

# "R.F.K. Must Die!"

A History of  
the Robert Kennedy Assassination  
and Its Aftermath

by  
Robert Blair Kaiser

By the same author

POPE, COUNCIL AND WORLD (1963)



E. P. DUTTON & CO., INC., NEW YORK, 1970

The Deputy Attorney General

January 27, 1971

REC 85-1255  
Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Schutz

SI-114  
ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is in reply to your inquiry received January 25, 1971, captioned "Freedom of Information Act," which concerns a request by one Michael James Clark for access to certain reports regarding Sirhan B. Sirhan. In his letter to the Department, Clark bases his request on the fact that he alleges FBI reports had been made available to Robert Blair Kaiser, the author of the recently published book, "RFK Must Die."

As was indicated in my letter of November 18, 1970, captioned as above, FBI reports were furnished the Los Angeles County, California, District Attorney's Office with the request they not be disseminated outside that office. Neither the FBI nor the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office furnished copies of FBI reports to the defense.

Defense counsel through the court demanded production of the Los Angeles, California, Police Department and FBI interviews of pertinent individuals in connection with the investigation. Review of these interviews was made by the prosecution and copies of requested interviews made. This material was then taken to the court and, upon proper order, turned over to the defense by the court. No restrictions were imposed concerning the use which could be made of this material.

This Bureau did not make copies of FBI reports available to Robert Blair Kaiser. Accordingly, it is recommended Clark's request be denied since the information requested by him is contained in investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes.

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

1 - Los Angeles (56-156) (Info)

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The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: This is another in a series of requests which have been received by the Department under the Freedom of Information Act for FBI reports in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination investigation. Bureau files show the correspondent, Michael James Clark, may be identical with an individual who supported an anti-Vietnam advertisement in a Reading, Pennsylvania, newspaper 1-8-67.

Robert Blair Kaiser is a former staff writer and photographer for "Time" and "Life" magazines who was appointed a member of the Sirhan defense team and participated in his defense under the guise of investigator. A review of his book has found it to be replete with inaccuracies and outright lies.

Our position in this reply to the Deputy Attorney General is consistent with our previous position when the Department has requested our views relative to making FBI files available to individuals requesting same under the Freedom of Information Act.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/17/71

FROM : *JFM*  
SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: KENSALT  
(Bureau 62-587)  
(Los Angeles 55-156)  
(New York 44-1540) (RUC)

CHANGED  
GHEORGHE BUZDUGAN aka  
George Buzdugar  
Gheorghe Boldici  
George Boldici  
Gheorghe Goldis  
George Goldis  
IS - RO  
(OO: NEW YORK)  
(Bureau 105-202465)  
(New York 105-107202) (C)

Title is changed to reflect possible aliases of subject, BUZDUGAN, as obtained through investigation conducted by the NYO. The title was formerly carried as "GHEORGHE BUZDUGAN; IS-RO", Office of Origin: New York.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letter-head memorandum (LHM), dated as above and captioned "GHEORGHE BUZDUGAN also known as". One copy of the LHM is designated for Legat, Paris. One copy has been sent to Los Angeles for information.

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1-New York (105-107202) (BUZDUGAN)

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Interview of BUZDUGAN was conducted in the Romanian language by SAS JOHN J. CRONIN and DANIEL F. SUGHRUE on 1/7/71.

MIRON BUTARIU (Bufile 105-116797) was interviewed on 1/19/71, by SA CRONIN.

The confidential source in the LHM is MARIN DATCU, who furnished the information on 1/7/71, to SAS CRONIN and SUGHRUE.

GUGU furnished the information on 12/7/70, 12/29/70, and 1/18/71, to SA CRONIN.

KORNEA furnished the information to SAS CRONIN and SUGHRUE on 1/21/71. Information from KORNEA's son was received by SA CRONIN by telephone on 2/4/71.

The NYO feels that BUZDUGAN does not possess the capabilities to be engaged in intelligence activities. The NYO is conducting no additional investigation and is placing their case concerning BUZDUGAN in a closed status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
February 17, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Gheorghe Buzdugan also known as  
George Buzdugan  
Gheorghe Boldici  
George Boldici  
Gheorghe Goldis  
George Goldis  
Internal Security - Romania

George F.A. Boian, 300 East 91st Street, New York City, an individual who has furnished reliable and unreliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on February 24, 1970, that he learned from Gheorghe Buzdugan on February 23, 1970, that Buzdugan was imprisoned from 1945 to 1964, inasmuch as he was the son of Gordis (Phoretic), a Romanian Government leader in 1918. Buzdugan also claimed that he was imprisoned in the Soviet Union for five years.

Buzdugan advised that he had received a \$10,000 check from the late New York Senator, Robert F. Kennedy, a short time before his death, for documents he made available to Kennedy. The day following Kennedy's death, Buzdugan attempted to cash Kennedy's check in Paris, France, but the banks refused to honor the check. He visited with Ambassador Sargent Shriver, American Ambassador to France, and he was told to wait until Kennedy's affairs were put in order in Washington, D.C.

