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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,
male, Arab, born 3/19/41
Jerusalem, 5'3", 120 #,
brown hair, brown eyes



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-new)

FROM : Supv. ANDREW M. SMITH

SUBJECT: UNSUB.; SHOOTING OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY
CR

DATE: 6/5/68

At 9:00 a.m., 6/5/68, Supervisor CHUCK HARDING, Atlanta Office, telephonically advised he had just received a call from the Bureau instructing the Atlanta Office to call 12 other field offices immediately and furnish the following Bureau instructions:

All field offices are to remain alert to receive any information concerning any possible racial violence or demonstrations resulting from the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. If any information is received in this regard, the Bureau is to be advised immediately by teletype. The Bureau does not desire to be advised of the administrative handling of these instructions, such as the fact that all sources have been alerted, and the like, but only is interested in receiving positive information of any racial violence or demonstrations.

On instruction of Supervisor HARDING, Supervisor JOE CONNORS in the Mobile Office was advised at approximately 9:30 a.m. of the above information.

SA MARVIN EUBANKS has been instructed to alert all of his sources and also have SA C. B. STANBERRY, who was not immediately available, to alert his sources and informants. SA EUBANKS is now in the process of alerting all Resident Agents to alert their sources and furnish any information immediately concerning any possible violence.

In the same matter, it is noted that at approximately 8:15 a.m., Chief JAMIE MOORE of the Birmingham PD telephonically advised as follows:

He has learned from Officer MARCUS JONES, who had obtained information from his sources, that the "Poor Peoples' March," which was camped near Mt. Zion Church at Bessemer, had on the morning of 6/5/68 hitched up their

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mules, apparently earlier than usual, as if they were leaving their camping place. However, apparently when they heard of the KENNEDY shooting, they engaged in a discussion concerning this and the people involved in the march then returned to their camping place, apparently cancelling, at least for the time being, their plans for immediate departure.

Chief MOORE advised he had not learned of any plans for any demonstrations or violence as a result of the Senator KENNEDY shooting, but said that if he did learn of any violence, he would inform the Birmingham Office. He requested that if we receive any such information that we inform him of it.

SA LARRY GETTINGS was advised immediately of Chief MOORE's call and he said he was then in the process of attempting to contact Officer MARCUS JONES, concerning the "Poor Peoples' March." SA GETTINGS has been requested to alert his sources to furnish information of any violence or demonstrations.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR LP

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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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
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COMMUNICATIONS --- "KENSALT."

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FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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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
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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CONDUCTED TO RESOLVE SAME.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (44-1772)

FROM : CHARLES E. BROWNLEE, Clerk

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

DATE: 6-6-68

MR. JAMES H. TAYLOR, RT. 1, OHATCHEE, ALABAMA ADVISED
THE BIRMINGHAM FBI OFFICE THAT HE OVERHEARD AN INDIVIDUAL
BY THE NAME OF FRANK GUTHRIE STATE THAT "THEY" SHOULD HAVE
GOT TED KENNEDY ALSO. MR. TAYLOR STATED THAT HE THOUGHT
THIS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FBI FOR
FUTURE USE.

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TO ALL SACS RMP

FROM DIRECTOR (62-587) 1P

K ENSALT

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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TO BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SPECIALIST FOUR
BRUCE FULTON, ASSIGNED AT REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA,
ATTENDED PASADENA CITY COLLEGE WITH SIRHAN BIRSHABA SIRHAN
IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AND NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR AND RODE
BACK AND FORTH TO SCHOOL IN SIRHAN'S CAR.

