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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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

AN ASSAILANT, AS YET UNIDENTIFIED BUT WHO IS IN
CUSTODY OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ATTEMPTED THE
ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT TWELVE
FIFTEEN A.M., TODAY, IN THE BALLROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE FBI IS RENDERING ALL
POSSIBLE INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES,
INCLUDING THE SERVICES OF THE FBI LABORATORY AND
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. IF YOU RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS MATTER, THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES SHOULD
BE EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISED AND ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION
IMMEDIATELY INITIATED. NO COMMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE
PRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF FBI JURISDICTION
EXCEPT THAT THE FBI IS RENDERING ASSISTANCE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Albany, New York
(CITY AND STATE)By SA Henry F. Bolin
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

1 Photof SIR HAN
BISHARA SIRHAN



SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,
male, Arab, born 3/19/44
Jerusalem, 5'3", 120 #,
brown hair, brown eyes



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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE BUREAU TEL TODAY CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. IN ORDER
TO FACILITATE HANDLING OF THIS INVESTIGATION THE FOLLOWING
CODE NAME SHOULD BE USED IN ALL TELETYPE AND AIRTEL
COMMUNICATIONS --- "KENSALT."

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TO: DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, AND DETROIT

FROM: NORFOLK (62-871)

KENSALT

REBUTELS TODAY.

MRS. WANDA THOMPSON, WHITE FEMALE, AGED TWO FIVE, WIFE OF JOHN THOMPSON, USN, EIGHT FOUR TWO ZERO, FRIDEN, NORFOLK, ADVISED THIS DATE SHE SAW PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTED CHARGED WITH/ ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, ON TV THIS AM, AND BELIEVES PERSON TO BE JOHN GARCIA OR JOHN GONZALES, WHITE MALE, PART MEXICAN OR CUBAN, OF DEFINITE SPANISH EXTRACTION, TWENTYFIVE OR TWENTYSIX YEARS OF AGE, FIVE INCHES FIVE FEET/TO FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY LBS., BLACK VERY CURLY AND WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, BUSHY EYEBROWS, LARGE LIPS, WHO ATTENDED ECORSE HIGH SCHOOL, ECORSE, MICHIGAN, IN ONE NINE FIVE NINE DASH SIX ZERO. HE WAS ON SCHOOL TRACK TEAM ONE NINE FIVE NINE, AND LAST SEEN BY MRS. THOMPSON ON A VISIT BY HER TO ECORSE AUGUST ONE NINE SIX ZERO. SHE ADVISED HE HAD BAD TEMPER AND CONSIDERED BY HER AS "WISE GUY" TYPE PERSON. ~~He is a wise guy, Thompson~~

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MRS. THOMPSON ADVISED FOLLOWING CLASSMATES OF THIS INDIVIDUAL MAY POSSIBLY FURTHER IDENTIFY: JOHN GERLATH, HIGH STREET NEAR ECORSE HIGH SCHOOL, ECORSE; GLORIA HERNANDEZ, OUTER DRIVE AND HIGH STREET, ECORSE; AND JAMES HUNT, JUNE'S TRAILER PARK, PEPPER ROAD AND SOUTHFIELD ROAD, ECORSE. MRS. THOMPSON ADVISED SHE WOULD REVIEW OLD SCHOOL PHOTOS IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ONE OF INDIVIDUAL SHE BELIEVES TO BE JOHN GARCIA OR JOHN GONZALES. *Nf. files neg re individuals named herein.*

DETROIT WILL LOCATE JOHN GERLATH, GLORIA HERNANDEZ AND JAMES HUNT, AND INTERVIEW.

TWO. CONTACT OFFICIALS ECORSE HIGH SCHOOL IN ATTEMPT TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY JOHN GARCIA OR JOHN GONZALES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO ALL SACS R M P

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

KENSALT

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, AKA, SHIRHAN BISHARA
SHIRHAN, FORMER EXERCISE BOY SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK, CALIFORNIA,
IDENTIFIED AS SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSAILANT. SIRHAN DESCRIBED
AS FOLLOWS: DATE OF BIRTH THREE NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR,
JERUSALEM, JORDAN, WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET TWO INCHES TALL,
ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES. FIRST NAMES OF
FAMILY - FATHER BISHARA, MOTHER MARY, BROTHERS SHARIEF,
SAIDALLH, MUNIR, ADEL. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS SIX NINE SIX EAST
HOWARD STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. FAMILY ENTERED US FROM
JORDAN IN ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN.

ALL OFFICES CHECK INDICES AND MAJOR PDS. SUTEL
POSITIVE RESULTS ONLY. ANY INFORMATION BEARING UPON SIRHAN'S
ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO INSTANT ASSAULT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY
DEVELOPED AND FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY.
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and V. J. B. B.
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LIKEWISE SHOULD INFORMATION BE RECEIVED INDICATING ANY
CONSPIRATORIAL ASPECTS IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
CONDUCTED TO RESOLVE SAME.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (62-871) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA HENRY F. BOLIN, JR.

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 5, 1968

On 6/5/68 Special Agent RANDOLPH TROW, Richmond Office, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he had received a telephone call from the racial supervisor, Newark, New Jersey, that he had been instructed to contact certain offices, one of which was the Richmond Division, and request that certain investigation be conducted. Richmond was advised to contact Norfolk Division, and the following lead is set forth:

All Agents in the Norfolk Division will contact informants to be alert in the event that the attempted assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY might set off other forms of violence in the area covered by the Norfolk Division. TROW elaborated, stating that the Bureau does not want any paper work in regard to this matter, such as status, negative contacts.