Buzdugan advised that on December 7, 1969, his property, which consisted of the \$10,000 check, a suit, watch, and presents for the Kennedys' children, disappeared at the Port Authority, New York City. He reported the loss to the Port Authority Police.

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Gheorghe Buzdugan

In addition, Buzdugan stated that he knows the conspirators in Europe who planned the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Captain Joseph W. Caron, Port of New York Authority Police Department, 111 8th Avenue, New York City, advised on March 2, 1970, that their records contain no theft or loss report at the Port Authority under the name of Buzdugan for December 7, 1969.

Gheorghe Buzdugan, while visiting a Petru Kornea, 363 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on January 7, 1971, and he furnished the following information:

He stated that he was born May 4, 1923, in Arad, Romania. He gave his residence as Antony 92 Route De Versailles, Paris, France. He had in his possession a B-2 visa. In Paris, he is employed as a guardian of the Federation Des Eglises Evangeliques Baptistes De France (a Protestant Baptist Church in Paris, France).

He advised that he is married to Elisabeta Buzdugan, nee Fatusan, whom he claimed he has not seen since 1955. He was a former secretary of the National Peasant Party (NPP) of Romania in Arad, Romania, and because of his political activities he was imprisoned from 1945 to 1964. Part of his imprisonment, 1955 to 1960, was spent in the Soviet Union. He advised that he departed Romania on August 18, 1964, and he eventually settled in Paris, France.

He advised that he was not acquainted with the late Senator Kennedy, nor does he have any knowledge regarding his death. He admitted that he has had numerous conversations concerning Kennedy, but all of his conversations pertained to the effects of Kennedy's death on American history.

Gheorghe Buzdugan

Miron Butariu, a member of the Assembly of Captive European Nations, 29 West 57th Street, New York City, was interviewed on January 19, 1971, by a Special Agent of the FBI, and he advised that he met Buzdugan approximately two years ago. Butariu advised that he, Butariu, is from the Arad region of Romania, and that Buzdugan claims that he was acquainted with him in Arad. Buzdugan related that he was employed as a clerk in 1945 and 1946 in the office of Alexa Botioc, whom Butariu stated was the Mayor of Arad, a leader of the NPP, and a lawyer. Butariu was well-acquainted with Botioc, and he does not recall ever meeting Buzdugan. Buzdugan also claimed to be an adopted son of Vasile Goldis, a well-known member of the NPP in Arad.

Butariu believed that Buzdugan told him that he had spent a total of 12 years in Moscow and Czechoslovak prisons. Butariu has observed Buzdugan wearing Kennedy rings and bracelets, and Buzdugan has told him that he was offered \$10,000 by Robert Kennedy to write a book.

In Butariu's opinion, Buzdugan is mentally disturbed. He keeps telling Butariu how he has made hundreds of thousands of dollars, but was forced to borrow \$30 from Butariu. Each time they meet Buzdugan tells him a different story about his business ventures. During one of his last meetings with Buzdugan, Buzdugan claimed that he was being followed.

Butariu stated that Buzdugan and Petru Kornea, 368 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, New York, have formed an approved New York State corporation known as "Banatul", whose primary business is to sell Swiss watches. Buzdugan and Kornea opened a bank account for "Banatul" at the First National City (FNC) Bank of New York located at 56th Street and Broadway, New York City. Butariu accompanied them to the bank and it was upon his recommendation that the manager of the bank permitted the opening of an account. The manager was reluctant inasmuch as only \$50 was deposited into the account.



Gheorghe Buzdugan

Butariu advised that apparently Buzdugan departed the United States sometime during January, 1971, inasmuch as he received a letter from Doctor Stefan Weininger, Bettinastrasse 21, 6 Frankfurt Am Main 1, Germany, a lawyer friend of his, who was recently visited by Buzdugan. Buzdugan had told Weininger that he had received \$200,000 of credit from the FNC Bank of New York for the purpose of buying and later selling 200,000 Swiss watches. Weininger told Butariu that he immediately sent a communication to FNC asking for confirmation. The bank, without undue delay, advised Weininger that there was no truth to Buzdugan's claim. Butariu advised that Weininger and the bank manager wanted to know why Butariu recommended such a man. Butariu explained that he felt sorry for Buzdugan and that on one occasion Buzdugan broke down and cried in his office.

Butariu was unable to give any justifiable reason for helping Buzdugan especially when he feels that he is mentally disturbed. Butariu was just sympathetic and felt impelled to help him.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past learned on January 6, 1971, that Gheorghe Buzdugan, a visitor to the United States from France, and Petru Kornea, 368 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, New York, had inquired of Marin Datcu, who has a business office at 43-45 44th Street, Queens, New York, if he had any office space available for their use. According to source, Buzdugan and Kornea plan to sell Swiss watches in the United States.

