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1053AM URGENT 6/5/68 ELR

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
P
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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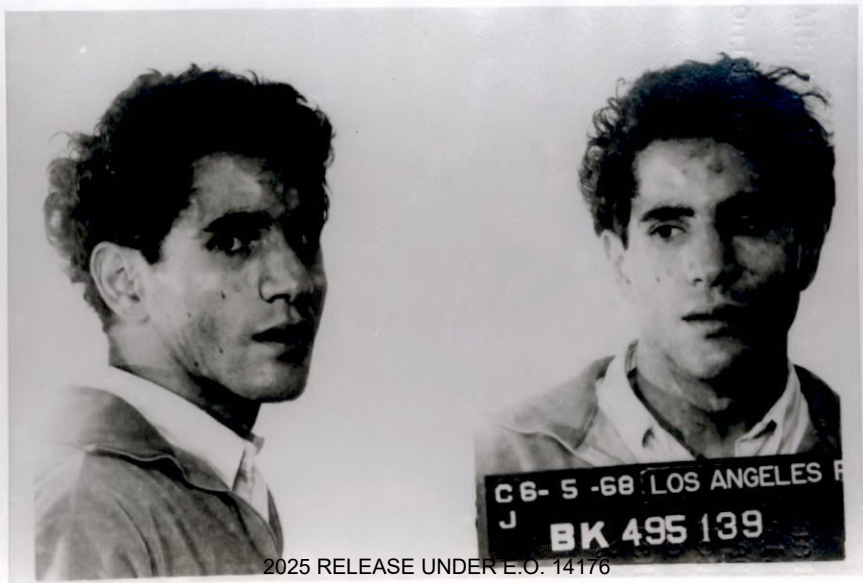
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By SA F. William Whaley
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Receipt given ☐ Yes
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Description:

1 photograph of
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Name	SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
Birth	1944
Data	Jerusalem, Palestine
Height	5'4"
Weight	108 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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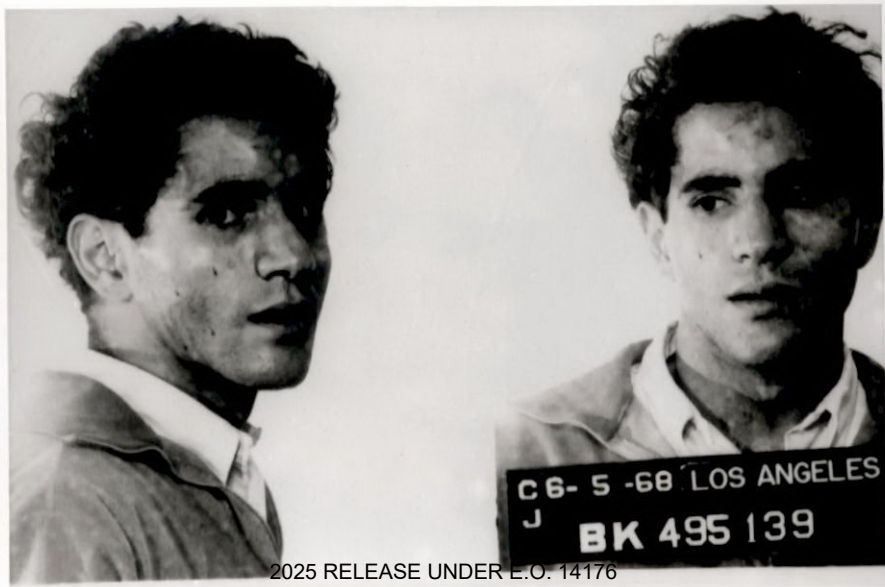
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By SA F. William Whately, Jr.
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Description:

One photo Sirhan
Bishara Sirhan.



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

NAME *SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN*
SEX *M*
RACE *W*
NAT *JORDANIAN*
BORN *3/19/44*
HEIGHT *5'3-4"*
WEIGHT *115-*
HAIR *DARK BRN, Curly*
EYES *BRN.*
COMPLEX
BUILD *SLIGHT*
MAR. ST. *SINGLE*
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By SA F. William Whalley
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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☒ No

Description:

One photo Sirhan.
Bishara Sirhan



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



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Sirhan Bishara
Sirhan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (175-12)

FROM : SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
6/5/68

DATE: 6/5/68

Supervisor TED RUSHING, Division 5, called at 8:58 AM today and requested that all sources be alerted immediately for any plans of extremists to foment violence occasioned by the attempted assassination. RUSHING requested that I call the following offices and have them alerted to the above.

