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PD Gainesville Fla	Henry Ronald Ramistella #4611	12-15-63 	illegal purchase of drugs	
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For the information of all offices receiving this communication, the Bureau has instructed that HENRY RAMISTELIA; also known as Frank Donnarumma, be located and interviewed concerning his knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

The Identification Division is requested to place a stop against the record of RAMISTELLA under FBI No. 365 697-C so that the Los Angeles Office may be notified in the event that RAMISTELLA is arrested anywhere in the country. FD-165 submitted.

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BOSTON

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND: Will review the record of the Department of Public Safety, Providence, Rhode Island, under the name of HENRY R. RAMISTELLA, No. 24-065, for an arrest on 7/25/57, and set forth all background information and information that could be used as the basis for further leads to locate RAMISTELLA.

JACKSONVILLE

AT GAINESVILLE AND OCALA, FLORIDA: Will conduct same lead as set forth for Boston at Ocala Police Department under No. 7498 for arrest on 11/14/63, and at Gainesville, Florida, at Gainesville Police Department under No. 4611 for arrest on 12/15/63.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will conduct same lead as set forth for Boston at Miami Police Department under No. 70783 for 12/31/59, and at Metropolitan Public Safety Department under No. 73984 under date of 9/9/63.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Will, if feasible, place a stop with the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau so that in the event RAMISTELLA is fingerprinted for employment at any track in the United States this office may be notified.

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AT MINEOLA, NEW YORK: Will at the Police Department for the County of Nassau, check arrest record of RAMISTELIA under No. 23598 for the dates of 10/1/56 and 7/12/57, for background information and other information that could be used as the basis for further leads to locate RAMISTELIA.

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AIR MAIL

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, New York, and WFO 8/2/68.

> RE: PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND OTHERS BEFORE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY WHICH MAY INCLUDE SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Photograph furnished to Los Angeles with referenced airtel examined by Detective Sgt. FRANK PATCHETT, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD); GEORGE MURPHY, Assistant Chief Investigator, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office; DAVID FITTS, Deputy Los Angeles County District Attorney: and SA R.J. IA JEUNESSE, JR. All of these individuals have had numerous opportunities to observe SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN since his apprehension on 6/5/68.

All of the above individuals agree the photograph does not contain a picture of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and specifically the individual standing beside KENNEDY with his outstretched hand is not identical with SIRHAN.

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New York should furnish exact date, time and circumstances connected with this photograph.

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New York should consider contact with WILLIAM BARRY, 16 Overlook Road, New York City, to determine if person in question was a member of the KENNEDY party.

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FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT:

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Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated 8/6/68, with copies for WFO. IA and Phoenix and NY airtel to Phoenix dated 8/7/68, with copy for IA both of which request Phoenix to interview STEVE SCHAPIRO.

Enclosed for Phoenix are two copies of LA airtel to the Bureau dated 8/6/68, which contains additional information as to photograph taken by SCHAPIRO.

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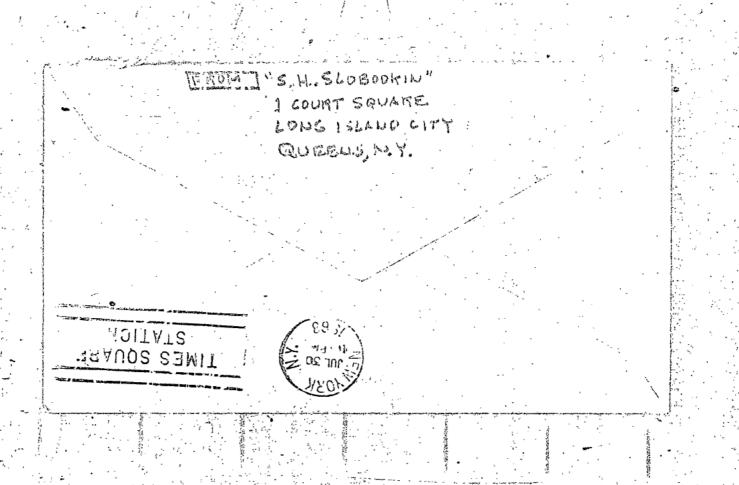
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy and for Los Angeles the original and one copy of a letter addressed to the US State Department, Passport Security Division, 530 Fifth Ave., New York, NY, pertaining to one, "S. H. ELOBODKIN".

