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From: Director, FBI (62-587) -10P

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Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Office, 7133

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TO : MR. I. W. CONRAD

DATE: 1/14/69

FROM : R. H. JEVONS

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

The Los Angeles Office has forwarded to the Bureau a letter dated 1/7/69, from the Los Angeles Police Department signed by Deputy Chief Robert A. Houghton, requesting that the firearms examinations conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department in this case, be duplicated by the FBI Laboratory personnel.

The letter states, "A separate and independent analysis would be of value in later refuting any claims attacking the validity of the examination by a single department and should preclude disputes or frivolous complaints."

The duplication of examinations, such as requested, is in direct opposition to the long-standing examination policy of the Laboratory. There appears to be no advantage to be gained by the Bureau by conducting the re-examination of this evidence and the Los Angeles Office recommends that the examinations not be conducted. Moreover, current newspaper reports quote the Chief Defense Counsel, Grant B. Cooper, as stating in open Court, "There will be no denial of the fact that Sirhan B. Sirhan fired the shot or shots that killed Senator Kennedy." These same newspaper reports further indicate that defense strategy will be to prevent the prosecution from proving the key element of premeditated, conscious intent to kill. Accordingly, duplication of the firearms examination would have no bearing on this element.

ACTION:

(1) In view of the circumstances mentioned above, it is recommended that we decline to re-examine this evidence.

(2) If approved, the Los Angeles Office will be advised accordingly.

1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Bishop
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 1/16/69

FROM : *MDW* LEGAT, PARIS (62-204) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
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On 1/12/69, Mrs. C. CLEVA, 10 avenue Georges Mandel, Paris 16, France, advised that her son, P. A. CLEVA, could be reached through a Mr. DEBIER, Paris telephone number SAB 2337. On this same date, a message was left with Mr. DEBIER to have P. A. CLEVA contact the Paris Office.

On 1/12/69, P. A. CLEVA telephonically contacted the Paris Office and confirmed the fact that his wife and he were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the night of 6/4-5/68. CLEVA further advised that both he and his wife were not at the hotel at the time Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that they had returned to the hotel some 15 to 20 minutes after the shooting had occurred. CLEVA further stated that neither his wife nor he had any information of value to furnish regarding the assassination.

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TO DIRECTOR (52-587) PLAINTEXT
 FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) KP)

ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR Robert F. Kennedy
KENSALT

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REFERENCE Los Angeles Teletype
~~RE LA TEL~~ JANUARY TWENTY ONE LAST.

PROCEEDINGS IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
 SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUED AGAIN TODAY. EFFORTS DURING
 ENTIRE DAY CONSISTED OF ATTEMPTS TO SEAT JURY. AS OF
 CLOSE OF COURT TODAY, JURY NOT YET SELECTED. FURTHER
 ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE JANUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (52-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)
RE: KENSALT

Re weekly news release from Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Attached hereto are two copies of a 14 page weekly summary of information prepared for the benefit of the news media by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. This release is dated 1/22/69, and is being furnished for information of the Bureau.

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January 23, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached teletype contains information regarding developments in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan for the murder of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

to the Chief, could bring about criticism not only of the LAPD but the Kennedy family.

Chief Houghton was joined in his opinion by the U. S. Attorney and the Department representatives indicated that every effort would be made to put the Chief in contact with members of the Kennedy family in order that this could be resolved.

When this situation came to light during the early stages of the investigation, we went on record with the Department to the effect that we would have no objection to the LAPD conducting such an interview. We requested that results be furnished us. No comments were made by Bureau representatives at this time relative to the current problem.

3. FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP AN ARCHIVES FOR FILES AND EVIDENCE

Department representatives and Chief Houghton agreed that it would be necessary to maintain a complete file including all reports and evidence collected during this investigation for historical value. It was obvious from remarks made by Chief Houghton that the LAPD desired to maintain control over this material likewise it was also obvious the Department was considering transferring all files and evidence to the National Archives similar to that which was done in the investigation involving the assassination of the late President Kennedy. Department representatives, however, did not press the point. It would appear that should the Department desire to press the point, there may be some conflict with Los Angeles authorities.