I called ASAC MOORE in Dallas and advised him of the above and requested he call El Paso, Albuquerque, and San Antonio and alert them. I also called the SAC in Denver and requested that he advise the SAC in Phoenix. I also called the SAC in Oklahoma City and requested he advise Little Rock. Houston headquarters agents are handling today.

For the information of the RA's, the FBI is rendering all possible investigative assistance to local authorities, including services of the laboratory and Identification Division. If you receive any information concerning this matter, 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.

As of 11:30 AM the assailant has not been identified.

- 1 - Beaumont RA
- 1 - Corpus Christi RA
- 1 - College Station RA
- 1 - Galveston RA

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (175-12)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : IC KENNETH L. PAUL

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
ASSAULT OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

STEVE HODGES, Port Arthur, Texas, telephone YUkon 5-5154, called this morning and advised that he was in the Moulin Rouge in Market Square, Houston, Texas, about 6 to 8 weeks ago and met an individual at the bar who made the statement during conversation that "We took care of his brother and we will take care of ROBERT KENNEDY." During the conversation, this individual insinuated that he was associated with the Mafia. HODGES stated he does not know the man's name but the man indicated that he owns a booking agency and books entertainers, and he was at that time the agent for BILL HALEY and the Comets. HODGES described this man as a white male, 40-45, medium height and build, full head of hair, almost kinky, well dressed, Italian appearing, good looking, flashy dresser, was wearing a large diamond ring, and had a hoodlum-type personality. The man appeared to be acquainted with the bartender. HODGES stated the above events occurred in the afternoon, possibly around 3 or 4 o'clock.

HODGES reported this in view of the recent attempt on Senator KENNEDY's life.

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FROM : IC KENNETH L. PAUL

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
ASSAULT OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

An anonymous female caller called this morning and advised she was a resident at the Community House, 3703 Fannin, Houston, in September, 1967, during which time an individual known only as PETER stayed at the Community House for a short period of time. She stated PETER resembles the man who shot Senator KENNEDY. She stated PETER was traveling with a male companion and only stayed a short time at the Community House. She stated they left for California she believes around September 15. She recalled that they appeared to be from New York, as she remembers the two of them discussing New York politics. She described PETER in his 20's, medium height, small build on the thin side, dark complexion, possibly Cuban, and spoke with a slight Cuban accent.

Submitted for information.

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (175-12) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : ASAC KARL V. HETHERINGTON

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 6/2/68

At 12:25 p.m., today, ASAC DON MOORE, Dallas, called and advised that Dallas had received information from one ROBERT HOWARD, pilot for Braniff Airlines, who stated that he had seen a picture of the assassin on television and is of the opinion this individual resembles a person he saw at Houston International Airport last night at about 9 p.m. HOWARD stated that this individual claimed to have a ticket on National Airlines for Los Angeles and was inquiring as to the location of the National Airlines office. HOWARD stated this person was observed in the duty free store located in the terminal which handles liquor and other items. He described this individual as wearing a beige suit, white shirt, no tie, and had a slight accent, possibly Latin American or some other foreign country. He was a white male, 32 to 35 years of age, 5'4" to 5'5".

MOORE stated he was telephoning the Bureau and Los Angeles regarding this information, and would advise this office as to what action is recommended. He stated he would call this office as soon as this had been determined.

At 1:10 p.m., MOORE called and stated that he was sending us a teletype setting out certain leads to be covered by this office.

1. Interview person or persons in the liquor store at the airport and try to corroborate the pilot's story.

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2. Check all National Airlines flights departing Houston after 9 p.m., which would arrive in Los Angeles prior to the assassination attempt. It is suggested that the manifests of these flights also be checked, since they would be possibly needed in the future.

