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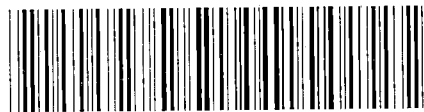
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(Priority)TO : BUREAU, <sup>SACS</sup> ~~AND~~ WFO and NY.

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THREATS AGAINST NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY, U. S. SENATOR, NEW YORK STATE, BY CARLTON  
BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, AKA CARL BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, AT  
ANDOVER, MASS., APRIL THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ROBERT GRAFFUM, SECURITY OFFICER, RAYTHEON COMPANY,  
ANDOVER, MASS., ADVISED HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS  
MALE EMANATING FROM WITHIN THIS PLANT. ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED  
SUBJECT, EMPLOYEE AT RAYTHEON CO., ANDOVER, MADE STATEMENTS TO  
FELLOW EMPLOYEES FOR PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS SUCH AS THE BEST  
THING THAT EVER HAPPENED WAS THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD  
KENNEDY AND THEY OUGHT TO GET RID OF THE WHOLE KENNEDY FAMILY.  
GRAFFUM ADVISED AIR FORCE HAS SECURITY COGNIZANCE OF THIS PLANT.  
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(John Keating, Division of  
Sub. Activities, Mass. State  
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SUBJECT IS ~~MEMBER~~ OF NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN. HE LOADS HIS OWN AMMUNITION AND RECENTLY SAID HE WAS GOING HOME AND LOAD UP SOME BULLETS AND CARVE ROBERT ~~FITZGERALD~~ FRANCIS KENNEDY'S INITIALS ON THEM.

CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, AKA CARL BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK WAS BORN FOUR TWENTY FIVE THIRTY AT NORTH ANDOVER, MASS. HE WAS IN THE U. S. ARMY FROM NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR WITH ASN US TWO ONE TWO EIGHT FOUR ONE TWO FOUR. HE RESIDES AT ONE SIX ZERO WATER STREET, NO. ANDOVER, MASS. AND IS EMPLOYED AS AN INSPECTOR AND TESTER WITH A CONFIDENTIAL CLEARANCE.

BOSTON INDICES NEGATIVE.

SECRET SERVICE AND MASS. STATE POLICE AT BOSTON, MASS., OSI AT BEDFORD, MASS., NO. ANDOVER, MASS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ANDOVER, MASS. POLICE DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

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WFO ADVISE OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR KENNEDY OF ABOVE.

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Special Agent in Charge

Apt Ward - SS. advised  
Jean McClannahan 011.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON (62-NEW)

DATE: 4-3-68

FROM : SA KENNETH P. WEST

SUBJECT: THREATS AGAINST 1968 PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE ROBERT F. KENNEDY,  
U. S. SENATOR, NEW YORK STATE,  
BY CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, aka  
Carl Blanchard Van Buskirk,  
AT ANDOVER, MASS.,  
4-3-68  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4-3-68, efforts were made to contact Captain JOSEPH AHERN, Director, Division of Subversive Activities, Massachusetts State Police, State House, Boston, Mass., concerning the captioned matter. He was not at his office and in his absence JANET KEATING, secretary, was notified of this threat against Senator KENNEDY. Subsequently, Captain AHERN contacted the writer and was furnished substantially the same information given to Miss KEATING. Later Captain AHERN advised that he had determined there was no record on VAN BUSKIRK with the Office of the Mass. Commissioner of Probation, Boston, Mass.

He had further ascertained that VAN BUSKIRK has a gun permit under A84460 with the North Andover, Mass. Police Department. This permit was issued in April, 1966, and expires 4-25-68.

VAN BUSKIRK's description according to Captain AHERN is as follows:

DOB:	4-25-30
POB:	North Andover, Mass.
Height:	5'5½"
Weight:	180 pounds

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Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Green
Complexion:	Light
Residence:	160 Water Street North Andover, Mass.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts  
April 3, 1968

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THREATS AGAINST 1968 PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE ROBERT F. KENNEDY, UNITED  
STATES SENATOR, NEW YORK STATE BY  
CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, ALSO  
KNOWN AS CARL BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK,  
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS APRIL 3, 1968  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On April 3, 1968, Robert Graffum, Security Officer, Raytheon Company, Lowell Street, Andover, Massachusetts, advised an employee at that plant made an anonymous telephone call from within the plant and furnished the following information which may or may not be true.

Carl Blanchard VanBuskirk is an employee at the Raytheon Company, Lowell Street, Andover, Massachusetts. For the past two or three weeks, VanBuskirk has been making abusive and derogatory comments concerning the family of the late President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. VanBuskirk has made statements to the effect that the best thing that ever happened was the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and they ought to get rid of the whole Kennedy family. VanBuskirk is a member of the National Rifle Association. He loads his own ammunition and he recently said he was going to go home and load up some bullets and carve Robert F. Kennedy in them. VanBuskirk has never made a flat statement he was going to kill any members of the Kennedy family and he does not know if VanBuskirk is sincere or serious about the other statements he has made.

