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# Secrecy Cloaks Sirhan Trip Here

An aura of secrecy surrounded preparations today to transfer Sirhan Sirhan from the security cell in Los Angeles County Jail where he has lived for almost a year.

Sirhan was sentenced to death yesterday for the assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy, despite a plea for leniency from, the dead man's brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Within nine days his new address will be Cell 33, South Side, Condemned Unit 1, San Quentin Prison.

That's his special isolation cell on the prison's old Death Row, where he'll live until he goes six floors below to the prison's apple-green gas chamber — if and when all of his appeals fail.

Just when and how he will be brought to San Quentin was the best-kept secret in the prison's history.

He may be flown from Los Angeles to Oakland or San Francisco, or he may be brought under heavy guard in a sheriff's car.

If he comes by commercial airline it is likely that his reservation will be made in the name of, say, John Smith. In the past the airlines have refused to accept a reservation — knowingly — for a famous prisoner.

Why the secrecy surrounding Sirhan's trip north?

For the same reason that Sirhan will be the most isolated and most protected prisoner in San Quentin's history: The State wants to

keep him alive for an execution day, a year away at least, if it comes.

Sirhan's cell is like all the cells for those who await death in the gas chamber. It is 4½ feet wide, 7 feet high and 11 feet deep, illuminated by a large bare overhead bulb which can be turned off and on from within the cell.

But it is different in that it is flanked on both sides by empty cells, which will be kept empty, regardless of the need for cells for newly condemned men.

And it is separated from the other cells on the row by a special mesh fence. And never will any inmate, even the prison trustees who serve Death Row, be permitted to get close to Sirhan. A guard will feed him.

The idea is the same as in Los Angeles where Sirhan has been lodged since last June 5 for the murder of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The idea is to keep Sirhan segregated from men who might want to get into the history books ~~as the~~ killer of an important assassin.

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# Sirhan Draws Restrictions

Sirhan Sirhan was sharply penalized today for the Wednesday temper tantrum which ended only when San Quentin guards teargassed his Death Row cell.

The prison disciplinary committee imposed this punishment:

- Two days of isolation in his cell, with no television, books, records or magazines.
- Five days on "cell status," meaning he must remain in the cell but will be permitted the TV and books.
- Thirty days without privileges, which means he can leave his cell for exercise but cannot buy such things as candy bars and coffee from the canteen.

## 'Very Angry'

Associate Warden James Park said Sirhan, pleading his case before the disciplinary committee, said the State Department had no right to ban the planned trip of his mother, Mary Sirhan, to Jordan in an effort to intervene in the skyjack crisis.

The convicted killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was "very angry about the travel ban," Parks said.

Seeing his mother on TV back there in New York was an upsetting thing for him; he felt the United States was not treating her fairly."

The warden added that Sirhan's "continuing concern for the plight of the Palestinian Arabs" also contributed to the outburst Wednesday, in which he refused to return his metal tray, spoon and fork after lunch in his cell.

## No Concern

Park said he expressed no concern about being — or not being — a part of the hostage deal in which Palestinian guerrillas demanded the release of certain Arab prisoners in return for skyjacked airplanes and their passengers.

At the opening of the skyjack crisis, it was reported that Sirhan's release was a part of the guerrillas' demands.

"He regrets now that he caused so many problems," Park added.

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# Did Sirhan Have Partner?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — New evidence in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy indicates the convicted murderer, Sirhan B. Sirhan, was involved with other persons in a "conspiracy" to kill the New York senator, the author of a new book about the murder charged yesterday.

Robert Blair Kaiser, author of "RFK Must Die!," asserted new information he uncovered since the trial implicated a second Los Angeles man, whom he declined to identify, and a woman. "I believe I have positive new leads," he said.

Kaiser, who spent hours with Sirhan as an investigator for defense attorneys, said "I think he was programmed to kill Kennedy and programmed to forget that he was programmed."

The only reporter to interview Sirhan extensively in his cell, from which came a Life Magazine article, Kaiser said he wrote FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and received a reply he described as "a polite put-off." He said he would

soon present his full "evidence" to the FBI.

Kaiser, a former Time Magazine correspondent who once served as press secretary for Tom Braden's 1966 campaign for lieutenant governor of California, (Braden was a staunch RFK supporter) said "Sirhan's lies, evasions, and omissions ... indicate that others were being shielded."

He based his assertions in part on an unidentified girl seen with Sirhan in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles the night Kennedy was shot.

