs Office for the alleged assassination of United States Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We are attempting to determine the authenticity of this letter and also the date it was sent from Holland to the United States. Our crime lab interpreted the post mark as being 21 VI 10, 1968. A clarification of this date is requested.

It is further requested that Mr. Esbes, be interviewed and that all information possible with respect to the writer of this letter and his alleged acquaintance with Sirhan be forwarded to this department.

At present there is serious doubt that said writer knew Sirhan. Investigation thus far indicates this letter is a hoax. Please be assured of our cooperation in all matters of mutual interest.

THOMAS REDDIN Chief of Police

ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, Deputy Chief Commander, Detective Bureau

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Utricht May 5th 1900 My dear friend Thanks for Your letter of Opril 29 but an I surprised to head that You have completely changed your mind What has gone into You. Sirk ?? I know You have always been a kind of pessimistic even since the first time I know You back in '64 But you can't live on that way, why don't you try to change it? I I know arabian thinking is sufferent than american thinking, but don't forget. You have a real free life and You can do whatever you like to Why don't you take to your gest prense about it? The will anderstand you. Cinjan as Jean see, it is a pretty gert Why sint you serve me some more or better pictures from both of you? are you going to marry her? I hope she will give I on the life you want Maybe ifon will have some thedes then after a few years and you will see everthing looks different then You would not like it the way it is hight now in the U.S or do you ? Look what happened ato die King a couple of weeks

I know to be rich is nice but I had so many bad luck in my life that I finally got used to it, and I am satisfied with what I have right now, and bescaus that my ald boss came to me to ask me back to work Well so you see, not having to much money, having a lot of risks and all that stuff, all of a sudden the tide Turns The it of Jame I will start there and I know I am going to ingoy! It Well dear Jekh I hope you won't do anything you will be sorry for later and please give me finally your real adres [I even believe that this adress is not complete without the name of the street I thought Los Angeles was so big that this could break be enough Why don't you get married right away than you can have your own adress. Moving from one to the other is not good attall. My daughter is zearing up fine She will be g year old at the Send her is nice card will you hell Sich Dam going to best now because it is pretty late and tompron I have a lat of work to ar. . I hope you will write pretty soon so we will have better contact with each other than in the past. I wish you and your girl all the best for the future Many gruty Sena to Mh ESBES for frend by Poste Restante Utrecht Bernard plain. Utrecht + Hollond. Next time I send you some pictures

n ST PO Mr. J. B. Sur han PASADENA, GALLE 4

December 4, 1968

ENERAL INVESTIGA DIVISION

News media announced Los Angeles Attorney Grant B. Cooper would join defense of subject Sirhan B. Sirhan with trial still scheduled to commence 12/9/68. Cooper has been involved in Friars club trial which concerned electronic cheating devices at club where well known industrialists and other show business people were victimized. Cooper may be indicted since investigation has indicated he and others had access to grand jury transcripts prior to their release.

Bureau indices being checked concerning Attorney Emile Zola Berman who also has been announced as joining in Sirhan's defense.

Motion for delay of Sirhan trial will be heard 12/5/68.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum то DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) DATE: November 27, 1968 FROM EGAT, MEXICO CITY (62-166) P SUBJECT: **KENSAL**₁ Re: ANTONIO ALBIZO'ORTIZ, aka Re Mexico City letter 9/30/68, Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 9/9/68, and Bureau letter to Mexico City 10/24/68. ReLAairtel requested information on THOMAS DANIEL GOOD's trip to Mexico City and possibly Cuba. This matter was covered in Mexico City airtel and LHM 9/3/68 entitled STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, IS - SDS; FOREIGN TRAVEL - NEW LEFT GROUPS, copies of which were furnished Los Angeles. With respect to reBulet's instruction to interview ANTONIO ALBIZO ORTIZ, liaison sources in the Federal Judicial Police, Mexico, D.F., have agreed to conduct this interview. As yet this office has received no report covering the interview. LEAD: MEXICO CITY OFFICE AT MEXICO, D.F. Will follow and report the interview of ANTONIO ALBIZO ORTIZ by Mexican authorities. REC 5 58.7-1016 5 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section) (2 - Los Angeles, 56-156)10 DEC 3 1968 1 - Mexico City JP:gmh (6)



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FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 3P

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU.