All in attendance appeared to be completely satisfied with the extent of FBI investigation into this matter. Chief Houghton was particularly commendatory in his remarks concerning our Los Angeles Office and stated that one of the most important aspects of this case was the fact that there could be such a high degree of cooperation between the FBI, an agency of the Federal Government, and the LAPD, one of the largest police agencies in the world.

Department officials appeared primarily interested in reviewing the case as a whole prior to the change of administrations in order to insure that their successors could find no grounds to criticize the Federal Government's inquiry into this case.

ACTION: None. For information.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *[Signature]*

DATE: January 10, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *[Signature]*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Schutz
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
(KENSALT)

By letter January 8, 1969, Criminal Division indicated U. S. Attorney Los Angeles William Matthew Byrne, Jr., and LAPD Chief of Detectives Robert Houghton who is in charge of Kensalt investigation are to confer with Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, January 14, 1969, concerning assassination of Senator Kennedy. Department requests attendance of Los Angeles Supervisor William J. Nolan who has supervised this case at the field level since its inception. Sirhan B. Sirhan is currently being tried for murder in Los Angeles County Circuit Court in connection with this matter.

Our Los Angeles Office was contacted to ascertain what information it had relative to this planned conference.

COMMENTS SAC, LOS ANGELES:

According to U. S. Attorney Byrne, Assistant Attorney General, and the Deputy Attorney General have expressed desire to be thoroughly briefed on all aspects of investigation to date primarily in order that the departing Attorney General would be in a position to fully brief the new Attorney General. The conference would discuss among other things whether any evidence has been uncovered by either FBI or local authorities indicating the existence of a conspiracy and whether all possible avenues of investigation have been explored. It was further intended that there be a discussion concerning the establishment of archives in connection with evidence developed in this case. Chief Houghton is expected to indicate problems which may arise from the current trial and what, if any, evidence could subsequently be made public.

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Detailed reports setting forth the results of FBI investigation into this matter have been furnished not only the Department but the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County prosecutor. Our investigation has been thorough, comprehensive and encompasses the assassination itself, a detailed examination of the background of Sirhan, and investigation into numerous allegations wherein it was alleged a conspiracy existed. No information has been developed indicating

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached concerns developments in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan for the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: KENSALT

individuals other than Sirhan B. Sirhan were involved. In discussions with Department representatives at headquarters level, it was obvious that our reports have been reviewed. The intended conference, therefore, would appear to be entirely unnecessary and as indicated by SAC, Los Angeles, the presence of SA Nolan would not be mandatory; however, since a ranking official of the Los Angeles Police Department and the U. S. Attorney from Los Angeles will be in attendance, for the FBI to decline to attend could put us in a position of declining to cooperate in a matter of national interest. Additionally, since it has been reported by Los Angeles that Deputy Chief Houghton is one who is inclined to "blow his own horn" whenever the opportunity presents itself, it is logical that FBI representatives be in attendance if for no other reason than to protect FBI interests.

In this regard, while this matter has been given constant detailed supervision at the Seat of Government, we do not have first hand information concerning matters which may have been discussed by the Los Angeles Police Department, the U. S. Attorney's Office, and our Los Angeles Office. It would appear under the circumstances, therefore, that Supervisor Nolan who has been directly responsible for all facets of this investigation since its inception on June 5, 1968, should attend this conference since he alone would have first hand knowledge of various phases of certain aspects of this case which may be raised principally by Deputy Chief Houghton. It would also be desirable to have Bureau Supervisor Henry A. Schutz, Jr., who has been charged with the supervision of the case at Seat of Government in attendance along with SA Nolan. The attendance of both Bureau personnel would be merely as observers and to insure protection of FBI interests and, of course, no decisions of a policy nature would be made by these Bureau representatives nor would they offer comments concerning the desirability of evidence being placed in archives.