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*All Norfolk Agents on
duty notified re
above lead
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504PM URGENT 6/7/68 WPK

TO ALL SACS R M P

FROM DIRECTOR (62-587) 1P

KENSALT

REVIEW OF MATERIAL FOUND IN ROOM OF SIRHAN BISHARA
SIRHAN, ASSAILANT OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, INDICATES HE MAY HAVE
USED THE ALIAS "GHATTAS." MAKE APPROPRIATE INDICIES AND CRIMINAL
CHECKS. SUTEL POSITIVE INFORMATION. NO RECORD BUFILES.

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and Jersey Beach PD
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Neighbors Detected 'Hate' in Sirhan

By RICHARD E. MEYER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — His name is Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Police say he is a cool, close-mouthed Jordanian who fired a bullet from close range into the brain of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Mayor Samuel W. Yorty says Sirhan apparently wrote in a 9-by-12 inch notebook about "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Many — neighbors, former employers and the authorities — say he hates Jews.

He hurt his head in a fall last year, says his mother.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," says one of his four brothers.

In Pasadena police watch officer Russell Stone said complaints of disturbing the peace had been lodged in the past against Sirhan Sirhan, but he had "never been booked, jailed or arrested by Pasadena police."

The record says Sirhan is 24 years old, 5-feet-5, weighs about 120 pounds, has a swarthy complexion and wiry hair. He has been an exercise boy at a race track, wanted to be a jockey and worked in a health food store.

He was under maximum security guard in a hospital ward at

the Los Angeles County Central jail, charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

He is to appear at 8:30 a.m. Monday for a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Joan Klein.

Sirhan's index finger was broken and his left ankle sprained in a tussle that ended in his capture, seconds after Kennedy was shot early Wednesday.

He "may have been inflamed" by Kennedy's call for U.S. jets for Israel during a televised campaign debate Saturday night, said a New York committee on American-Arab relations.

"He was violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israel," said John Shear, who worked with Sirhan at Hollywood Park race track. "When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed."

"Sen. Kennedy said the other day he wanted to help Israel," said Sirhan's recent employer, John H. Weidner, 57, operator of a Pasadena health food store chain.

"So I was not surprised after he was shot that Sirhan's re-

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— THE LEDGER STAR

— NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH,
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
BEACH, VIRGINIA,

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sentment had pushed him emotionally to do what he did."

With permission from Sirhan's family, police recovered two notebooks from his room. They contain 18 to 20 pages of handwriting. Some in Arabic, most in English.

In a notation entered either May 17 or 18, the mayor said, Sirhan apparently wrote "a direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Kennedy was shot when June 5 was only a few minutes old. It was the first anniversary of the beginning of the six-day Arab-Israel war.

"There's much scribbling, repeated phrases, many references to Sen. Robert Kennedy, even some references to . . . Arthur Goldberg," Mayor Yorty said of the notebooks.

Goldberg is the retiring U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. He has taken part in UN debate on the Arab-Israeli war.

"He does a lot of writing pro-Communist and anti-capitalist, anti-United States," said Yorty. "Evidently he was quite pro-Arab in the Arab-Israeli matter."

In Sirhan's possession when he was captured was a clipping of a column by David Lawrence on what the mayor's press secretary called "Kennedy's dove position on Vietnam and his hawk position on the Middle East."

"My son — it can't be. No. Oh, no," cried Mary Sirhan, when she learned her boy was arrested. Mrs. Sirhan is a housekeeper at a Presbyterian nursery school in Pasadena.

"Ever since he had a fall about a year ago, he hasn't been the same. I can't talk to him."

Mrs. Sirhan said her son fell from a horse and "hurt his head here." She pointed to her right temple.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," commented Said Sirhan, brother of the accused man.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was born March 19, 1944 in Jordan, territory seized by Israel during the lightning war last June.

As a child, Sirhan saw an Israeli soldier cut off the breast of an Arab woman with a bayonet.

The Sirhans came to the United States in 1957. They moved into 2251 E. 14th Ave. house.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NORFOLK (170-105)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SA DAVID G. FLANDERS

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (Ghetto)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT: NF 298-R(Prob-Ghetto)

Dates of Contact		
6/5/68 and 6/6/68(telon 6/6/68)		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
KENSALT		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Informant advised that Negro population very grieved by assault and death of Senator Kennedy. She stated that she has heard nothing re: any possible disturbances as a result thereof. She advised that she will be alert thereto and immediately notify the writer of such.		
She stated that at present the racial situation is quiet in the NF, PTS, areas.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	same
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TO :

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NF(137-1377)(P)

DATE:

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FROM :

SA

David G. Flanders

☒ CI

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SUBJECT:

NF 297-C

Dates of Contact 6/1 & 6/5/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
① Victor Lyle Boone etc. fug	88-3357
② Doyle Wayne Mustin - Fug etc.	42-18726
③ Jeffery D. Russell Fug - etc.	42-18730
④ Eugene Hamman Fug etc.	88-3415
⑤ KENSALT	
Purpose and results of contact	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE CI advised she could furnish no <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE info re. #1-4 about <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC Re: #5 she said she would be alert to any disturbances in connection with KENSALT.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating same
Coverage same	

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SA

David G. Dlanders

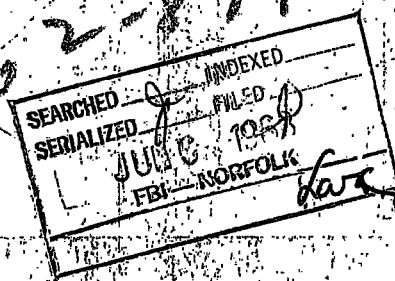
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SUBJECT