Floran Gugu, 62-95 60th Street, Queens, New York, furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the FBI on December 7, 1970, December 29, 1970, and January 18, 1971:

Gugu is a Romanian writer and a former member of the NPP of Romania. He entered the United States in January, 1969, and has requested political asylum.

Gheorghe Buzdugan

Gugu advised that in the Spring of 1970, he met a Gheorghe Boldici, whom he knew in Romania, at the home of George F.A. Boian, 300 East 91st Street, New York, New York. At that time, Boldici related some story concerning the Kennedys, but Gugu paid no attention to what Boldici was saying.

Gugu again met Boldici on December 5, 1970, in Brooklyn, New York, in the company of an unidentified male. Gugu did not recognize the name Gheorghe Buzdugan, but he advised that the man he knows as Boldici furnished him his address as Route De Versailles, Antony 92, Paris, France. (When Buzdugan was interviewed by the FBI, he denied ever knowing Gugu in Romania, but recalled meeting him recently in the United States).

Gugu advised that Boldici was an elementary school teacher in the village of Covasani in the city of Minis, which is approximately seven miles from Arad, Romania. Gugu stated that from 1945 to 1948, Boldici assisted people in escaping from Romania.

Gugu first met Boldici when they were both in a security jail in Bucharest, Romania, in 1948. A month later, Boldici was assigned to the same military prison as Gugu, which was located on Uranus Street in Bucharest. Mihai Horezu and Dumitru Apostoliu, NPP members, were also in this prison.

Gugu related that arrangements were made in prison for Boldici to help Apostoliu depart Romania. In August, 1948, both Apostoliu and Gugu were free, and Apostoliu paid approximately \$275 for a lawyer to defend Boldici. Boldici was freed in October, 1948.

Arrangements were made by Boldici to effect Apostoliu's escape, but due to the fact that Apostoliu had very important NPP documents, he was forced to cancel the arrangements made by Boldici. Apostoliu, after he gave documents to another individual, made new plans with Boldici. Apostoliu was suppose to meet

Gheorghe Buzdugan

Boldici in Arad and eventually make his way to Vienna, Austria. Boldici never met with Apostoliu, and Apostoliu later learned from Petre Ionescu, a tax collector from Minis, near Arad, that Boldici had left for Vienna. Ionescu was used to relay letters sent between Boldici and Apostoliu while they were effecting the final plans for Apostoliu's escape.

Petru Kornea, 368 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised on January 21, 1971, that Buzdugan departed the United States shortly after his interview by the FBI. On February 4, 1971, Petru Kornea's son advised that they had received word from Buzdugan that his request for a re-entry permit to return to the United States was denied. He wanted the Kornea family to obtain some assistance to have his request for re-entry approved.

The following is a description of Buzdugan, as obtained through interview and observations of Special Agents of the FBI:

Name	Gheorghe Buzdugan
Aliases	George Buzdugan, Gheorghe Boldici, George Boldici, Gheorghe Goldis, George Goldis
Height	Five feet to five feet one inch
Weight	100 to 110 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses.

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES (56-156)

1 - Mr. Schutz

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY; LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA.

BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR., HAS INITIATED CIVIL ACTION IN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (USDC) FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
REQUESTING UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PRODUCTION OF  
FBI REPORTS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. FENSTERWALD HOLDS THAT DATA FROM  
FBI REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO ROBERT BLAIR KAISER FOR MATERIAL  
IN HIS BOOK QUOTE RFK MUST DIE UNQUOTE. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED  
IN WRITING FBI REPORTS WERE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE COUNSEL  
BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE, HOWEVER, COPIES FURNISHED LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH REQUEST REPORTS  
NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THAT OFFICE. DEFENSE COUNSEL THROUGH

LOCAL COURT DEMANDED PRODUCTION OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

AND FBI INTERVIEWS OF PERTINENT INDIVIDUALS. COPIES OF INTERVIEWS

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TELETYPE TO SAC LOS ANGELES  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

FURNISHED TO COURT AND UPON ORDER TURNED OVER TO DEFENSE BY  
PRESIDING JUDGE.

CIVIL DIVISION HAS REQUESTED AFFIDAVIT RESPONDING TO THIS  
ACTION. AFFIDAVIT SHOULD COVER FOLLOWING POINTS: REPORTS  
FURNISHED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,  
ON WRITTEN DIRECTION JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, FRED M. VINSON, JR., WITH REQUEST  
REPORTS NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THAT OFFICE; FBI DID NOT  
FURNISH REPORTS TO DEFENSE. ONLY OTHER REPORTS DISSEMINATED BY  
FBI WERE TO U. S. ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC).

U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, BEING INSTRUCTED BY  
CRIMINAL DIVISION TO FURNISH COLLATERAL AFFIDAVITS AS TO WHAT  
TRANSPICED DURING COURT ACTION. COORDINATE WITH U. S. ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE TO INSURE ~~CONSISTENCY~~ IN FORMAT. AFFIDAVIT SHOULD BE PROPERLY  
NOTARIZED. SUGGEST USING NOTARY, U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. EXPEDITE.  
BUDED MARCH SEVENTEEN NEXT.