ACTION:

If approved, there is attached a letter to the Criminal Division advising that the above Bureau representatives will be in attendance.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-587) ^X COMPLAINT-
FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) KP) ¹ RP

KENSALT. ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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RELATEL JANUARY TWENTY THREE LAST.

DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION AGREED ON JURY TODAY. CASE CONTINUED TO JANUARY TWENTY NINE NEXT IN ORDER TO RULE ON VARIOUS DEFENSE MOTIONS. JURY INSTRUCTED TO RETURN JANUARY THIRTY NEXT.

NO FURTHER TELETYPES CONCERNING TRIAL WILL BE SENT UNTIL JANUARY TWENTY NINE NEXT.

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KENSALT ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR Robert F. Kennedy

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ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY WITH EFFORTS ON PART OF BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE DIRECTED AT SELECTING JURY.

IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY LEARNED TODAY THAT, WHEN EACH PROSPECTIVE JUROR IS EXAMINED IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS, AS OPPOSED TO OPEN COURT, THEY ARE ASKED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHETHER THEY KNOW ANYONE WHO WAS PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR AND FIVE LAST. ALSO ASKED IF ANY PUBLICITY COMING TO THEIR ATTENTION REGARDING DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER'S INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT FRIARS CLUB INVESTIGATION HAS PREJUDICED THEM IN ANY MANNER.

IF OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE BUREAU, THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND A JUSTICE OF THE URUGUAY SUPREME COURT WERE PRESENT IN COURT TODAY DURING PROCEEDINGS.

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Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: Jerry Littman
News Secretary
626-3888, Ext. 82396

RELEASE: Wednesday,
January 22, 1969
After 10 a.m.

WEEKLY SUMMARY #33

Re: the assassination of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Note to editors: Because of the widespread interest in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, and proceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 33rd summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 -- A Los Angeles newspaper (Times) today claimed that "Attorney Grant B. Cooper, faced with the threat of contempt proceedings in federal court, sought advice from another attorney on whether he should withdraw from the defense of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan."

Sirhan is accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The source of the article was someone "close to Cooper."

Continued the writer, Dave Smith, "That lawyer, the Times also learned, considered for 24 hours before advising Cooper to remain on the three-man defense team for the 24-year old Jordanian."

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) said today that "scale models of the scene of the June 5, 1968 slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy may be used as evidence" during Sirhan's trial.

The models, added the newspaper, "were previewed today by Los Angeles Police Detective Chief Robert Houghton," who headed a special task force set up to investigate the slaying. He related the information at a press conference.

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Houghton "said he did not know whether the prosecution would place the models in evidence, but there was every indication they would be," the newspaper stated.

One model, built to eight-inch scale, provides an overall view of the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, where Kennedy made his victory speech shortly before he was shot in the nearby kitchen.

The second model is a one-inch scale mockup of the kitchen.

Both models, the newspaper continued, "were originally constructed for the use of the Kennedy task force in placing witnesses to the slaying in exact position."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 -- A journalist on the staff of Sirhan B. Sirhan's defense counsel, today revealed information about the accused assassin in an article by William J. ~~Drummond~~, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper (Times). 01613

Robert Blair ~~Kaiser~~, a former Time magazine staff writer, said Sirhan told him, according to Drummond, "It's all violence, chaos, unrest. Whatever happened to the old saying, 'peace and quiet?'" 01614

Kaiser's article is slated for the January 17 issue of Life.

Since August '14, Kaiser revealed he had talked to Sirhan at least a dozen times and had also spoken to Sirhan's mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan.

Kaiser said Sirhan talked "about different subjects--his background, family, acculturation in America, his friends, his foes. He is intellectually inclined, expansive, articulate, well-read but untrained."

The Life magazine article Kaiser added "would not include matters having a bearing on the issues in the trial..." Drummond reported.