This letter was received on 8/1/68 from Mr. JOSEPH CALLAHAN, Agent in Charge, US Department of State, Passport Agency, 630 Fifth Ave., New York, NY, by SA FRANCES L. CASHIN.

On 7/31/68, Mr. CALLAHAN received the above letter in the mail. He called Mr. BOB JOHNSON at the Passport Agency, Washington, DC, who in turn called the Bureau in Washington, DC. The Bureau called Supervisor JOHN W. JOYCE of the NYO.

Mr. CALLAHAN stated that passports issued in 1968 begin with a "J". On 2/1/68, SEYMOUR HARRY ELOBODKIN, 3043 Brighton 6th St., Brooklyn, NY, care of COMEN, born 6/2/27, New York, NY, 5'6", brown hair, brown eyes, applied for a passport and on 2/2/68 was issued Passport No. J190659.

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The NYO of the FBI has a closed 170-768 file on one, SEYMOUR SLOBODKIN, possible informant.

on 5/20/68, this SEYMOUR SLOBODKIN called the NYO and said that he is employed at the Blue Fountain Restaurant, 68-01 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Jamaica, NY, and that he is affiliated with an organization which is setting up vocational and training institutes for school dropouts among others in ghetto areas, and he had devised an approach to people in ghetto areas which he thought would be helpful to agents of the FBI on their investigations.

On 6/12/68, SLOBODKIN called the agent who he spoke with previously and told the agent that he, (SLOBODKIN), was attempting to purchase some batteries in a radio shop and wished the agent to vouch for his credit telephonically to the owner of the shop. The agent refused.

During the early momning hours of 6/13/68, Patrolman KLATZ, 100th Precinct, NYCPD, advised that he then had SLOBODKIN in the Psychiatric Ward of Elmhurst General Hospital for observation based on SLOBODKIN's purported observation of a submarine in Jamaica Bay, NYC

The Queens, NY address telephone book (Long Island City is in Queens) contains no listing for 1 Court Square, The first listing on Court Square is Number 5.

The Brooklyn, MY address telephone book at 3043 Brighton 6th St., lists COHEN, LILLIE NI 8-7879.

The Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Manhattan, NY telephone books and the NYO indices contain no listing as to IBRAHIM BEN ALI SIRHAN.

In view of the above, the NYO is taking no further action in this matter.

AIRTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

RE:

KENSALT

RE: EERT H. MOORE - COMPLAINANT

Re Bureau airtel 8/8/68.

On 8/20/68, the film of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, California campaign which was used on the WALTER CRONKITE Show 6/3/68, was reviewed at CBS, NYC, by SA JAMES P. O'NEIL.

There was no portion of this film in which Senator KENNEDY was standing on a truck or in which an incident similar to that described by MOORE occurred.

However, a "syndicated piece", that is a film clip, distributed 6/3/68 to CBS affiliates but not shown on the national network and definitely not on the CRONKITE Show, does show Senator KENNEDY on a truck in a Chinatown District, probably San Francisco on or shout 6/2/68. In this clip, Senator KENNEDY is shaking the hands of persons standing along the street and pressing up to the truck, and several explosions such as fire crackers can be heard on the soundtrack. However, no one visible is pointing any object at Senator KENNEDY.

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This is undoubtedly the film referred to by JOHN HARRIS, Assistant Director, CRS News, Hollywood, California, described in Los Angeles airtel 7/2/68.

