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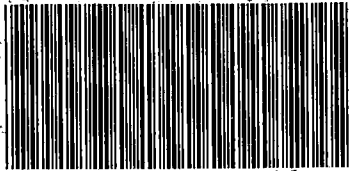


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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN; EDWARD KENNEDY, U.S. SENATOR FROM

MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM. CAS (A). OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

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 [REDACTED], CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS NUMBERS

[REDACTED]; SID [REDACTED], 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

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PRISON, HIS CELL LOCATED NEXT TO SUBJECT. HE ADVISED HE WAS IN SOLEDAD DURING LAST 18 MONTHS OF CONFINEMENT ENDING JANUARY 20, 1977. HE ADVISED HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS HOOVER AND RUSSELL (POSSIBLY FIRST NAMES) DURING SECOND MONTH IN SOLEDAD ABOUT SUBJECT.

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.

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HE ADVISED HE HAS WRITTEN SUBJECT ON TWO OCCASIONS USING

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DIFFERENT NAME AND IS STILL ON GOOD TERMS WITH SUBJECT.

BOSTON AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. PER HANDBOOK INSTRUCTIONS, WILL DISSEMINATE ABOVE INFORMATION TO LOCAL SECRET SERVICE OFFICE AND LOCAL POLICE AGENCIES. WILL NOTIFY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S STAFF OF ABOVE DEATH CONTRACT OFFER.

SAN FRANCISCO AT SOLEDAD PRISON (MONTEREY COUNTY), CALIFORNIA. WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ABOVE INFORMATION, (INCLUDING ORTEGA'S APPARENT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT), AND CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

WFO AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL ADVISE SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S OFFICE OF ABOVE ATTEMPTED DEATH CONTRACT (NOTE CREDIBILITY OF ORTEGA IS UNKNOWN TO PHOENIX).

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Date 11/29/77

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(SUBJECT (TEXT BEGINS NEXT PAGE):

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN; EDWARD KENNEDY,
 UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS -
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MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM, CAS (A), OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO,
AND WFO, NOVEMBER 29, 1977. *SEA*

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, PORTLAND, AND SACRAMENTO,
PHOENIX REPORTED THAT THOMAS LAWRENCE ORTEGA, MEXICAN
AMERICAN, DOB DECEMBER 5, 1952, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS NUMBER B-64618, *89-4095-3*
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JAIL, FLAGSTAFF, AIRZONA, AND SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS CONFINED AT THE CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY (CTF), SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, HE WAS LODGED AT THE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY UNIT WHERE SIRHAN SIRHAN WAS ALSO CONFINED. DURING THAT TIME, SIRHAN ALLEGEDLY OFFERED HIM ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND A CAR TO KILL U.S. SENATOR KENNEDY.

ON NOVEMBER 30, 1977, MR. ALF CHRISTENSEN, COUNSELOR, CTF, INFORMED THAT HE WAS THE COUNSELOR TO ORTEGA WHILE ORTEGA WAS CONFINED AT THE PCU SECTION. CHRISTENSEN STATED THAT ORTEGA IS A NOTORIOUS LIAR AND THAT HE WAS CONSTANTLY PROVIDING THE STAFF WITH OUTRAGEOUS STORIES CONCERNING OTHER INMATES WHILE CONFINED AT CTF. CHRISTENSEN SAID THAT ORTEGA IS A TRANSEXUAL KNOWN TO THE INMATES WHERE HE WAS CONFINED AS TERESA. ORTEGA WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS DOMINGO BARROS, WHO WAS ALSO CONFINED AT THE PCU. BARROS WAS ALSO A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR.

CHRISTENSEN STATED THAT RECORDS REVEALED ORTEGA WAS PAROLED ON JANUARY 20, 1977, TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PAROLE IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. DOMINGO BARROS WAS

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PAROLED ON JANUARY 28, 1977, TO THE WEST LOS ANGELES PAROLE UNIT NUMBER 3. CHRISTENSEN STATED THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN WAS NEVER CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ORTEGA AND THAT ORTEGA NEVER DID MAKE ANY TYPE OF ALLEGATION TO THE STAFF THAT HE AND SIRHAN SIRHAN WERE NOT GETTING ALONG.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1977, LIEUTENANT DON HILL WAS CONTACTED AT CTF. LIEUTENANT HILL INFORMED THAT HE WAS THE INVESTIGATIVE LIEUTENANT DURING THE TIME THAT ORTEGA WAS CONFINED AT THE PCU. LIEUTENANT HILL STATED THAT ORTEGA IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUALS OF LIKE UNRELIABILITY. ORTEGA WAS A NOTORIOUS TRANSEXUAL WHO WAS CONSTANTLY CAUSING PROBLEMS IN THAT REGARD AND HE WAS KNOWN AS TERESA BY THE OTHER INMATES. LIEUTENANT HILL STATED THAT SERGEANT SMITH WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO KNEW ORTEGA BEST.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1977, SERGEANT GEORGE SMITH WAS CONTACTED AT CTF. SERGEANT SMITH STATED THAT ORTEGA WAS A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR WHILE CONFINED AT CTF IN THE PCU AND THAT HE WAS CONSTANTLY RELATING COMPLETELY FALSE STORIES TO THE STAFF. SERGEANT SMITH STATED HE