He called Sirhan's explanation of the girl as a pick-up "a cover story," and maintained "... she was the girl seen with Sirhan on two previous occasions." Although she was later identified as "the girl in the polka dot dress," Valeries Schulte, Kaiser said she "was not, in fact, the girl with Sirhan and was never near Sirhan the night of June 4, 1966."

"The (unidentified) girl was definitely a co-conspirator," he said.

Kaiser discounted Sirhan's story that he was enraged by

a Kennedy campaign television film that touched on U.S. aid to Israel. He argued while Sirhan wrote "RFK must die ..." in his diary May 18, 1966, the film did not appear on California television stations until May 20.

He said lengthy sessions he attended with Sirhan and Dr. Bernard L. Diamond, a University of California criminologist, during which time Sirhan underwent hypnosis, indicated Sirhan "was in a trance, or post hypnotic trance at least, before he killed Kennedy."

He admitted that "no single clue seems to be absolutely compelling ... but taken all together they leave one with the theory that there were others."

Kaiser said Sirhan must undergo further hypnosis before he can "be deprogrammed and unlocked."

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# Lie Test in Probe Of Sirhan Evidence

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Some employees in the county clerk's office have been given lie detector tests in connection with the reported mishandling of evidence in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination, it was disclosed yesterday.

District Attorney Joseph A. Busch's office said the tests were administered because the clerk's office was charged with maintaining the integrity of evidence in the Sirhan trial pending an appeal.

In other developments since the weekend disclosure that evidence may have been altered, County Clerk William Sharp was ordered to inspect his office for possible security breaches, to reevaluate its control system and to invento-

ry exhibits and transcripts from the Sirhan trial.

Sharp said that his personal investigation "failed to disclose any mishandling" of key exhibits, including bullets removed from Kennedy's body and from Sirhan's gun, although there were "still some stones unturned."

Busch said Saturday his office was investigating evi-

dence that the exhibits had been handled—in defiance of a court order—by at least four persons.

The district attorney said he was "terribly concerned" about the reports because of the possibility that the mere fingering of the bullet could erase grooves which would prove from which gun it was fired.

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## An 'Amiable' New Home For Sirhan

Sirhan B. Sirhan, the assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, has been moved from his heavily guarded cell on Death Row to an area reserved for only "the most amiable" condemned prisoners, San Quentin officials announced yesterday.

Sirhan initially was kept under guard in a cell in what is known as Death Row No. 1 because of threats against him from other inmates of the row. The volatile slayer was also something of a problem because of temper tantrums that on one occasion ended only after tear gas had been used to subdue him.

Associate Warden James Park said the source of the threats have been pretty well established and "the people who made them aren't going anywhere."

Also, after nearly three years on Death Row, Sirhan has become a more tractable prisoner and "his behavior in general is now satisfactory."

Sirhan was moved from Death Row No. 1 — which is the prison's original Death Row — to a larger cell in Death Row No. 3, on the second floor of the prison's Adjustment Center. Now for the first time he will be permitted to mingle with other condemned prisoners during exercise periods.

Death Row No. 1 has 52 inmates; No. 2 — which is on the third floor of the Adjustment Center is for less troublesome prisoners — contains 32 men, and No. 3 has 16 occupants.

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## Sirhan Moved With Other Cons

Sirhan Sirhan, alien Arab convicted of the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was moved to a new San Quentin death row area today where he will be allowed to mingle with other prisoners.

Associate Warden Joseph O'Brien said Sirhan was moved because "he had adjusted very well and we see no problem from other prisoners if he is allowed to mingle."

### For 3 Years

Sirhan has been in an isolated cell in Death Row No. 1 nearly three years. There, he has been permitted absolutely no contact with other prisoners and has exercised alone in a corridor screened from others.

He was moved to Death Row No. 3, O'Brien said,

where he will be able to mingle with other death row prisoners during the one-hour daily exercise periods in the prison yard.

Until now he has been segregated for his own protection from other death row prisoners.

### Hunger Strike

Sirhan spent a day and a half in the prison hospital for observation in March of 1970 after he complained of feeling groggy and sleepy.

And in the fall of 1969 he went on a hunger strike for 14 days, refusing all food but hot coffee and chocolate.

In September of 1970 he was penalized with loss of privileges for 30 days and spent two days in cell isolation after he went into a temper tantrum which guards stopped by firing tear gas into his cell.