In regard to this latter lead, MOORE advised that the ASAC in Los Angeles had advised him that they had possibly identified the assassin and that this person's name had already been broadcasted over the radio, however, the Bureau was not putting out this name at this time. This person's name is reported to be SIRHAN/SIRHAN, a native of Jerusalem. He stated that under no circumstances should any open inquiry be made regarding the above name. However, that in checking the manifests, if available, we could just note whether or not this name appears on any manifests of flights to Los Angeles.

The above information was immediately furnished to SA WHATLEY and he was instructed to institute this investigation at once.

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Date: 6/5/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (175-12) (2P)
KENSALT

BECAUSE OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY, JOSEPH W. LUKE, OWNER OF PAPPYS STEW HOUSE, GENERAL DELIVERY, RAYWOOD, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY THAT ON MAY TWENTY THREE LAST AT ABOUT ELEVEN AM A LONE WHITE MALE CAME INTO HIS RESTAURANT, HAD A BOWL OF SOUP, AND WHILE DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS STATED, QUOTE MY LIFE ISN'T WORTH TWO CENTS AND I'M GOING TO THE CAMPAIGN MEETINGS IN CALIFORNIA AND STRAIGHTEN THOSE SENATORS OUT. I'M GOING TO TURN CALIFORNIA UPSIDE DOWN UNQUOTE. THIS PERSON, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOHN, WAS DESCRIBED BY LUKE AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, ONE THIRTY POUNDS, TWENTY FIVE TO TWENTY EIGHT, DARK COMPLEXION, DARK EYES, SLIM FACE, POINTED CHIN, HAD LARGE NUMBER OF WRINKLES AROUND MOUTH, SMALL SCARS ON CHEEKS AND FOREHEAD, WORE A DARK SUIT, GOLD WATCH, AND SPOKE IN A LOW VOICE. HE WAS BELIEVED DRIVING A LATE MODEL TAN FORD WITH TEXAS LICENSE.

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WHEN HE DEPARTED THE STEW HOUSE HE DROVE EAST ON HIGHWAY NINETY. HE CLAIMED TO BE A FOOD SALESMAN.

MR. LUKE STATED HE DID NOT THINK ANYTHING ABOUT THIS UNTIL HE HEARD ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY. HE HAD NEVER SEEN THE MAN BEFORE AND NO OTHER PERSONS WERE IN THE STEW HOUSE AT THAT TIME.

JOHN KILJAN, SECRET SERVICE, HOUSTON, ADVISED FIVE PM TODAY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALSO ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI DALLAS

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325PM URGENT 6/5/68 JTM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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

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

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302 PM URGENT 6-5-68 EEA
TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES AND HOUSTON
FROM DALLAS (175-9) 2-P

KENSALT.

Capt. 44-284

ON JUNE FIVE, INSTANT, ROBERT B. HOWARD, FOUR ZERO ONE ZERO CRESTPARK, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HE IS EMPLOYED AS PILOT FOR BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, AND WHILE IN THE HOUSTON AIRPORT ON THE EVENING OF JUNE FOUR, LAST, AT APPROXIMATELY NINE FIFTEEN PM, CENTRAL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, HE WAS TALKING WITH AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DUTY FREE LIQUOR STORE AT THE HOUSTON TERMINAL, WHEN A MALE WHITE, THIRTY-TWO TO THIRTY-FIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES TO FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, DRESSED IN BEIGE SUIT, WHITE SHIRT AND NO TIE, APPROACHED AND ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS TO NATIONAL AIRLINES. THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD A TICKET ON NATIONAL AIRLINES FOR LOS ANGELES. HOWARD STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SMELLED OF ALCOHOL AND HAD A SLIGHT ACCENT, OF POSSIBLE LATIN AMERICAN EXTRACTION. HOWARD ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAD NO LUGGAGE.

HOWARD ADVISED THAT HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME JUNE FIVE, INSTANT, AND WHILE WATCHING TELEVISION, OBSERVED A PICTURE OF THE SUSPECT

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BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HOWARD ADVISED THAT THIS PICTURE WAS
VERY SIMILAR TO THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO AT THE
HOUSTON AIRPORT THE NIGHT BEFORE. HOWARD ADVISED THAT THE PICTURE
ON TELEVISION WAS OF A MUCH YOUNGER PERSON THAN THE PERSON AT
HOUSTON AIRPORT.