NEWS MEDIA IN LOS ANGELES TODAY CARRIED ITEMS INDICATING GRANT B. COOPER, LOS ANGELES CRIMINAL ATTORNEY, ANNOUNCED HE WOULD JOIN DEFENSE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. HE ADVISED PREVIOUS RETICENCE IN ADMITTING HIS PART AS COUNSEL WAS DUE TO BEING ATTORNEY OF MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN DEFENDANT IN FRIARS CLUB CARD CHEATING CASE. WHICH CASE ENTERED A VERDICT OF GUILTY IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER TWO, SIXTY EIGHT. AT PRESENT TIME FEDERAL GRAND JURY IS PROBING UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS BY DEFENDANTS IN FRIARS CLUB CASE. AND THE U. S. ATTORNEY HAD ADVISED COOPER PRIOR TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AS ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN THAT HE. COOPEN' MIGHT BE AMONG THOSE INDICATED IN THE ILLEGAL OBTAINING -vtax OF FEDERAL/GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS. THIS INFORMATION WAS ALSO REC-32 6 END PAGE ONE 11 DEC 6 1968 51 DECTO 1968 MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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MADE AVAILABLE BY THE U. S. ATTORNEY AT LOS ANGELES ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON DECEMBER THREE INSTANT. U. S. ATTORNEY ADVISES HE CAN MAKE NO PREDICTION AS TO WHEN AN INDICTMENT IN THE TRANSCRIPT MATTER MAY BE RETURNED BUT IS HOPEFUL IT CAN BE SECURED PRIOR TO DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME ALL FEDERAL GRAND JURIES NOW SEATED WILL BE DISMISSED AND NEW FEDERAL GRAND JURIES SWORN IN UNDER A NEW SELECTION SYSTEM. THE U. S. ATTORNEY ADVISED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT HIS OFFICE WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY INDICTMENT OF COOPER.

NEWS MEDIA INDICATE COOPER CAME INTO/CASE THROUGH EFFORTS OF A. L. WIRIN OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

NEWS MEDIA ALSO REFLECT NEW YORK ATTORNEY EMILE ZOLA BERMAN WOULD ALSO JOIN THE DEFENSE. IT INDICATES BERMAN ATTAINED NATIONAL REPUTATION BY DEFENDING A MARINE SERGEANT AGAINST MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES WHEN SIX SERVICEMEN MARCHED TO THEIR DEATHS IN A TIDAL MARSH.

IN VIEW OF COOPER'S JOINING DEFENSE COUNSEL, MOTION FOR DELAY HAS NOW BEEN FILED AND WILL BE HEARD AT NINE THIRTY A.M. END PAGE TWO LA56-156

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER FIVE NEXT. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ANTICIPATES TRIAL JUDGE WILL GRANT UNTIL AT LEAST JANUARY SIX, SIXTY NINE, FOR NEW TRIAL DATE.

LOS ANGELES WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH U. S. ATTORNEY

CONCERNING POSSIBLE INDICTMENT OF COOPER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TRIAL OF SIRHAN.