Wm. Roberden Tripplett

Dates of Contact		
6/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
KENSALT		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	PCI stated he has heard nothing of any violence as result of KENSALT. He will be alert to same.	
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC *NF (137-369) (P)* DATE: *6/6/68*

FROM : SA *David G. Dlander* ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: *CHANGED TO* ☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

Sol ABRAMSON aka
Andrew COGN, Andrew COHEN

Dates of Contact	<i>6/5/68</i>	Title marked <i>changed TO</i>
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<i>① re: NY letter NF dated 4/25/68 to add two aliases of PCI,</i>		
<i>② KENSALT</i>		

Purpose and results of contact
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC
<i>re #1 - PCI stated he was arrested for disorderly conduct in NYC in 1938 and furnished above two aliases because was scared.</i>
<i>Re: #2 - PCI stated he has heard nothing of any disturbances as result of KENSALT. He will be alert to same.</i>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>same</i>	Coverage <i>same</i>
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Sirhan Says Son Alone In Slaying

JERUSALEM (UPI) — The father of the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said Sunday night he was now sure the murder, "was carried out entirely on my son's initiative and alone."

The statement by Bishara Sirhan, 52, was a complete turnabout. Until Sunday night he had maintained his son, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, had been "put up" to the assassination.

"It's Kennedy who was to blame for what happened," the elder Sirhan told newsmen. "It was his tongue which led to his assassination."

He said Kennedy had "insulted the Arabs enough."

Asked by a reporter if anyone had "changed his mind" for him, the elder Sirhan replied:

"Yes." He said an Arab acquaintance who recently arrived from the United States "put things straight for me."

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The Virginian-Pilot

Norfolk, Portsmouth,
Virginia Beach, and
Chesapeake, Va.

Date: 6/10/68

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Despite Rains**Thousands
Pay Tribute
At Cemetery**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly 60,000 mourners made a pilgrimage of sorrow to the grave of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy amid summer rains Sunday. His widow and the widow of his brother came. So did the thousands of others who shared their sadness. In a line six abreast, the visitors filed slowly past the freshly sodded grave on a green slope of Arlington National Cemetery, overlooking the capital Kennedy hoped to lead.

The crowd grew incessantly despite the humid heat. An evening cloudburst drove many—but not all—to shelter. The masses of mourners returned as the rains moved on.

By the time the gates to the cemetery closed at dusk, Army guards at the gravesite estimated at least 50,000 and probably 60,000 persons had paid tribute to the fallen senator.

His widow, Ethel, and his oldest son, Joseph, 15, were among those paying their respects at the gravesite next to the flame-marked tomb of his assassinated brother, President John F. Kennedy. Visits were made also by Mrs. John F. Kennedy, her two children and her sister.

President Johnson, who proclaimed Sunday a day of mourning for the 42-year-old senator who was killed by an assassin in Los Angeles, joined in a private religious service at the White House.

Ethel Kennedy, veiled and carrying a single flower, knelt in prayer for several minutes at the foot of her husband's grave, which is marked by a simple white cross about 2 feet high.

She added the bloom to the single bouquet of spring flowers that decorated the grave. The massive floral displays sent by mourners to the funeral Saturday were strewn in a vast arc above the grave.

So simple and unobtrusive is the grave of Robert Kennedy around the base of the hill that many, if not most, of those coming to view it had no idea where to look as they arrived at the site after a long, winding walk through the cemetery.

The walkway leads to John Kennedy's grave and the crowds were drawn there automatically. But the grave of his brother lies outside the low hedge of osmanthus outlining the memorial to the slain president and is further shielded from it by the low, reaching arm of a magnolia tree.

"I thought he'd be buried with his brother," said a little girl to her mother, echoing a thought that was obviously in the minds of perplexed thousands who had to ask soldiers guarding the

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Norfolk, Portsmouth
Virginia Beach,
Chesapeake, Va.

THE VIRGINIAN -
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Date: 6/10/68

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: "Thousands Pay
Tribute At
Cemetery"

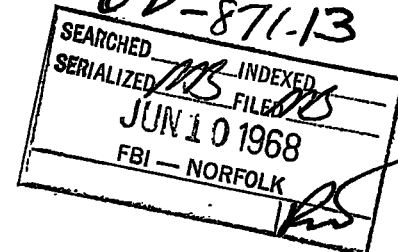
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An honor guard and spectators stand by as Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and son Joseph kneel by the grave. (AP)

Cemetery

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grave where the senator lay.

The site was reportedly selected by former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara after consultations with the Kennedy family. It is likely that in the future it will have a setting more its own.

Evangelist Billy Graham and an associate, Dr. T. W. Wilson conducted the private White House service for the Johnsons and some members of their staff, about 20 in all.

No details of the service were provided by the White House.

Johnson proclaimed Sunday as a national day of mourning last Wednesday, saying:

"In our churches, in our homes, in our hearts let us resolve before God and before each other that the purpose of progress and justice for which Robert F. Kennedy lived, shall endure."

Kennedy was struck down just after hailing his victory in a California primary which he hoped would help him win the Democratic presidential nomination and the post Johnson now holds.

Ethel Kennedy's visit shortly after 10:30 a.m. was her first glimpse of the completed grave. She and other members of the family had left before the coffin was finally lowered at 11:34 p.m. Saturday, ending a funeral that stretched over 12 hours and 225 miles between New York and Washington.