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The newspaper writer continued that Lynn D. Compton, chief deputy district attorney and head of the prosecution team, "said Kaiser, as an agent of the defense counsel, was included in the coverage of a court order banning comment by parties in the case on the issues in the trial.

"However, Compton said the significance of the Kaiser material could not be known until the article is actually seen," concluded the newspaper.

Kaiser also told the newspaper that his article would not include matters having a bearing on the issues in the trial for the murder of Sen. Kennedy. "I won't try the case in the public prints."

Of Mrs. Sirhan, Kaiser wrote that she keeps magazines detailing the assassination of the Senator on a table.

"She picks up the magazines now and then and talks to the face of Robert Kennedy as drawn" by a Time artist.

"Kennedy, moreover, talks to her. 'It's okay, Mary,' she says he says. I forgive you. It's okay."

Kaiser continued, "Obviously, this is a very traumatic experience for a woman who has gone through a lot of traumatic episodes."

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13 -- "The Sirhan murder trial is an extraordinary case. And, consequently, the selection of its jury also will be extraordinary -- not only as to the security which must be maintained over the jury, but also as to the very manner in which jurors are chosen," according to John Douglas, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

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Prospective jurors, he continues, were chosen by the County Registrar of Juror's computer at the request of the Superior Court Jury Commissioner.

The computer used the 'key number of five.' This means that every fifth person listed on the registrar's voter list in every fifth precinct was tapped as a prospect."

Twelve jurors at a time will take their place in the Hall of Justice courtroom to answer questions by the defense and prosecution "as to their fitness to serve. They will answer some, but not all, the questions put to them from the box, and in public.

"The rest of the questioning will be done in secret, in the chambers of Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, who presides at the trial.

"Judge Walker wants the private session to ascertain from each prospective juror what publicity he has seen and heard on the case, and what influence the opinions of friends, relatives and neighbors may hold over him.

"When the 12 jurors and six alternates are finally selected and sworn, they will be 'sequestered' -- locked up for the balance of the trial -- perhaps as long as three months.

"On weekends they may be visited by their 'spouses of record.' Overnight visits are provided for in a precedent-breaking order by Judge Walker."

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13 -- Out of eight prospective jurors in the Sirhan B. Sirhan case, only one, Mrs. Rosa Molina, a widow and nurse, was passed provisionally today by the defense and prosecution.

Four were quickly dismissed, two were asked to check with their employers whether they could retain their jobs over a prolonged trial, and the eighth will be questioned further on Tuesday, January 14.

"Any lingering doubts the prosecution will seek the" death penalty in the case of the man accused of the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy vanished," reported John Douglas, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

He noted that "Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts bluntly told a prospective juror the state would not only ask the penalty, but 'urge it.'"

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported that Grant B. Cooper, one of Sirhan's three attorneys told prospective jurors:

"At the outset you should know that there will be no denial of the fact that our client fired a shot or shots that killed Senator Kennedy."

This was the first time the senator's name had been mentioned in open court since the trial began January 7.

Cooper, continued the newspaper's staff writer, Dave Smith, "said admissibility of a prospective juror depended, in part, upon the juror's ability to separate knowledge of the 24-year old Jordanian defendant's act in shooting Kennedy from a consideration of intent.

"Both the act and the intent must be established, Cooper said, before the jury may return a verdict of first-degree murder. Such a verdict requires a penalty of death in the gas chamber or life imprisonment."

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Mrs. Molina, the first accepted juror, was questioned in open court and was then taken into Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker's chambers for part of the questioning "that the defense and prosecution have agreed should not take place in open court," reported the Los Angeles Times.

The questions, explained the newspaper, "reportedly involve the influence wide publicity has exerted on the juror's opinion.

"All parties to the closed sessions -- attorneys for both sides, the prospective juror and the defendant -- have been ordered not to reveal these discussions," continued the newspaper article.

The first business of the court today was quick disposal of a defense motion to set aside the trial jury list. The defense contended that the list does not represent a fair cross section of the population.