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WOULD STAKE HIS CAREER ON THE FACT THAT ANY INFORMATION FROM ORTEGA, ESPECIALLY ONE SO OUTRAGEOUS AS THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN COULD OFFER A MILLION DOLLARS TO KILL SENATOR KENNEDY, WOULD BE TOTALLY FALSE. SERGEANT SMITH FURTHER SAID THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN STAYS TO HIMSELF AND IS EXTREMELY CAREFUL OF OTHER INMATES, BECAUSE HE HAS LEARNED BY EXPERIENCE THAT OTHER INMATES WILL USE HIS NAME TO GAIN ATTENTION.

LOS ANGELES IS FURNISHED AN INFORMATION COPY OF THIS TELETYPE INASMUCH AS ORTEGA AND BARROS PAROLED TO OFFICES IN THEIR TERRITORY. PORTLAND FURNISHED INFO COPY BECAUSE ORTEGA IS DUE TO BE EXTRADITED TO CORVALLIS, OREGON, BY DECEMBER 2, 1977, FOR GTA. SACRAMENTO FURNISHED INFO COPY INASMUCH AS RECORDS OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAINTAINED THERE.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PHOENIX TELETYPE HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND INFORMATION IS THAT ORTEGA IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE.

SAN FRANCISCO IS PLACING THIS CASE IN CLOSED STATUS AND ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION SHOULD INFORM SECRET SERVICE OF THE UNRELIABILITY OF SOURCE.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL SUBMIT LHM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/8/77

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (89-235) (C)

SUBJECT: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN;
EDWARD KENNEDY, U.S. SENATOR
FROM MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM
CAS (A)

00: San Francisco

Edward M. Kennedy

Re Phoenix teletype to Bureau et al, 11/29/77 and
San Francisco teletype to Bureau et al, 12/2/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

December 8, 1977

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN;
EDWARD KENNEDY, U.S. SENATOR
FROM MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM

On November 28, 1977, Mr. Thomas Lawrence Ortega, Sr. was interviewed by Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at the Coconino County Jail, Flagstaff, Arizona. Ortega is described as a Mexican/American adult, date of birth December 5, 1952, FBI Number [REDACTED], California Department of Corrections Number B-64618.

Mr. Ortega stated that while he was incarcerated at the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) located at Soledad, California, he was confined in a cell located next to Sirhan Sirhan.

He informed that while confined at CTF Sirhan Sirhan offered him \$1,000,000 and a car in exchange for killing Senator Kennedy. Mr. Ortega said he declined the contract. He further said that Sirhan told him to contact his mother upon his release for the details if he accepted.

On November 30, 1977, Mr. Alf Christensen, Counselor, CTF, informed that he was the counselor assigned to the Protective Custody Unit (PCU) while Thomas Lawrence Ortega was confined there. Christensen stated that as far as he knew, Ortega and Sirhan Sirhan were never closely associated. Christensen further informed that it was his opinion that Ortega is a notorious liar and that he was constantly providing the staff with false stories concerning other inmates.

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FROM MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM

Mr. Christensen stated that Ortega was a transsexual commonly known by the name, which he said he preferred, as Teresa. Ortega was also a close associate of an inmate confined there known as Domingo Barros who was a troublemaker and who seemed to stimulate other inmates into making up far-fetched stories which never did prove to be true.

Mr. Christensen informed that the records at CTF revealed that Ortega was parolled on January 20, 1977, to the California Department of Probation and Parole in Oxnard, California. Domingo Barros was parolled on January 28, 1977, to the West Los Angeles Parole Unit Number Three. Mr. Christensen said that Sirhan Sirhan was never closely associated with Ortega and that Ortega never did make any type of allegation to the staff of any type of activity between him and Sirhan.

On December 1, 1977, Lieutenant Don Hill, CTF, informed that he was the investigative lieutenant during the time that Ortega was confined at the PCU. Lieutenant Hill said that Ortega is totally unreliable and that he associated with individuals of like unreliability. Lieutenant Hill said it was his opinion, based upon months of experience with Ortega, that he was a notorious liar who was constantly causing problems by telling false stories to the staff. Lieutenant Hill further said that Ortega was a well-known transsexual known as Teresa by the other inmates.

