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WEEKLY SUMMARY #42

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 42nd summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

MONDAY, MARCH 17 -- Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, 'was almost a forgotten man at his own murder trial as a subsidiary trial shaped up over the credibility of clinical psychologist Martin M. Schorr' today, reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

After learning last Friday that many of Dr. Schorr's statements about the defendant 'were almost verbatim quotes from another man's book, the prosecution began introducing relevant portions of the book, 'Casebook of a Crime Psychiatrist,' by Dr. James A. Brussel," as evidence, related the newspaper.

It was indicated by Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard, one of three prosecutors assigned to the case by Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, that portions of the book not admitted into evidence will then be brought out in continued cross-examination of the psychologist.

Schorr testified that Sirhan shot Kennedy last June as a "symbolic replica" of his own father. Schorr's analysis of Sirhan was found to be almost an identical match to Brussel's hypothetical analysis of a New York killer more than a decade ago,' added the newspaper.

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner), noted that a letter written by Schorr to Russell E. Parsons, one of the three defense lawyers, "was read into the record. It reported Sirhan hated his father and transferred this hatred to Kennedy."

Continued the newspaper's account:

The wording of the letter writtwn in December of last year was similar to Brussel's language in the Psychiatrist-author's

description of a 1957 murder case in New York.

'Associate prosecutor John Howard pressed Schorr on the possibility the psychologist may have prejudged Sirhan.

'The letter from Schorr to Parsons dated July 10 -- before Schorr interviewed Sirhan -- said in part:

'Most murders committed by basically passive non-violent personalities are psychotic discharges of previously undiagnosed subtle but real schizophrenia.'

'However, Schorr insisted he did not reach any conclusions about the defendant's mental state until after he examined Sirhan.'

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TUESDAY, MARCH 18 -- Psychologists, including Dr. Orville Roderick Richardson and Dr. Martin M. Schorr, today assessed Sirhan B. Sirhan 'as a man of diminished mental capacity,' according to a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

Dr. Richardson told the court that the defendant 'appeared to be in somewhat worse shape when Dr. Schorr tested him than when I tested him.'

The doctor tested Sirhan on July 20, 1968, about six weeks after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was slain. Schorr examined Sirhan on November 25-26, 1968.

Reported the newspaper:

'Deterioration in Sirhan's thinking processes during the intervening months, Dr. Richardson said, showed up in the defendant's responses on the Bender-Gestalt test, in which a subject copies various designs presented to him.

'The two psychologists told the court their findings to almost the same battery of psychological examinations: the Rorschach, in which a subject evaluates ink blots; the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, which measures intelligence; the Bender-Gestalt; the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, in which a subject tells a story about a series of pictures.

'Dr. Richardson, arriving at generally the same conclusions as Dr. Schorr, emphasized that he made his evaluation on the basis of

'content and sequence analysis,' or what the answers said rather than on the quantitative or statistical results used by Dr. Schorr.'

Earlier today, Dr. Schorr concluded six days of testimony and under cross-examination admitted that he copied several passages used in his report from 'A Casebook of a Crime Psychiatrist' by Dr. James A. Brussel.

Reported the newspaper:

'He said he copied the material because he wanted 'to use language that was alive and vivid to state what I had so fumblingly stated in my earlier report.'

'The borrowed phrasing, he said, was used only to illustrate his findings from testing Sirhan and in no way influenced his evaluation of the defendant.

'He said he knew nothing about the cases Dr. Brussel was describing, but liked the way the author described paranoid characteristics.

'Pressed by Assistant District Attorney John E. Howard, Dr. Schorr said he often copies phrases from technical books and that, 'When I use language to describe what I have already written, I don't quote it (indicate by quotation marks). I don't claim authorship for these.'

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 -- 'Watching Sirhan Bishara Sirhan every day, it is sometimes difficult to remember he is a man, 25 years old today,' Dave Smith, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper (Times) wrote today.

Continues the article, in part:

'To many people, a 25th birthday is a time to take stock on that first third of their lives which usually governs how the rest will go.

'But to Sirhan, this milestone marks the virtual end of a life that was oddly incomplete, barely begun.

'He enters the courtroom with a jaunty strut, smiles and

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waves at his mother, Mary, and brothers, Munir and Adel, and occasionally even nods a greeting to certain reporters whose stories he has read and been pleased with.