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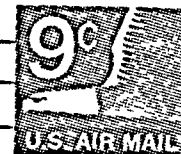
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Edward F. Holland  
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Mr. Sirhan B. Sirhan  
c/o State Prison  
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Dear Mr. Sirhan:

I can't say much here, but I have watched your case with some interest, and have written in your behalf to activities overseas, though the matter is difficult as you know. It seems people can engage in all sorts of hidden shrewd criminal crime in a n effort support this or that foreign policy as long as they don't get caught in apparent violent acts, and even then if it is directed against minorities such as Gov. Wallace the action taken is not as severe as in the matter of a leader of a majority.

If I can do anything for you, which I doubt I can, feel free to so notify me. I was stationed at North Island with the Navy and have had some dealings since discharge in that area, so I am familiar somewhat with the problem. Anyway you have to go is a n almost hopeless miserable course, but others survive, and I hope you will be fortunate enough to do likewise - until you reach an environment where people can understand your side.

Best Wishes,  
(postcards & \$1 enc.)

*Edward F. Holland*



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OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for Los Angeles and Mobile is one copy each of a letter addressed to Mr. SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, c/o State Prison, San Quentin, California.

The letter is from EDWARD F. HOLLAND, 919 Alba Street, Mobile, Alabama. The content is self-explanatory.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( 62-5481)

DATE: April 25, 1973

FROM : SA C.M. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: SIRHAN B. SIRHAN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a self-explanatory copy of a message received by Sirhan.

This copy was made available April 25, 1973 by HELEN HESTER, the Wardens' secretary at San Quentin where Sirhan is an inmate.

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Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of a message from SIRHAN's mother, made available on April 25, 1973, by HELEN HESTER, Warden's secretary, San Quentin Penitentiary, Tamal, California, where SIRHAN is an inmate. The contents are self-explanatory.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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FROM : DA C.M. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: SIRHAN B. SIRHAN  
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On Jan. 8, 1974, MISS HELEN HESTER, Warden's Secretary, San Quentin made available the attached documents which were sent to the subject at the prison.

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DEAR SIRHAN. BEFORE WRITING THIS LETTER AN HOUR AGO MUNIR ADEL AND I WENT TO ISAACS OFFICE BECAUSE WE FIND THAT ITS IMPORTANT THAT WE GO AND ASK HIM TO BE IN THIS CASE. BECAUSE IT IS COMING TO BE A MUCH BIGGER CASE THE FILMS ARE GOING ON IN DIFFERENT STATES ABOUT THE 2ND GUN ATTORNEY HANSON IS WAITING FOR KIRSHKES CASE AND THE TIME IS NOW WHILE THE FILMS ARE PLAYING. YOUR CASE MUST GO INTO COURT BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS GOING TO COME OUT. THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO HAS A BIG VOICE TO BE HEARD AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AND TAKE IT RIGHT AWAY TO COURT. WE DONT WANT TO LOSE IT. ADEL AND MUNIR AND I FOUND OUT WE NEED SOMEBODY WHO HAS THE GUTS, WHO KNOWS THE CASE FROM BEGINNING TO END LIKE ISAACS. THATS WHY WE FOUND NO ONE UNDERSTANDS YOUR CASE FROM BEGINNING TO END AND FROM ALL WAYS LIKE HIM THATS WHY WE WANT HIM IN. NOT LIKE ROGER WHO ONLY KNOWS THE BALLISTICS PART. ISAAC WILL DEFEND YOU IN ALL WAYS IF YOU GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO DO WHAT HE KNOWS IS RIGHT AND HE WILL DO IT WITHOUT PAY. ROGER KNOWS NOTHING MUCH IN YOUR CASES BEHALF OF WHAT IS GOING ON OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA FOR ONE REASON HE CANT AFFORD IT ALL WE ASK FROM YOU IS TO AGREE WITH US AND SEND A GOOD LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ASK FOR ISAAC TO TAKE OVER AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE YOUR LETTER YOUR CASE WILL BE FILED AS IT SHOULD BE STAY IN PEACE WE ALL LOVE YOU PS ISAAC ALREADY HAS YOUR CASE PREPARED IT WONT TAKE ANY TIME PPS PAT WITH US TO ISAACS ALSO LOVE MOTHER MUNIR AND ADEL.

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# Probe Review in Shooting of RFK

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The City Council rules committee has voted to review investigation procedures the Los Angeles Police Department used in the inquest of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

The 3-1 vote also called on John S. Gibson Jr., president of the council, to appoint a five-member committee to conduct the inquiry.