NOTE:

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., reportedly Executive Director, Committee to Investigate Assassinations has since the fall of 1970, made continuing efforts to obtain copies of FBI reports in the Robert Kennedy assassination investigation. Fensterwald, former Chief Counsel to Senator Long's Committee on Wiretapping, in his contacts with us has shown himself to be unscrupulous, untrustworthy and anti-FBI. Fensterwald aligned himself with former FBI Agent William Turner in the Committee to Investigate Assassinations. According to Fensterwald, the Committee to Investigate Assassinations formed to investigate assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We are on record on several occasions with the Department as to fact FBI did not furnish reports to Defense. The Civil Division of the Department has now indicated it is necessary this information be supported by appropriate affidavit in order that the USA's Office in WDC may respond to the civil action filed in USDC, here.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: March 12, 1971

FROM : A. Rosen

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

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
1 - Mr. Schutz  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Dalbey

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*KENSALT*

Jeffrey F. Axelrad of the Civil Division on March 11, 1971, advised that Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., in his capacity of Executive Director, Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Incorporated, was continuing to press under the Freedom of Information Act for Bureau reports dealing with the investigation of Senator Kennedy's assassination. In this regard a civil action had been filed in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia (copy attached).

Fensterwald, former Chief Counsel to Senator Long's Committee on Wiretapping, in his contacts with us has shown himself to be unscrupulous, untrustworthy, and anti-FBI. Fensterwald aligned himself with former FBI Agent William Turner in the Committee to Investigate Assassinations. According to Fensterwald, the Committee to Investigate Assassinations formed to investigate assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

During the past several months we have had previous correspondence with the Criminal and Civil Divisions of the Department of Justice relative to Fensterwald's demands which are based on the fact author Robert Blair Kaiser allegedly quoted extensively from FBI reports in his recent book "RFK Must Die."

We are on record with the Department to the effect we disseminated reports of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination only to the District Attorney, Los Angeles County, California,

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Rosen to Sullivan Memorandum  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

and then on the specific authority on June 17, 1968, of the Criminal Division. We further requested that these reports not be disseminated further by the District Attorney. We are aware of the fact and have so advised the Department that during the trial in state court upon court order at the request of the defense, certain FBI material was made available to the defense. Kaiser at that time was serving as a quasi official member of the defense team. Mr. Axelrad requested that above facts relating to dissemination of FBI reports be set forth in an affidavit form for assistance to the U. S. Attorney's Office, Washington, D. C., in replying to this motion.

ACTION:

For information. Los Angeles has been instructed to immediately prepare appropriate affidavit and forward same to the Bureau for transmittal to the U. S. Attorney, Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT C

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 2 1971

FROM : Robert C. Mardian  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

*(KENSALT)*

SUBJECT: Possible Relationship between Al Fatah  
and Sirhan Sirhan and Al Fatah and the  
Black Panthers

*Staple*

Attached for your information and whatever action you  
may deem appropriate is a copy of a self-explanatory memo-  
randum from William S. Lynch, Chief, Organized Crime and  
Racketeering Section, Criminal Division to Michael Epstein  
of the Criminal Division concerning the above-captioned  
matter.

Attachment

*W. S. Lynch*

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*Please see file 62-567 (Kensalt)*

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date 3-17-71  
by JBW/rep

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Michael Epstein  
Criminal Division

November 18, 1970

WSL:ajm

William S. Lynch  
Chief, Organized Crime  
and Racketeering Section

Call from Pete Noyes.

On November 17, 1970, I received a call from an individual who identified himself as Pete Noyes, who said he was associated with Station KNXT, a CBS-owned television station in Los Angeles. He stated that he had been referred to me by Bob Brosio, Chief Assistant in Los Angeles, and that he wanted to talk about the relationship between Al Fatah and Sirhan Sirhan. I advised him that I could not talk to him about any investigation and that he should contact our Public Information Office. He wished to know if I had heard of a gentleman by the name of Braden and whether any investigation was currently being conducted on Braden. He stated that Braden was one of the incorporators of the development at La Costa and that this had several organized crime connections. I again advised him that I could not discuss whether we were or were not involved in any pending investigations. He said he understood but that he would like to give me some information which he had also turned over to an "intelligence group" in California, and which he expected would be filtered up to us.