However, after studying a four-volume, 1,010 page transcript of another case, the defense was unable to find relevant points in that case to support their original motion.

Judge Walker denied the motion, and jury selection began.

Other activity today included a press conference, hosted by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, and conducted by William Morris, sheriff of Shelby County, Tenn., who has the responsibility for the security of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Rev. Martin Luther King.

Morris said, according to a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) that Sirhan "seems far-less aware of the grim nature of the murder charge against him than does" Ray.

As for security arrangements in the Los Angeles Hall of Justice, where Sirhan is incarcerated and where the trial is taking place, Sheriff Morris termed them excellent."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 -- Three more women jurors were provisionally accepted to day in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, bringing the total to four.

Joining Mrs. Rose Molina, a nurse, as potential jurors are Miss Carolyn L. Freeman, a clerk for Pacific Telephone; Mrs. Alicia Duke, an accountant for the State Lands Division; and Mrs. Barbara L. Collins, a service representative for Pacific Telephone.

"Three of the most important areas of questioning involve the effect of the pretrial publicity on the jurors' opinions on the case, the jurors views on the death penalty and their attitudes on psychiatry," reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Grant B. Cooper, one of Sirhan's three attorneys, challenged Miss Freeman on the death penalty, when she said that in a case where she was completely convinced that willful, deliberate, premeditated murder had been proved, "I think I would lean toward the death penalty."

Judge Herbert V. Walker denied Cooper's challenge.

Under questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts, one of the three prosecutors appointed by Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, Miss Freeman modified her answer, saying that her verdict "would depend on the mental attitude" of the defendant and whether he had been aggravated or provoked into murder.

"Now after all that fol-de-rol," said Cooper, "let me ask you again. If you were totally sure that first-degree murder had been proved, would you lean toward the death penalty or toward life?"

She replied, "I don't lean either way."

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The same newspaper reported, "Cooper has said repeatedly that the defense will not deny that Sirhan killed Sen. Kennedy, but that it will show that obsessive thinking and an emotional frame of mind affected his capacity to formulate the specific intent to commit first-degree murder.

"For premeditated murder to be proven, the jury must be convinced that both the act of murder and the intent to murder were clearly demonstrated by evidence.

"Since the defense has granted the former as an acknowledged fact, it is banking its defense of Sirhan on the hope that the jury will accept their evidence of Sirhan's limited capacity to plan first-degree murder and then find him guilty on a lesser charge.

"The first-degree murder charge could be reduced to second-degree murder, which carries a sentence of five years to life. First-degree murder convictions carry a penalty of life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber," added the newspaper.

In questioning Mrs. Collins, Fitts asked if she would be inclined to be lenient in her verdict on Sirhan because of his apparent youth?" He is 24.

"No," she replied.

After 12 jurors are provisionally seated, both defense and prosecution may exercise 20 peremptory challenges each, to dispose of jurors about whom they have doubt.

Six alternate jurors will also be seated.

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner), reported that "hypnosis has been used on Sirhan by psychiatrists seeking

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to determine his mental state at the time he shot" Kennedy.

Use of this technique was told by Emile Zola Berman, one of Sirhan's three attorneys, at a news conference following adjournment of court.

Berman also related that the psychologists and psychiatrists "working with Sirhan had also administered the Rorschach or ink-blot test," said the newspaper. Berman declined to discuss the findings, stating he would leave this to the psychiatrists when they testify on Sirhan's behalf.

The New Yorker told reporters he was "sanguine" over success in obtaining tentative jurors, but warned that jury selection is expected to take at least 18 more court days.

"This would mean the trial would not get underway until sometime in February," wrote the newspaper's reporter.

At the press conference, Berman was asked if the Arab-Israeli political situation would figure in the trial, and he said the defense would not introduce the topic. However, he added, it would figure insofar as it goes to explain Sirhan's motivation, the Los Angeles Times noted.