BIRMINGHAM SHOULD LOCATE FULTON AND INTERVIEW
CONCERNING SIRHAN BIRSHABA SIRHAN. DETERMINE ANY
BACKGROUND, POLITICAL LEANINGS, NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES,
AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.
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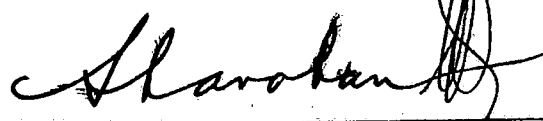
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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM SIX TEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

SPECIALIST FOUR BRUCE EDWARD FULTON INTERVIEWED REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA, AND STATED HE FIRST MET SIRHAN BIRSHABA SIRHAN AT STUDENT UNION COFFEE SHOP AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE ABOUT SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE CANNOT RECALL LAST TIME HE SAW SIRHAN. STATED HE LEFT CITY COLLEGE DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND SAW SIRHAN SOMETIME PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE BUT SPECIFIC DATE UNKNOWN. FULTON STATED THAT IN CONVERSATION SIRHAN EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH ADMINISTRATION AND NEWS PAPERS BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THEY SIDED WITH ISRAEL. ADVISED SIRHAN VERY DEVOTED TO JORDAN AND BELIEVED SIRHAN EVENTUALLY WANTED TO RETURN. FULTON COULD NOT RECALL SIRHAN MENTIONING HIS POLITICAL VIEWS, PARTY OR POLITICAL CANDIDATE. HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SIRHAN DESCRIBED AS A "CAMPUS ACQUAINTANCE". HE STATED SIRHAN INTROVERT AND LONER AND NEVER EXHIBITED TENDENCIES TOWARDS VIOLENCE.

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FULTON DENIES THAT HE COMMUTED TO AND FROM SCHOOL WITH SIRHAN, HOWEVER STATED HE RECALLS RIDING ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS IN OLD CADILLAC (YEAR AND COLOR UNKNOWN) OWNED BY SIRHAN, FULTON WAS UNABLE TO RECALL WHERE HE WENT DURING HIS RIDES WITH SIRHAN OR CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED. ADVISED SIRHAN WORKED AT SERVICE STATION AT NIGHT WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE NAME OF STATION UNKNOWN BUT LOCATED ON A MAIN STREET ONE BLOCK NORTH OF COLORADO STREET, RUNNING PARALLEL TO COLORADO AND EAST OF FRONT ENTRANCE TO CITY COLLEGE. STATED HE BELIEVES SIRHAN MEMBER OF FOREIGN CLUB ON CAMPUS OF CITY COLLEGE. FULTON FURNISHED FOLLOWING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO RECALL SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT SIRHAN, RICHARD HUTTON, FOURTEEN NINETYFIVE PALOMA STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ALLEN YORK, FIFTYTHREE SOUTH MEREDITH STREET PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, SPECIALIST FIVE HUDSON MOLLAY AND WIFE ANNETTE, HAWK PROJECT U.S. ARMY MISSILE COMMAND, WHITE SANDS, NEW MEXICO.

LOS ANGELES AT PASADENA WILL INTERVIEW RICHARD HUTTON AND ALLEN YACK AT ABOVE ADDRESSES AND DETERMINE IF SIRHAN MEMBER OF FOREIGN TYPE CLUB ON CAMPUS CITY COLLEGE.

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TENDENCIES AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

FULTON WAS INSTRUCTED TO GIVE THIS MATTER MORE THOUGHT AND HE WILL
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The Time Is Now

"We're not going to accept violence as a way of life in America," Sen. Robert F. Kennedy told campaign crowds in California last week.

On Tuesday, moments after he claimed victory in that primary, violence struck him down.

The *Birmingham News* believes that this nation faces grave crisis, a crisis not entirely isolated to the murders and attempted murder of public figures.

What is happening does violence not just to individuals but to American's political processes. What is threatened is the murder of the American dream.

This nation prides itself, rightly, in its nearly two centuries-long record of peaceful transition of government through free elections. Events of recent months—of recent years—cast a deepening shadow over that record. It is no longer inconceivable—though still by no means probable—that conditions could arise which would make the holding of a presidential election and the transfer of power to a new administration on schedule questionable.

It seems to *The News* that certain things are absolutely vital at this moment if America is to survive as a nation united:

The President of the United States must, *must*, stand before the nation and tell its people directly, forcefully, that their country now must insist on responsible citizenship. He made a start in the right direction in his televised address to the nation last night. But what is needed is much more than the appointment of another commission, however valuable the work of its distinguished members might be.

Too long have the President and other national leaders permitted the United States government to be bullied by an irresponsible few. Too long have they hesitated to speak out against gross violations of good sense if not of law.