He stated that there was a cell of Al Fatah on the campus at Berkeley. (I believe he mentioned Berkeley, but it's possible he mentioned some other college. He certainly didn't mention Pasadena.) He pointed out that the man who was killed in the attempted hijack of the Israeli jet to London was formerly a student who was recruited off-campus by the Al Fatah cell. He then mentioned several other names that he said were associated with Al Fatah, and said they had connections with the Black Panthers. I was not able to get all the names, but one of them was Walter Crowe. He stated that he had turned over to the Los Angeles Police Department his information relating to the Black Panthers' connections with Al Fatah on California campuses. Mr. Noyes is apparently doing some sort of story on Al Fatah, the Black Panthers, Sirhan Sirhan, and--although he didn't say it--I would assume the Robert F. Kennedy assassination. He stated that, while we couldn't give him any information, he would be happy to talk to us. I told him it sounded more like an internal security matter rather than organized crime, and informed him that I would pass this information along.

cc: Mr. Kevin Maroney,  
Internal Security Division

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Date: 3/29/71

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

ReButel to Los Angeles 3/11/71 captioned "Assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY; Los Angeles, California."

Enclosed for the Bureau are affidavits prepared by Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, Supervising Agent of the investigation, and by SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., Reporting Agent in the investigation, attesting to the points regarding dissemination of Bureau reports and letterhead memoranda.

These affidavits cover items set forth in retel.

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 1 - Los Angeles  
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 Special Agent in Charge

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA       )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    } ss.

AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, California, and was a reporting Agent in connection with the investigation of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles, California, June 5, 1968.

That, in connection with the investigation into the assassination of Senator Kennedy, Reports and Letterhead memoranda were prepared and were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, and the District Attorney's Office for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the latter being the prosecuting authority for this case, as follows:

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4. Report of Special Agent AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., dated August 7, 1968, at Los Angeles, Total pages 1153.
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2 dated February 7, 1969, at Los Angeles,  
3 Total pages 206.

4 8. Report of Special Agent AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.,  
5 dated August 1, 1969, at Los Angeles,  
6 Total pages 121.

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8 follows:

9 Letterhead Memorandum dated April 24, 1969,  
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11 Letterhead Memorandum dated May 12, 1969,  
12 at Los Angeles, 5 pages;

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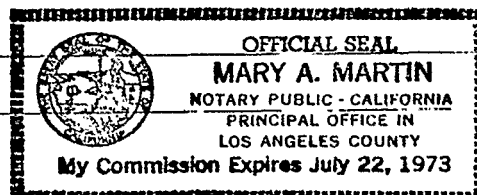
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21 matter as listed above, nor was there any oral dissemination made  
22 to Robert Blair Kaiser of any material that was prepared in  
23 connection with this investigation.

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25 Amedee O. Richards, Jr.  
26 AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.  
27 Special Agent, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation

28 SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before  
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30 Mary A. Martin  
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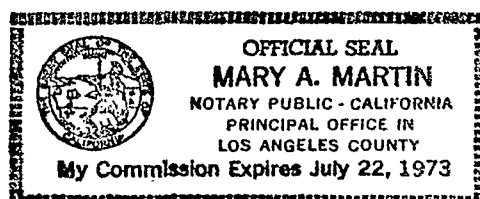
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SUBJECT: KENSALT

ReButel 3/11/71 captioned "Assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY; Los Angeles, California", and Los Angeles airtel 3/29/71 captioned as above.

For completion of the Bureau file, there is enclosed one copy of an affidavit prepared by JOHN HOWARD of the District Attorney's Office, County of Los Angeles, concerning material divulged by the District Attorney by order of the court.

Mr. HOWARD advises the Department of Justice had been in direct contact with him concerning the matter, and the Department has, according to Mr. HOWARD, been furnished the original of the enclosed affidavit.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(7)  
RE: KENSALT  
RE: Appeal of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

News article in Los Angeles "Times" of 5/8/71, states that State of California filed a 291-page reply with the California Supreme Court challenging SIRHAN's appeal from his conviction of the fatal shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

The state, in this reply, according to the news article, argues that Los Angeles Superior Court Judge HERBERT WALKER did not err with respect to SIRHAN's two unsuccessful attempts to plead guilty.

The reply by the state also attacks claims of illegal search, illegal selection of the Grand Jury and trial juries and exclusion of jurors because of opposition to capital punishment.

On 5/13/71, JOHN E. HOWARD, Chief Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County, was requested to furnish this office a copy of the appeal and of the state's reply to this appeal of SIRHAN.

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*W. J. ...*

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(SURVEILLANCE)

WASHINGTON --THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNAL SECURITY CHIEF SUGGESTED TODAY IN YET ANOTHER DEFENSE OF SURVEILLANCE THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF THE KENNEDY BROTHERS AND THE KENT STATE STUDENT SHOOTINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED BY BETTER GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT C. MARDIAN OFFERED THESE INCIDENTS IN A NEW DEFENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THE RIGHT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND EXERCISE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT "RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH."

"RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR NATION AND THE ENSUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSES OF SUCH INCIDENTS AND WAYS TO PREVENT THEIR RE-OCCURRENCE POINT TO THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING AS AN OBLIGATION RATHER THAN A RIGHT, OR PRIVILEGE," HE SAID.

MARDIAN DELIVERED A LAW DAY SPEECH TO THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION TITLED "THE GOVERNMENT'S INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION -- A RIGHT OR OBLIGATION?"