On December 1, 1977, Sergeant George Smith, CTF, stated that he knew Ortega from the time he arrived at CTF until he was parolled. Sergeant Smith stated that in his opinion Ortega is a pathological liar and that he was constantly relating completely unsubstantiated stories to the staff. Sergeant Smith informed that he would stake his career on the fact that any information from Ortega, especially one so outrageous as that Sirhan Sirhan had the resources to offer a million dollars to kill Senator Kennedy, would be

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FROM MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM

totally false. Sergeant Smith further said that Sirhan stays to himself and is extremely careful of his association with other inmates. Sergeant Smith said Sirhan has learned by experience that other inmates use his name to gain attention once they get on the outside.

Inasmuch as the investigation conducted at CTF Soledad has disclosed that Thomas Lawrence Ortega is completely unreliable, no further investigation is being conducted by the FBI concerning this allegation.

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Date 12/12/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-526) (RUC)

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN;
 EDWARD KENNEDY,
 UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM
MASSACHUSETTS-VICTIM
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Re Phoenix teletype to Bureau dated 11/29/77, and
 San Francisco teletype to Bureau dated 12/2/77.

On 12/1/77, and 12/6/77, SA JAMES C. SETTLE
 advised JAN ALBERGHINI, Administrative Assistant, Office of
 Senator Kennedy, of the content of referenced teletypes
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SUBJECT: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN;
EDWARD KENNEDY,
U. S. Senator from
Massachusetts - VICTIM
CAS (A)
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RePxtels, 11-29-77 and 12-2-77.

The following individuals have been placed on
 notice of the information contained in retels:

1. BARBARA A. SAULIOTIS, Special Assistant,
 Sen. EDWARD KENNEDY, Rm. 2400,
 John F. Kennedy Federal Bldg.,
 Boston, Mass.
2. Special Agent MARK BROWN,
 U. S. Secret Service,
 575 Technology Square
 Cambridge, Mass.
3. Det. JOHN CARTER, Intelligence Division,
 Police Department, Boston, Mass.
4. NEIL NIGHTINGALE, Chief of Police,
 Barnstable Police Department, Hyannis, Mass.

A search of the indices maintained at the Boston
 Office against the name of THOMAS LAWRENCE ORTEGA, SR.
 disclosed no information identifiable with same.

In view of the fact that the Boston Office anticipates

2-Bureau
 1-Phoenix (Info)
 1-San Francisco (89-235) (Info)
 1-WFO

Approved: 1-Boston

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conducting no further investigation in this matter,
this case is considered RUC.

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RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO,
 AND WFO, NOVEMBER 29, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, PORTLAND, AND SACRAMENTO,
 PHOENIX REPORTED THAT THOMAS LAWRENCE ORTEGA, MEXICAN
 AMERICAN, DOB DECEMBER 5, 1952, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] G,
 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS NUMBER B-64618,
 SSAN [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE COCO NINO COUNTY

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JAIL, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, AND SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS CONFINED AT THE CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY (CTF), SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, HE WAS LODGED AT THE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY UNIT WHERE SIRHAN SIRHAN WAS ALSO CONFINED. DURING THAT TIME, SIRHAN ALLEGEDLY OFFERED HIM ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND A CAR TO KILL U.S. SENATOR KENNEDY.

ON NOVEMBER 30, 1977, MR. ALF CHRISTENSEN, COUNSELOR, CTF, INFORMED THAT HE WAS THE COUNSELOR TO ORTEGA WHILE ORTEGA WAS CONFINED AT THE PCU SECTION. CHRISTENSEN STATED THAT ORTEGA IS A NOTORIOUS LIAR AND THAT HE WAS CONSTANTLY PROVIDING THE STAFF WITH OUTRAGEOUS STORIES CONCERNING OTHER INMATES WHILE CONFINED AT CTF. CHRISTENSEN SAID THAT ORTEGA IS A TRANSEXUAL KNOWN TO THE INMATES WHERE HE WAS CONFINED AS TERESA. ORTEGA WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS DOMINGO BARROS, WHO WAS ALSO CONFINED AT THE PCU. BARROS WAS ALSO A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR.