He is elaborately polite to everyone in the courtroom, chopping up his sentences with a respectful 'sir' at every phrase, so that he is sometimes difficult to follow as he threads his delicate, courteous way through testimony on how he shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in the head at point-blank range but can't remember doing it.

He is on trial for his life, in what he reportedly regards as a purely political assassination, an act of patriotism to the Palestinian Arab cause, justified by maltreatment of Arab refugees like himself.

All the psychiatric evidence for both sides agree that Sirhan doesn't want to be portrayed as a psychotic, but as a man with a mission.

Sirhan's view of his motive is thus a heroic one, and he is said to be gratified that many Palestinian refugees regard him as a national hero and eloquent exponent of their long-standing grievance against Zionism.

What is striking about Sirhan's view is its utter irrelevance to the quiet Pasadena existence he has known for half his life.

In some twisted way that perhaps only psychiatry may ever explain, Sirhan walked the quiet, shaded streets of Pasadena and grew to a meek, polite adulthood with bloody scenes of Arab-Israeli conflict raging before his mind's eye.

Concerning Sirhan's inability to remember the events at the Ambassador Hotel, Smith notes that this is the keystone of Sirhan's defense theory of diminished capacity to premeditate.

His attorneys claim that the diminutive Arab was in a trance when he killed Kennedy, suffering a dissociative reaction to which paranoid schizophrenics are prone, abetted by degrees of drunkenness, self-induced hypnosis, long-term rage at Zionism and short-term rage at Kennedy's support of Israel.

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The prosecution counters that Sirhan's alleged trance is part retrograde amnesia and part convenience.

"Whether amnesia is feigned or a genuine part of Sirhan's mental illness remains to be proved. But the untested evidence of his illness -- from his childhood in Jerusalem to his own chaotic scribblings in his college notebook - testify to both a life of flight down blind alleys and to an iron probe that could not or would not seek a way out."

In court today, Dr. O. Roderick Richardson, clinical psychologist, resumed the stand and described Sirhan as a paranoid schizophrenic whose mental illness was 'about as severe as you can get without being unchangeable.'

He told the court that he felt Sirhan had been acutely ill 'for a year or two' before the June 5 slaying, adding that when he administered psychological tests last July, Sirhan was then 'getting worse.'

9 The defendant, related Richardson, 'was a very ill person who was descending further into mental illness.' Sirhan, he continued, had not passed the point of no return. He was close to being incurable, but still capable of either improvement or regression.

The doctor said he felt Sirhan's condition had worsened by November, when he was tested by Dr. Martin M. Schorr who, after six days on the stand, admitted he lifted from a psychiatrist's book the language he used in describing Sirhan as a paranoid schizophrenic.

"On the whole," reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), 'Richardson's conclusions tended to support those of Schorr, though Richardson admitted under cross-examination by Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts that he scores tests differently from Schorr, and would not have made certain conclusions that Schorr did.'

"In describing Sirhan's paranoia, Richardson said he found Sirhan to be 'blaming, suspicious, wordy, power-oriented, judgemental and moralistic' in his relationship with other people.

'He said Sirhan showed signs of delusions of omnipotence

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and grandeur and wishes to associate himself with symbols of prestige and status. Sirhan also felt himself the victim of unidentified influences, Richardson testified.

'Richardson said Sirhan had a superior intelligence and likened him to a 'good engine out of tune' because of erratic functioning in his daily emotional life.'

The witness also declared that Sirhan's reactions to the Thematic Apperception Test revealed depressive, suicidal, hostile tendencies heightened by anxiety over anything suggesting sex.

Said the newspaper:

'One reaction, to a picture of a man and woman in a bedroom, 'suggests a sexual problem,' Richardson said. Sirhan interpreted the picture as showing a man after he had either raped or strangled the woman. 'This emphasis on aggression and hostility in connection with sex,' Richardson said, 'makes the sexual topic a frightening one' for Sirhan.'

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O. Roderick Richardson, psychologist, said that Sirhan's plan to kill Kennedy 'would be premeditation of the sort when a mental patient in a locked ward plans to steal the keys from the night nurse and escape through the kitchen window.'

Psychiatrist Eric H. Marcus conceded that Sirhan was capable of planning the slaying, forming an intent to commit murder and harboring malice aforethought.

But, added Marcus, such plans arose from Sirhan's paranoid view of himself as a 'savior of society,' and in this context could not constitute mature and meaningful premeditation.

