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ADD QUE TIONS 255 XXX TO.

IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THROUGHOUT THE INVESTIGATION, LOS ANGELES POLICE
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE WERE NEVER HAPPY THAT THEY HAD TO
MAINTAIN SILENCE ON THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS.

THEY WERE FORCED TO REMAIN SILENT BY A NEWS MUZZLE ORDER ISSUED 12
DAYS AFTER THE SENATE ORDERED.

ISSUED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ANTON ALARCON WHO SAID HE
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THIRD MAJOR POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE LAST YEARS.

(NOTE: THIS REPORT BY ART KEVIN IN NO WAY CHARGES OR HINTS THAT
THERE WAS A PLOT TO KILL NEW YORK SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, BUT ONLY
HOPES TO POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY RESPONSIBLE QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN
UNANSWERED.)

1100 PM.

RADIO BROADCAST
BY ART KEVIN
RADIO STATION KHJ

In connection with this broadcast the local minister who implied that Sirhan tried to make him part of an escape plot immediately after the assassination, is identical to Jerry Lee Owens.

The mystery cleric referred to by Kevin as James Mundell is identical to Reverend James W. Mundell. The local anti-Castro Jose Duarte is identical to Major Jose Duarte. In connection with the alleged freeway shooting attack on Saidallah Sirhan, Sirhan's brother, it was the conclusion of the Pasadena Police Department that this was possibly a self-inflicted attack.

In reference to Kathy Fulmer and [REDACTED] mentioned by Kevin, it is noted that Fulmer never had any connection with the investigation and the reference to [REDACTED] was completely evaluated.

Kevin gives reference to the mystery of the polka dot dress lady and it is noted that this aspect was completely refuted by Sandra Serrano who originated the story and Vincent Di Piero who claimed to have seen this girl when both of these individuals took polygraph examinations and admitted the falsity of their prior statements.

Investigation also showed that there was no basis for the statement by Booker Griffin concerning the girl in the polka dot dress.

In connection with Kevin's statement that Israeli Intelligence had sent a file to the local FBI Officials, no such file was ever received by this office.

It is to be noted that in connection with the above items designated by Kevin in this broadcast, that each and every item has previously been thoroughly investigated by both the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Office of the FBI and each area has been thoroughly resolved and all of this information has previously been furnished to the Bureau in report and/or Letterhead Memorandum.

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2178 Washington Street
Eugene, Oregon
May 4, 1969

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President Richard Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Nixon,

The following is a clipping from the Eugene Register Guard, April 25th.

Middle East Agitators Said Flowing to U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, R-Mich., citing the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy by an Arab refugee, said Thursday Peking-trained "agitators from the Middle East" are participating in American college disturbances.

"Indications of the flow of trained agitators from the Middle East have been revealed in contacts between the Arabs and the Black Panthers, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and other anti-democratic groups," Ford said in a speech before a gathering of lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

"We are painfully aware of how the Middle East conflict has already spilled over our shores in the case of the convicted murderer Sirhan Sirhan. This nation will not tolerate assassination and terrorism," he said.

I am wondering, is this information reliable or is it just a plausible, improbable line thrown out to see what it catches?

"Peking trained" sounds much more foreboding than "Moscow trained". Is this the way it is or is this verbal gymnastics? And, also, what constitutes a "flow" of trained agitators? It must be somewhere from 3 to several hundred, I suppose.

For over six months all indications are that the assassination of Senator Kennedy was not an international conspiracy. The trial of Sirhan has not indicated anything different. Now suddenly it is claimed that these groups - Arabs, Black Panthers, S. D. S., and "other anti-democratic groups" - are in very real danger of becoming a unity with a common goal, that of disrupting our country. Is this a responsible evaluation of the situation or is this simply the lumping of our urban, ghetto, racism, economic problems in with the Middle East problems?

To me this article sounds like an effort to discredit and smear Arabs. For many people, however, it ties a great variety of complex problems into one neat and tidy little package. It doesn't solve or explain anything but it does direct people's antagonism.

My main concern is what does this report from a responsible official say about our developing policies on the Middle East situation? Are we going to take the stand that this is really a conflict between Russia and the U.S. and the Arabs are assigned the role of stooges?

I should like to see this report elaborated upon and either confirmed or denied by someone who can speak with authority.

copies:

Sen. Mark Hatfield
Sen. Robert Packwood
U.S. Sec. of State

Sincerely,

Richard E. Chambers
Richard E. Chambers 62-587-1201

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Date: 5/27/69

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

Re: THOMAS GOOD

Re Los Angeles report 7/1/68 (page 499); Re Los Angeles report 8/7/68 (page 550); re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 9/9/68; San Francisco airtel to Bureau 8/27/68; San Francisco airtel to Bureau 5/21/69.