HOUSTON, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EMPLOYEE OF DUTY FREE LIQUOR
STORE, HOUSTON AIRPORT, RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PERSON ASKING DIRECTIONS
TO NATIONAL AIRLINES.

CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT NATIONAL AIRLINES RE
SUSPECT INCLUDING ALL NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHTS TO LOS ANGELES
ARRIVING PRIOR TO THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY.

LOS ANGELES, IMMEDIATELY FURNISH HOUSTON AND DALLAS PHOTOS OF
SUSPECT.

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724PM URGENT 6/5/68 WPK

TO ALL SACS R M P

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

KENSALT

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

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

ALL OFFICES CHECK INDICES AND MAJOR PDS. SUTEL
POSITIVE RESULTS ONLY. ANY INFORMATION BEARING UPON SIRHAN'S
ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO INSTANT ASSAULT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY
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CONDUCTED TO RESOLVE SAME.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6-5-68

At 9:50PM, 6-5-68, Robert Moore, 7308 Lawndale, Houston telephonically advised that about a week ago he helped an individual whom he knows as CHARLES KKELVIN DAVIS start his car. Davis was accompanied by an individual whom a Moore states is identical to suspect in this case. Moore could furnish no additional info other than that Davis lives near Mykawa and Bilford streets and drives a 1957 Chevrolet.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SPC DOUGLAS E. CHAVES

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6/6/68

RE SPC BENAVIDEZ'S MEMO OF 6/5/68

At 12:45am 6/6/68 Robert Moore contacted office and advised that the address of Charles Davis was 6302 Westover, Houston, Tex. Robert Moore stated that he had no other information other than what he had already given to SPC Benavidez.

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Date: 6/6/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, DALLAS (175-9)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
RE: KENSALT

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, and Houston, dated 6/5/68.

Enclosed for the Dallas and Houston Offices is one copy each of mug photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken by the Los Angeles Police Department on 6/5/68.

SIRHAN is described as a white male; born in 1944 in Jerusalem, Palestine; 5'4", 108 pounds; black hair and brown eyes.

2 - Dallas (Encl. 1)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAG

FROM : SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 6-6-68

Henry 87-9200

At 6:38PM, 6-6-68, Mr. Henry Gregory, 2315 Sunny Drive, HI2-7403, telephonically advised that on this date he was in Tony's Place, located on Highway 75 between Willis and New Waverly, Texas, and was advised by the owner that on Tuesday, 6-4-68 two males and one female stopped at the cafe and while there one of them made a statement to the effect that Kennedy would not live to run for election. The above three persons were supposedly driving an old car with California license. Mr. Gregory advised that the owner of Tony's is a Mrs. Bilnoski (FH). Mr. Gregory requested that if Mrs. Bilnoski is contacted in this matter his name not be mentioned.

Mr. Gregory was thanked for the above info.

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413PM URGENT 6/7/68 WPK

TO ALL SACS R M P

FROM DIRECTOR (62-587) 1P

KENSALT

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA, Carlos L. Kirby Jr.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: Bureau teletype to All SACs dated 6/5/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA Carlos L. Kirby Jr. at Galveston, Texas:

On 6/7/68, LOUIE RIVAUX, Identification Officer, Galveston Police Department, and LEO ADAMS, Identification Officer, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, advised their files made no reference to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, aka., SHIRHAN BISHARA SHIRHAN.

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TO ALL SACS R M P

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

KENSALT

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

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207PM URGENT 6-13-68 SLB

TO DIRECTOR ALBANY HOUSTON LOS ANGELES NEW YORK

SALT LAKE CITY SEATTLE

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 173-135 3P

KENSALT

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW THE OFFICIAL KENNEDY PARTY, INCLUDING THE PRESS, ASSEMBLED AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION. LIAISON MAINTAINED THROUGH KENNEDY SENATE OFFICE; CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, TWO THOUSAND L STREET, N.W. IN PROCESS OF DISBANDING; THIS GROUP WILL OFFICIALLY TERMINATE APPROXIMATELY JUNE FOURTEEN NEXT. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE WITH KENNEDY AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION, ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED AND IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT APPROPRIATE THREE ZERO TWO OR INSERT TO LOS ANGELES:

MRS. JIM WHITTAKER, TWO FOUR THREE FOUR WEST SAMMAMISH N., REDMOND WASHINGTON (SEATTLE OFFICE).