CHRISTENSEN STATED THAT RECORDS REVEALED ORTEGA WAS PAROLED ON JANUARY 20, 1977, TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PAROLE IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. DOMINGO BARROS WAS

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PAROLED ON JANUARY 28, 1977, TO THE WEST LOS ANGELES PAROLE UNIT NUMBER 3. CHRISTENSEN STATED THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN WAS NEVER CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ORTEGA AND THAT ORTEGA NEVER DID MAKE ANY TYPE OF ALLEGATION TO THE STAFF THAT HE AND SIRHAN SIRHAN WERE NOT GETTING ALONG.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1977, LIEUTENANT DON HILL WAS CONTACTED AT CTF. LIEUTENANT HILL INFORMED THAT HE WAS THE INVESTIGATIVE LIEUTENANT DURING THE TIME THAT ORTEGA WAS CONFINED AT THE PCU. LIEUTENANT HILL STATED THAT ORTEGA IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUALS OF LIKE UNRELIABILITY. ORTEGA WAS A NOTORIOUS TRANSEXUAL WHO WAS CONSTANTLY CAUSING PROBLEMS IN THAT REGARD AND HE WAS KNOWN AS TERESA BY THE OTHER INMATES. LIEUTENANT HILL STATED THAT SERGEANT SMITH WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO KNEW ORTEGA BEST.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1977, SERGEANT GEORGE SMITH WAS CONTACTED AT CTF. SERGEANT SMITH STATED THAT ORTEGA WAS A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR WHILE CONFINED AT CTF IN THE PCU AND THAT HE WAS CONSTANTLY RELATING COMPLETELY FALSE STORIES TO THE STAFF. SERGEANT SMITH STATED HE

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WOULD STAKE HIS CAREER ON THE FACT THAT ANY INFORMATION FROM ORTEGA, ESPECIALLY ONE SO OUTRAGEOUS AS THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN COULD OFFER A MILLION DOLLARS TO KILL SENATOR KENNEDY, WOULD BE TOTALLY FALSE. SERGEANT SMITH FURTHER SAID THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN STAYS TO HIMSELF AND IS EXTREMELY CAREFUL OF OTHER INMATES, BECAUSE HE HAS LEARNED BY EXPERIENCE THAT OTHER INMATES WILL USE HIS NAME TO GAIN ATTENTION.

LOS ANGELES IS FURNISHED AN INFORMATION COPY OF THIS TELETYPE INASMUCH AS ORTEGA AND BARROS PAROLED TO OFFICES IN THEIR TERRITORY. PORTLAND FURNISHED INFO COPY BECAUSE ORTEGA IS DUE TO BE EXTRADITED TO CORVALLIS, OREGON, BY DECEMBER 2, 1977, FOR GTA. SACRAMENTO FURNISHED INFO COPY INASMUCH AS RECORDS OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAINTAINED THERE.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PHOENIX TELETYPE HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND INFORMATION IS THAT ORTEGA IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE.

SAN FRANCISCO IS PLACING THIS CASE IN CLOSED STATUS AND ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION SHOULD INFORM SECRET SERVICE OF THE UNRELIABILITY OF SOURCE.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL SUBMIT LHM.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN; EDWARD KENNEDY, U.S. SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS - VICTIM. CAS (A). OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

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 [REDACTED], CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS NUMBERS B-64618; SID [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED] ORTEGA INTERVIEWED COCONINO COUNTY JAIL, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AND ANTICIPATES EXTRADITION TO CORVALLIS, OREGON BY DECEMBER 2, 1977, FOR GTA.

ORTEGA STATED THAT WHILE INCARCERATED AT SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA

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PRISON, HIS CELL LOCATED NEXT TO SUBJECT. HE ADVISED HE WAS IN SOLEDAD DURING LAST 18 MONTHS OF CONFINEMENT ENDING JANUARY 20, 1977. HE ADVISED HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS HOOVER AND RUSSELL (POSSIBLY FIRST NAMES) DURING SECOND MONTH IN SOLEDAD ABOUT SUBJECT.

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 THIS 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 HAS WRITTEN SUBJECT ON TWO OCCASIONS USING

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DIFFERENT NAME AND IS STILL ON GOOD TERMS WITH SUBJECT.

BOSTON AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. PER HANDBOOK INSTRUCTIONS, WILL DISSEMINATE ABOVE INFORMATION TO LOCAL SECRET SERVICE OFFICE AND LOCAL POLICE AGENCIES. WILL NOTIFY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S STAFF OF ABOVE DEATH CONTRACT OFFER.

SAN FRANCISCO AT SOLEDAD PRISON (MONTEREY COUNTY), CALIFORNIA. WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ABOVE INFORMATION, (INCLUDING ORTEGA'S APPARENT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT), AND CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

WFO AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL ADVISE SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S OFFICE OF ABOVE ATTEMPTED DEATH CONTRACT (NOTE CREDIBILITY OF ORTEGA IS UNKNOWN TO PHOENIX).

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