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TO : SAC (15/-81) 55/

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FROM : SA JACK

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SUBJECT:

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RACIAL MATTERS

At 9:20 a.m. 6/5/68, ASAC CLARK of the Chicago office telephonically informed that the Bureau had requested all offices contact all racial informants today, and for the next three or four days, to ascertain if they have any info re any possible racial repercussion as a result of the shooting of Sen. ROBERT L. KENNEDY similar to that as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ASAC CLARK requested that this office contact Omaha, Springfield and St. Louis re the above.

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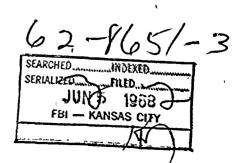
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RE KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES TODAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

TO

: ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM

SAC (62-8651)

NO. 68-73

SUBJECT:

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

JUNE 5, 1968 -

Bureau has instructed that all racial informants be contacted immediately to ascertain if they have any information concerning any possible racial repercussions as a result of the shooting of SENATOR ROBERT L. KENNEDY.

All Agents should immediately comply with the above instructions. Any pertinent information should be immediately telephonically furnished to the SAC.

If no demonstrations indicated, designate a copy of FD-209 to 157766.

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JUNE 5, 1968

Re memorandum No. 68-73, last paragraph.

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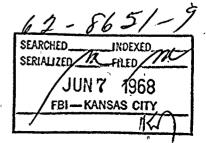
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Memorandum

TO

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(62-8651)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM:

SA GEORGE C. SCRUGGS, JR:

SUBJECT:

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White Male

Jeffersonville, Indiana 6824 La Port Court, Bridgeview,

Illinois

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155 lbs.

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JUDY SPARKS, 7833 Columbia Drive Bridgeview, Illinois

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Firearms Control Hassle Grows

By Jeffrey D. Bogart (A Member of The Star's Staff)

N the old West, lawmen urged cowboys entering town to hang up their six-shooters just as soon as they dismounted.

Yesterday, within hours of the pistol shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, House lawmakers moved swiftly to impose Senate-passed restrictions on the sale and ownership of handguns.

Indicating its preference for the broader Senate anticrime bill with its gun control features, the House voted 317 to 60 against a motion by Emanuel Celler, (D-N. Y.), chairman of the judiciary committee, to have the vast differences between the House and Senate versions ironed out by a conference committee. This probably would have watered down and stalled the final legislation.

At the same time, the House rules committee adopted a resolution by Rep. John B. Anderso: (R-III.) making it possible to vote on the state ball



THE MAIL ORDER RIFLE that was used to kill President John F. Kennedy is inspected by a member of the Dallas police department. Congress is now considering a bill that would limit the sale of handguns but not rifles and shooguns.

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today and send it on to the White House.

The action was not surprising in view of the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King and the growing use of firearms in crimes of both passion and premeditation.

In New York City a small boy making noise is shot to death by an annoyed neighbor. In Norfolk, Va., on a bright Sunday morning, a drunk stumbles up to a passer-by, pulls a revolver from a pocket, points: it threateningly, then lurches onward.

And at Liberal, Kas., the game's winner turns out to be the loser when one of the gamblers shoots him.

The concern for weapons control also has been felt at the state, county and city level. And the attempt on Senator, Kennedy's life is sure to give dawmen and prosecutors new and potent ammunition to use against the gun lobby led by the National Rifle association and other groups.

Already, the Missouri Legis-

lature has increased the penalty for carrying a concealed. weapon from a minimum of a \$50 fine to a minimum of 50 days in the penitentiary.

Joseph Teasdale, Jackson County prosecutor, said that in January he began prosecuting all cases involving concealed weapons regardless of the de-fendant's record and character.

"We feel the key to the probpeople, particularly young people, can get them.

Teasdale said that in January and February, the new policy roduced, 24 cases as compared lases. with two for the same months. The only restrictions Kansas they are not regulated. And last year. He said that in most appears to place on possessing handguns—well, nothing preeases the concealed weapons drearms is to require that may charge was related to other chine guns be registered, to pro-charges as well. But he warned hibit drug addicts and habitual businessmen that no one was exempt from prosecution if a violations of the law were found.