No further action is being taken by the NYO concerning this complaint.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

7 AUG 1968.

TO:

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM:

Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Report on Rumor About Robert Kennedy Being Shot

- 1. This office has been informed of a rumor similar to that reported in our out teletype number 06680 of 8 June 1968.
- 2. On 23 July 1968 our representative in Mogadiscio, Somalia, was contacted (but not deliberately sought out) by a Mr. J. Christian Kinney, a United States citizen, who volunteered information about a rumor of Robert Kennedy having been shot. Mr. Kinney reported that on 18 May 1968 he stopped in Beirut, Lebanon, while enroute to Mogadiscio, with his wife and child. On the evening of May 18th he entered the Phoenicia Bar, Phoenicia Hotel, Beirut, about one-half hour before closing time. This was either 2130 or 2230 hours according to Mr. Kinney. At the bar Mr. Kinney struck up a casual conversation with a Mr. Joseph Strong, a United States citi-During the conversation Mr. Strong inquired if Mr. Kinney had heard that Robert Kennedy had been shot. Mr. Kinney replied that he had not, and Mr. Strong said that he had heard this just before coming to the bar from a man he did not identify. Mr. Kinney and Mr. Strong reportedly felt that if this were true it would appear in the newspapers the next day, which, of course, it did not.
- 3. On 19 May Mr. Kinney left Beirut for Jidda, Saudi Arabia, where his company has business. He questioned some of his colleagues in Jidda whether they had heard a story about Robert Kennedy having been shot. The colleagues disclaimed having heard this so Mr. Kinney attributed the story to being a "typical Middle East coffee house rumor", and fore got about it. Mr. Kinney also met Mr. Strong in Jidda during the week of 19 May, and no mention was made by either party about the rumor that Robert Kennedy had been shot.

4. According to our representative in Mogadiscio Mr.

J. Christian Kinney is employed as a consultant by the Middle West Service Company, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. He presently is assigned to Mogadiscio as the chief consultant to the Mogadiscio Water Agency on a United States

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Agency for International Development (USAID) project. Mr. Kinney is described as being a bright, pleasant, young man in his early thirties who appears to know his business, and is well thought of by USAID officials in Mogadiscio. His wife is reported to be Ecuadorian, and they have one child.

- 5. The files of this office contain no identifiable information on J. Christian Kinney. Our representative in Mogadiscio reports that Mr. Kinney presently is undergoing a security check for the purpose of permitting him to have access to "need-to-know" classified information in connection with the USAID Mogadiscio water project. It is possible, therefore, that USAID Washington may have information on Mr. Kinney.
- 6. Our representative in Mogadiscio reports that Mr. Kinney described Mr. Joseph Strong as being the Middle East Sales Manager for Raytheon. According to Mr. Kinney, Mr. Strong is based in New York and travels to his sales territory several times a year. It is possible that Mr. Strong may be identical with Joseph Addington Strong who was born on 5 October 1911 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. According to information dated mid-1967 Joseph Addington Strong resided at 743 Wellesley Street, Weston, Massachusetts. He was employed by the Raytheon Company, Wayland, Massachusetts, as International Sales and Projects Manager, Surface Radar and Navigation Operation. He has been employed by Raytheon since 1950.
- 7. This office conducted national agency checks on Joseph Addington Strong in 1964. The checks included the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI); Department of State, Passport Section; House Committee on Un-American Activities; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The checks developed no unfavorable information. In 1962 ONI completed a favorable background investigation on Strong. The investigation was predicated on his civilian duties in a contract capacity.

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To:

SAC, New York

From:

Director, FBI (62-587)

KENSALT

Enclosed for New York and Los Angeles is copy of CIA communication 8/7/68 concerning rumor circulating in Lebanon on 5/18/68 that Senator Robert Kennedy had been shot.

New York interview Joseph Strong, Middle East Sales Manager, Raytheon concerning this rumor and attempt to determine the source of this false report. It is noted a number of Americans traveling in the Middle East and Czechoslovakia during mid-May, 1968, heard similar reports which it is believed were put out on commercial radio. Handle promptly and suairtel results.

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SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT:

KENSALT

Re Bureau airtel to New York, dated 8/12/68, with attached CIA communication dated 8/7/68, concerning rumor circulating in Lebanon on 5/18/68 that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot.

Miss ALEA GORRINI, Employee, Raytheon Company, International Sales and Services, 610 Fifth Avenue, NYC, on 8/22/68, advised that according to her records, one JOSEPH A. STRONG is employed by Raytheon and is currently assigned to its Wayland, Massachusetts Division. She gave the location as:

Raytheon Company,
Equipment Division,
Wayland Laboratories
Boston Post Road
Wayland, Massachusetts
Telephone Number 617-358-2721

The Head Office of Raytheon is located at 141 Spring Street, Lexington, Massachusetts.