"We will offer scientific evidence as well as the history, background and problems of the defendant," he said, to support the defense' contention that the "intellectual content necessary to a premeditated act is not present in this case. That's going to be our defense."

Berman also disclosed that the test for the XYY chromosome syndrome has been administered to Sirhan, but he did not say if the results were to be introduced into evidence.

(The XYY syndrome is a recent scientific development by some geneticists who claim that certain males are born with an extra Y chromosome for maleness, and that the presence of this extra chromosome carries with it a tendency to resort to aggressive behavior).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 -- Three men, Lawrence Morgan, a systems analyst for IBM; Leslie H. Laney, a Post Office employee; and Alfonso Galindo, a civilian mechanic for the Navy, today became the first men to be provisionally seated as jurors in the Sirhan B. Sirhan case.

Previously, four women had been provisionally seated following questioning by defense and prosecution and Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker.

Part of court time today also included the questioning of Mrs. Alvina Alvidrez, the 21st prospective juror (others have been excused), and was to be continued on Thursday.

Mrs. Alvidrez was the first prospective juror to say she has conscientious objections to the death penalty. She told the court that "under no circumstances whatsoever" could she return a guilty verdict if a death penalty might result.

Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts challenged the seating of Mrs. Alvidrez, but Judge Walker disallowed the challenge and said arguments would continue Thursday on her qualifications.

After adjournment, Grant B. Cooper, one of Sirhan's attorneys, cited a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision and a California Supreme Court decision in which murder convictions were reversed because the jury excluded persons opposed to the death penalty.

He added that as a result of these rulings, Mrs. Alvidrez could not be legally excluded from the Sirhan jury.

Sirhan's demeanor in court today was described in one Los Angeles newspaper (Times) as "markedly lighthearted, in contrast to earlier days."

As he entered the courtroom, Sirhan spotted an acquaintance and

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greeted him in Arabic. The man was identified as Abdeen Jabara, 25, a Detroit-born attorney of Lebanese parentage.

Jabara told reporters he was a defense consultant, has been in Los Angeles two weeks and had made one previous visit here since the June 5 assassination of Sen. Kennedy.

Jabara is not an attorney of record in the case and became a consultant to the defense on his own initiative. Both Cooper and Emile Zola Berman, members of the defense team, confirmed that Jabara is here on his own initiative. They added that the visiting attorney had done some translating from Arabic to English for them.

During court today Sirhan "swapped repartee" with Fitts as the deputy district attorney questioned a prospective juror, according to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Fitts asked the prospective juror if he would have the courage to face Sirhan three or four months from now "and tell him face to face that for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, you must die in the gaschamber?"

As Fitts spoke, Sirhan abruptly leaned forward in his swivel chair and smiled broadly at the man being questioned, Lawrence Morgan.

Fitts continued quickly to Morgan: "You can see him now, he just leaned over, and even smiled at you. He may smile at you all through the trial."

"I smile at you, too, Mr. Fitts," Sirhan blurted out.

"Yes, you do," said Fitts. "You smile a lot."

Judge Walker cut off the dialog with the admonition: "Restrict yourself to the questions, Mr. Fitts."

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Fitts repeated his question and Morgan said he could tell Sirhan directly if he should decide on a death penalty.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 -- "A courtroom wrangle over a woman juror opposed to the death penalty raised the possibility" today "that the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan could become a landmark case in U. S. law and that Sirhan, if convicted in the slaying of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, might never be executed," reported Dave Smith, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Meanwhile, John Douglas, staff writer for another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner), noted that "Arab-Israeli tensions have intruded into" the case.

At the conclusion of today's session in the Los Angeles Hall of Justice courtroom of Judge Herbert V. Walker, three more jurors were tentatively seated -- bringing the total to 10 persons, five men and five women.