Besides Richardson and Marcus, the defense called two more

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clinical psychologists, Dr. Stephen J. Howard and Dr. William Crain. The two were excused with little or no cross-examination, and testified they examined raw data from five psychological tests administered by Richardson to Sirhan.

A Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported that after evaluating the tests independently they reached the same diagnosis as Richardson: that Sirhan is a paranoid schizophrenic and was in a state of diminished mental capacity when he shot Kennedy."

It was revealed for the first time in open court -- by Marcus -- that the prosecution's psychiatric consultant, Dr. Seymour Pollack, also considers Sirhan a paranoid schizophrenic, added the newspaper.

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Reported the newspaper:

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DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D., PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST, TESTIFIED ON REBUTTAL FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY. MORNING SESSION INTERRUPTED BY OUT BURST OF SIRHAN, WHO OBJECTED TO TESTIMONY OF POLLACK. SIRHAN WAS CALMED BY HIS ATTORNEYS AND ADMONISHED BY JUDGE RE ANY FURTHER OUTBURSTS. DEFENSE ATTORNEY PARSONS APOLOGIZED TO COURT FOR BEHAVIOR OF SIRHAN.

POLLACK TESTIFIED THAT ON JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SIRHAN HAD MENTAL CAPACITY TO HARBOR MALICE AND A FORETHOUGHT, TO MATURELY AND MEANINGFULLY HAVE INTENT TO KILL AND TO PREMEDIATE THE ACT OF KILLING SENATOR KENNEDY.

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POLLACK OF OPINION THAT IF SIRHAN IS SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA, IT IS RETROGRADE AMNESIA, WHICH WOULD NEVER HAVE DEVELOPED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AFTER THE ACT OF KILLING KENNEDY AND WOULD DEVELOP AS A DEFENSE AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACT. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY TOMORROW, APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.

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TO DIRECTOR 62-587 PLAINTEXT

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KENSALT. 00---LOS ANGELES.

REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY SEVENTH LAST.

REGULAR JUROR LAWRENCE K. MORGAN BECAME ILL LAST NIGHT  
AND WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. ALTERNATE JUROR MISS RUTH  
STILLMAN REPLACEMENT.

PROSECUTION BEGAN REBUTTAL AND DA'S INVESTIGATOR GEORGE  
MURPHY AND LAPD OFFICERS ADOLPH MELENDRES AND FRANK J.

PATCHETT TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SIRHAN  
EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIFTH, SIXTY EIGHT AND DID NOT BELIEVE  
THAT HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR NARCOTICS.

LAURENCE W. SLOAN, FORMER LAPD HANDWRITING EXPERT, NOW EMPLOYED

BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TESTIFIED 1 1969  
TO COMPARISON OF WRITING IN SIRHAN'S NOTE BOOK AGAINST  
"AUTOMATIC WRITING" MADE BY SIRHAN WHILE IN CUSTODY AND  
UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DEFENSE PSYCHIATRIST DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND.

SLOAN GAVE CONCLUSION THAT WRITING IN NOTE BOOK NOT MADE WHILE

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SIRHAN WAS UNDER A STATE OF HYPNOSIS.

PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SYMORE POLLACK, M.D. BEGAN TESTIMONY RE HIS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. POLLACK NOT COMPLETED READING HIS REPORT WHEN COURT ADJOURNED.

CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF SIRHAN. SAIDALLAH, BROTHER OF SIRHAN WAS MOVED FROM ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PASADENA, TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY IN WARD FIVE FOUR ZERO ZERO. SAIDALLAH WAS MOVED IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRES AND DUE TO DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY SHARIF THE OTHER BROTHER OF SIRHAN AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

ON EARLY MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT, SHARIF SIRHAN WAS ARRESTED BY THE PASADENA PD IN THE INTENSIVE CARE WARD OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PASADENA. HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND DISTURBING THE PEACE, DUE TO DISTURBANCE AT BEDSIDE OF HIS BROTHER SAIDALLAH AND HIS ATTEMPT TO STRIKE THE NURSE ON DUTY. PASADENA PD FILED DISTURBING THE PEACE COMPLAINT AGAINST SHARIF AND DROPPED ASSAULT CHARGE. SHARIF WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON APRIL THIRD AT TWO PM, DEPARTMENT TWO, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. SHARIF WAS RELEASED ON BAIL.

THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON MONDAY MARCH THIRTY FIRST NEXT AND NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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~~DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND PLS MAKE CORRECTION~~

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FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 1P

KENSALT. 00: LA.

REMYTEL FOUR ONE LAST.

DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D., PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST,  
RESUMED STAND TODAY AS REBUTTAL WITNESS. PROSECUTION  
CONCLUDED DIRECT EXAMINATION JUST BEFORE NOON RECESS AND  
DEFENSE CROSS-EXAMINED POLLACK FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION  
TODAY.

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*Leah*

CROSS-EXAMINATION CENTERED ON POSSIBLE DISCREPANCY  
IN TERMS USED BY POLLACK IN COFIDENTIAL REPORT TO DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY AS OPPOSED TO HIS FINAL SYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION  
OF SIRHAN. POLLACK ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO WHY FURTHER  
PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION NOT MADE OF SIRHAN. POLLACK  
WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION ON FOUR  
THREE NEXT.

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KENSALT. 00: LA.

REMYTEL FOUR TWO LAST.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER CROSS EXAMINED FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M. D.

COOPER REPEATED QUESTIONING CONCERNING SEVERAL AREAS BROUGHT OUT IN TESTIMONY ON FOUR TWO LAST, INCLUDING SIRHAN'S WRITINGS, CONFIDENTIAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY POLLACK ON FEBRUARY FIVE LAST, AND HIS FINAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN USED AS THE BASIS OF DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE. POLLACK DID STATE THAT HE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BUT THAT HE TRIED NOT TO LET THIS FEELING INTERFERE WITH HIS OBJECTIVITY IN HIS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION ON FOUR FOUR NEXT. COURT SESSION TOMORROW WILL BE FOR ONLY ONE HALF DAY.  
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TO DIRECTOR (62-587) (PLAINTEXT)

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT, OO--LOS ANGELES.

REMYTEL APRIL FOUR LAST.

PROSECUTION REBUTTAL WITNESS DR. LEONARD OLINGER,  
INSTRUCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA, TESTIFIED FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY.

OLINGER TESTIFIED IN GENERAL CONCERNING PSYCHOLOGICAL  
TESTING AND THEN TESTIFIED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THE CONCLUSIONS  
REACHED BY DR. MARTIN SCHORR AND DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON  
WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED FOR THE DEFENSE.

OLINGER WAS CRITICAL OF SEVERAL OF THE CONCLUSIONS  
OF SCHORR AND RICHARDSON AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT HIS  
EVALUATION OF THEIR RESULTS WOULD INDICATE THAT SIRHAN  
COULD PREMEDITATE, COMMIT, AND HAVE SUFFICIENT MALICE  
TO CONSUMMATE THE ACT HE COMMITTED IN KILLING KENNEDY.

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932PM URGENT 4-4-69 TJT

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

FROM BOSTON (44-646) (P)

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RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST FIVE LAST; LOS ANGELES  
TELETYPE TO BOSTON, APRIL THREE LAST.

ON APRIL FOUR INSTANT, HENRY RONALD RAMISTELLA, AKA FRANK  
RUMMA, STATED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY BERT C. ALTERFLISH (PHONETIC),  
OWNER OF GRANJA VISTA DEL RIO RANCH, AS A HORSE TRAINER FOR TWO  
YEARS ENDING EARLY SIXTYEIGHT. RAMISTELLA STATES HE IS BARRED  
FROM TRACKS AND WORKED FOR ALTERFISH UNDER ALIAS FOR THIS REASON.

SIRHAN SIRHAN, AKA SOL, WORKED FOR RAMISTELLA AS EXERCISE  
BOY AND JOCKEY TRAINEE FOR ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS. SIRHAN QUIT  
AFTER BEING REJECTED BY R.L. "BOB" WHEELER AS JOCKEY. WHEELER  
KNOWN TO ALTERFISH.

RAMISTELLA WITNESSED SIRHAN FALL FROM HORSE IN INCIDENT  
PUBLICIZED BY NEWSPAPERS. STATES SIRHAN NOT INJURED IN FALL,  
TREATED IN HOSPITAL AND RELEASED. SIRHAN BEHAVED NO DIFFERENT  
FOLLOWING FALL.

SIRHAN ARGUED POLITICS "COMMUNISM" WITH TWO HUNGARIANS; JOHN  
(LNU) ONLY NAME AVAILABLE. REC 109 62-587-1162

ALTERFLISH MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH NAMES OF HUNGARIANS.