HE QUOTED THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963, WHICH SAID: "THE COMMISSION BELIEVES ... THAT THE FBI TOOK AN UNDULY RESTRICTIVE VIEW OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, IN PREVENTIVE INTELLIGENCE WORK, PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION."

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IF, AS THE COMMISSION SUGGESTED, THE BEHAVIOR PATTERNS OF INDIVIDUALS TOWARD GOVERNMENT MAY INDICATE THEIR PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST ITS LEADER, MARDIAN ASKED, "HOW CAN WE BE AWARE OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT ACCURATE DETAILED INFORMATION?"

"ARE WE NOT OBLIGATED," HE SAID, "TO TAKE EVERY MEASURE TO SEE TO IT THAT A TRAGEDY OF THE MAGNITUDE OF A PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION DOES NOT RE-OCCUR?"

TURNING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, FIVE YEARS LATER, FOLLOWING A POLITICAL RALLY, MARDIAN SAID HE THOUGHT IT FAIR TO POSE THE QUESTION IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE FBI.

"HAD THE ASSASSINATION NOT OCCURRED, AND THE PRESENCE OF THE FBI BEEN PUBLICLY NOTED, WOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF SURVEILLING A POLITICAL RALLY?" HE ASKED.

"BASED UPON THE RECENT REACTIONS OF SOME POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL COMMENTATORS, I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN NEVER BE RIGHT. IT IS DAMNED, IT SEEMS IF IT DOES AND DAMNED IF IT DOESN'T."

MARDIAN REFERRED TO CRITICISM THAT GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF SEN. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINS AT THE LOS ANGELES RALLY.

THE KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS BY THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD DURING DEMONSTRATIONS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY LAST MAY 4 "ALSO TEACHES SOME HARD LESSONS ABOUT THE NEED OF GOVERNMENT TO HAVE FULL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION," MARDIAN CONTINUED.

"IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE TRAGEDY AT KENT STATE WAS THE RESULT OF THE MEN (GUARDSMEN) NOT KNOWING INITIALLY WHAT TO EXPECT, AND THEN BUILDING EXPECTATION ON THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT HAD -- RUMOR," HE SAID.

"I CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER: WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED, IF BECAUSE OF THOROUGH INFORMATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL HAD KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING WHO MIGHT BE A POTENTIAL DISRUPTER AND WHO MIGHT BE A POTENTIAL PEACE MAKER?" HE SAID.

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*I can tell from the way Mardian rambles which side of his mouth he is speaking from.*

SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

May 28, 1971

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1 - Mr. Schutz

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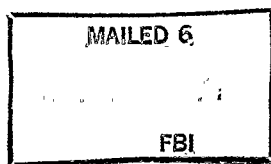
Re Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated 5/17/71.

In order that our files may be complete with respect to this investigation, two copies of Sirhan's appeal and the respondent's brief to the appeal should be submitted to the Bureau.

One copy will then be furnished the Department.

NOTE:

We have been following Sirhan's prosecution and from time to time questions arise as to FBI investigation, disclosure of information from FBI reports, etc. In order that we may be in a position to have complete facts relative to this case, it is necessary that we obtain copies of Sirhan's appeal in addition to the respondent's brief.



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Re: Appeal of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 5/13/71.

On 5/14/71, a copy of the respondent's brief to the appeal for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was obtained from Deputy Attorney General WILLIAM JAMES. This document contains 291 pages.

JAMES advised that his office has only one copy of the appeal filed by SIRHAN's attorney, but would make it available to this office for Xeroxing of extra copies. The appeal consists of four volumes totaling almost 800 pages.

The desires of the Bureau are requested as to whether the Bureau and/or the Department want a copy of either or both of the appeal and the answer to the appeal for the completion of their files in this matter.

One copy of the appeal and of the answer to the appeal will be made a part of the Los Angeles file.

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June 3, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns recent publicity relative to the Sirhan Sirhan prosecution by local authorities in Los Angeles in connection with the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In attempt to block Criminalist DeWayne A. Wolfer's appointment as permanent head of the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Laboratory, Los Angeles attorney in press charges there was a mix-up in the ballistics examination and that Wolfer never test fired the weapon taken from Sirhan since exhibit envelope containing murder weapon bears serial number different from that in grand jury and trial transcripts.

Check with Los Angeles District Attorney's office indicates gun similar to murder weapon used for test firing purposes and Wolfer as examiner possibly inadvertently marked exhibit envelope with serial number of test weapon, not murder weapon. Grand jury and trial transcripts show correct serial number used in testimony. District Attorney's office making complete review of situation which is estimated will take several days. Department being advised. No examination of the murder weapon was conducted by the FBI Laboratory.

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Mr. Bishop	✓
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TO DIRECTOR (62-587)

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 3P

KENSALT.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL JUNE TWO INSTANT.