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F B I Date: 12/3/68 Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIR MAIL Via (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) WSAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) FROM RE: KENSALT **00: LOS ANGELES** Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the contemplated list of witnesses for the forthcoming trial of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. In connection with the witnesses relating to the custody of SIRHAN SIRHAN, none of these individuals were interviewed with the exception of JOHN DILL and MERTON HOWE. In view of the fact that all of these witnesses are law enforcement officers, no interview with these individuals is contemplated by this office. In connection with the witnesses at the Fish. Canyon Range, all have been interviewed by this office with the exception of MIKE SACCOMAN. Interview of SACCOMAN will be conducted and results will be set forth in a forthcoming Los Angeles report. In connection with the witnesses at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, all of these witnesses have been are In to 6) Mr. Lynch 51-122 62 - 587-- Bureau (E 2 - Los Angeles AOR/mjg 1 cc c (5) Q. a Bishop **11** DEC 6 1968 Approved: Sent ecial Agent in Charge 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176 **NFGHZ**

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interviewed by this office with the exception of MURIEL LEE, who did not actually observe the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY nor did she observe SIRHAN prior to the shooting. Interview of MURIEL LEE will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office and the results set forth in a forthcoming Los Angeles report.

It is noted that this list of witnesses does not include any technical or medical witnesses. The names of such witnesses to be used have not as yet been furnished by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.

For the information of the Bureau, as of approximately noon, 12/4/68, the Pasadena Police Department, who have had a fixed observation post on the SIRHAN residence in Pasadena, advised that this was now being given up. The Pasadena Police Department advises that the security measures in effect will be (1) frequent pass-bys by a police cruiser and a stop by a police cruiser at the residence at least once a day, (2) the installation of a "hot telephone" at the SIRHAN home so that anyone at the residence wishing to contact the Pasadena Police Department may do so by merely lifting the receiver.



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Los Angeles, California December 3, 1968

CONTEMPLATED LIST OF WITNESSES FOR. THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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Witnesses Who Observed Sirhan Bishara Sirhan At The Fish Canyon Firing Range, Monrovia, California on June 4, 1968

> William Atalic Everett Buckner Henry Carreon Corliss Edwards Rent Foss Richard Grijalva Roberta Grijalva Lloyd Hager Charles Kendall David Montellano Dean Pack Mike Saccoman James Thornbrush Claudia Williams Ronald Williams

Witnesses Present At The Ambassador Hotel On The Night Of June 4, 1968, and/or Early Morning Of June 5, 1968

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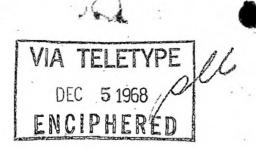
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TO DIRECTOR (62-587) PLAINTEXT FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 2P

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN REAPPEARED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TODAY REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY. RUSSELL B. PARSONS. ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER MADE MOTION TO COURT THAT HE. COOPER. BE INCLUDED AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD TO REPRESENT SIRHAN. TO WHICH SIRHAN AGREED. IN ADDITION. COOPER REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED FURTHER POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JANUARY SEVEN NEXT AT NINE THIRTY A.M. FOR TRIAL DATE. COOPER GAVE AS REASON FOR REQUESTING CONTINUANCE FACT HE HAS BEEN TIED UP IN USDC. LOS ANGELES. REPRESENTING ONE OF DEFENDANTS IN FRIARS CLUB PROSECUTION. IN ADDITION, EMILE ZOLA BERMAN. NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY, IS ALSO TO ASSIST IN DEFENSE OF SIRHAN. BERMAN HAS PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS WHICH WILL PRECLUDE HIS BEING ABLE TO APPEAR IN LOS ANGELES 62-58 PRIOR TO JANUARY SEVEN NEXT. **REC-35**

JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER, PRESIDING JUDGE ADA SED 19 AE IS

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MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLOSED CIRCUIT TV COVERAGE OF TRIAL TO ENABLE NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO ADEQUATELY COVER TRIAL, SINCE COURTROOM WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEWS MEDIA MAKING APPLICATION TO ATTEND TRIAL. NEITHER PROSECUTION NOR DEFENSE OBJECTED TO THIS PROCEDURE. JUDGE WALKER FURTHER ADVISED IT IS HIS INTENTION TO SEQUESTER JURY WHEN SWORN IN, AND THEY WILL BE RETAINED IN SEQUESTRATION UNTIL TERMINATION OF TRIAL. DURING TRIAL IT IS ANTICIPATED SPOUSES OF JURY MEMBERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT WITH THEM DURING WEEKENDS WITH APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES IN FORCE.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION TO AFFORD APPROPRIATE AND COMPLETE COVERAGE OF ALL ASPECTS THIS TRIAL, AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Attorney Grant B. Cooper made motion to be included as an attorney of record to represent Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and was granted a postponement of trial from 12/9/68 to 1/7/69. Attorney Emile Zola Berman is also to assist in defense of Sirhan. Postponement based on previous commitments of these attorneys. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge ruled closed circuit TV coverage of trial would be used to accommodate large number of press who made application to attend. Judge said the jury would be sequestered during trial.