Delays along the route of the funeral train put the graveside rites five hours behind schedule and it was nearly 10:30 p.m. before they began. However, an estimated 500,000 still were in place along the route from Union Station to the cemetery despite the long wait.

At the cemetery, the crowd that waited through the long day and into the night to see the funeral cortege arrive never did disperse entirely.

When the gates closed at midnight after the official mourners had left nearly 100 settled down outside to await the 8 a.m. opening to the public. By 8, their ranks had grown to 300 and the thin stream they made up the hill toward the grave was quickly fed by arriving thousands.

They were largely camera-slung tourists but there were also many among them who came in mourning. Many dropped flowers on the low wall that kept them about 15 feet from the grave, bowed their heads and crossed themselves.

No official estimate was made of the size of the crowd but it moved in a steady, ever-thickening stream all day, apparently at a rate of about 3,500 an hour.

Ethel and Joseph Kennedy were driven to the cemetery by singer Andy Williams in a white convertible.

Also with them were Roosevelt Grier, a football player with the Los Angeles Rams and former Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson. Grier and Johnson were with Kennedy when he was shot and helped capture Sirhan B. Sirhan who is accused of the killing.

While his mother prayed with her head bowed and eyes closed, young Joseph knelt beside her, his eyes fixed on the cross over his father's grave and the fingers of his clasped hands working nervously.

Jacqueline Kennedy arrived just after noon, accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Prince and Lee Radziwill as well as her children, Caroline and John. She went first to her husband's grave then to her brother-in-law's.

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Murder Indictment Sought**District Attorney Moving To Try Assassination Suspect**

By JACK SCHREIBMAN

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The law takes its first major steps today to bring to trial the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Dist. Atty. Evelle C. Younger said he would ask the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to return a first-degree murder indictment against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian.

Younger said Sirhan would then be arraigned in person within 48 hours in Superior Court, make a plea at that time or shortly after, with trial expected to begin within 60 days from that time. Should the defense seek a change of venue, Younger said he would not oppose it.

The public defender's office is providing Sirhan legal advice.

The prisoner originally was held under \$250,000 bond, but that was revoked by Superior Court Judge Joan Dempsey Klein after Kennedy's death. California law permits no bond in a murder case.

Younger said he planned an all-day session in the grand jury room of the Hall of Justice to present testimony of 17 witnesses and the results of the autopsy on Kennedy's body.

In addition to the murder indictment, Younger said he would ask five additional indictments in the wounding of five others who were in Kennedy's vicinity at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday morning at the Ambassador Hotel.

At that minute, with Kennedy joyous with the victory he had freshly scored in the California Democratic presidential primary, a tiny pellet of lead smashed into the brain of the 42-year-old senator who hoped to lead his country.

He died a little over 25 hours later. And nearly 12 hours after that his body, accompanied by his mourning family, was flown east to await honored burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

As the shock of Kennedy's death spread through the country and the world, the intense young man accused of the shoot-

ing sat in a bleak cubicle of three square yards in the county's main jail on Bouchet Street.

First details of Sirhan's imprisonment were disclosed Thursday by Sheriff Peter Pitchess.

Sirhan's gray-colored cell is on the second floor of the jail in an isolated wing with limited access. An unarmed deputy is constantly in the cell with him.

Outside the steel door with a built-in lock, another guard peers at all times through an unbreakable glass porthole in the door.

"We can get to him fast if we have to," Pitchess said.

Flanking the corridor outside the cell, four other deputies remain alert. All the guards are picked men, Pitchess said.

Sirhan is in the medical section of the jail because he is under treatment for a broken index finger and a sprained ankle—injuries he suffered in his capture at the hotel. Sirhan has facial bruises as well from the ar-

rest, Pitchess said. Sirhan is under the care of Dr. Marcus Crahan, jail medical director and also a psychiatrist. Asked whether Sirhan underwent psychiatric examination, Pitchess said yes.

Sirhan learned of Kennedy's death and the worldwide reaction to it when, Pitchess revealed, he asked for and received Wednesday and Thursday copies of the morning Los Angeles Times and the afternoon Herald Examiner.

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— THE LEDGER STAR

— NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH, CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA.

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The catalogue of violence

The shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles adds another terrible chapter to the chronicle of violence that in recent years seems increasingly to identify our American society.

Our society is indeed a turbulent one. The response to a disagreement or to personal dislike is the blow, the injury and, in its ultimate manifestation, the bullet of the assassin.

There may be no philosophical connection at all between the slaying of President Kennedy in Dallas and the shooting of his brother; no more than between the slaying of Medgar Evers and Martin Luther King and the attempts in 1950 on President Truman and the spray of shot in the House of Representatives; but there is the connection nonetheless in the use of violence, in the destruction of and the efforts to destroy an idea one dislikes or a person one disagrees with.

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We would be foolish, indeed, however, in any subsequent efforts to get to the roots of what seems to be a national stain of character not to recognize that, in the open society we have developed, the public personage is an easy victim to the assassin. As a people, we demand so much of our leaders and of those who so aspire. We

force them to walk among us, while they undergo the laying-on of the hands of democracy, the hands that stroke and bless and at the same time harbor the hand that pulls the trigger.

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Clearly, a better system of campaigning must be found than this. Even if Senator Kennedy had accepted the offer by Los Angeles police for protection, it is difficult to see how he could have moved about as he did in complete safety. For in these circumstances not much more is required for an attempt to slay than a weapon and a twisted or crazed mind. The opportunity is there in the proximity of the campaigner to the people he appears among.