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4-24PM URGENT 4-4-69 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR (62-587) PLAINTEXT

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156)

KENSALT, OO LOS ANGELES.

REMYTEL, APRIL THIRD LAST.

PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D.,  
FINISHED TESTIMONY TODAY AS REBUTTAL WITNESS. NO FURTHER  
WITNESSES CALLED AS NO AFTERNOON SESSION OF COURT SCHEDULED.  
PROSECUTION ATTORNEY ADVISED INTENDED TO CALL ONE MORE  
REBUTTAL WITNESS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY ADVISED OF INTENTION TO  
CALL ONE SIR REBUTTAL WITNESS. CASE RECESSED UNTIL APRIL  
SEVEN NEXT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

DATE: 4/9/69

Re Bureau airtel dated 2/27/69 and Los Angeles airtel dated 3/4/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies and for Los Angeles seven copies of an insert in captioned matter.

The informants contacted were:

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
NY 4265-S	March, 1969	JOHN DI MARCHI
NY 1656-S	March, 1969	JOHN DI MARCHI
NY 1621-S	March, 1969	JOHN DI MARCHI
NY 4200-S	March, 1969	JOHN DI MARCHI
NY 5034-S	March, 1969	JOHN DI MARCHI
NY 2517-S	March, 1969	JOHN DI MARCHI
NY 2461-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 2462-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 4097-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 2650-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 5113-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 5612-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 5666-S	March, 1969	ROBERT O. JOHNSON
NY 2529-S	March, 1969	JOHN MALLEY
NY 4030-S	March, 1969	JOHN MALLEY
NY 2750-S	March, 1969	JOHN MALLEY

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
NY 2101-S	3/11/69	JOHN MAHER
NY 4260-S	3/25/69	CHARLES DAVIS
NY 5477-S	3/23/69	CHARLES DAVIS
NY 694-S*	3/5/69	ALEXANDER BURLINSON
NY 359-S	March, 1969	ROGER O'MARA
NY 1117-S	March, 1969	ROGER O'MARA
NY 4816-S	March, 1969	ROGER O'MARA
NY 2207-S	March, 1969	ROGER O'MARA
NY 939-S	March, 1969	ROGER O'MARA
NY 3624-S	March, 1969	ROGER O'MARA



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During March, 1969, individuals who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted. They stated they do not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, WALTER CROWE or THOMAS GOOD.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

In '58 our graduating class was able to visit in your building while on our class trip to the Capital. We were the last classes to be able to finance our trip that lasted 1 week. Now I am married and have children and very happy I was able to come to your offices. So I feel like I can write you on issues that appear in newspapers. Hard to believe stories.

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Thank you for your time.

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Mrs. Donald Smith

3731 Tipp Cowlesville Rd.

Tipp City, Ohio 45371

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Mrs. Donald Smith  
3721 Tipp Louisville Rd.  
Tipp City, Ohio 45371

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## For Protection

# Suite Is Readied To House Sirhan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A three-cell suite is being built for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan at a state medical facility in case he is convicted of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and sentenced to life imprisonment, a state official said yesterday.

Sirhan's large quarters, now being walled off, will have a kitchen-dining room, a bedroom, a living room and a lavatory with shower, said Philip D. Guthrie of the California Adult Authority.

The cell, which Guthrie said would protect the occupant from other prisoners, is at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville, near Sacramento.

Sirhan is on trial, accused of first degree murder in the assassination of Kennedy last June 5. If the jury convicts him of that charge, it will choose between death and life imprisonment as the penalty.

If given a life sentence, Sirhan would be sent to the medical facility for "indefinite confinement—many months or even years," a standard procedure for prisoners with mental problems, Guthrie said.

"We'll need some reading of his frame of mind and we'll also want to assess the reaction of other inmates."

This, Guthrie said, would "eliminate the risk of someone trying to poison his food."

The second cell would be a living room, equipped with a television set, where Sirhan could receive visitors.

The third cell would be Sirhan's bedroom.

The bathroom will be off the kitchen.

The cost of imprisoning Sirhan and keeping a 24-hour watch on him, would far outstrip the \$2,800 yearly spent on average prisoners. Guthrie said explaining, "We've spent about \$5,000 to remodel this section."