You were previously advised that Attorney Cooper served on Los Angeles County District Attorney Staff. He has represented a teamster, an individual who appeared before the House on Un-American Activities in 1956, a well-known Chinese espionage subject, individuals of the criminal element, and is rated as a very prominent capable criminal attorney by news sources.

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Emile Zola Berman is the newest addition to Sirhan's defense staff. He has never been the subject of FBI investigation. His rise to prominence occurred in 1956 when he successfully defended the Marine Drill Sergeant charged with the murder of six recruits who drowned in a South Carolina swamp during training. In 1939 he was an active member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG), cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and last "The New York Times" of 11/14/49 paid his dues on 12/1/39. reported Berman was scheduled to present a mock trial at a meeting of NLG in November, 1949. Berman was born 11/3/02, in New York City. He received Bachelor and Law Degrees from New York University 123 and 1924 respectively. He has practiced law in New York City since he was admitted to the bar in 1925. Berman was an Air Force intelligence officer in

the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. BZ DEC 9 1968 REC-59 62-587-ACTION: Above is furnished for your information f the 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-6 FBI Date: 12/4/68 Transm (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEI AIRMAIL Via (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) TO: SAC, JACKSON (56-94) FROM: OKENSALT Re Bureau letter to Jackson, 11/27/68, and Jackson letter to Director, 11/15/68. There is enclosed for the Bureau three copies, for Los Angeles 22 copies, and for Birmingham and Mobile one copy each of an LHM setting forth results of interview with , and his mother. Jecut Secut 1 cc. 62-58 (3)- Bureau (Enc. 3)ENG 2 - Los Angeles (56-156) (Enc. 22) 20 DEC 7 1 - Birmingham (44-1772) (Enc. 1) (Info) 1968 1 - Mobile (44-1955) (Enc. 1) (Info) 2 - Jackson JJF:ccs (9) Approved: Per Sent M fal Agent/in Charge 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



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Jackson, Mississippi December 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY JUNE 5, 1968

Reference is made to Jackson, Mississippi, memorandum dated October 21, 1968, regarding Subrina Duble:

Myrtle Pitts, were interviewed at Pascagoula, Mississippi, on December 3, 1968; results of interviews are as follows:

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interviewed at his home, , at first denied and

then in the presence of his mother admitted that he made several telephone calls to the Jackson Office of the FBI in which he identified himself as a seventeenyear-old white female named <u>SUBRINA</u> DUBLE and that in these calls he stated he had pertinent information regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He stated he has no information whatsoever regarding the KENNEDY assassination except what he has heard and read in the newspapers. He said that he does not know what motivated him to make these telephone calls.

Throughout the interview, was uncommunicative and stared at the floor.

The following description was obtained by interview and observation:

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Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Birth	at
Height	51911
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Mother	LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS
Father	LEE JOSEPH PITTS, SR.
Residence	
Education	High school graduate

File # Jackson 56-94 12/3/68 at Pascagoula, Mississippi On 12/4/68 SA JAMES J. FILES :ccs Date dictated by

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Mrs. LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS, who was present while her son, **Manual Manual Manual**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

On November 18, 1968, the Directie Politie (Directorate of Police, Ministry of Justice, the Netherlands) furnished the following information:

The Chief Commissioner of Police, Utrecht, Netherlands, received a copy of a letter addressed to the subject and postmarked in Utrecht. This copy was forwarded by cover letter dated July 30, 1968, bearing File Reference No. 6.24 and signed by Robert A. Houghton, Deputy Chief Commander, Detective Bureau, Department of Police, 150 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California. The Los Angeles Police asked that the writer of the letter be traced and interviewed. A copy of that letter is incorporated in this memorandum as Pages 2-4.