Selected today were Mrs. Sharon A. Engle, an IBM employee; Benjamin Glick, who operates a ready-to-wear clothing business; and Gilbert F. Grace, who works for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Deputy District Attorney David N. Fitts renewed his challenge of Mrs. Alvina Alvidrez, who yesterday said that "under no circumstances whatsoever" could she vote for the death penalty.

Judge Walker disallowed the challenge yesterday, but was considering arguments and is expected to hand down a ruling. Mrs. Alvidrez said she felt qualified to judge the question of the accused assassin's guilt or innocence.

Deputy District Attorney John E. Howard, one of the three

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prosecutors appointed by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger, argued that if the woman or someone of the same opinion were seated, and that if Sirhan were convicted of first-degree murder, the court could face the possibility of a mistrial or the problem of jeopardy -- in effect presenting a second trial on the same set of facts, reported the Los Angeles Times.

"The latter case could result, Howard said, if the jury that determined guilty had to be dismissed and replaced by another jury to fix the penalty," added the newspaper.

(California law offers only the death penalty or life imprisonment on a first-degree murder conviction and also allows two juries -- one for the guilt-innocence phase and one for the penalty phase.)

(Meanwhile, on the subject of the Arab-Israeli issue, defense attorneys, reported the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, "bore down hard on whether prospective jurors held strong feelings on the tense Mid-east situation.

"This line of questioning became particularly acute during the questioning of Glick -- first, and so far the only, Jew to be tentatively seated on the jury."

As for Sirhan's attitude in court today "his bouyancy of Wednesday when he called out to a friend in the rear of the courtroom and wrangled verbally with Prosecutor Fitts, was gone" reported the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner.

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TO DIRECTOR (56-587) PLAINTEXT
FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 1P

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, LAST.

ACTIVITY IN SIRHAN TRIAL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY WITH EFFORTS ON PART OF BOTH DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION DIRECTED TOWARD SELECTING JURY. AT CLOSE OF COURT TODAY, TWELVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS SELECTED.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY, GRANT B. COOPER, REQUESTED ADJOURNMENT ON JANUARY TWENTY NEXT, AND GAVE AS REASON DEFENSE DESIRES TO CONSIDER JURY AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED PRIOR TO EXERCISING PREEMPTORY DISMISSALS.

IN ADDITION, COOPER IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR, U. S. DISTRICT COURT, JANUARY TWENTY, NEXT, IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES ATTENDANT TO RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIAR'S CLUB CONVICTIONS.

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SINCE NO SIRHAN TRIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY TWENTY, NEXT, NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THAT DATE.

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The attached pertains to current developments in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan in connection with the murder of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Cooper's appearance in U.S. District Court 1/20/69 involves sentencing of several subjects in the case concerning electronic cheating at the Beverly Hills Friar's Club where well known industrialists and show people were victimized. Cooper was a defense attorney.

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

FROM: Director, FBI

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For your information, CIA has advised that it reviewed its foreign broadcast intercept logs for the entire month of May, 1968, but could find no record of the alleged radio broadcasts from Prague, Czechoslovakia, or Baghdad, Iraq, in mid-May, 1968, which reportedly announced that Senator Kennedy had been shot.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

ReBuairtel 1/16/69, Los Angeles airtel 1/9/69,
Los Angeles teletype 6/14/68, Buairtel 6/10/68.

(1) Re: Request of Los Angeles Police Department
for Re-examination of Firearms Evidence

Pursuant to information furnished in Buairtel 1/16/69,
Deputy Chief ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department,
was advised that the FBI will not re-examine the firearms evi-
dence in this case.

(2) Re: Foreign Broadcast 5/17/68 Reporting Shooting
of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Buairtel of 6/10/68 advised that the Central Intelli-
gence Agency (CIA) was being contacted through regular liaison
to determine the possibility of locating the source of the
foreign broadcast that was heard by a number of persons abroad
on 5/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not any
additional information has been learned from CIA concerning the
origin of the broadcast abroad on 5/17/68.