LOS ANGELES PRESS ARTICLE MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, STATED:  
CHARGE BY LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY BARBARA WARNER BLEHR THAT  
Los Angeles Police Department  
CRIMINALIST DE WAYNE A. WOLFER OF LAPD ERRED IN BALLISTICS  
INVESTIGATION OF SIRHAN CASE.

BLEHR ALLEGES THAT WOLFER NEVER TEST FIRED GUN  
TAKEN FROM SIRHAN ON NIGHT SENATOR KENNEDY SHOT. SHE  
FURTHER ALLEGES WOLFER TEST FIRED A DIFFERENT GUN AND  
THAT BULLETS TAKEN FROM VICTIMS OF KENNEDY SHOOTING  
MATCHED THIS SECOND GUN.

TWO PHOTOS FORWARDED BY BLEHR WITH HER LETTER TO  
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN EFFORT TO BLOCK WOLFER'S  
APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT HEAD OF LAPD CRIME LAB ARE OF  
END PAGE ONE

Mr. Beaver

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PAGE TWO

EXHIBIT FIFTY FIVE FROM THE SIRHAN TRIAL. EXHIBIT FIFTY FIVE IS ENVELOPE CONTAINING THREE BULLETS PURPORTEDLY FIRED FROM SIRHAN'S GUN. THIS EXHIBIT IS CURRENTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO AT STATE APPELATE COURT. ACCORDING TO BLEHR THIS EXHIBIT BEARS IN WOLFER'S HANDWRITING NOTATION THAT SIRHAN'S GUN BORE SERIAL NUMBER ~~H ONE EIGHT SIX ZERO TWO~~ <sup>H-18602</sup>.

TRIAL RECORDS SHOW GUN TAKEN FROM SIRHAN BORE SERIAL NUMBER ~~H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE~~ <sup>H-53725</sup>. BLEHR ALLEGES THAT ONLY CONCLUSION THAT CAN BE REACHED IS THAT TWO SIMILAR GUNS WERE FIRED AT SCENE OF KENNEDY SHOOTING.

JOHN E. HOWARD, CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHO WAS ONE OF THE SIRHAN PROSECUTORS, ADVISED ON JUNE TWO INSTANT THAT ON JUNE SIX SIXTY EIGHT WOLFER TEST FIRED GUN TAKEN FROM SIRHAN, SERIAL NUMBER ~~H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE~~ <sup>H-53725</sup>. ON JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT, WOLFER TESTIFIED FOR GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF SIRHAN THAT SPENT BULLET RECOVERED FROM KENNEDY'S BODY WAS FIRED FROM SIRHAN GUN SERIAL NUMBER ~~H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE~~ <sup>H-53725</sup>. HOWARD ADVISED PRELIMINARY SKIM OF GRAND JURY AND TRIAL TRANSCRIPT SHOWS NO INCONSISTENCY IN WOLFER'S TESTIMONY. SIRHAN GUN WAS ENTERED AS EVIDENCE AT GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT. LAPD INVESTIGATION

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PAGE THREE

SUMMARY OF THE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION  
ON PAGE SIX FORTY NINE, VOLUME FIVE, SETS FORTH THAT  
COMPARISON BETWEEN SIRHAN GUN AND SPENT BULLET REMOVED  
FROM SIXTH CERVICAL VERTEBRA OF SENATOR KENNEDY SHOWED  
BULLET FIRED FROM SAME GUN, SERIAL NUMBER ~~H FIVE THREE~~ <sup>H-53723</sup>  
~~SEVEN TWO FIVE~~.

JOHN HOWARD FURTHER ADVISED THAT WOLFER MADE ROUTINE  
REQUEST FOR GUN ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>SIMILAR TO SIRHAN GUN FOR TEST FIRING FOR</sup>  
POWDER BURNS AND THAT THIS GUN, SERIAL NUMBER ~~H ONE EIGHT~~ <sup>H-18602</sup>  
~~SIX ZERO TWO~~, WAS LATER DESTROYED.

ON BASIS OF INQUIRY MADE TO DATE, POSSIBILITY EXISTS  
THAT WOLFER PUT WRONG SERIAL NUMBER OF GUN ON EXHIBIT  
FIFTY FIVE.

HOWARD IS CONDUCTING COMPLETE INQUIRY INTO TRIAL  
TRANSCRIPT TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. HOWARD IS DESIGNATING  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY TO THOROUGHLY EXAMINE GRAND JURY AND TRIAL TRANSCRIPT  
AND ALL PERTINENT EXHIBITS. HOWARD ESTIMATES COMPLETE  
REVIEW WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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EX 101

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June 16, 1971

Miss Betty ~~Olmsted~~  
Apartment 103  
357 Alvarado Street  
Los Angeles, California 90057.

Dear Miss Olmsted:

Your letter of June 9th has been received.