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litricht May 5th 1968 My dear friend I hanks for your letter of Oprilia but am I susprised to lead that you have com likely changed your mind. What has gone into You. Sir! I know, You have always been a kind of pessimistic even since the first time I know you back in '64 But you can't live on that way, why don't you try to change it ? I know arabian thinking is different than merican thinking, but don't forget. You have a real free life and You can do whatever you hild to. Why don't you talk to your gereprind acoust it? The will understand you. Cis fas as Jean see, it is a pretty gist. Why don't you sende me some more or better pictures from both of you? Are you going to marry he. I hope she will give. You the life you with Maybe you will have some thirds then and years and you will see eventhing loves night at then You would not like it the way it is night more in the l. S. or do you !! Look what happened ato de King a comple of we

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The Directie Politie furnished the following information which it said had been developed by the police of Utrecht:

The postmark on the envelope of the letter to the subject shows the posting date to be June 21, 1968. The letter was without doubt posted in Utrecht on that date and canceled at the Main Post Office in Utrecht between 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. The stamps on the envelope are of a special series which were issued in the Netherlands only between May 1, and May 28, 1968. The postage was insufficient since the charge for a letter directed to the United States, not exceeding twenty grams in weight, is 45 cents.

The name ESBES was searched through the records of the Register Office in Utrecht, and the Central Civil Registry in The Hague, with negative results. It can be said, therefore, that no person utilizing this name is registered as living in the Netherlands.

The address 51 Prins Bernhardplein, Utrecht, is occupied by a branch post office. The manager of this branch stated that it is unusual for letters to be directed to General Delivery (Poste Restante) at this branch post office. During the past year not a single letter addressed in this manner has been handled by this branch. Inquiries at the Main Post Office in Utrecht revealed that there was no information of any mail being handled through General Delivery there for a Mr. ESBES.

Mention is made in the letter of a daughter of the sender who was born on **Example 1**. Efforts to identify the writer through this indicated birth of his daughter proved to be negative.

It has not been possible for the police in Utrecht to identify the writer of the letter to the subject. The Utrecht Police believe it to be a hoax letter and the name ESBES to be fictitious. They suggest the possibility that the name may have been devised from the initials of the subject, S.B.S., which phonetically might be written as es-b-es.

The Directie Politie said that a man named Alwin Edgar Philip Wolfgang, born August 9, 1922, in Paramaribo,

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

and now living in Amsterdam, Netherlands, is known to them through its records. A few years ago, Wolfgang, who is regarded as probably mentally disturbed, wrote letters to persons who were involved in sensational cases. One such letter was addressed to Mrs. J. D. Tippit, widow of the police officer who was shot and killed during the investigation immediately following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In view of this, the police in Amsterdam were asked to make inquiries to determine whether Wolfgang could have written the letter addressed to the subject. The Directie Politie furnished an English-language translation of the report of the Amsterdam Police reflecting the results of those inquiries. A copy of that report is incorporated as Pages 7 and 8 of this memorandum.

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TRANSLATION

AMSTERDAM MUNICIPAL POLICE

Criminal Investigation Department

"G" Section

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REPORT

With reference to letter dated 3 September 1968, Reference 7.219 /213 - 7.313/14:8, received from the Head of the National Central Buroad of Interpol in The Hague, asking for enquiries to be made resposting a letter written to Sirhan B. Sirhan, now in custody for the Leged assassination of United States Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I, stactive-Constable 1st Class Dirk PHEREBOOM of the Amsterdam Municipal Police, have to report that I have made enquiries as requested. Records of the Register Office in Amsterdam show that at the address 1st Floor 142, Admiralengracht, Amsterdam is living: Alwin Edgar Philip WOLFGANG, born 9th August, 1922, at Paramaribo. This person was married at Utrecht on the 13th September, 1950 to Celia JACOBS, born 23rd October, 1932, at Utrecht. There are two children by this perriage, namely a girl, born at Utrecht and a boy, born at Amsterdam. The girl lives at , where she has lived since ouly, 1967.