Every citizen in this country, in public office or private life, who can exert any influence in behalf of a

restoration of reason has an obligation to his country to do so.

The nation must *insist* on this.

Of course there is dissent; of course there are differences of opinion. There always have been and there always will be. But one of our strengths always has been our political system's ability to record these differences and to adjust to them.

There is machinery for change in America; machinery for peaceful, orderly redress of grievances.

What some people have fostered is not orderly change but the destruction of the very mechanism, our political system, which can effect it.

America must pledge itself to deal honestly with the needs of its citizens. It also must ask that all citizens have faith that the pledge will be honored; that they cease provocative conduct and join in a common rededication to preservation of the constitutional foundations of that faith.

It has been cited so frequently that it is by now a cliché, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' observation that the right of free speech does not carry with it the right to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater.

Too many people have gone much too far in their attacks on America, however real their grievances. Too many people have remained silent rather than risk, in the emotional climate which has been generated, being misinterpreted.

It is not out of lack of sympathy for those who need assistance or out of lack of commitment to providing it that responsible leaders now should speak up. It is out of first and overriding concern for preserving this nation.

Those truly concerned about America, truly devoted to this nation, will have no difficulty noting the inflammability of the situation and acting to damp rather than fan it.

Those who do the opposite no longer can be treated as if they have no responsibility for their actions and their utterances.

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The Kennedy Shooting

In terms of the personal tragedy to the Kennedy family, the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is simply incredible:

The deaths of a son and a daughter in plane crashes were accidents, which could happen to anybody, the severe injury of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy also resulted from a plane crash, an accident.

But the murder of President John F. Kennedy and the attempted slaying of the senator were no accidents. These crimes were committed by men with deluded minds—either poisoned by the most evil bigotry or bereft of all powers of reason.

Murder generated in passion or in criminal greed (as in robbery) is no less tragic but is susceptible to some semblance of explanation. Assassination for the sake of assassination is beyond the limits of human reasoning. Yet it seems to gee with a trend which has infested our society—the wild and unrestrained notion that violence is justified by its objectives, that government can be stampeded by marches and extravagant villification of public officials, that in the end any end can be achieved simply by maligning or eliminating others.

It is a state of affairs which could trigger in an already diseased brain (and obviously has) the idea that if you do not like a policy, trample it (as in some of our universities) and if you do not like a man, slander and berate him—or shoot him!

This mood of malice has been unduly tolerated, indeed often encouraged (knowingly or otherwise) by some of our more avid politicians—by their over-heightened statements, by their appeals to emotion rather than judgment, by the abuse they have dealt those who differed with them.

It has been said before by some (after the Kennedy assassination and after the Martin Luther King assassination) that our society is "sick." Now it is being said again.

Many have seen a manifestation of the sickness in our own community

in the cheers raised at the news of the death of President Kennedy and in the question raised by those who seek to justify the slaying of Dr. King and the shooting of Senator Kennedy: "Well, they asked for it, didn't they?"

Society must rid itself of this plague; and society can only accomplish this through its leaders, whoever they may be.

They must be leaders to whom justice is a sacred obligation and enforcement of the law a first duty, subject to no exceptions.

If any good can come from so despicable a crime as the attempt on Senator Kennedy's life, it can only be that the senseless misfortune inflicted upon him will provoke government (and the country as a whole) into restoring civilized processes and erasing so-called "civil disobedience" in all its vagaries.

The first evidence of this type of reaction already has occurred in the House of Representatives, where a vote on the Senate-passed anti-crime bill suddenly has been scheduled today—one of the many steps which have been called for during these many months and years of rising crime. Gun control is a top provision of this bill.

Meanwhile, every decent American, as a member of the overwhelming majority, will prayerfully wish for the prompt recovery of Senator Kennedy to full health and faculty. And will sincerely commiserate with the family which has suffered so much tragedy.

The effect of the shooting on the election is highly problematical and at this moment far beside the point.

The only issue now was aptly captured by Governor Hughes of New Jersey when he said:

"We'd better wake up and take the guns away from the lunatics before they shoot all of us."

If the bullet is to replace the ballot in American politics, if violence is to replace rhetoric and persuasion, then our way of life is lost. And that, pray God, simply cannot happen.