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL)
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FROM: HOUSTON (175-12)

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INVESTIGATION HOUSTON REVEALS COL JOHN GLENN NOT AT RESIDENCE SEABROOK, TEXAS. DON GENTRY, NASA SECURITY, HOUSTON, ADVISED GLENN IN BOSTON TO ATTEND SON'S GRADUATION. RESIDING AT SHERATON BOSTON, TELEPHONE SIX ONE SEVEN DASH TWO THREE SIX DASH TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO, ROOMS ONE ZERO ONE AND ONE ZERO TWO UNTIL FRIDAY A.M. MAY ALSO BE REACHED THROUGH SON'S APARTMENT, DON GLENN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., TELEPHONE SIX ONE SEVEN - EIGHT SEVEN SIX - FOUR ONE SEVEN THREE.

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GLENN LEAVING BOSTON SOMETIME FRIDAY VIA AUTOMOBILE AND EXPECTED TO SPEND WEEKEND WITH PARENTS NEW CONCORD, OHIO, TELEPHONE SIX ONE FOUR - EIGHT TWO SIX - FOUR SIX SIX ZERO. GLENN'S ITINERARY SHOWS HE WILL VISIT ETHEL KENNEDY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN, BEFORE RETURNING TO HOUSTON.

BOSTON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN GLENN. IN EVENT THIS CANNOT BE DONE, BOSTON SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD VIA TELETYPE. LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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The Assassins

A nation shocked, grieved and shamed by the second murder of a high-ranking political figure in less than five years does not recover quickly from that shock, grief and shame. It is all the worse, of course, in that the two men were brothers; one a President, the other a major candidate for his party's nomination for President.

The nation has demonstrated in unmistakable manner its grief and its sympathy for the Kennedy family. Only an infinitesimal minority of Americans, surely, could fail to have experienced those sentiments. And only a minute minority of Americans, we are convinced, could entertain the thought of coldly planning political assassination.

We have heard and read a flood of accusations against our people in the past several days. One might think, to hear some who are reputed to be versed in psychology, philosophy, and even religion, that the American people are prone to violence; that "we, the people" are to blame for these assassinations.

To all who might be influenced by such charges, we wish to point out that neither of the young men who are said to have slain President Kennedy and Senator Kennedy is or was typical of Americans.

Lee Harvey Oswald was a communist who renounced his American citizenship to live for a time in Russia. Returning, he was active in communist causes including the Fair Play For Cuba (Castro) Committee.

Sirhan B. Sirhan is a Jordanian by birth, a fanatic whose notebook shows him to be pro-communist.

Anything but the typical American, both of them.

We refer our readers to the article on Page 1 by our columnist Alice Widener, and to the column on this page by Ralph DeToledano. We quote from the former:

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"THE HOUSTON
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"...In the case of the Kennedys, the criminals were imbued with hatred fired by violent anti-American propaganda spewed forth by leftist revolutionary groups preaching and teaching hatred from one end of our nation to the other."

And from the DeToledano column: "In both instances, the accused assassins were nourished by the political hatreds which Lenin and Stalin unleashed. Hatred, violence, betrayal, and death are the hallmarks of the communist mind. Yet some Americans, from the mid-Fifties, have closed their eyes to this and have hunted for a mythical conspiracy on the right. Behind the uproar created by this hunt, the extremists of the left have been able to organize and to act."

These were the assassins.

To whatever extent "we, the people" are to blame, it is because of what Alice Widener calls "the foolish and excessive tolerance of radicalism in our midst."

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Washington Field tel to Director 6/13/68.