One turns to the Kennedy family and one can only wonder what dark and brooding fate stalks these people. Tragedy has overtaken all of this generation that has passed on.

And one turns to the country of which this family has been so vigorous a part and if there are thoughts about a kind of dark and brooding fate the nation seems to be moving toward, should anyone wonder? The catalogue of violence we are compiling chills the heart and asks a prayer. Dear God.

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— NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH,
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BEACH, VIRGINIA.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (62-871)(P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN J. BOYLE, III

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/17/68

Re memo of SA HENRY F. BOLIN, JR., 6/5/68, instructing all Agents to contact informants concerning potential violence following assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

On 6/5/68 SA BOYLE alerted NF 233-R, NF 237-R, NF 256-R, NF 258-R, and NF 265-R in accordance with above instructions.

On subsequent contact with these informants during the period 6/11-13/68 they advised that they could furnish no information to indicate any potential violence as a result of Senator KENNEDY's death.

The above is for information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 6/13/68, Bureau authority granted to furnish all continental offices with a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to assist in covering leads.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (170-132)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA ELMER W. RAPER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☒ R

SUBJECT: KELLY BRILEY
PROBATIONARY RACIAL INFORMANT - GHETTO

Dates of Contact 5/16/68, 5/28/68, 6/6/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Racial Matters KENSALT (62-871)		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC On contact with the informant on 5/16/68 he stated he was aware of the Poor Peoples March and the fact people participating in it were to arrive at Norfolk, Va., the next day, 5/17/68. He said he disapproved the march as he thought it would do more harm than good. He said that he also believed that anyone in the Tidewater area of Virginia who wanted a job could get one. He said he was 1 - 170-132 1 - 170-132A 1 - 157-246 ① - 62-871 EWR/plm (4)		
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not anticipating any trouble as a result of the march, and he had heard no rumors to the effect there was going to be any trouble.

He stated he would remain alert for any information concerning any possible trouble or violence, and if any information came to his knowledge, he would immediately contact the interviewing agent.

When contacted on 5/28/68, the informant advised that the situation in Portsmouth, Va. in regards to any possible racial disturbance was quiet.

When contacted on 6/6/68, the informant advised that the Negro population as well as the white population was shocked by the assault and death of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated, however, he knew of no planned disturbances as a result of the shooting. He said he had heard no rumors of ^{any} possible disturbance and that the situation at this time appears to be quiet and under control.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , NORFOLK (170-131)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA ELMER W. RAPER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☒ R

SUBJECT: BRUCE MORRIS WATTS
PROBATIONARY RACIAL INFORMANT - GHETTO

Dates of Contact 5/16/68, 5/28/68, 6/6/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Racial matters KENSALT (62-871)		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC When contacted on 5/16/68, the informant advised that he was aware of the Poor Peoples March and the fact that persons participating in this march were scheduled to arrive in Norfolk, Virginia the next day, 5/17/68. He said, however, that he had heard no rumors of any possible disturbance, and was not anticipating any trouble in the Tidewater area as a result of the march. He said he was basically at 1 - 170-131 1 - 170-131A 1 - 157-246 ① - 62-871 EWR/plm (4)		
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odds with the idea of the march as he believed that anyone in the Tidewater area of Virginia who wanted a job could get one.

On 5/28/68, the informant advised that the racial situation in the Portsmouth, Va. area was quiet and appeared under control with no known disturbance planned to the best of his knowledge.

When contacted on 6/6/68, the informant advised that the Negro population of Portsmouth, Virginia, as well as the white population had been shocked by the assault and subsequent death of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated, however, that he knew of no possible disturbance resulting from the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

On contacts with the informant, he said he would remain alert for any possible racial disturbances, but the situation appears to be quiet and well under control. He again stated that if any information concerning any possible violence came to his attention, he would immediately notify the contacting agent.

6/24/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: *Wld* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Butel to Phoenix dated 6/20/68.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, this is a criminal investigation and as such, unless unusual circumstances prevail, results should be forwarded on 302 Form for inclusion in investigating report by Los Angeles.

Los Angeles prepares 30 copies of each report in this matter. Each office should either forward stencils to Los Angeles, in which case an original 302 will be returned, or forward 30 copies of respective FD-302.

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Kennedy Slaying Mystery-Girl Hunt Off

From Virginian-Pilot Wire Reports

LOS ANGELES—Police Friday canceled an all-points bulletin for a mysterious girl in a polka-dot dress seen beside Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. In other dramatic developments, Los Angeles Police Chief Tom Reddin and Russell E. Parsons, the defense attorney for Sirhan, have had their lives threatened.

"It was determined that the person who originally described the female in the white polka-dot dress was erroneous," explained Inspector John Powers, assistant commander of the detective bureau.

The "person" was 20-year-old Sandy Serrano of Altadena, a youth-for-Kennedy volunteer.

Shortly after the shooting, Miss Serrano told news media representatives that she had seen "a girl in a white dress with polka dots" run from the Ambassador Hotel and yell:

"We shot him."

Miss Serrano declared then, "I'm kind of sorry I said anything. But I saw what I saw."

She said she left the hotel, where Sen. Kennedy was mortally wounded after a primary election night victory celebration, to

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— Norfolk, Virginia

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catch a breath of air on a terrace.

She said the girl who ran from the hotel was accompanied by a young man of Latin appearance.

Miss Serrano said she called to the girl, "Who did you shoot? Who did you shoot?"

The girl replied, she said: "We shot Sen. Kennedy."

Police later questioned Miss Serrano and put out a detailed all-points bulletin on the basis of the description she gave of the mysterious girl.