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Mourning Is Not Enough

This is, as President Johnson proclaimed, a time for mourning. He has set aside Sunday as a special day of sorrow over the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The senselessness of this killing naturally has shocked everybody, here or abroad; even the most cynical, even those with the least of morals as we understand them.

The unbelievable nature of the murder and the prominence of the victim, of course, make the shock as inevitable as it is justified. The mourning follows as a matter of conscience and decency, as well as sympathy.

It has to do with conscience because there is in each of us a feeling that it needn't have happened, that somewhere something must have been amiss, that if somebody somehow had just thought of something it might have been prevented.

Yet it is plain that the assassination was the work of a fanatic. He could have had only the most fragmentary excuse for his unforgivable act. Even if there was a conspiracy, only a handful could have been involved. There was no way of expecting such a horror, no warning any of 200 million Americans could have done to stop it.

But the question is universal: Why?

The answer is another question: Why do we have crime at all?

What instance, on the same night, when Kennedy was shot down were the Marine officers senseless? A hamburger shop in Washington? As a result of a trivial argument.

Why are there 11,000 willful murders in the United States every year? Most of the victims are not prominent people. There are no official mourning days for them. The shock in most cases is limited to their families, friends and neighbors. But they are just as dead. Their murders are equally senseless. The survivors are just as dead.

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are just as elusive.

There must be answers, because we cannot go on without them. The country cannot tolerate an 88 per cent increase in serious crime in seven years. It cannot have its citizens, urban and even rural, in fear

of being slaughtered for a poor reason of change. It cannot condone a situation in which its political leaders risk their lives by being leaders.

Even the President of the United States, possibly the most heavily protected man in the world, relies on secrecy and surprise when he travels in his own country—purely as a necessary precaution.

There always has been crime. It seems in the past that it was wholly different. There always have been assassinations. The John F. Kennedy assassination was a warped and twisted product of their own "mis-education."

But the present has soared so fast and so enormously in recent years that crime is the nation's most gruesome and most difficult problem. It has been met, so far, with lament and exploring and here and there some effect. Technical improvements. But it has not been met head on.

The first and most important step was taken last year when the House of Representatives passed a bill sent to the President for his signature a relative-ly tough anti-crime bill—a bill to restrict hand gun sales to make it harder for convicted criminals to escape punishment on technicalities, to permit the use of wire-tapping in tracking down crime, to beef up police forces and police techniques.

By tragic irony, Senator Kennedy can take large credit for enactment of this law—which had been caught in a soft-headed quibble among some House leaders. Even President Johnson had intimated doubts about it, although he knew he will push for strong legislation. The Kennedy assassination has shaken all that and the law will be passed by a handsome margin.

When the mourning has passed, will the sense of responsibility diminish? Will there be any progress in the war on crime, not if a long wave of lawlessness—of willful assassinations—can remain an unmanageable part—of the crime problem.

Mourning the loss of Senator Kennedy is fitting and necessary. But if it does not result in expelling the pervading atmosphere of anarchy and fanaticism it will be no great credit to the Senator's memory.

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KENSALT

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES DATED JUNE ELEVEN,
SIXTYEIGHT.

SP FOURTH BRUCE EDWARD FULTON REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT
REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA.

FULTON STATED HE RECALLED CRAIG BLISS, FORMER STUDENT AT
PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, ACQUAINTED WITH SIRHAN BIRSHABA SIRHAN.
~~FULTON ADVISED~~ ^{Stated} BLISS, A NAVY VETERAN, WORKED AS A BARTENDER AT
NIGHT WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE. NAME OF BAR UNKNOWN BUT LOCATED AT
INTERSECTION OF NORTH LAKE STREET AND ALTADENA DRIVE, ALTADENA,
CALIFORNIA.