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Miss GORRINI stated that there is no employee by the name of JOSEPH STRONG working in Raytheon's New York City office and further stated that her records fail to reflect any other employee by that name except the one working in the Wayland, Massachusetts Division.

Boston interview JOSEPH STRONG, Employee of Raytheon at Wayland, Massachusetts along lines requested of New York in referenced Bureau airtel.

Enclosed for Boston is one copy of each referenced communication.

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DIRECTOR, FRI (62-587)

FROM:

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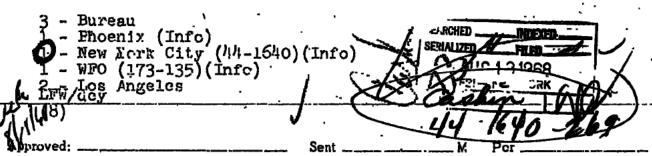
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RE: PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY AND OTHERS BEFORE ASSASSINATION
OF KETNEDY WHICH MAY INCLUDE SIRHAN SIRHAN

Information copies sent to New York, Phoenix and Washington Field because of investigation in those divisions to locate SCHAPIRO.

STEVE SCHAPIRO, free lance photographer, 170
West 73rd Street, New York City, New York, phone 787-5087,
interviewed in Los Angeles 8/13/68. He said he had taken
many pictures while traveling with the Senator R. F.
KENNEDY campaign party a number of them he had furnished the
KENNEDY family. Others he released through Plack Star Photo
Distributing Company, 450 Park Avenue, South, New York City.

SCHAPIRO, following examination of the photo obtained 7/31/68 from HUGH J. MC DONALD, Assistant Press Secretary, to Senator R. F. KENNEDY, said it looked like one of the shots taken of Senator KENNEDY at the Los Angeles International Airport sometime in March, 1968, shortly after Senator KENNEDY announced he would run for President.



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KENNEDY was returning to los Angeles on a charter plane from San Francisco which stopped several places in Central California. The arrival time was around mid-day or early afternoon. He did not recall the name of the air line or the terminal where Senator KENNEDY came in. KENNEDY usually chartered through American Airlines. There was a large group of fans who met KENNEDY at the time. If an organized group was present SCHAPIRO did not recall any names. The young man in question who is pictured about to attempt to shake hands with Senator KENNEDY was not known to SCHAPIRO and in the opinion of SCHAPIRO, based on study of photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, was definitely not SIRHAN SIRHAN.

WILLIAM BARRY, KENNEDY Party aid was the only person recognized in the photograph besides KENNEDY. SCHAPIRO said he expected to be in Los Angeles about a week and while here could be contacted through SALLY POWERS, 1221 North Genesee Avenue, Number 654-2883 or at her employment Screen Gems Inc. where she heads the new talent department phone HO 6-3141.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and attempt to identify the youth in question by exhibiting above photograph to logical members of the Senator KENNEDY campaign staff in Los Angeles.

Approved:

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STEVE SCHAPIRO, free lance photographer, 170 West 73rd Street, New York, New York, telephone number 787-5087, called the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and stated that on August 13, 1968, he spoke with a Special Agent of the FBI in Los Angeles, California and observed a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY that he (SCHAPIRO) had taken sometime in March, 1968, at the Los Angeles International Airport.

SCHAPIRO states that he now recalls that he took the picture at the airport in San Francisco, California.

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SA WILLIAM C. NASH/np
Date dictated 8/19/68

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640) FROM:

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 8/15/68, setting forth results of interview with STEVE SCHAPIRO.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies and for Los Angeles 30 copies of the results of an interview with SCHAPIRO on 8/19/68.

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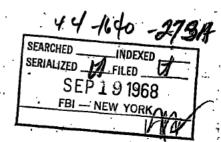
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AT MINEOLA, NEW YORK.