In order to have it ascertained by the police scientist Mr. D. Dakes of Amsterdam Police Headquarters whether or not the letter sent to Sirhan B. Sirhan has been written by the said A.E.Ph.Wolfgang; I, the reporting officer, handed the said police scientist a copy of the' said letter to Sirhan B. Sirhan, received from the Head of the N.C.B. of Interpol in The Hague and also a letter dated 12th February, 1968 written by A.E.Ph. Wolfgang to his-employer, which had been lent to me by his employer for investigation purposes.

After comparison of the handwritings of the said two letters Mr. Eskes stated that he was of opinion that the handwritings were not alike. He said that he had not been able to find clear points of similarity in the handwritings of the two letters, on the ground of which it would have been possible for him to identify A.E.Ph. Wolfgang as the writer of the letter addressed to Sirhan B. Sirhan. Mr. Eskes, who also said that he was not convinced that A.E.Ph. Wolfgang had not written the letter to Sirhan B. Sirhan, said afterwards that he was all the same inclined to believe that Wolfgang was not the writer of the letter in question.

Further it should be mentioned that the writer of the letter in question says in his letter that his old boss came to him to ask him back to work on 1st June, 1968 and that his daughter, who is growing up fine, will be nine years old on the

Inquiries have however shown that Wolfgang has not changed emtient and that his one and only daughter, who was born on reached the age of seventeen on

A.E. Ph. Wolfgeng is not recorded in the criminal files of the overdem Police, but records of Amsterdem Police Headquarters do tten by him to Mrs. Tippit, the widow of an American police offi-and to Mr. Alfred Krupp of Düsseldorf.

The results of these enquiries were reported in the usual manner the relevant authorities.

A request for information about A.I.Ph. Wolfgang was also made in 1966 by the Special Agent of the Treasury Department of the United. States Secret Service in Paris.

In connection with the above matter I, the reporting officer, saw the said A.E.Ph. Wolfgang at Amsterdam Police Headquarters on 14th October, 1968. He then stated to me for sure that he had not written the letter dated 5th May, 1968 and addressed to Sirhan B. Sirhan. He had no idea who might have written thet letter. On being esked he said that he only knew Sirhan B. Sirhan from newspapers.