Gibson said following the vote Wednesday that the full council will probably approve formation of the ad hoc committee within 10 days.

The resolution was proposed by Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky after it was disclosed that ceiling panels from the Ambassador Hotel where Kennedy was gunned down June 5, 1968, were destroyed a year later.

Sirhan B. Sirhan was found guilty in the murder charge.

Asst. Police Chief Daryl Gates testified last week to the councilmen that two ceiling panels that had bullet holes in them and which were considered evidence in the case were destroyed.

The Police Commission later confirmed Gates' disclosure.

Yaroslavsky contended the department and the commission cannot conduct an investigation in a "satisfactory manner."

He said he has little or no faith in the commission, which he said "stone-walled" until after Gates' testimony on the missing evidence episode.

In his public testimony, Gates said the two missing panels had "absolutely no value whatsoever" as evidence because the important testing was done before they were removed from the hotel.

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Department No. 100 (sitting at Los Angeles  
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ARTHUR L. ALARCON Judge

B. A. Bancroft Clerk

APPEARANCES:

(Parties and Counsel checked if present.)  
Counsel shown opposite parties represented.)

Lois Johnson Reporter

George Psareas, Deputy Sheriff

Case No. A 233 421

☒ Evelle J. Younger, District Attorney by  
John Howard, Morio Fukuto, and  
Dan Johnson Deputyles

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

R. S. Buckley, Public Defender by

vs

☒ Sirhan Bishara Sirhan

Deputy

Proceedings are held for the purpose of arraignment of the defendant. Court convenes in temporary facilities at the Los Angeles County Jail, due to physical incapacity of the defendant and to prevent any incidents which might deny the defendant his right to a fair trial.

Public Defender is appointed to represent the defendant, Public Defender Richard S. Buckley and Deputy Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield being present in court. Mr. Buckley advises the Court that Mr. Littlefield will be assigned to handle representation of this defendant.

Court advises defendant of his constitutional rights. Defendant is arraigned.

On motion of defendant, pursuant to Sections 730, 951, 952, 953, and 954 of the Evidence Code, the Court appoints Dr. Eric Marcus and Dr. Edward Stainbrook to examine defendant as to his mental and physical condition, and to advise attorney for defendant as to plea or pleas which should be entered, or as to the nature of a defense. The doctors are ordered to deliver their reports to the attorney for the defendant, and are further ordered that any conversations with or relative to the defendant shall be privileged communication, and that the contents of the doctors' reports shall be privileged communication. The doctors are ordered not to divulge the contents of any conversation or written report to any person other than the attorney for the defendant.

A. L. Wirin, chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, who is present in Court at request of the Court, is permitted to address the Court regarding the constitutional rights of the defendant.

On motion of the defendant, plea is continued to June 28, 1968, at 9:00 a.m.

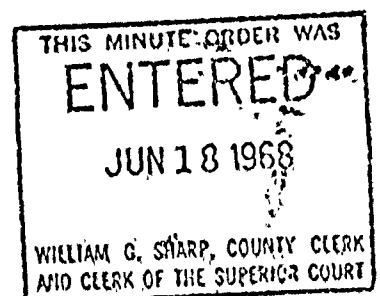
Pursuant to written order filed this date, the Court makes specific orders relative to release of information and evidence relative to this case.

On motion of the defendant, the Court orders a daily transcript (original and five copies) of all proceedings had in this case, including the return of the indictment recorded earlier this date.

Defendant is remanded.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

ON JUNE 6, 1968, YOU MURDERED BOBBY KENNEDY.  
HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

WE KNOW WHO TOLD YOU TO KILL BOBBY KENNEDY.  
THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES SAVED YOU FROM  
THE DEATH CHAMBER. BUT NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU  
ON JUNE 6, 1974. your monstrous crime will

be REVENGED. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176 THE POSSE.

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SA FRANCIS M. CONNOLLY

RICHARD C. WELCH  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Memo SA TERRY A. TREXLER dated 12/15/76.

On 1/14/77, Subject was interviewed by the writer at Soledad Prison. He advised he is in the same cellblock at Soledad with SIRHAN SIRHAN and also was housed with him on death row in San Quentin before they were transferred to Soledad with the suspension of capital punishment. WELCH had no information to offer within our jurisdiction and offered the writer to review a manuscript he was writing regarding SIRHAN. The offer was politely declined. He was questioned regarding any information he had to indicate others may have been involved with SIRHAN. He said he had no information in this regard.