Lieutenant HARRY G. KAPLUN, Identification Bureau, Nassau County Police Department, on August 16, 1968, furnished the following information concerning RAMISTELLA contained in PD file number 23598 to SA JOHN J. GALLAGHER:

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On 8/29/68, Mr. BAER FRIMER, Vice President, "Pictorial Parade", 130 West 42nd Street, NY, NY, made available the color photos made by VIRGINIA GUY on the west coast. There were no color photos taken on June 4 or 5, 1968, and FRIMER knows of none taken by GUY on those dates. The color photos were of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and crowds on previous dates. No color photographs were obtained from FRIMER as there were none of interest to this investigation.

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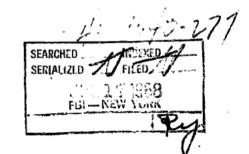
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 94 photographs bearing the numbers 2 through 190 (there is no number 20) and enclosed for Los Angeles are 94 photographs bearing the numbers 1 through 191 (there are no numbers 17 and 39).

The above were made by the New York Office of the FBI from negatives obtained from Mr. BAER FRIMER, Vice-President, "PICTORIAL PARADE", 130 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, on 7/23/68. These were the black and white pictures taken by VIRGINIA GUY on 6/4-5/68. The color film taken by GUY is not available at this time. Contact will be had with FRIMER at a later date to obtain the color film.

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FRIMER stated that he has no objection to disseminating the enclosed photographs to the Los Angeles Police Department, but no other dissemination is to be made and any use made of them even in Court will require a fee being paid to "PICTORIAL PARADE".

As to the enclosed set of photographs to Los Angeles and the Bureau, they are identical and described as follows:

Numbers 1 through 73 were from an envelope containing six strips of negatives, which was captioned "GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL and ITALIAN REPORTER at ASSASSINATION SPOT. FRANK MANKIEWITZ and PIERRE, ETC."

Numbers 74 through 113 were from an envelope containing six strips of negatives, which was captioned "SAN DIEGO (night before assassination), silhouettes of KENNEDY, ETC. AMBASSABOR HOTEL before assassination KENNEDY".

Numbers 114 through 191 were from an envelope containing six strips of negatives, which was captioned "LOS ANGELES AMBASSADOR HOTEL BEFORE ASSASSINATION. KENNEDY. AT GENERAL HOSPITAL AFTER SHOOTING (OUTSIDE) AND AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL (OUTSIDE)".

Memorandum

TO SAC. NEW YORK DATE: 8/8/68

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FROM

SA WILLIAM L. HOPPER

SUBJECT: DAOUD ABDALLA HASSAN INFORMATION CONCERNING

> On 8/8/68, STEPHEN ALTHEIM, case worker, Queens Welfarc center, 30-20 Northern Boulevard, telephone 830-8256, telephonically contacted the NYO and advised as follows.

ALTHEIM stated that he has a client, MARGARITA HASSAN, who is the wife of DAQUD ABDALLA HASSAN. He stated that, HASSAN, who is approximately 35 years of age, was born in Jordan, immigrated to Columbia in 1960, subsequently married MARGARITA; and lived in Bogata, Columbia, until 1964. In 1964 they moved to the United States, port of entry, Miami, Florida, arriving 8/14/64. Mrs. HASSANS alien registration receipt card reflects the # . She stated that they subsequently flew to San Francisco and took up residence with a cousin of HASSAN'S, ALI MAHOOD (PHONETIC), who lived on Hampshire St. Shortly after arriving in the U.S., HASSAN advised his wife that he wished to get a divorce and that the only reason me had married her was to get to the U.S. Apparently HASSAN'S cousin had also come from Jordan to Columbia, subsequently married a Columbian girl, immigrated to the U.S. and divorced her. HASSAN persisted in his desire for a divorce and in June, 1968, just prior to the Kennedy assasination, abandoned his wife, and has not been seen to date.

Mrs. HASSAN advised ALTHEIM that during the period of her residence with HASSAN, she never met any of his friends and further stated that he was gone most of the time at some kind of meetings. ALTHEIM has theorized that because of the disappearance and the fact that HASSAN is Jordanian, ne may have some conncection with the Kennedy assasination.