Powers, in confirming withdrawal of the alert, said Miss Serrano was "overwrought" after the slaying when she first told her story, now determined to be without basis in fact.

"She was the key witness, the one who caused the alert to be put out," the inspector said.

Michael McCowan, a private detective employed by Parsons, said telephoned and mailed

threats have been received and that police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been asked to provide protection.

However, Chief Reddin told a Statler Hilton Hotel news conference, "I haven't heard from Parsons, but whatever precautions are necessary, we will do."

Reddin also disclosed that his life has been threatened in connection with the case, but he brushed the threat aside, saying he has taken no extra precautions.

The significance of threats, he explained, is the "personal evaluation that the receiver puts on them."

McCowan said he received a telephone call from New York Thursday afternoon. The male caller claimed that the suspected slayer of Kennedy, Sirhan, 24, a native of Jordan, would not receive a fair trial and would be "sold down the river."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC *NORFOLK (170-123)*

DATE: *6/28/68*

FROM : SA *William P. Truckner*

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☒ R

SUBJECT: *Thomas Jefferson Fountain*
Probationary Racial Informant - Shatto

Dates of Contact

5/14, 27/68 6/10, 21/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Racial matters
Kensalt (62-871)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

on contact with informant on 5/14/68 he stated he was aware of the Poor Peoples march and that people were to arrive in Norfolk. He stated he did not believe there would be any trouble in Norfolk. He stated he had not heard any rumors of any trouble.

on 5/27/68, informant advised that everything in Norfolk is quiet with regard to any possible Racial disturbance

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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On 8/10/68, Informant advised everyone was shocked at the death of Senator Kennedy but had heard nothing about any racial disturbance over this. He stated he does not believe there will be any in Norfolk but if he hears of any he will advise the FBI.

On 8/21/68, Informant stated he believes that the matter of Resurrection City in Washington should come to an end as he, as others in Norfolk, feel that everything that can be accomplished from this has been done and to prolong it would do more harm than good. He again stated everything in Norfolk is quiet but he would remain alert and advise if he hears of any disturbance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (62-871) (C)

FROM : SA HENRY F. BOLIN, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 7/19/68

All investigation requested to be conducted has been completed in this matter and no further investigation remains in this Division.

No positive investigation was developed in the course of this investigation and therefore, it is not necessary to furnish any information to the Bureau or other Field Offices.

It is suggested that this case be closed administratively.

No copy of this memo is being furnished to 66-850 inasmuch as this is not a substantive violation under the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 7/30/68

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

In connection with current inquiries being conducted into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy at Los Angeles, California, numerous communications have been received at the Bureau from individual field offices with no copies being designated to the Los Angeles Office, which is office of origin.

In order that the Los Angeles Office may be completely aware of all facets of this investigation, and in order that the office of origin may properly supervise the direction of this investigation, each field division and Legal Attache should insure that copies of all communications dealing with the Kensalt investigation be designated to Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Norfolk, Virginia

August 6, 1968

RE: AMERICANS FOR REINVESTIGATION
OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

In February, 1968, a white male began picketing in front of the United States Post Office Building, Norfolk, Virginia, with a placard.

On February 27, 1968, Captain L. L. Jones, Norfolk Police Department, advised that the person picketing in front of the United States Post Office is Harry Nash, son of the former Associated Press Correspondent in the Norfolk area. Captain Jones said that Harry Nash, the Associated Press Correspondent, died in 1967. Captain Jones said that a Norfolk police officer interviewed this man, who appeared to be about 25 - 30 years old and this man, who Captain Jones identified as Harry Nash, Jr., formerly lived in Norfolk in the Belvedere area with his father. Captain Jones said that this person's father, the former Associated Press Correspondent, reportedly moved to North Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, where he was living when he died.

Captain Jones said that the police officer who interviewed this young man determined that he was against the Vietnam War and he claimed that the United States had not been truthful about the war in Vietnam. Captain Jones said that this person told the police officer that he was going to picket the Post Office at his lunch hour every day until his aims which were not clear were met.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. Joseph W. Jacobs, 425 Bryan Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia, telephonically advised the FBI, Norfolk, that an advertisement was observed in the Norfolk newspaper "Virginian-Pilot," on the previous Wednesday (May 1, 1968), announcing that if anyone was interested in the reopening

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OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

of an investigation of the Kennedy assassination, please contact a certain number in Virginia Beach. Mrs. Jacobs said that she telephonically contacted the number and a man identifying himself as H. C. Nash, an ex-United States Navy Lieutenant, and another man whose name she did not know, came to visit her as a result of her telephonic contact prompted by the advertisement in the newspaper. She said that the other man was a friend of Nash and claimed to be a former Ensign in the United States Navy from New York City and was a local automobile salesman. She said that she learned that Nash was the leader of the group and he lived on Seaman Road, Virginia Beach. She said that Nash indicated that he had attended the University of Houston in 1965 and had been involved in the civil rights movement in Texas in 1965. Nash also reportedly informed Mrs. Jacobs that his wife was a school teacher in the public schools in Virginia Beach. She said that Nash was enlisting people to enter into a picket for the reinvestigation of the Kennedy assassination.

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. Dorothy Collins, Retail Merchants Association Credit Bureau, Portsmouth, advised that she had a credit record for Harry C. Nash, Jr., wife Helen D., which had been in file since 1929. His employments were reporter for the "Ledger-Star" newspaper and correspondent for the Associated Press in Norfolk. His addresses were listed as 617 London Street and 421 North Street, Portsmouth.