He added: "With every prisoner of this kind, time makes a lot of difference. In time, maybe we would be able to move him out of security and into the general routine."

Guthrie added that the California Adult Authority is asking the legislature for legislation so Sirhan could be held at Vacaville if he receives the death penalty instead of being sent, as state law requires, to Death Row at San Quentin Prison.

He attributed the request to "questions brought up about Sirhan's mental condition" and Sirhan's "notoriety."

The three cells each are about 10 by 15 feet, Guthrie said.

One would be converted into a kitchen, equipped with a stainless steel stove and oven, where uniformed personnel would cook Sirhan's meals.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-587) (PLAINTEXT)

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) (1P)

KENSALT. 00--LOS ANGELES.

REMYTEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE RESTED THEIR CASES IN TRAIL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY. REMAINDER OF ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF REVIEW ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION OF ITEMS OF EVIDENCE ENTERED DURING TRIAL.

OPENING ARGUMENTS TO JURY WILL COMMENCE APRIL NINE NEXT WITH DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FIRZ LEADING OFF FOR PROSECUTION. THREE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL ALSO BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALLY PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO JURY.

PROSECUTION STILL INTENDS TO REQUEST DEATH PENALTY FOR SIRHAN IF JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

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Mrs. Donald Smith  
3721 Tipp Cowlesville Road  
Tipp City, Ohio 45371

D.C.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I have read your letter dated April 2nd and enclosure and appreciate your interest in writing. The prosecution and confinement of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, however, fall within the jurisdiction of local and state authorities in California and, for this reason, I am unable to comment relative to the questions you raised.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: The numerous references under variations of correspondent's name appearing in Bufiles were not reviewed for the purposes of answering attached letter. CH

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Date: 4/9/69

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 3/25/69.

RE: WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE FROM  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Attached herewith are two copies of an eighteen 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 4/2/69 and is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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RE MY TEL APRIL NINE LAST.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY RUSSELL PARSONS LED OFF DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S CLOSING ARGUMENTS OF SIRHAN'S FAMILY LIFE PRIOR TO COMING TO UNITED STATES.

PARSONS FOLLOWED BY EMILE ZOLA BERMAN, ANOTHER DEFENSE ATTORNEY, WHO PRESENTED TO THE JURY ACTIVITIES OF SIRHAN SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES. BERMAN ALSO EMPHASIZED THE DETERIORATING MENTAL CONDITION OF SIRHAN.

REMAINDER OF COURT SESSION TODAY CONSUMED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER WHO EXPLAINED LAWS OF MURDER TO JURY. COOPER INDICATED THAT DEFENSE WAS NOT SEEKING A VERDICT OF LESS THAN MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT SIRHAN DUE TO MENTAL CONDITION SHOULD BE INCARCERATED FOR LIFE. COOPER WILL CONTINUE WITH ARGUMENTS TO THE JURY ON APRIL ELEVEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY CONSISTED  
OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS TO JURY BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DAVID FITTS. ENTIRE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS DEVOTED TO FITTS'  
PRESENTATION.

ON APRIL TEN NEXT DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER WILL  
LEAD OFF IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE WITH CLOSING ARGUMENT TO JURY  
IN BEHALF OF SIRHAN.

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REMYTEL APRIL TEN LAST AND APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY

CONSISTED OF PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER  
SUMMING UP IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE AND REQUESTING JURY TO  
RETURN VERDICT OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

AT CONCLUSION OF COOPER'S PRESENTATION, CHIEF DEPUTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON PRESENTED BRIEF FINAL  
ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION. CONCLUSION OF FINAL  
AGRUMENT IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION WILL BE COMPLETED APRIL  
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REMYTEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST. ALTERNATE JUROR, GEORGE STITZEL SELECTED THIS MORNING TO REPLACE REGULAR JUROR RELEASED BECAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY.

CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON, COMPLETED ARGUMENTS TO JURY FOR PROSECUTION.

JUDGE READ INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY AND CASE SENT TO JURY FOR DELIBERATION AT THREE P.M. TODAY.

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ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

RE LATELS JUNE SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST CONCERNING CATHY SUE  
FULMER, WHO AT THAT TIME TURNED HERSELF IN TO LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS WOMAN IN POLKA DOT DRESS BEING SOUGHT BY  
POLICE.