Difference of Legislation Missouri and Kansas laws il lustrate the issues of the fight County over federal gun controls.

Missouri outlaws the carrying of concealed weapons and requires a buyer to obtain a permit before buying handguns:

The state also prohibits sales of firearms to minors without a parent or guardian's consent; it outlaws carrying deadly weapons—concealed or exposedwhen a person is intoxicated or

when moving in a public assembly or crowd, and it refuses permits for concealable firearms to nonresidents.

Some state court interpretations of the law have ruled ille-

O Carrying a handgun in a glove compartment.

Carrying a handgun in the car within reaching distance of

the driver.

Carrying a concealed handgun on your own farm.

O Carrying a pistol because your life recently has been threatened.

Yet for all these restrictions, nothing prevents any Kansas Citian from buying shotguns and rifles, from mail-ordering any type of weapon from outside the country or even from another state, or from persuading a deal-cr. to hand over a pistol although no permit has been issued.

And nothing stops a person dicate how effective at from driving to Kansas, buying control are going to be. a handgun and then returning with it to Missouri. For Kansas has few restrictions.

In fact Kansas has no registration requirements for firearms. Anyone may purchase a handgun except in cities with most likely to commit crimes. specific ordinances. These vary. Overland Park, for example, has no permit requirements. Mission requires permits even for rifles.

Arms may be carried in the control by a selection process. Kansas municipalities so long as they are not concealed. They may also be carried in any mo tor car so long as they are not hidden on the person.

Nothing prevents a Kansas lem of murder and violence is City, Kansas, dealer from mak-firearms," he said. "So many ing the sale of a firearm outside the city limits. Last year police found that a sale was about to be made to a person suspected in two Kansas City, Mo., robbery

> drunks from having pistols, and to forbid minors from having weapons-except shotdeadly guns.

Both Arvid Owsley, Jackson bunty sheriff, and Teasdale pointed out that Kansas laws made regulating gun ownership in Missouri difficult. Owsley attempted to explain the reason for the Kansas laws.

"The people in the state's western counties still like to shoot at coyotes," he said.

Can there be any stricter state or national laws? Bill of Rights

The only restriction against stopping private ownership of firearms is the Bill of Rights, which declares:

A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people. to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Since the public's owning arms no longer affects the militia, gun control advocates sometimes discuss disregarding the Constitution entirely and make owning firearms illegal. Ultimately a Supreme court decision would be involved.

The President originally would have imposed controls over the importation into the country of surplus military weapons and other firearms to persons under 1 or under 18 in the case of r

les and shotguns.
Let the gun buffs' arguments against the regulations may indicate how effective attempts at

Supporters of federal regulaion hope to prevent irresponsible persons from having gunsminors, past convicts, addicts and the mentally ill. They believe it is these persons who are

That belief controls the registration procedure in Kansas City, a procedure that shows how hard it is to achieve tight

To obtain a permit-before buying a handgun—it is necessary to bring a description of the weapon and two letters of character reference to the sheriff. The references must be on letterhead, and the sheriff must establish that the buyer resides in the county.

Does the procedure keep persons without permits from buy-ing handguns or rifles in the city or state? Rifles not at all, since pre vents the dealer from making quick cash sale.

Check of Records Nor is the record check made by the sheriff very extensive. After the permit is issued, he scans local police and county criminal records. He also looks at probate court records to see if some legal action has been brought involving insanity.

No longer is a statewide or federal check made of criminal records. Nor is any further search made to ascertain the person's sanity or medical history. As for the validity of the required letters of reference, Sheriff Owsley said:

"Sometimes people will write continue to arm.

the required references and ther call me to tell me not to grant the permit."

Supporters of gun regulations also attempt to show that highly publicized murders either would not have occurred or could not have occurred as easily had the proposed federal regulations been passed earlier.

