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RE TAMPA TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

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SVEN ERIC DOSS
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By post card dated 5/28/67, she received on Wed., 5/31/67, DOSS asked Mrs. KEMNITZ to send him his Social Security money, no amount specified.

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Tampa, Florida
March 17, 1967

SVEN ERIC DOSS

Reference is made to a memorandum dated March 9, 1967, at Washington, D.C. and captioned as above.

On March 14, 1967, Mr. Phil Wright, Chief Attorney, Veteran's Administration (VA), St. Petersburg, Florida, was advised that Sven Eric Doss had been committed to St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital, Washington, D.C. for a period of thirty days.

Mr. Wright commented that his regional office lacks jurisdiction over Doss if the latter is in Washington, D.C. and that the VA there must take any action concerning Doss.

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Mr. Wright advised that Doss has a sister, Christine Kemnitz, 1091 North Rademacher Street, Detroit, Michigan, and subject has threatened to kill his sister because he felt that she was retaining his Social Security checks.

It was ascertained that Doss had called the Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Petersburg shortly after 3:00 p.m., on March 3, 1967, stating he had received \$150 by wire from his sister.

Doss was born on March 18, 1922, in Mora, Sweden, and is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is seventy-one inches tall, has brown hair, ruddy complexion, and no teeth. He has a thorax operation scar on right side; gunshot wound on left leg and a hernia operation on left side. Doss has a long history of tuberculosis and asthma and is classified as a schizophrenic and incompetent. His Veterans Administration Number is C15373724 and his FBI Number is 559846D.

On March 6, 1967, Doss telephonically contacted the FBI in Washington, D.C., advising that he was residing in Room 426, Harrington Hotel, Washington, D.C. In a subsequent call on March 6, 1967, Doss indicated that he was leaving Washington, D.C.

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At the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions, M. G. Fedor, National Detective Agency, advised he had observed Doss after 9:45 p.m., March 8, 1967, pacing about and talking to himself at the Greyhound Bus Terminal. On questioning Doss on several occasions, he learned Doss had no legitimate business there, and at 11:40 p.m., March 8, 1967, he arrested Doss when he became loud and boisterous. Special Agent Dennis Lacy, United States Secret Service, advised he had just interviewed Doss and determined his agency had no further investigative interest in Doss inasmuch as Doss did not exhibit general dangerous propensities towards the President.

Upon hearing of Doss' case before Judge Edmond T. Daly, on March 9, 1967, District of Columbia Court of General Sessions, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Charles Flynn, recommended Doss be committed to a mental institution to determine his competency to stand trial. Evidence was heard from the arresting officer and a Special Agent of the FBI advised the court of Doss' background of incompetency. Doss was represented by Nathan Burstyn,

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FROM: SAC, WFO (62-9578)

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYtelcall to WFO, 6/13/67.

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The enclosed LHMs contain a summary of the material in possession of WFO concerning DOSS. No active investigation has been conducted regarding DOSS by WFO.

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to New York, dated 6/13/67, New York telephone call to
WFO, 6/13/67.

Available background information on DOSS
as contained in referenced communications, has been
furnished to the following agencies in New York in view
of Senator KENNEDY's residence and office in this city:

Detective LARRY MC QUADE,
Bureau of Special Services,
NYCPD

SA RICHARD SCOTT,
Secret Service,
NYC, NY

EARL GRAVES
Office of Senator KENNEDY,
110 East 45th Street,
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Information copies to Washington Field, Detroit and Tampa, in view of previous correspondence relative to captioned matter. It is requested that New York be advised of any information relative to DOSS, particularly if any information is received that he is proceeding to New York City.

No further action anticipated by the NYO in this matter



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida

June 20, 1967

SVEN ERIC DOSS

Reference is made to Tampa memorandum dated March 17, 1967 and captioned as above.

On June 5, 1967 Mrs. CHRISTINE KEMNITZ, Detroit, Michigan, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that she had received a letter on May 13, 1967 from Dr. MAURIS M. PLATKIN, physician in charge, John Howard Division, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D. C. According to Mrs. KEMNITZ, Dr. PLATKIN informed her that her, KEMNITZ's, brother, SVEN ERIC DOSS, had been discharged from St. Elizabeth. The letter from Dr. PLATKIN, according to Mrs. KEMNITZ, revealed that DOSS had been released to the custody of authorities for transfer to the District of Columbia Court of General Session for disposition of the charge pending against him. Further, the letter reflected, Mrs. KEMNITZ said, that the charge against DOSS was nolle prossed and that DOSS had been released from the court.