Enclosed for the assistance of pertinent offices is a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Washington Field as soon as possible submit to Los Angeles identities and addresses of members of official KENNEDY party as provided by KENNEDY headquarters, Washington, D. C. to avoid duplicate leads and interviews.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM: *WJ* 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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To: SAC, Houston

From: Director, FBI

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Doyle T. Chaney

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Chaney related that he had followed a 1951 Ford convertible bearing no license plates, from Houston to Galveston at speeds up to 120 mph. He had overheard the driver, a Negro male, state in a Houston gas station that he had just returned from participation in the poor people's demonstration in Washington and he, Chaney, suspected that the car's occupants, 2 Negro males and 1 Negro female, were armed with rifles and pistols and that one of the pistols, a .22 caliber, was used in the Kennedy murder. He could not explain how he reached the conclusion that the gun or the individuals were involved in instant matter and his answers to questions posed in that regard were non-responsive.

Houston interview Chaney in detail.

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From: Director, FBI

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RE: Bureau airtel to Houston dated 6-17-68.

In regard to the interview requested with DOYLE TRUMAN CHANEY as set forth in referenced communication, the following is noted:

On June 17, 1968, the Houston Office opened an impersonation case on CHANEY based upon telephone call to the Houston Office from the Galveston, Texas, Police Department early morning of 6-17-68, in which CHANEY was arrested by Galveston Police Department, 6-17-68, on a charge of drunk and it was alleged CHANEY claimed he was an FBI Agent and working on the KENNEDY assassination.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR., at Galveston, Texas:

On June 17, 1968, Sergeant ANTHONY SOLANDO, Galveston Police Department, advised that in the early morning of June 17, 1968, DOYLE TRUMAN CHANEY, while driving in Galveston, stopped a Galveston

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Police Officer and requested that a vehicle he was allegedly was following be stopped. He stated CHANEY appeared to be drunk and was arrested and transported to the Galveston Police Station. SOLANDO advised he interviewed CHANEY and that CHANEY claimed he was working with the FBI in connection with the KENNEDY assassination and had been following a car, license number unknown to CHANEY. SOLANDO stated in his opinion, CHANEY was definitely drunk when arrested and furthermore from his interview and observations, he believed CHANEY to be a "nut." He advised the drunk charge against CHANEY was dismissed.

CHANEY was interviewed on June 17, 1968, by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR., and furnished the following information:

He advised that he resides at Route 8, Box 860, Houston, Texas, and is employed as a maintenance employee at Childers Manufacturing Co., Houston. He stated on 6-16-68, at about 11:30 pm, he was at the Texan Drive-In located on Hempstead Highway, Houston, Texas, when he observed a white Ford station wagon, bearing California license number unknown, parked at a telephone booth near the drive-in. He stated there were two males and 1 female occupants in the vehicle. He advised that it was dark and he does not know their race. He stated that he overheard some of their conversation and one of the male occupants remarked to the driver of the vehicle that "if you don't drive me to Vinton, Louisiana, I'll bring up that California thing." He stated the vehicle then departed from the drive-in and advised that since the vehicle bore California license, he thought it might have something to do with the KENNEDY assassination. He advised that he then followed this vehicle in his car, hoping that he would observe a police officer and continued following the car through Houston on Highway 75 to Galveston, Texas, arriving in Galveston at about 1:30 a.m. on June 17, 1968. He

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advised that he did not get close enough to the car to obtain the license number, claiming that he was afraid. He stated upon arriving in Galveston, he observed and stopped a police officer and told the officer to "stop that car, I have been following it." He stated the officer then took him to the Galveston Police Station and charged him with being drunk. He advised that he was not drunk to his knowledge, but had been drinking four of five beers. He stated that he definitely did not at any time claim that he was an FBI Agent and the only thing he told the officers was that he was trying to contact the FBI. He further advised that he is not an employee of the FBI or any other branch of the U.S. Government and has never been an FBI employee. CHANEY stated he had no further information concerning the occupants of the white station wagon, heard no remarks regarding the KENNEDY assassination and that he only assumed that they may have been associated with it. He stated he told the same story to the Judge at the Corporation Court at Galveston and the drunk charge was dismissed.

AUSA RONALD J. BLASK, Houston, Texas, declined prosecution concerning the impersonation matter, stating no violation of the impersonation statute.

The following description of CHANEY was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	12-7-30, Sweetwater, Texas.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Height	5'8"
Weight	186 lbs.
marital status	married

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In view of the foregoing, no further
contact is being made with CHANEY, UACB.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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