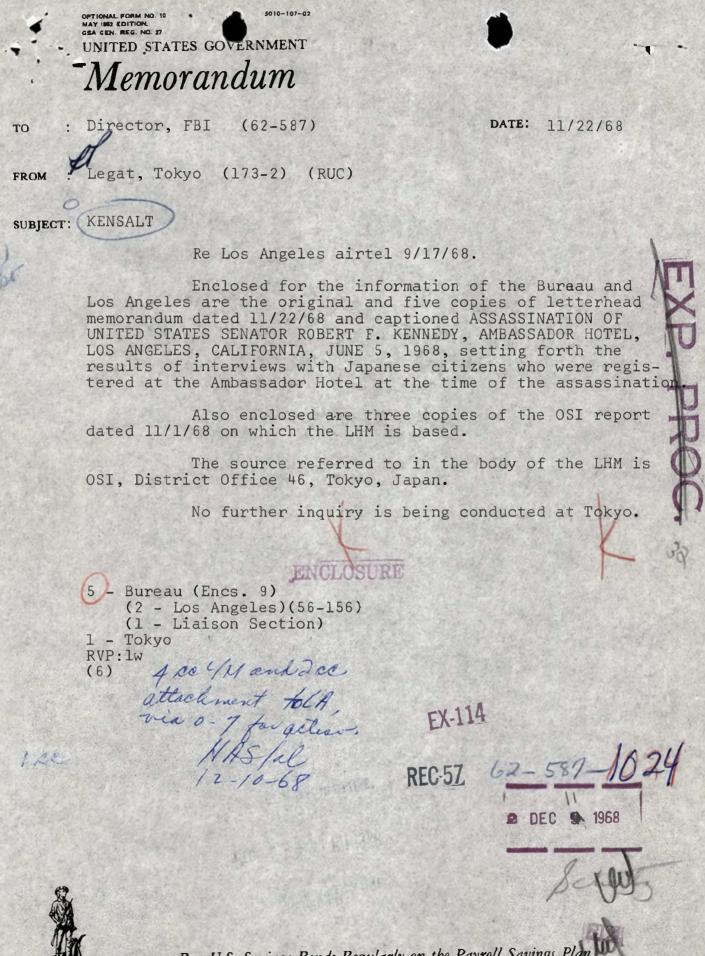
- Finally I, the reporting officer, wish to state:-1. that I have not been able to identify the writer of the letter dated 5th May, 1968 and addressed to Sirhan B. Sirhan;
- 2. that the enquiries into the matter have been made in cooperation with a colleague of the Special Branch of the Amsterdam Municipal Police;
- 3. that a copy of the letter dated 12th February, 1968 referred to hereinabove - this letter was returned to Wolfgang's employer on 15th October, 1968 - is attached hereto.

Amsterdam, 16th October, 1968.

Signed: D. Peereboom,

Detective-Constable 1st Class.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. November 22, 1968

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

The following individuals were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, at the time when Senator Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated:

> M. AOYAMA Ace International Co. 33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku Tokyo, Japan

H. HIRANO Ace International Co. 33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku Tokyo, Japan

T. MORINAGA Ace International Tool Co. 33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku Tokyo, Japan

It is noted that the Mr. AOYAMA interviewed subsequently has the first name of AKIRA, but since he is obviously the individual referred to above as M. AOYAMA, apparently there was a mistake made by the individual registering him at the hotel initially.

A United States intelligence agency which conducts investigations abroad advised that on October 10, 1968, AKIRA AOYAMA, Chief, Planning Division, Misshin Hodo KK, #3, 2-chome, Nihonbashi-Kaomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, was interviewed and stated that he, along with MORINAGA and HIRANO, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 2340 hours on June 4, 1968. They checked in at the front desk and went directly to their separate rooms. He AOYAMA) stayed in his room for only a few minutes and went to HIRANO's room where the three (HIRANO, MORINAGA and AOYAMA)

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met to discuss their plans for the following day. After that discussion, interviewee returned to his room where he stayed for a few minutes, then went downstairs to the lobby. There he found everything in a state of confusion. He did not understand what was taking place because he did not understand English. The next day Mr. MORINAGA, who understands English, told him what had happened, and said that he (MORINAGA) had watched television in his room after the aforementioned meeting had been completed and the others had departed.

AOYAMA was unable to provide any information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. AOYAMA denied that he had ever seen SIRHAN and said he knew nothing about him. AOYAMA advised that Mr. HIRANO recently had an eye operation and was recovering in the Hagiwara Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

The source advised that on October 14, 1968, HIROSHI HIRANO, Vice President, Nisshin Hodo KK, was interviewed and related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA. HIRANO said he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. He was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The source advised that on October 24, 1968, TAMETAKA MORINAGA, Chief, President's Office Staff, Nisshinseito KK, was interviewed and related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA and HIRANO. He said that he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. MORINAGA was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

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1. This investigation was opened at the direction of the Commander, OSI District 46, on 10 October 1962, predicated on a letter from the Legal Attache, American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan requesting that three persons in Japan be interviewed to ascertain whether they possess any information relative to the assassination of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on 5 June 1968.