In connection with the request of the Department of Justice concerning THOMAS GOOD, there is no evidence available showing his presence in the Los Angeles area in June 1968.

San Francisco airtel of 5/21/69 would indicate that, at least on 6/5 and 6/68, GOOD was in the San Jose, California, area.

UACB, no further action will be taken regarding GOOD.

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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 5/26/69.

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

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

NEWS RELEASE

Office of the District Attorney
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: Jerry Littman
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6-3888, Ext. 82396

RELEASE: Wed., May 21, 1969
After 10 a.m.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (175-NEW) (C)

ALEX M. PEDILLA
THREAT AGAINST THE
PRESIDENT

Re Phoenix teletype to Bureau, 6/6/69.

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of
a LHM concerning captioned matter. The LHM is self-
explanatory.

Phoenix indices are negative.

Agent JAMES E. LE GETTE, Secret Service, Phoenix,
notified telephonically at 11:24 AM, 6/6/69, by SA BURTON H.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
June 8, 1969

ALEX M. PEDILLA

On June 6, 1969, at 11:15 AM, Mr. Morris Johnson, U.S. Civil Service Commission, 44 West Adams, Phoenix, Arizona, telephonically notified SA Burton H. Jensen of the Phoenix FBI Office that on June 4, 1969 at approximately 1:30 PM, Alex M. Pedilla stated to Gene Hahn, Information Girl, U.S. Civil Service Commission, Phoenix, that, "I ought to perforate Nixon's head like I did the Kennedys."

Mr. Johnson advised that Mr. Pedilla was in their office for the purpose of applying for a job. On the application completed by Mr. Pedilla, Mr. Pedilla included the following information:

Address	414 West Roosevelt Phoenix, Arizona
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Past employment	Communications Technician, United States Navy, High Security Clearance - discharged
	Grocery Store, San Antonio, New Mexico
	Western Union Telegraph, 1964 - 1968 - left because of discrimination in management

Mr. Pedilla called Mr. Johnson "sub-human," and Mr. Johnson stated he called the girls in the office "bigots" and "white trash."

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ALEX M. PEDILLA

Gene Hahn stated that three other men who were applying for jobs were in the room at the time Mr. Pedilla made his statements, but she could not identify any of them.

Agent James E. LeGette, Secret Service, Phoenix, Arizona, was telephonically informed of the above information at 11:24 AM on June 6, 1969.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Mr. Bohn
1 - Liaison Unit
1 - Lab file (62-587)
1 - Mr. Schutz, Rm. 5716
1 - Mr. McKinnon,
Rm. 5718

To: Director, U. S. Secret Service

June 3, 1969

By Liaison

Re: Unknown Subject;
Chief Justice Earl Warren -
Victim;
Extortion

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. CO-2-51,322
FBI FILE NO. 95-153887
LAB. NO. D-690526003 AT

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 5/16/69

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Q1 U.S. postal card, postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
April __, 1969," addressed "Chief Justice Earle Red Rat Warren
Washington, D.C. U.S. Supreme Ct."

Result of examination:

The handwriting on Q1 was compared with the
Anonymous Letter File maintained in the FBI Laboratory without
effecting an identification with any of the writings therein.

As requested, the writing on Q1 has been compared
with the writing on the envelope designated as Q22 which is
described in FBI Laboratory report dated June 21, 1968, a
copy of which was directed to your office in connection with
the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Los Angeles,
California. While the writing on the envelope described as
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Note on yellow: This matter has been
coordinated with Special Agent
H. A. Schutz of the Criminal
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Investigative Division.

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adequate comparison with the writing on specimen Q1 described above, a number of significant differences in handwriting characteristics were found which indicate that the writer of the postal card Q1 did not write the envelope designated as Q22 in the case pertaining to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

You will be advised subsequently concerning the results of the investigation conducted in this matter. Q1 is returned herewith.

Note for San Francisco: Two photocopies of Q1 are attached to the copies for San Francisco.

San Francisco is requested to conduct appropriate investigation and advise the Bureau.

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(The senator was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968. He now awaits sentencing by Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker. The jury voted the death sentence for the defendant.)

The demand for payment was contained in a suit filed in behalf of the hotel, and directed against the National Kennedy for President Committee, Kennedy National Headquarters, Kennedy Campaign Committee and the latter's attorney, Stanley R. Caidin, and Julius Glazer, accountant.

Filed April 18, the suit was sealed pending the levying of an attachment by the county marshal's office. The marshal's report showed that an account standing in the name of the Kennedy Campaign

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Committee at the U.S. National Bank had been attached.