Yet the law's opponents will argue that any person who would break the law by using a weapon would break the law to obtain it. Sen. Russell B. Long, for example, has said:

"I have yet to see a gun control bill which would have prevented the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the killing of the nurses in Chicago or the sniping murders in Texas. These bills might make it more difficult for the murderers to get guns but the man who intends to kill can always get a gun, no matter what you do."

While the debate continues, the public is buying firearms in greater volume. Jackson County permit records show, for example, that the annual rate of applications has been increasing since 1964. So far this year, 572 permits have been issued.

If the pace continues, 1,950 will have been issued by the end of the year, 664 more than last

Question of Success If the arguments advanced by the opponents of gun control are correct, any law passed by the Congress seems doomed to prove at best a limited success. And Missouri's efforts, too, will only serve to hinder rather than prevent crimes with guns.

Will stiff laws regulating firearms make it harder for criminals and the deranged to obtain weapons?

Is there a need to carry personal weapons in a society which supports its police and in which there is recourse to law to settle disputes?

What is the exact meaning of the Bill of Rights clause pertaining to firearms?

Can other laws instead of one controlling weapons reduce criminal use of firearms?

Congress, the courts, states and city governments increas-ingly will be seeking answers to these questions. They will be doing so not only as another summer of racial tension approaches but as problems to be faced for years to come appear on the horizon.

Meanwhile, Kansas Citians

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On June 7, 1968, WILLIE J. ROWELL, CID, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, discretelyobtained the following information:

From First Sergeant JERRY W. HUNTER, Company A, Second Battalion, Second Brigade, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, it was ascertained one WAYNE L. SPARKS, US ROBERT GERALD NYSTROMI, US had absented themselves on May 31, 1968, from that company where both are assigned had absented themselves and both surrendered back to Sgt. HUNTER at 3:15 pm on June 3, 1968. SPARKS indicated while AWOL he had been to Illinois to visit his wife.

HUNTER advised that SPARKS was present for duty in his military company, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri on both June 4 and 5, 1968.

ROWELL gave the following descriptive data from military service records:

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Reight Weight Ryes Hair Social Security # Marital Status Wife

WAYNE L. SPARKS

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Jeffersonville, Indiana 6824 La Port Court, Bridgeview,

Illinois

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155 lbs.

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JUDY SPARKS, 7833 Columbia Drive

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Wife

ROBERT GERALD NYSTROMI

White Male

Elmhurst, Illinois

20201bs. Brown Blue Heavy

Married

DARLENE MARIE NYSTROMI

131 N. Summit, Villa Park, Illinois

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL JUNE SEVEN LAST. REQUESTING INTERVIEW STERMAN SPONSORS.

MRS. HALDOR LILLENAS (LOLA), FIVE TWO THREE TWO ROE AVE.,

MISSION, KS., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED SHE AND HER

LATE HUSBAND WERE SPONSORS FOR BISHARA STRHAN AND FAMILY.

TWO OLDEST CHILDREN OF SIRHAN FAMILY REMAINED IN JORDAN BECAUSE

LILLENAS REFUSED TO SPONSOR THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE OF LEGAL

AGE.

LILLENAS STATED SHE AND HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS AN ORDAINED MINISTER OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, WENT ON A EUROPEAN VACATION IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. WHILE VISITING IN JORDAN, BISHARA SIRHAN CONTACTED LILLENAS AND INQUIRED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF COMING TO THE U.S. LILLENAS DECIDED TO SPONSOR THE SIRHAN FAMILY AS THEIR INQUIRIES REFLECTED THE SIRHAN FAMILY TO BE A WORTHY CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

MR. LILLENAS, WORKING THROUGH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE AND THE FRIENDS ORGANIZATION, BECAME THE SPONSOR OF THE SIRHAN FAMILY, AND IN NOV., FIFTYSEVEN, SIRHAN CAME TO PASADENA,

CALIF., AND LIVED IN THE LILLENAS HOME FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS

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