~~FULTON~~ ADVISED HE REMEMBERS A PRETTY GIRL HE BELIEVES WAS
MEMBER SAME FOREIGN TYPE CLUB (NAME UNKNOWN) AS SIRHAN. ~~FULTON~~
STATED FIRST NAME OF GIRL SONJA (PHONETIC) (LNU). ~~FULTON~~ DESCRIBED
GIRL AS NINETEEN, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE ONE FIVE LBS., BLACK

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HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, POSSIBLY ARAB. FULTON ADVISED HE COULD RECALL NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN ABOVE AND INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW. FD THREE ZERO TWO INTERVIEWS REGARDING FULTON WILL FOLLOW.

LOS ANGELES AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, WILL THROUGH RECORDS PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW SONJA (PHONETIC) (LNU). ALSO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CRAIG BLISS.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2412

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, SIX TEN LAST.

MRS. HUBERT (CLIFFORD) RITCHIE REINTERVIEWED AND REITERATED THAT SHE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE STATEMENT MADE BY TOUR GUIDE IN TEL AVIV THAT ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. RITCHIE STATED THERE WERE ELEVEN OTHER MEMBERS IN BROWNELL TOUR NUMBER SIXTEEN (HOLY LAND PORTION), ALL OF WHOM HEARD THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE GUIDE. SHE STATED THESE TOUR MEMBERS WERE FROM ALL OVER THE US, AND SHE COULD ONLY RECALL A REVEREND MC CRACKEN (PHONETIC), AN EPISCOPAL MINISTER FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO. RITCHE ADVISED BROWNELL TOURS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, COULD POSSIBLY FURNISH COMPLETE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THEIR TOUR NUMBER SIXTEEN, HOLY LAND PORTION, DURING FIVE FOURTEEN DASH TWENTY LAST.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BIRMINGHAM, ON SIX ELEVEN INSTANT MRS. HUBERT (CLIFFORD) RITCHIE, CORNELIA, GA., ADVISED SHE HAD BEEN TRAVELLING IN EUROPE DURING APR. SIXTYEIGHT AND JOINED BROWNELL TOUR NUMBER SIXTEEN (HOLY LAND PORTION) FOR FIVE FOURTEEN DASH TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT TOURING THE HOLY LAND. ON EITHER FIVE SIXTEEN OR FIVE SEVENTEEN LAST A LICENSED GUIDE, JACOB HENIGMAN, ADDRESS RAMAT-GAN, FIVE SEVEN, BIALIK ST., TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, AT THE TIME THE TOUR DEPARTED IN THE MORNING, ANNOUNCED TO THE GROUP THAT ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. AT THIS TIME, THE GUIDE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SHE WAS NOT AWARE THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT UNTIL SHE ARRIVED OR RETURNED TO THE US. THE STATEMENT WAS NEVER RETRACTED BY THE GUIDE ON SUBSEQUENT MORNINGS WHEN QUESTIONED BY MEMBERS OF THE TOUR CONCERNING THE STATEMENT, AND THE GUIDE ADVISED HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED SHOOTING OF KENNEDY.

RE BUTEL REQUESTED MRS. RITCHIE BE REINTERVIEWED RE SPECIFICS AND OBTAIN IDENTITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TOUR WHO OVERHEARD STATEMENT.

BIRMINGHAM, AT BROWNELL TOURS. DETERMINE IDENTITY AND ADDRESSES OF INDIVIDUALS ON TOUR NO. SIXTEEN (HOLY LAND PORTION)

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FIVE FOURTEEN DASH TWENTY LAST AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE THESE
INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED RE REMARK OF TOUR GUIDE. P.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

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(JACK) KERNS, THREE ONE THREE SOUTH CAMAC STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. OTHER MEMBERS OF TOUR GROUP AS FOLLOWS: MR. AND MRS. RALPH BRYCE, FIVE NINE TWO FIVE KAYRON DRIVE, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA; MRS. JUANITA MC LAUGHLIN, TWO FIVE ONE FIVE ONE NEWTON PLACE, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN; MRS. GENEVA VOLPE, TWO FIVE ONE THREE FIVE NEWTON PLACE, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN; MISS ELIZABETH SINTON, TWO NINE GRANT STREET, MT. HOLLY, NEW JERSEY; REVEREND W. MC CRACKEN, THREE ZERO SEVEN ONE NORTH PARK BLVD., CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO; MR. JOHN KROGNESS, TWO FIVE ZERO NINE OVERLOOK ROAD, CLEVELAND, OHIO; MR. AND MRS. J. B. LOVE, FOUR SIX THREE ONE HICKORY RIDGE ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; MISS ALICE PEEL, SEVEN ZERO ONE RIO GRANDE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF STATEMENT ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY JACOB HENIGMAN.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1772) 2P

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.22 Pistol Is Popular Weapon

BY JANEAN MANN

The .22 caliber pistol, like the one used in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has become a popular weapon for use in committing crimes, law officers in Birmingham said.