On May 13, 1968, Miss Sylvia Rhodes, Retail Merchants Association, Credit Bureau, Norfolk, made available a credit record for Harry C. Nash, III, wife Margaret, which credit had been in file since January 4, 1966. His addresses were listed as 421 North Street, Portsmouth; 321 Coren Drive, Virginia Beach; and 328 Coren Drive, Virginia Beach. His marital status was shown as married and there was information in this file indicating that he had been a Lieutenant in the United States Navy for six years with United States Navy serial number 619690. The Credit Bureau file contained a special report from the Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, Texas, dated April 6, 1966, prepared for the Credit Bureau at Norfolk. This report from Houston indicated that his credit had been in file during the period from November, 1963, to April, 1966. There was one past due account. This report showed that information from the Providence, Rhode Island, Credit Bureau showed he had an account which was paid as agreed.

AMERICANS FOR REINVESTIGATION
OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

On May 16, 1968, Nash was carrying a placard with this painted on it: "Why did the FBI say before the assassination that Oswald was all right?: The Warren report is the most dangerous threat in American history."

Also similar signs have been carried by this person, one of which contained the following: "The forces that killed JFK are still at large in the U.S."

The May 28, 1967, issue of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Telephone Directory has a listing for Harry C. Nash, III, Lieutenant, whose address was 409 Gotham Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The current Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Directory dated May 26, 1968, has a listing for Lieutenant Harry C. Nash, III, address 421 Seeman Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

On May 7, 1968, and August 6, 1968, representatives of the Naval Investigative Service Office, Norfolk, advised they had no information in their files identifiable with a Lieutenant Harry C. Nash, III.

On August 1, 1968, a representative of another United States Government agency made available two leaflets, one carrying the caption "Who Killed Kennedy and Why" which indicates if one desired to join the picket, contact Americans for Reinvestment of the Kennedy Assassination (ARKA), 421 Seeman Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, H. C. Nash, Chairman, and one being a blank petition of the ARKA.

Copies of the above petition and leaflet are attached to this memorandum.

This representative said that Nash furnished this material to one of the personnel of this agency.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Who Killed Kennedy And Why ?

- * We are among literally tens of millions of Americans who do not believe in the Warren Report's conclusion that John Kennedy was killed by Lee Oswald acting alone.
- * We are convinced that JFK was slain by a political conspiracy (of which Oswald was only a part) with roots deep in American life.
- * We are convinced that the administration of Lyndon Johnson is deliberately and viciously withholding from the people crucial information about Oswald and the assassination, and is doing its best to torpedo the Garrison investigation in New Orleans.
- * We are convinced that the unanswered question of Kennedy's murder is, in the long run, the most dangerous issue facing the American people, and one that is directly related to the resolution of many of the major domestic and foreign policy challenges now so urgently before us.
- * Most emphatically, we are convinced that a citizenry's resignation to public doubt and cynicism in such a great question marks the beginning of the end of a free and honorable society.

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS ?

IT IS TO PRESS FOR A NEW INVESTIGATION
BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY WHOSE OBLIGATION IS TO THE TRUTH--HOWEVER SHOCKING--
AND NOT TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS
IN POWER.

ACT NOW BY JOINING THIS PICKET, OR BY
CONTACTING:

Americans for Reinvestigation of
The Kennedy Assassination (ARKA)
421 Seeman Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452

(H. C. Nash, Chairman)

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, are convinced that the Warren Commission did not conduct a thorough, aggressive, and open-minded investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, and did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone, or without political motivation. We are further convinced that the widespread public doubt and cynicism relative to the findings of the Warren Report directly contributed to the growing climate of national violence in which Dr. Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert Kennedy have now lost their lives. We believe that violence as an individual and/or conspiratorial political weapon in the United States will not subside until there is a new investigation into all the facts and all the leads in the murder of John Kennedy. We believe that the stability and viability of democratic processes in this country cannot be fully restored until there is a new investigation of the events of November 22, 1963: an investigation by an independent body whose obligation is to the truth--no matter how shocking--and not to the protection of persons in power, in government or otherwise.

NAME (print) _____

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE* _____

*so that verification of your identity may be made if a legal referendum-petition drive develops either in Norfolk or Virginia Beach.

THIS PETITION DRIVE IS SPONSORED BY AMERICANS FOR REINVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION (ARKA), AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION OF DEEPLY CONCERNED CITIZENS. OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT 1,000 NAMES IN SUPPORT OF THE POSITION STATED ABOVE PRIOR TO AUG. 15, 1968. WHEN WE HAVE REACHED THIS GOAL, WE WILL PRESENT THE PETITION TO APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AS A CHALLENGE TO THEIR OWN SILENCE AND TO THE NATIONAL CONSCIENCE.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP. FOR INFORMATION, WRITE TODAY TO ARKA, 421 SEEMAN ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23452.

8/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (62-NEW)(C)

HARRY C. NASH, III
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: Norfolk)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM entitled "AMERICANS FOR REINVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION," which are being submitted for possible dissemination at the Bureau. Copies have been disseminated locally to OSI, NISO, MIG, USA and SS.

The representatives at NISO were VERNON F. PATTERSON, 5/7/68, and JACK BOHLER, 8/6/68, both of whom were contacted by SA LEMUEL W. KERR.

The representative of the other Government agency, which is 109th MIG, is WILLIAM B. LINDEKE, who furnished the information to SA KERR. The Norfolk indices contain no additional information other than that contained in the LHM except the fact that HARRY C. NASH, JR., was a contact of the Norfolk Office who had been canceled.