Mrs. HASSAN also advised ALTHEIM, that while in San Francisco, HASSAN worked for his cousin, at Ali's Grocery Store, on Mission. She further stated that they had a residence at 1270-B Hampshire St. from 1964-1966, and 1039 Hampshire St., from 1966-1968.

Mrs. HASSAN can be reached at 74-02, 43rd Ave., Apt. 2b, Elmhurst, N.Y. She resides their with a cousin, Mrs.

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Sirhan Wants To Air His Anti-Zionist Views

By GEORGE LARDNER JR.

WASHINGTON—Sirhan Sirhan intends to "go to the gas chamber—silent" unless he is permitted to turn his trial into an anti-Zionist forum, Ramparts magazine says.

The accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has told one of his brothers that he wants to make the trial "a public and political forum for the Arab position," the magazine says in an article in its current issue.

"In fact," the story continues, "he has confided to his family that he will never make any statement unless special provisions are made for the court room proceedings.

"What Sirhan wants is, quite simply, publicity. He wants the major networks to be allowed to broadcast the entire trial. If they do so, he will tell all."

The article, in the magazine's Sept. 7 issue, was written by Mahmoud Abdel-Hadi, an Egyptian correspondent for Akhbar Elyoum. As an Arab, he was said to have secured exclusive interviews with members of the 24-year-old suspect's family.

He Told His Brother

According to the article, Sirhan told his brother, Adel, that unless he gets his way, "then I shall go to the gas shamber—silent."

But if he gets his forum, Abdel-Hadi reports, Sirhan and his attorney, Russell Parsons, plan to argue that the shooting of Robert Kennedy was "a political gesture and that Kennedy to Sirhan was merely a symbol."

The startling claim, a virtual justification for assassination, also happens to be what many Arab and Arab American spokesmen have been pressing as a thesis since Kennedy's death June 6. Baldly put, it blames "Zionism" rather than Sirhan for the killing. And it sees the trail as a golden opportunity to present the Arab case.

The Ramparts story maintains that Sirhan's strategy is "his own . . . something he developed after thinking about it for long hours in his specially made jail cell."

He Was Bitter

Sirhans family. Abdel-Hadi writes, is confused and bitter, surprised that they have not gotten any financial fielp from Arab consulates in Los Angeles. The suspect himself is described as disappointed that the Arab people have not greeted him as a hero.

Bitter over the Arab-Israeli war last year, Sirhan was also said to have been highly distraught over a Kennedy campaign visit to a Jewish temple

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in Portland, Ore., where he reportedly said. "Everything, put on a yarmulke and supported the sale of U.S. jet fighters to Israel.

According to Ramparts, Sirhan saw the episode on TV.

It "made him very angry," the Ramparts story quotes another brother, Sharif Sirhan, saying: "He left the room put-

"Everything in this country was pushing him to the danger point," Sirhan's mother, Mary,

the propaganda of the Zionists everything was against his country, against his people."

Adel is quoted again: "If Sirhan was just an assassin, he could have done it another way, just by having a gun with a telescope. He went to the Ambassador Hotel expecting to saying: "He left the room put get caught; that is why he left thing his hands on his ears and limit in notes at home. I believe that Sirhan wanted to get caught so that he could say what he believes."

Los Angeles Times-Washington Post

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	9/5/68
Date	7/2/00

Mr. WILLIAM BARRY, Assistant Vice-President, Security Department, Bankers Trust Company, 120 Broadway, New York, New York, stated that on June 5, 1968, in the ambulance taking Senator ROBERT KENNEDY from the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to the Central Receiving Hospital, were the following people:

In the front seat was the ambulance driver, in the middle was WILLIAM BARRY, and seated near the right door was WARREN ROGERS of "Look" Magazine.

In the back, with Senator KENNEDY, was his wife, ETHEL KENNEDY; his sister, JEAN SMITH; FRED DUTTON; and one ambulance attendant. FRED DUTTON was in the back, up front near the partition in back of the driver which would be at Senator KENNEDY's feet.

BARRY does not recall the exact location of the others in the back other than ETHEL KENNEDY and JEAN SMITH were near Senator KENNEDY.

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