This type gun has been used in several murders and numerous robberies in the city this year, according to Birmingham police Capt. Maurice House.

He blamed the easy availability of the small order and the inexpensive cost of the weapon as the main reasons behind the gun's common usage.

"You can find them for sale in magazines real easily," said Captain House. "They usually run about \$10, \$12 or \$15," he said.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman also cited low cost as one of the factors in selecting this gun over others.

Also, the .22 caliber pistol when purchased over the counter is not as conspicuous a weapon as a larger caliber such as a .38, said the agent.

"A .22 is often used for target practice and most people don't think much about someone coming in to buy one. But a .38 is used mainly for shooting people and arouses more suspicion," he said.

Ammunition for a .22 is also much cheaper, running about \$1 a box as compared to about \$5 for a larger caliber weapons.

The .22 is also easy to fire and requires very little skill in hitting a target, said the agent. It is not usually used to or even kill a victim if he is hit in the right spot, he said. It can kill, but can seriously injure,

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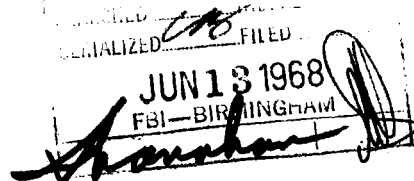
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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, JUNE TWELFTH, LAST.

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MADE ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN. RUMOR FURTHER INDICATED THAT SENATOR KENNEDY
WAS STILL ALIVE, BUT IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

MC CRACKEN ADVISED THAT THE NEWS PROMPTED HIGHLY
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EMOTIONAL REACTION WHICH PARTIALLY CLOUDS HIS RECOLLECTION, BUT THAT HIS CURRENT RECOLLECTION IS THAT INFORMATION REGARDING SENATOR KENNEDY CAME FROM THE TOUR GUIDE, JACOB HENIGMAN. MC CRACKEN STATED THAT TOUR GUIDE ADVISED HE HAD HEARD NEWS "ON THE AIR" IMPLYING RADIO BROADCAST. MC CRACKEN STATED GUIDE INDICATED NEWS WAS IN HEBREW LANGUAGE, BUT MC CRACKEN POSSESSED NO INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTITY OR LOCATION OF STATION.

MC CRACKEN STATED FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO CONFIRM RUMOR WERE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. NO INFORMATION HEARD ON RADIO AND NOTHING APPEARED IN ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS CONCERNING THIS MATTER. MC CRACKEN THEN ASSUMED RUMOR TO BE FALSE AND MADE NO FURTHER INQUIRIES CONCERNING IT. HE FURNISHED TOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION IDENTICAL TO THAT SET FORTH IN BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, JUNE TWELFTH, LAST.

INDICES OF THE CLEVELAND OFFICE NEGATIVE REGARDING REVEREND MC CRACKEN.

JOHN KROGNESS, STOCKBROKER, WITH PAINE, WEBER, JACKSON, AND CURTIS, ONE ZERO TWO ONE EUCLID AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
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KROGNESS COULD NOT ATTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION TO ISRAELI GUIDE JACOB HENIGMAN; HOWEVER, DID INQUIRE TO HENIGMAN IF HE HAD HEARD ANY NEWS REGARDING THIS INCIDENT, AND HENIGMAN REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE.

KROGNESS STATED THAT HE DID NOT HEAR ANY FURTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THIS MATTER, THAT NOTHING WAS OBSERVED IN ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS, NOR DID HE HEAR ANY BROADCAST CONCERNING SAME, SO ASSUMED THIS TO BE A RUMOR AND MADE NO FURTHER INQUIRIES.