On 1 October 1968 RODERICK V. PRECHTL, JR., Legal Attache, American Embassy, 2. Tokyo, Japan, provided a copy of a memorandum from the FBI Field Office. Los Angeles, California, dated 17 Sep 68, subject: Assassination of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, 5 Jun 68. That memo reflects that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Born: 19 Mar 44 in Jerusalem, was observed to shoot and kill U. S. Senator Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 0015 hours, 5 June 1968, and that he was subsequently taken into custody by the Los Angeles Police Department. The memo further reflected that on 7 Jun 68 SIRHAN was indicted by the Grand Jury, Los Angeles County for murder and was awaiting trial. The memo reflected that the below listed persons were guests of the Ambassador Hotel and that the Los Angeles Police Department requested assistance in locating and interviewing those persons to determine if they are in possession of any information regarding the assassination of Senator Kennedy or knowledge of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

Mr. M. AOYAMA Ace International Co. 33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Mr. T. Morinaga Ace International Tool Co. 33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Mr. H. HIRANO Ace International Co. 33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

3. On 7 October 1968 a representative of Ace International Tool Co, was contacted with the assistance of KUWABARA Shigeo, Investigative Technician, this district. That person advised that none of the three aforementioned persons were actually employed by Ace International. She said that Mr. AOYAMA and Mr. HIRANO could be contacted at the Nisshin Road Construction Company, #3, 2-chome, Nihonbashi, Kaomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan. She also advised that Mr. HIRANO pould be contacted at telephone (Tokyo) 666-6361.

4. On 10 October 1968 ADYAMA Akira, Chief, Planning Division, Nisshin Hodo KK, #3, 2-chome, Nihonbashi-Kaomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, was interviewed at his office with the assistance of KUWABARA. AOYAMA stated substantially as follows:

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5. On 11 October 1968, attempt to contact Mr. MORINAGA with the assistance of KUWABARA met with negative results. A representative of Nisshin-seito Company, #3, 2-chome, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, of which he is Chief, President's Office Staff, advised that he was out of town on a business trip and was not expected to return until about 15 October 1968.

6. On 14 October 1968 a representative of the Hagiwara Hospital was contacted with the assistance of KUWABARA. After consultation with Mr. HIRANO she advised that Mr. HIRANO could be interviewed.

7.) On 14 October 1968 HIRANO Hiroshi, Vice President, Nisshin Hodo KK, was interviewed with the assistance of KUWABARA. HIRANO related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA. HIRANO said he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. He was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

8. On 16 and 21 October 1968 a representative of Nisshin-Seito KK advised that MORINAGA had returned from his business trip, but was suffering from influenza, and was not in his office.

9. On 24 October 1968 MORINAGA Tametaka, Chief, President's Office Staff, Nisshin-seito KK, was interviewed with the assistance of KUWABARA. He related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA and HIRANO. He said that he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. MORINAGA was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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This is in reference to Legat, Bonn airtel 11/19/68 with letterhead memorandum attached thereto and Los Angeles letter 11/22/68, a copy of which was furnished to Legat, Bonn along with attachments.

It would appear these communications crossed in the mail. No further inquiries should be conducted by Legat, Bonn unless specifically requested to do so.

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ReBulet to Paris 10/28/68.

The Paris city directory lists a C. CLEVA at 10 avenue Georges Mandel, Paris 16, France, telephone number 704-5770. Repeated telephone calls to the above residence during the month of November 1968 determined that no one was answering the telephone.

On 11/25/68, the manager of the building at 10 avenue Georges Mandel, Paris 16, advised that Mrs. C. CLEVA was presently abroad and not expected to return until after 12/20/68. Her exact present whereabouts was not known. The manager further advised that no one by the name of Mr. or Mrs. P. A. CLEVA resided at this address. The manager did state, however, that P. A. CLEVA may possibly be Mrs. C. CLEVA's son, ALEXANDER CLEVA, whose address was not known to the manager.

Paris will attempt to locate Mrs. C. CLEVA sometime after 12/20/68 in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. CLEVA in order that they may be interviewed in accordance with the request contained in referenced Bureau letter.

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