While your interest in contacting the FBI is appreciated, the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was investigated by local authorities in Los Angeles, California. You may wish to bring the information you furnished me to the attention of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Sincerely yours,

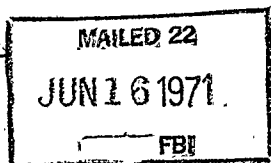
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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TRUE COPY

Apt. 103  
357 Alvarado St  
L. A. Cal. 90057  
June 9, 71

J. E. Hoover  
Dear Sir:

*OKENSALT*

Why don't someone, investigate this:

There were 10 shots fired when Robert Kennedy was shot. 8 came from the front where Sir Han was & 2 came from behind, where the fatal bullets came from.

Altho Sirhan's shots injured people, they were not the fatal shots. Who is everyone covering up? All civilians are not morons.

Sincerely

Betty Olmsted

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 4/20/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

The original and one copy of an affidavit prepared by SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. attesting to points regarding dissemination of Bureau reports and letterhead memorandum.

Also enclosed are two copies of an undated letter from ROBERT B. KAISER to the Director, and two copies of a letter from the Director to Mr. ROBERT BLAIR KAISER, 2762 Woodshire, Hollywood, California, 90028, dated 4/29/69.

For the information of the Bureau, Mr. JOSEPH M. HANNON, Chief of the Civil Rights Division, United States Attorney's Office, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised SA LA JEUNESSE on 5/28/71, as follows:

An organization known as the "Committee to Investigate Assassinations" has filed a request with the U. S. Department of Justice for admission of FBI files. In connection therewith, the Committee has advised that "FBI Agent ROGER LA JEUNESSE was aware of ROBERT KAISER's access to the records and his plan to publish a book which was based in part upon such records at the conclusion of SIRHAN trial".

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. HANNON was advised by SA LA JEUNESSE that he had no such knowledge and, in fact, was advised that Mr. KAISER had made a previously written request of the Bureau for such information and was subsequently advised by the Bureau that information he was seeking would not be made available to him (see enclosed letters).

Mr. HANNON requested that SA LA JEUNESSE prepare the enclosed affidavit and that also copies of correspondence from KAISER to the Director, and from the Director to KAISER be likewise be made available to him. Copies of these letters are being made available to the Bureau in the event it is deemed desireable to furnish them to Mr. HANNON.



J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a former Time and Life correspondent, the author of a book on Pope John, and a free lance writer currently engaged in writing a book on the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

I have reason to believe that I am writing the book on the assassination because, to get the facts I needed, I managed to attain a unique position: I became an investigator for the defense.

In that role, it became necessary for me to engage in long interviews with Sirhan, to work in close cooperation with the psychologists and psychiatrists in the case, and, of course, with the lawyers. None of these people, I am happy to say, tried to "concoct" a defense; they probably prejudged the case a little bit, as most of the nation did, with the preliminary notion that Sirhan had to be nutty to kill a Kennedy in cold blood in the middle of a crowded hotel pantry and leave a notebook behind saying he intended to do it. The lawyers and the doctors were interested in getting to that portion of the truth they could use in the defense of Sirhan and then in presenting that truth fairly before judge and jury. I was happy to help them in that because at the same time I was helping myself gather material for my book.

On order to write the best possible book, however, I feel I should get other points of view. I would like the FBI to consider helping me with information and some evaluation.

1) Information: I'd like to know how the FBI went into action, who got the word first, where you were when the news came, what orders you gave, who carried them out and how. It is a part of the story which I imagine the F.B.I. would not want me to overlook.

2) Evaluation: I wonder what your investigators think about certain clues which point toward a conspiracy. I am not entirely convinced that Sirhan wasn't put up to this by someone else and I have a few good reasons why I think so. Since I have talked to Sirhan and your people haven't, I assume my reasons might bear some examination. Maybe the FBI has checked out certain areas. If so, fine. I'd like to know, if not for publication, at least for background, so I do not ~~wake~~ imply that there is a need for "further investigation" into what has already been well investigated.

Sincerely,

*Bob Kaiser*  
Robert Blair Kaiser

(213) 467-9546

ROBERT B. KAISER  
2762 Woodshire  
Hollywood, Calif. 90028

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April 20, 1968

Mr. Robert Blair Kaiser  
2762 Woodshire  
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

Your letter of April 19, 1968, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In reference to your inquiry, the files of the FBI are confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice, and it will not be possible to furnish the information regarding Sirhan Bishara Sirhan you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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That, in connection with those liaison responsibilities, Reports and Letterhead Memoranda were prepared and were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, and the District Attorney's Office for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the latter being the prosecuting authority for this case.

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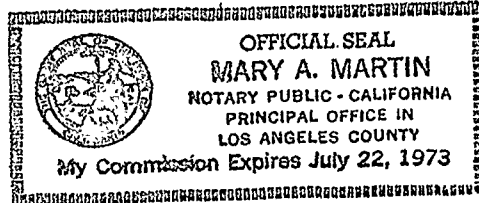
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*Mary A. Martin*  
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