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CLEVELAND INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING KROGNESS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1772)

FROM : SA DALE W. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/14/68

Re Bureau teletype to Birmingham, June 5, 1968.

At Huntsville, Alabama.

On June 6, 1968, SANDY PREASLEY, Clerk in Charge, Records Division, Huntsville Police Department, advised SA DALE W. JOHNSON that she could locate no record or information whatsoever relating to anyone with the last name SIRHAN and particularly subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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FROM: JACKSON (56-94)

KENSALT

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JUNE TWELVE,
LAST.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. LOVE, FOUR SIX THREE ONE, HICKORY
RIDGE ROAD, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN ON
BROWNELL TOUR IN HOLY LAND FROM MAY FOURTEEN TO TWENTY,
LAST. DURING TOUR, ABOUT MAY FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN, MR.
LOVE HEARD SOMEONE IN TOUR GROUP MENTION THAT ROBERT
KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE U. S. HE COULD NOT RECALL
WHICH MEMBER OF THE GROUP SAID IT BUT BELIEVES THAT THIS
UNKNOWN MEMBER OF THE GROUP HAD HEARD IT FROM A THIRD PARTY.
THE ALLEGED SHOOTING WAS DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE TOUR

1-JACKSON
1-CLEVELAND (AM)
1-DETROIT (AM)
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FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS ON THE DAY IT WAS MENTIONED, HOWEVER, NO FURTHER MENTION OF IT WAS MADE ON ANY SUBSEQUENT DATES TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

NEITHER MR. NOR MRS. LOVE HAD EVER HEARD JACOB HENIGMAN, ISRAELI TOUR GUIDE KNOWN AS "JAKE" MAKE ANY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE U. S. OR THE POLITICAL CONDITION IN THE US. THEY DID NOT HEAR THE GUIDE SAY THAT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT AND NEITHER OF THEM BELIEVE THAT THE GUIDE ACTUALLY MADE THE STATEMENT.

AM COPIES FURNISHED CLEVELAND, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK, SAN ANTONIO, AND BIRMINGHAM.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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REBHTEL JUNE TWELVE LAST.

PRIOR TO CONDUCTING REQUESTED INTERVIEWS IN RETEL,
RECIPIENTS SHOULD REVIEW OFFICE INDICES REGARDING PERTINENT
INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED. IF INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD
MAKE INTERVIEW INADVISABLE, ADVISE BUREAU.

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TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM: *[Signature]* 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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Re LA teletype to Birmingham, 6/10/68; and
Birmingham teletypes to Los Angeles, 6/11/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 2 copies each of
FD-302, interviews with BRUCE EDWARD FULTON on 6/10/68
and 6/11/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (62-4177)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE Birmingham teletype to Bureau, 6/12/68.

Mrs. JUANITA MC LAUGHLIN, 25151 Newton, and Mrs. GENEVA VOLPE, 25135 Newton, Dearborn, Michigan, both advised on 6/19/68, they did not hear any comments or statements made by anyone during their tour of the Holy Land relative to Senator KENNEDY being shot. They both said one of their Israeli guides was called "JAKE!" however, they could not recall his full name. They said JACOB KENICMAN could have been the guide whom they knew as "JAKE." They arrived in the Holy Land on 5/14/68, and left afternoon of 5/22/68.

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Date 6/14/68

Specialist IV BRUCE EDWARD FULTON, RA 19878345, Maintenance and Support Division of "Hawk Project", Directorate of Arsenal Support Operations, U. S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, was reinterviewed for the purpose of ascertaining any additional information he may have recalled since the previous interview on June 10, 1968.

FULTON advised that he had given the matter a great deal of thought but it was very difficult for him to remember because it has been almost three years since he last saw SIRHAN.

FULTON stated that he recalled that CRAIG BLISS, a former student at Pasadena City College, was an acquaintance of SIRHAN. He said that BLISS, a Navy veteran, worked as a bartender at night while attending Pasadena City College. FULTON stated he did not know the name of the bar but it is located at the intersection of North Lake Street and Altadena Drive, Altadena, California. FULTON stated that he remembered a pretty girl he believed was a member of the same foreign-type club (name unknown) as SIRHAN. FULTON advised that he did not think that this girl was SIRHAN's girlfriend but just an acquaintance. FULTON said that he believed the girl's name was SONJA (phonetic). He could not recall her last name. FULTON described the pretty young lady as 19 years of age, 5'4", 115 pounds, with black hair and dark complexion, and possibly an Arab.