The following physical description and background concerning VanBuskirk is contained in his personnel file at Raytheon Company:

- 10 - Bureau
- 2 - WFO
- 1 - OSI, Westover AFB
- 1 - Secret Service, Boston
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CANDIDATE ROBERT F. KENNEDY, UNITED  
STATES SENATOR, NEW YORK STATE BY  
CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, ALSO  
KNOWN AS CARL BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK,  
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS APRIL 3, 1968  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Name:	Carlton Blanchard VanBuskirk
Alias:	Carl Blanchard VanBuskirk
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	April 25, 1930
Place of Birth:	North Andover, Massachusetts
Height:	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	185 pounds
Eyes:	Green
Hair:	Gray with brown
Education:	Johnson High School North Andover, Massachusetts Did not graduate
Military Service:	United States Army February 5, 1952 to January 25, 1954 with an honorable discharge
Army Serial Number:	US 212 84 124
Residence:	160 Water Street North Andover, Massachusetts 1959 to date

THREATS AGAINST 1968 PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE ROBERT F. KENNEDY, UNITED  
STATES SENATOR, NEW YORK STATE BY  
CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, ALSO  
KNOWN AS CARL BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK,  
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS APRIL 3, 1968  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Marital Status: Married with three children

Group Membership: Nationa Rifle Association  
Washington, D.C.  
1960 to date

Foreign Travel: Japan, December, 1953 to  
January, 1954 with the United  
States Army

Clearance: Confidential

Position: Inspector and tester

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (62-new)(C)

SUBJECT: Threats against 1968 Presidential  
Candidate ROBERT F. KENNEDY, U.S.  
Senator, New York State, by  
CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK,  
aka Carl Blanchard Van Buskirk,  
at Andover, Mass. 4/3/68  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Boston teletype to Bureau dated 4/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a self-explanatory LHM dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for WFO are two copies of this LHM. The Massachusetts State Police, Boston; Chief JOSEPH LAWLOR, North Andover, Mass. PD; and Chief DAVID NICOLL, Andover, Mass. PD, were telephonically advised on this date regarding this matter. In addition, the following agencies were advised and a copy of the LHM sent to: OSI and Secret Service. Copy furnished OSI as they have security responsibility at the Raytheon Co., Andover, Mass.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 10)  
2 - WFO (Enc. 2)  
① - Boston  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

April 5, 1968

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**CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, Also Known As  
Carl Blanchard Van Buskirk;  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY - VICTIM**

The Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that Robert Graffum, Security Officer, Raytheon Company, Andover, Massachusetts, advised that he received a telephone call from an anonymous male from within the Raytheon plant. The anonymous caller stated that Buskirk, an employee at Raytheon Company, made statements to his fellow employees for the past two or three weeks to the effect that the best thing that ever happened was the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and that they ought to get rid of the whole Kennedy family. Graffum advised that the United States Air Force has security cognizance for the Raytheon plant.

Buskirk is a member of the National Rifle Association, loads his own ammunition, and recently stated that he was going to load up some bullets and carve Robert Francis Kennedy's initials on them.

Buskirk was born April 25, 1930, at North Andover, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954, Serial Number US21284124. Buskirk resides at 160 Water Street, North Andover, Massachusetts, and is employed at the Raytheon plant as an inspector and tester with a confidential clearance.

On April 3, 1968, the following persons were advised of the facts of this matter and stated that they would take appropriate action within the jurisdiction of their organization:

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CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK

Special Agent Charles W. Baber, Duty Agent,  
Intelligence Division, United States Secret  
Service, Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant James T. Trollinger, United States  
Capitol Police, Washington, D. C.

Detective Sergeant Charles B. Chase, Jr.,  
Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police  
Department, Washington, D. C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2015) (RUC)

CARLTON BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK, aka  
Carl Blanchard Van Buskirk,  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO:BS)

ReBSteletype to the Bureau dated 4/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and three  
copies of LHM and two copies FD 376 re captioned subject.

Enclosed for the information of BS is one copy of  
LHM.

One copy each of LHM furnished directly to the fol-  
lowing organizations at Washington, D. C.:

Washington Field Office, U.S. Secret Service  
U. S. Capitol Police  
Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Dept.

3-Bureau (Encs. 4)  
1-Boston (Enc. 1)  
1-WFO

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BUSKIRK, aka CARL BLANCHARD VAN BUSKIRK.

Investigation at Washington, D. C., as reflected  
in LHM was conducted by SA JAMES T. STEWART, JR.

No further investigation will be conducted by WFO  
UACB.