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(3) Re: Los Angeles Police Department Interviews

Xerox copies of pertinent interviews by the Los Angeles Police Department are being prepared and will be forwarded to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department in accordance with the Department's request of 1/14/69.

Legat Manila (62-60)

January 28, 1969

Director, FBI

REC 82A

62-587-1081

1 - Mr. Besley

ALI ALI SAYIDI, AKA
INFORMATION CONCERNING - KENSALT

Re Manila letter 1/2/69, with enclosures.

Copies of the material sent as enclosures to relet have been furnished FBI Los Angeles and the Department of Justice. Since investigation by the Philippine authorities failed to indicate any connection with subject and the slaying of Senator Kennedy, no further inquiry by your office appears necessary.

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NOTE: Unsubstantiated allegations were published in a Manila newspaper that the subject was alleged to be involved in a plot to assassinate "VIPs" in the United States. This has been ^{investigated} indicated by the Philippine authorities and found to have no basis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/2/69

FROM : LEGAT, MANILA (62-60) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau as one copy of the report prepared in this matter by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Manila, Philippines, which was furnished on 1/2/69 by S. P. FAUSTO, Assistant Director, NBI.

On 1/2/69, S. P. FAUSTO, Assistant Director, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Manila, Philippines, advised that SAYIDI was still in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, and that an investigation conducted by NBI Agents failed to corroborate the allegation that SAYIDI was involved in the slaying of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said he wished to furnish a copy of the NBI report in the matter in order that the Bureau might have the benefit of its complete investigation to date. FAUSTO stated that SAYIDI may, in the near future, be transferred to Manila, where charges of illegal entry into the Philippines may be filed against him prior to his deportation.

The matter will continue to be followed in order that SAYIDI's ultimate departure from the Philippines may be reported.

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1018PM DEFERRED 1-29-69 KH
TO DIRECTOR 62-587 PLAINTEXT
FROM LOS ANGELES 56-156 P

KENSALT ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY AND CONSISTED OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE TO DISCREDIT GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF SIRHAN. DEFENSE MAINTAINS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYSTEM OF SELECTING GRAND JURORS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN THAT JURORS SELECTED FOR GRAND JURY DUTY DO NOT CONSIST CROSS SECTION OF COMMUNITY.

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SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES ALONG WITH QUESTIONAIRES TO OBTAIN EXPLANATIONS FOR SELECTING GRAND JURY MEMBERS. JUDGES RECEIVING SAME WILL HAVE OPTION TO TESTIFY IN COURT OR COMPLETING QUESTIONAIRES.

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JOHN HOWARD, ONE OF THREE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS PROSECUTING SIRHAN, ADVISED FOREGOING EFFORTS ON PART OF

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January 30, 1969

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DEFENSE AND OBJECTIONS BY PROSECUTION WILL PROBABLY TAKE
UP REMAINDER OF THIS WEEK. THE ACTIVITIES WHILE IN
OPEN COURT WAS NOT IN PRESENCE OF TWELVE JURY MEMBERS
SELECTED. IT IS ~~EXCEPTED~~ ^{EXPECTED} AFTER THE GRAND JURY
ISSUE IS RESOLVED, PRESENT JURY WILL BE SWORN IN AND SIX
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TO THIS ASPECT OF PROCEEDINGS TO CONTINUE TOMORROW.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 1/28/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(P)

SUBJECT: WENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

ReBulet to Los Angeles 1/6/69 which enclosed communi-
cations written in June 1968 and turned over to U. S. Secret
Service on 12/23/68 by the office of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letter-
head memorandum (LHM) captioned "ETHEL MAY ARENDS; INFORMATION
CONCERNING; MRS. A. WANTUCK - COMPLAINANT."

The interviewing Agent in the enclosed LHM was
SA FREDRICK E. BECKER.

Los Angeles indices are negative concerning both
ARENDS and WANTUCK.

Copy of the LHM is being furnished to Secret Service
locally by FD-342.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
January 28, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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