NASH has on very few occasions been joined by another young man in picketing in front of the U. S. Post Office, Norfolk.

LINDEKE, MIG, said that one of the people in his office contacted NASH and was furnished the two pieces of material. NASH reportedly was unaware of the official connection of the MIG representative.

Norfolk Division does not contemplate any further action in regard to this matter.

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Lifting of News Control Sought for Sirhan Trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger wants the State Court of Appeals to lift news restrictions on the trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In a 39-page petition, Younger told the court Tuesday that Superior Court judges lack jurisdiction to gag news media and, if they do, it has been exceeded in this case.

Sirhan is charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy June 5 in Los Angeles Sigma Delta Chi, the journalism fraternity, also asked Tuesday that news restrictions be lifted before the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant goes on trial.

Younger's petition said that Judge Arthur Alarcon's order

prohibiting public statements in the case violates the constitutional rights of free speech and free press. The public he said, has the right "to be informed of all relevant facts of a major event."

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Attorney For Sirhan Eyes Delay

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The attorney for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan plans to argue Oct. 14 for postponing the trial of the 24-year-old Jordanian charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Attorney Russell E. Parsons proposed at a hearing Friday that the trial be held after the Christmas and New Year's holidays and that the jury be locked up nightly in a hotel.

Those motions and others concerning evidence will be heard in Superior Court before Judge Herbert V. Walker, 69, the veteran trial judge formally named Friday to hear the case.

Chief Deputy Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton said he will oppose Parsons' motions.

He said that to sequester the jury would limit the available jurors to those "financially, socially and otherwise able" to be locked up for long periods of time.

The trial, scheduled to start Nov. 1, is expected to last several months.

Sirhan appeared in court briefly Friday, four months after Kennedy won California's June 4 presidential primary. The senator was shot early the next day after he proclaimed victory.

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Sirhan Silent At Death Sentence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — His face expressionless, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was sentenced to die for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, slain at a moment of political victory.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker pronounced the death sentence Wednesday for the 25-year-old Palestinian Arab despite a plea from Kennedy's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that one life not be taken for another.

Walker ordered that Sirhan be held in a death row cell at California's San Quentin prison—near its gas chamber—pending an appeal to the state's Supreme Court.

"It is the judgment and sentence of this court," Walker told Sirhan, "that you should suffer the penalty of death . . . in the manner prescribed by law."

As the judge finished, Sirhan flashed a smile and then shrugged.

Kennedy was shot last June 5 in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel as he celebrated his triumph in the California Democratic presidential primary.

Five other persons were wounded by Sirhan and for this he was convicted on five counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

"Sirhan shed not one tear," Grant B. Cooper, Sirhan's chief defense attorney, said after accompanying the slim slayer to a

heavily guarded cell in the courthouse.

Sirhan's mother, Cooper said, "broke down and cried when she left him in his cell."

Mary Sirhan, 55, had heard the death sentence for her son with bowed head in a seat next to the wall, halfway back in the spectator's section of the courtroom.

Beside her, another son, Munir, 22, listened calmly.

The sentence came after Judge Walker denied a defense motion for a new trial and heard a mercy plea from the slain senator's family.

"My brother was a man of love and sentiment and compassion," said a letter, hand-written by Sen. Edward Kennedy and read into the record by Cooper. "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 . . . not hatred . . . 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 . . . 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."

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Sirhan's Mother Leaves Court

She weeps as she and another son, Munir, walk away

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Beach Man to Help Study Evidence in Sirhan Case

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A Virginia Beach man is one of seven re-examining experts who were charged Tuesday with evidence from the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

Patrick V. Garland, 38, a firearms examiner employed at the Tidewater Regional Crime Laboratory in Norfolk, will fly to Los Angeles to study the gun and bullets collected by police after the 1968 slaying.

A partial reopening of the case has been authorized there after proponents of the so-called "two-gun" theory argued that some of the bullets collected at the murder scene could not have been fired from convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan's pistol.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office reluctantly agreed to the re-examination of evidence, although it has stated repeatedly that no second gunman was involved.

In Los Angeles Superior Court

Tuesday, Deputy District Atty. Dinko Bozanich said "substantial irregularities" in the handling of exhibits since the killing may make inconclusive any results obtained from refiring the .22-caliber pistol and comparing the bullet markings with those removed from Kennedy's body.

The prosecutor made his statement as he handed over the pistol and part of the fatal bullet to a county judge.

Garland said that aging of the bullets may interfere with efforts of the panel to establish conclusively whether more than one gun was used in the killing.

"The gun should be in good shape," he said. "The bullets the air gets to them, and if they're made with lead and you leave them in the air, they get a white coating that removes some of the fine markings of value in determining which gun fired them," he said.

"Providing the bullets are in fairly good shape," he said the

panel should be able to come to definite conclusions in the case.

Garland said he has read material on both sides of the issue.

"I do have opinions, but I'd rather keep them to myself until I've had a chance to look at the evidence," he said.

Garland, a retired Army master sergeant was recruited for the Tidewater position 14 months ago after working for eight years in firearms identification for the Army. Most of his work consists of attempting to match bullets with guns, and other crime implements with crimes.

The crime laboratory in Norfolk operates under the auspices of the State Bureau of Forensic Science and was set up and supported primarily by the State Crime Commission under the stewardship of State Sen. Stanley Walker.

Garland said work on the Kennedy case may begin as early as

Monday and should last about a week. He said he will be paid only expenses.

Garland lives in the 200 block of Upperville Road with his wife and two children.

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Patrick Garland with the type of equipment he works with