SHE WAS TODAY IDENTIFIED BY LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HOMICIDE DIVISION AS FEMALE SUICIDE VICTIM WHO DIED APRIL EIGHT  
LAST. VICTIM WAS FOUND BY MOTEL MANAGER AT LUNA PARK AUTO COURT,  
TWO ONE ZERO ONE PARKSIDE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, IN COMATOSE  
CONDITION APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY NINE. SHE DIED IN HOSPITAL  
FOLLOWING MORNING WITHOUT REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS.

VICTIM LEFT FOLLOWING MESSAGE SCRAWLED IN LIPSTICK ON  
MOTEL MIRROR - QUOTE LORD, YOU GAVE ME A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB, A  
WOODEN BOX WILL DO UNQUOTE.

DEATH TENTATIVELY ATTRIBUTED TO OVERDOSE OF SECONAL.

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CC: MR. GALE

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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April 11, 1969  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Immediately after shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on 6-5-68, at Ambassador Hotel, a story, later found to be a hoax, circulated to the effect that a girl in a white polka dot dress was seen running from the hotel screaming "We have shot him."

Attached pertains to one of the first publicity seekers, a cocktail waitress, who turned herself in to Los Angeles authorities claiming she was the woman in the polka dot dress. This admission was completely false.

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RE: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 4/9/69.

RE: WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE FROM  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Attached herewith are two copies of an eighteen 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 4/9/69 and is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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RELEASE: Wed., April 9, 1969  
After 10 a.m.

WEEKLY SUMMARY #44

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 44th summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

MONDAY, MARCH 31 -- An Associated Press story published in today's editions of a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) said a "three-cell suite is being prepared for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan at a state medical facility in case he is convicted of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and sentenced to life imprisonment, a state official said Sunday.

"Sirhan's large quarters, now being walled off, will have a kitchen-dining room, a bedroom, a living room and a lavatory with shower, said Philip D. Guthrie of the California Adult Authority.

"The cell, which Guthrie said would protect the occupant from other prisoners, is at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville, near Sacramento."

Sirhan is accused of first degree murder in the assassination of Kennedy. If the jury convicts him of that charge, it will choose between death and life imprisonment as the penalty, related AP.

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Continued the wire service story:

"If given a life sentence, Sirhan would be sent to the medical facility for 'indefinite confinement -- many months or even years,' a standard procedure for prisoners with mental problems, Guthrie said.

"We'll need some reading of his frame of mind and we'll also want to assess the reaction of other inmates."

"Guthrie added that the California Adult Authority is asking the Legislature for special legislation so Sirhan could be held at Vacaville if he receives the death penalty instead of being sent, as state law requires, to Death Row at San Quentin Prison.

"He attributed the request to 'questions brought up about Sirhan's mental condition' and Sirhan's 'notoriety.'"

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 -- Sirhan B. Sirhan, who is on trial for the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy "flew into a rage" today when a prosecution psychiatrist in effect called him a liar," reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Dr. Seymour Pollack testified that he didn't believe the defendant "really couldn't remember writing in his notebook of his intent to kill" the senator, related the newspaper.

Continued the news story:

"Pollack said he regarded Sirhan's claimed amnesia as 'an attempt to avoid the serious consequences that could result if the notebook was attributed as evidence of his premeditation to murder Kennedy.'"

Sirhan,

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"Though Pollack did not use the word 'lie,' Sirhan quickly grasped the import of Pollack's testimony and jumped to his feet, shouting 'Your honor, sir...!'"

"Four husky deputies jammed the tiny Palestinian Arab back into his chair as Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker warned: 'You settle down or I'll do what I told you I'd do.'"

(In February, during another outburst, the judge told Sirhan that he would be gagged and tied in the courtroom if the outbursts continued.)

Sirhan didn't settle down today, and told Russell E. Parsons, one of three defense lawyers, "I Told the truth and I don't like him to call me a liar."

The judge called a recess and ordered the jury to retire as four deputies ushered the defendant out of the courtroom. During the 15-minute recess, Parsons calmed the ruffled defendant, and the trial resumed following an apology by Parsons on behalf of his client.

Pollack continued that he believes Sirhan wasn't telling the truth about his alleged amnesia regarding the notebook writing. In earlier testimony the doctor said he didn't believe Sirhan was suffering psychotic delusions when he shot the senator.

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) related the following:

"Defense lawyer Emile Zola Berman claims that the psychiatrist, Dr. Seymour Pollack, reported to Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger that

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