But Caidin said only a "nominal amount" was in the account.

The suit said the bill was incurred for hotel space, goods and services under an agreement made in June, 1968.

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TUESDAY, MAY 20 -- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today voiced support of federal legislation designed to reimburse state and local governments for expenses resulting from the prosecution of individuals accused of assassinating or attempting to assassinate federal office holders.

Noted an article in a Los Angeles legal newspaper (Daily Journal):

"The resolution delivered by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn called for the county to support a bill now before the United States Senate, which was authored by Montana Senator Lee Metcalf.

"If passed, the legislation would provide for the reimbursement of any prosecution expense resulting from the attempted assassinating or assassination of the President, cabinet member, Senator and member of the House of Representatives.

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The text of the statement:

"Some time ago, when discussions concerning the possibility of a plea were being conducted, I inquired of an attorney representing Senator Edward Kennedy whether or not the Senator or the Kennedy family had any comments or recommendations relative to the penalty in this case.

"I was told at that time that the Senator did not have any recommendations.

"Last week, this same attorney phoned from New York and asked me whether or not, in my opinion, it would be proper for the Senator to now express an opinion concerning penalty.

"I indicated that, in my opinion, the question of guilt, having been decided, it would be proper for a member of the family of the victim to express an opinion, provided it was done openly in the form of a letter to the probation office or to the judge.

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"I further indicated, however, that the judge might consider such an opinion irrelevant to the present proceedings, but that in any event, the letter would be in the file for consideration at any clemency hearing that might occur in the future.

"I indicated that if the Senator wished to write a letter expressing his opinion, I would present it to your Honor in open court. I have here a hand-written letter, which was delivered to me on May 19, 1969, and I offer it to your Honor for whatever consideration you deem proper."

Copies of the Senator's letter were then handed to Judge Herbert V. Walker and Grant B. Cooper, one of the defense attorneys, but it was not read in open court.

Later, however, Younger released the text of the Kennedy letter, which is as follows:

"Some weeks ago you inquired whether the Kennedy family wished to express any views on the possible penalties available to the court under the law in the trial involving the death of my brother.

"The issue then was the position to be taken by the prosecution on the offer of a plea of guilty and that involved the question whether there would be any trial at all. We felt that any answer to your inquiry at that time would accordingly be inappropriate.

"At the time of the hearing on the sentence a similar inquiry was made by defense counsel. The matter was then before the jury and again any response seemed inappropriate.

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"I now understand that the trial judge will be called upon to exercise his discretion concerning the penalty. Since this is now a question of clemency and the trial proceedings have been concluded, I feel I can appropriately convey to you, for whatever consideration you believe to be proper, how we feel.

"My brother was a man of love and sentiment and compassion. He would not have wanted his death to be a cause for the taking of another life.

"You may recall his pleas when he learned of the death of Martin Luther King. He said that 'what we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness, but love and wisdom and compassion towards one another.'

"Moreover he was a young man totally committed to life and living. He stood against injustice, poverty and discrimination for these evils lessened life.

"He grew to despise war for war denies the sacredness of life. And he had a special affection for children for they held the promise of life.

"We all realize that many other considerations fall within your responsibility and that of the court. But if the kind of man my brother was is pertinent we believe it should be weighed in the balance on the side of compassion, mercy and God's gift of life itself."

Sirhan was formally sentenced today to death in the San Quentin gas chamber, despite the plea by Sen. Edward Kennedy that the life of

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his brother's assassin be spared.

Reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times):

"Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, brushing aside both the dramatic letter and an impassioned entreaty by defense attorney Grant B. Cooper, read solemnly from a previously prepared summary of the case.

"This is the time for judgment and sentence...It is the judgment and sentence of this court that for the crime of murder in the first-degree...you should suffer the penalty of death within the walls of San Quentin in the manner prescribed by law."

"He ordered the diminutive assassin taken to San Quentin's Death Row within 10 days.

"Sirhan, standing with his hands on his hips and staring without visible emotion as the judge sternly pronounced sentence, turned and smiled at defense investigator Michael McCowan, 'Well, now the real battle begins.'

"Mrs. Mary Sirhan, seated in the second row of the small courtroom, cried softly and dabbed at her eyes as she waited for court to adjourn, signalling the moment when she could visit her condemned son in his 13th floor cell.

"She also had written to Judge Walker, citing Biblical references in her plea for mercy for Sirhan. Her letter, delivered to the 69-year old jurist Wednesday morning, was not mentioned in open court."

Before the formal sentencing today, Cooper cited 13 grounds for his motion for a new trial for Sirhan, arguing at length on two points.

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