FULTON advised he could recall no additional information other than what he had just mentioned and the information furnished in the previous interview on June 10, 1968.

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Date 6/14/68

Specialist IV BRUCE EDWARD FULTON, RA 19878345, Maintenance and Support Division of "Hawk Project", Directorate of Arsenal Support Operations, U. S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the investigation. FULTON furnished the following information:

FULTON stated that he is acquainted with SIRHAN BIRSHARA SIRHAN. He advised he first met SIRHAN at the "Student Union Coffee Shop" on the campus at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California about September 1964. He said that he could not recall the last time that he saw SIRHAN but it was sometime prior to December 1965 because this is when he (FULTON) left City College. FULTON described his relationship with SIRHAN as a "campus acquaintance" in that he did not socialize with SIRHAN off campus, advising that he did not go to SIRHAN's house, nor did SIRHAN ever come to his house. He advised that his conversations with SIRHAN were usually held in the coffee shop during breaks or between, after or before classes. During these conversations, FULTON recalls discussions of Arab and Israel conflict, at which time SIRHAN had expressed his dissatisfaction with the administration and the newspapers because he believed that they sided with Israel. FULTON described SIRHAN as an introvert and a loner. He advised that SIRHAN never exhibited a tendency towards violence while in his presence. He advised that SIRHAN's tendencies were that of an individual who was loyal to his country. FULTON advised that SIRHAN was very devoted to Jordan and it was his (FULTON's) opinion, based on conversation with SIRHAN, that SIRHAN eventually wanted to return to Jordan.

FULTON said that he is sure that politics were discussed during conversations with SIRHAN but he could not recall SIRHAN mentioning his political views, party or specific political candidate.

FULTON denied he commuted to and from college with SIRHAN. He said that he did recall riding on one or two

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occasions, in an old model Cadillac (year and color unknown) owned by SIRHAN but was unable to recall where he went during these rides with SIRHAN or the circumstances involved. FULTON stated that he enrolled in Pasadena City College in September 1963 and quit college (without a degree) in December 1965. He said that while attending college, he resided at 2446 East Washington Boulevard, Pasadena, California with his mother, JANE H., and younger brother, DOUGLAS.

FULTON advised that he usually took a bus to and from school although on occasion his cousin, RICHARD HUTTON, would pick him up or drop him off at home. FULTON stated that he did not know where SIRHAN lived.

He said that he recalled that SIRHAN worked at a service station at night while attending college. He could not recall the name of the station but it is located on a main street, one block north of Colorado Street, running parallel to Colorado Street, and east of the front entrance of Pasadena City College. FULTON further advised that he believed that SIRHAN was a member of some type of foreign club (name unknown) on the campus of City College.

FULTON stated that after he quit Pasadena City College, he enlisted in the United States Army and entered on duty February 21, 1966 at Fort Polk, Louisiana for boot camp. He completed his training on April 30, 1966 and then returned home on a fourteen-day leave. He then, after the leave, reported to Redstone Arsenal, where he arrived approximately May 14 and has been there ever since. FULTON advised he was at home on leave from March 6, 1968 through March 18, 1968, his most recent return to California. FULTON said that he did not see or talk to SIRHAN during his leave in 1968 or in 1966.

FULTON stated that usually the conversations with SIRHAN were in the company of other students. FULTON advised that it is possible that the following persons could recall something more specific about SIRHAN:

RICHARD HUTTON of 1495 Paloma Street, Pasadena, California;

ALLEN YACK, 53 South Meredith Street, Pasadena, California;

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Specialist V HUDSON, MOLLOY and wife ANNETTE,
Hawk Project, U. S. Army Missile Command, White Sands,
New Mexico.

FULTON was instructed to give this matter fore-
thought and he was told that he would be contacted for any
further information that he could recall.

6/24/68

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AIR MAIL

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