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# Sirhan 'Can't Remember' Assassination

By Jack Lynch

Chronicle Correspondent

Soledad,  
Monterey county

Convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan claimed yesterday that he has a mental blackout about the events on the night he shot and killed Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

But Sirhan said if he could go back to the scene of the assassination, he might remember the details of the night of June 5, 1968.

Sirhan, 33, met with two Los Angeles county supervisors and his own attorney for three hours yesterday. The supervisors, Baxter Ward and Kenneth Hahn, are investigating the assassination.

Sirhan had refused to talk to investigators, but agreed to talk to the supervisors as long as his attorney, Godfrey Isaac, was present.

Dressed in white T-shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes, Sirhan met with the three men in a Soledad Prison conference room.

After the meeting, Ward, Hahn and Isaac held an informal press conference at the entrance to the prison.

The supervisors said Sirhan was "very cooperative and friendly," but to the crucial questions of why he killed Kennedy or whether there had been a conspiracy, Sirhan pleaded a loss of memory.

When asked why he was in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the assassination and who told him Kennedy would pass through there Sirhan responded: "I can't remember. I can't remember."

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~~This is not a closed chapter~~ yet," Hahn told the 30 reporters and photographers clustered outside the gate.

The supervisors said they believe it would be useful to have Sirhan undergo psychological testing and hypnosis to jog his memory of the assassination.

Hahn said he would like to see psychiatrists work "to pull back the curtain of his mind and get the real story."

The supervisors said that at one point in their discussion Sirhan told them he had no knowledge of a conspiracy, but he did not reject the "Manchurian Candidate" theory that he had been programmed to commit the assassination without his knowledge.

Ward said that on the basis of yesterday's interview, he believes that anyone attempting a psychological probe of Sirhan "faces a formidable mind," indicating his respect for Sirhan's intelligence.

Attorney Isaac said Sirhan agreed to the interview with the supervisors because he would "like to make peace with society," and that he wants Ward and Hahn to

refute the charges ~~that he~~ "has refused to cooperate in an investigation of the assassination."

During his three and a half month trial, Sirhan claimed that he went into a trance shortly before the fatal shooting and did not remember anything until later, when he was restrained by Kennedy's aides.

"He wants to go back to the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles so he can visualize it," said Isaac. "He wants to know himself, did he or did he not kill Bobby Kennedy?"

The supervisors said they spent the first ten or 15 minutes in the locked and guarded conference room like Sirhan "getting acquainted and asking each other questions."

Then they asked him a list of questions that had been prepared by the Los Angeles district attorney's investigators going over the case step by step.

Isaac said the next step would be for him to return to Soledad next week to discuss with Sirhan whether he would allow psychological testing and hypnotism.

Sirhan, a Palestinian immigrant, was convicted of the Kennedy assassination and was sentenced to die in the San Quentin gas chamber. He was spared when the California Supreme Court declared the death penalty unconstitutional.

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SUBJECT: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

REFERENCE IS MADE TO FBI TELETYPE DATED 11-30-77 WHICH IS QUOTED  
BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN; EDWARD KENNEDY, UNITED STATES SENATOR  
FROM MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM; CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUE.

ON NOVEMBER 29, 1977, FBI, PHOENIX ADVISED THAT:

ON NOVEMBER 28, 1977, THOMAS LAWRENCE ORTEGA, SR. WAS  
INTERVIEWED BY PHOENIX DIVISION ON ANOTHER MATTER. ORTEGA  
DESCRIBED AS MEXICAN/AMERICAN ADULT, DOB DECEMBER 5, 1952, FBI  
NUMBER 747 599 G, CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS NUMBERS  
B-64618; SID3176554, SSAN [REDACTED]. ORTEGA INTERVIEWED  
COCONINO COUNTY JAIL, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AND ANTICIPATES  
EXTRADITION TO CORVALIS, OREGON BY DECEMBER 2, 1977, FOR GTA.

ORTEGA STATED THAT WHILE INCARCERATED AT SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA  
PRISON, HIS CELL LOCATED NEXT TO SUBJECT. HE ADVISED HE WAS IN  
SOLEDAD DURING LAST 13 MONTHS OF CONFINEMENT ENDING JANUARY 20,  
1977.