Mrs. KEMNITZ related that she had received a postcard from DOSS, the postcard having been postmarked at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on May 13, 1967. DOSS asked, according to Mrs. KEMNITZ, that the latter send him \$150 to 7330 4th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

On May 31, 1967 Mrs. KEMNITZ pointed out she received a postcard from DOSS dated May 28, 1967, and in this communication, the latter asked the former to send him his Social Security money but no amount was specified. Concluding, Mrs. KEMNITZ said that she planned to send DOSS some of his Social Security money at St. Petersburg by mail on June 5, 1967.

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On June 9, 1967 Mr. PHIL WRIGHT, Legal Officer, Veteran's Administration Regional Office (VARO) St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, advised that two days previously DOSS had been in St. Petersburg but that on June 9, 1967 the VARO received a postcard from DOSS in Ocala, Florida and he pointed out in this communication his plans to proceed to New York City in order to play baseball. He did not elaborate further. According to Mr. WRIGHT, on June 9, 1967 VARO received a telephone call from DOSS in Savannah, Georgia and he claimed to be out of funds. He furnished his address as in care of Western Union at Savannah. He requested VARO send him some money.

Mr. WRIGHT informed that previously DOSS had received \$150 from his sister in Detroit. Also, Mr. WRIGHT pointed out, DOSS promised VARO officials, prior to his departure from St. Petersburg, that he would advise them as to his whereabouts.

On June 13, 1967 Mr. WRIGHT informed that SVEN ERIC DOSS had returned to St. Petersburg and that the latter spent the night of June 12 -- June 13, 1967 with Mr. ERNEST O. LIECHLEY of 234 80th Avenue North, St. Petersburg. Mr. WRIGHT did not know the relationship between LIECHLEY and DOSS but pointed out that Mr. LIECHLEY seemed to be a thoughtful and humanitarian older man who was concerned for DOSS' safety. Mr. WRIGHT said that DOSS, during the night he spent with LIECHLEY, exited the latter's home and threw rocks and other objects at neighboring homes. He exhibited no further violence than this and was restrained and persuaded by LIECHLEY to go back into the latter's home.

Continuing, Mr. WRIGHT said that on June 13, 1967 he received a telephone call from DOSS who informed that he was then in front of the Sheraton Inn Hotel at 6800 Skyway Boulevard in St. Petersburg. DOSS told WRIGHT, according to the latter, that he was "hitchhiking" to Key West, Florida from where he intended to board a boat to China. He informed Mr. WRIGHT that his funds were exhausted and that it was necessary for him to borrow 10¢ to make a telephone call to WRIGHT.

Mr. WRIGHT told DOSS, according to the former, that he should remain at the Sheraton, then Mr. WRIGHT placed a telephone call to the manager of the Sheraton and requested the latter to afford housing accommodations for DOSS during the evening and the latter agreed. Mr. WRIGHT said that the manager then informed him that he did not see DOSS in front of the hotel but would attempt to locate him if possible. Mr. WRIGHT said that he did not hear further from the manager.

Mr. WRIGHT said that he had a Veteran's Administration (VA) check for DOSS in the amount of \$336.00, payable to DOSS but that he was hesitant to give DOSS the entire amount as the latter merely spends the money without reason. He said for example, prior to his departure from St. Petersburg on the first occasion, DOSS spent almost an entire day wrapping a baseball bat which he ultimately sent to the New York Yankees via airmail. Mr. WRIGHT said that the postage on this item was considerable. He said another example is that one of the postcards he had received from DOSS had \$.66 in postage on the card. He said that this is a habit of DOSS and that he frequently repeats this habit.

In conclusion, Mr. WRIGHT said that the VA has already been responsible for having a petition for guardianship filed concerning DOSS but that the latter does not remain in one place long enough for the VA to taken any further action. He concluded by saying that DOSS seldom, if ever, remains in one place for more than a day or two.

On June 7, June 9 and June 13, 1967, the Secret Service Field Office at Tampa, Florida was notified of pertinent developments concerning DOSS' whereabouts.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (63-12185)

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SAC, TAMPA (62-823) (C)

SVEN ERIC DOSS
THREAT AGAINST
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Re Detroit airtel to Director, 6/5/67,
Tampa teletype to Director, 6/9/67
WFO teletype to Director and New York, 6/9/67

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 4 PD376
10 copies of a self-explanatory LHM, concerning the
subject. Also, for each office, to whom a copy of this
letter is designated, there is enclosed one copy of the
LHM. One copy of LHM furnished Secret Service, Tampa.

Mr. PHIL WRIGHT, Legal Officer, Veterans
Administration (VA), St. Petersburg, Beach, has informed
that he will notify the FBI of DOSS' movements when he,
WRIGHT, learns of them. He did emphasize that DOSS
travels and moves erratically and it is very difficult
to know of his whereabouts at all times.

*Copies of attached LHM furnished to SECRET Service by
and Bossi, v/c (21) on 6/29/67. Cjhr*

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