HE FURTHER ADVISED DURING SECOND OR THIRD MONTH IN SOLEDAD,  
HE HAD A MEETING WITH THE RESPECTIVE PRISON WARDEN, LIEUTENANT,  
AND COUNSELOR CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL DIFFERENCES WITH SUBJECT.

HE ADVISED AFTER HIS MEETING, HE AND SUBJECT WORKED OUT  
PERSONAL DIFFERENCES AND BECAME CLOSE ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED  
DURING THIS TIME SUBJECT OFFERED HIM ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND A  
CAR IN EXCHANGE FOR KILLING SENATOR KENNEDY. HE ADVISED HE DID  
NOT KNOW EDWARD KENNEDY WAS A SENATOR BUT KNEW HE WAS THE BROTHER  
OF ROBERT AND JOHN F. KENNEDY. HE ADVISED HE DECLINED THE  
CONTRACT. HE ADVISED SUBJECT TOLD HIM TO CONTACT SUBJECT'S  
MOTHER UPON HIS RELEASE FOR DETAILS IF HE ACCEPTED.

HE FURTHER ADVISED HE DOES NOT THINK SUBJECT MADE OFFER TO  
ANY OTHER INMATES. HE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS CLOSE ONLY TO  
HIMSELF AND TO INMATE NAMED MIKE (LNU).

HE ADVISED HE WAS WRITTEN SUBJECT ON TWO OCCASIONS USING  
DIFFERENT NAME AND IS STILL ON GOOD TERMS WITH SUBJECT.

NOTE CREDIBILITY OF ORTEGA IS UNKNOWN TO PHOENIX.

INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED BY FBI TO DETERMINE IF CONSPIRACY



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SUBJECT IS OF PRIOR RECORD UNDER THE ABOVE FILE NUMBER. HIS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFILE IS QUOTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION. SUBJECT REMAINS INCARCERATED AT SOLEDAD STATE PRISON, CALIFORNIA.

QUOTE

---ORIGIN AND HISTORY---

6-5-68 SENATOR KENNEDY, AT CONCLUSION OF SPEECH IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, WAS SHOT AND FATALLY WOUNDED BY SUBJ. USING 3 SHOT 22 CALIBER REVOLVER. 5 OTHER PERSONS WOUNDED. SUBJ IMMEDIATELY APPREHENDED AND ARRESTED; HAD IN POSSESSION \$414, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CONCERNING KENNEDY, 22 CALIBER BULLETS; REFUSED TO FURNISH PERSONAL DATA. RESIDENCE SEARCHED, 2 NOTEBOOKS FOUND REVEALED SUBJ OBSESSED WITH DESIRE TO KILL KENNEDY. ENTRY DATED 05-18-68 STATES "RFK MUST BE KILLED BY 6-5-68. WE FEEL THAT KENNEDY MUST BE SACRIFICED FOR BENEFIT OF POOR PEOPLE. I ADVOCATE OVERTHROW PRESENT PRESIDENT OF US. I HAVE NO DEFINITE PLANS YET BUT WILL HAVE SOME SOON. I HAVE A TASK TO KILL THE 36TH PRESIDENT". A TREASURY ENVELOPE CONTAINED FOLLOWING; "RFK MUST BE DISPOSED OF LIKE HIS BROTHER WAS - REACTIONARY". WITNESSES HAVE CLAIMED SUBJ IN COMPANY OF OTHER PERSONS PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION. Q1'S DISCONTINUED 5-27-69.

092277 USSS MONITORING FBI INVESTIGATION INVOLVING SUBJ AND ADEL SIRHAN; SEE C027659800001. 090877 FBI INTVD SUBJ RE ALLEGATIONS OF CARMEN FALZONE THAT SUBJ WAS PART OF CONSPIRACY TO STEAL A NUCLEAR DEVICE AND TRANSPORT IT TO PRES QADHAFI OF LIBY IN EXCHANGE FOR \$40 MILLION. SUBJ ADMITTED KNOWING FALZONE AS WELL AS PUTTING HIM IN CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY. SIRHAN STATED FALZONE WAS "BRAGGART" & CON-ARTIST. HE DENIED ANY PLOT & STATED HE WOULD NEVER DISCUSS PAST ACTIVITIES OR FUTURE PLANS WITH INMATES; DOESN'T TRUST THEIR MOTIVES FOR TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO HIM. FBI INVEST INDICATED FALZONE/S RELIABILITY DOUBTFUL & INVEST DISCONT.

MENTAL HISTORY