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2001 Mountain View Drive  
Mount Vernon, Wash. 98273  
September 2, 1968

*O*  
*Kensalt*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

(Subject: Robert F. Kennedy)

Gentlemen:

Going through some old newspapers the other day I came upon a dated issue containing an item re Martin Luther King's assassination, captioned:

"Kennedy pulled trigger --Carmichael," and which clipping I enclose herewith.

Why? -- well, I read the article and then an amazing thought flashed across my mind. I thought: Stokely Carmichael speaks of avenging Martin Luther King's assassination (please refer to words in clipping underlined in red), of "retaliating" and of actually naming Robert Kennedy as the one upon whom revenge must be taken.

In view of this, I am wondering if it has come to the attention of the F.B.I. that there could perhaps be a connection between the subsequent assassination of Robert F. Kennedy and this Mr. Stokely Carmichael, using Sirhan Sirhan as their gunman?

Anyway, I thought I'd pass this thought on for what it might be worth.

Respectfully, (Mrs.) Johanna Howell

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mon's capital today  
units of the District of Columbia National Guard were ordered to report to their armory.

The guardsmen, most of them MPs who already received extensive riot training this year, received the call as police sealed off troubled areas in a capital city where a night of violence left one man dead, 56 persons injured and brought more than 200 arrests.

The renewed disturbances, meanwhile, spilled over at midday into Washington's downtown business district

# Hanoi denounces U.S. for continued bombing

TOKYO (AP)— North Vietnam denounced the United States today, charging it "obstinately continues bombing an important part" of the North.

This was the strongest statement yet throwing doubt on the road to negotiations since Hanoi and Washington agreed to contacts earlier in the week.

It came amid an apparent clash between Moscow and Peking as to the immediate course to be followed. The Soviet gov-

ernment said it supports Hanoi's earlier statement of a willingness to talk about a complete halt in the bombing. Communist China described President Johnson's moves as "a new trick" and urged the North Vietnamese to continue fighting.

The North Vietnamese said the partial halt was not enough to testify that the United States wants peaceful settlement of the war. Peking said President Johnson's bombing order was

intended to "force the Vietnamese people to bend their knees and surrender to the aggressors by means of a new trick."

It was the first Chinese comment on President Johnson's Sunday night bomb pause announcement. Peking still withheld comment on North Vietnam's announcement Wednesday agreeing to meet with the United States to prepare for peace talks.

## President to address Congress

F.B.I. Take Note

## 'Kennedy pulled trigger'—Carmichael

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson told the nation today he plans to address a joint session of Congress to deal with the problems stemming from the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. The session was promptly set for 9 p.m. EST Monday night.

WASHINGTON (AP)— Black power advocate Stokely Carmichael urged Negroes today to arm themselves with guns and take to the streets in retaliation for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Carmichael told a news conference he wants black America to "kill off the real enemy."

"We have to retaliate for the death of our leaders," he said. "The execution of those debts will not be in the courtrooms. They will be in the streets of the United States of America."

He said there would be executions in the streets.

"When white America killed Dr. King she opened the eyes of every black man in this country," Carmichael said.

Carmichael blamed President Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y.,

along with the rest of the nation's white population for the death of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

"Bobby Kennedy pulled that trigger as much as anyone else," Carmichael said, charging the senator had failed to push for prosecution of slayers of Negro civil rights workers when he was attorney general.

The militant Black Power leader declared that violence that erupted in city after city across the nation after King was shot in Memphis is "just light stuff" when compared with "what will happen."

"We have to retaliate," he added.

Carmichael has frequently urged violence on past occasions, in speeches and tours

See Kennedy comment, page 12.

around the country.

Carmichael also declared that if Gov. Spiro T. Agnew of Maryland proceeds "with this nonsensical charge against" fellow Black Power advocate H. Rap Brown, who is accused of inciting a riot last summer in Cambridge, Md., "He ain't seen nothing . . . we'll take our troops back into Maryland . . . we'll turn that state upside down and inside out."

Lester McKinnie, chairman of the Washington chapter of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, also at the news conference, said there was a possibility of a general strike throughout the United States by Negroes. He did not elaborate on this point.

SNCC's actual membership is small—it was estimated at 100 late last year. But its leaders have been among the most vocal on racial matters.

## 'Substantial leads' are developed

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said today that "substantial leads" had been developed in the hunt for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Clark said the slaying appeared to be the work of one man.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: WILLIAM TURNER,  
JOHN G. CHRISTIAN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 8/22/68.

On 8/22/68, Lieutenant CHARLES HIGBIE, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), advised SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. as follows:

Information has been received from FRANK BURNS, JR., an attorney with offices at 650 South Grand Avenue, Suite 600, Los Angeles, California, concerning JOHN G. CHRISTIAN and former FBI Agent WILLIAM TURNER. HIGBIE explained BURNS is an attorney for JESSE UNRUH, Speaker of the California Assembly. UNRUH received information from one JOHN G. CHRISTIAN, indicating that CHRISTIAN has been collaborating with former FBI Agent WILLIAM TURNER, and both have been interviewing JERRY OWEN, about whom considerable information has previously been reported. According to HIGBIE, CHRISTIAN and TURNER have in their possession tape recorded interviews with OWEN, conducted by TURNER, in which the line of questioning suggests a conspiracy in connection with the assassination of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. In part, according to HIGBIE, the tape recording consists of a conversation wherein

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- 1 - San Francisco (Info.)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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TURNER suggests to OWEN that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN could conceivably have considered using OWEN's truck as a "getaway" vehicle following the shooting. CHRISTIAN has furnished a mailing address of Postal Drawer 2850, San Francisco, California.

HIGBIE further stated that CHRISTIAN has sought permission for him and TURNER to be "deputized" to assist the LAPD in the investigation of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

The LAPD is conducting investigation to discredit CHRISTIAN and TURNER, since it is obvious they have no factual information in their possession to suggest a conspiracy.

The Los Angeles Division will continue to follow this aspect of the investigation and keep the Bureau appropriately advised.

Based on limited data available, no information can be located in Los Angeles indices identifiable with JOHN G. CHRISTIAN.

Foregoing is for information and a copy is being sent to San Francisco since it appears CHRISTIAN and/or TURNER are currently within that division's territory. In addition, both TURNER and CHRISTIAN are in contact with GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney for OWEN, as previously reported by Los Angeles.

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Special Agent in Charge

September 9, 1968

REC 43

62-587-948

1 - Mr. Schutz

Mrs. Johanna Howell  
2001 Mountain View Drive  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Dear Mrs. Howell:

Your letter of September 2, 1968, to which was attached a newspaper clipping relating to statements made by Stokely Carmichael with respect to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy has been received.

Your interest in bringing this to my attention is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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SEP 9 1968  
COMM-FBI

1 - SAC, Los Angeles (For information) - Enclosure  
NOTE TO SAC, LOS ANGELES: No further action being taken with respect to the above. No record identifiable with the correspondent could be located in Bureau files. Enclosed is copy of letter from Mrs. Howell.

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NOTE:

Correspondent refers to newspaper publicity following Martin Luther King's assassination to the effect that Senator Kennedy was as responsible as others for King's death, since he had failed to push for prosecution of slayers of Negro civil rights workers. Re Kensalt.

This and other remarks of a similar nature by Carmichael have previously been considered in our investigation into Kennedy's death.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)  
RE: KENSALT Re: JIM FLUG

On 8/7/68, Lieutenant CHARLES HIGBIE, Los Angeles Police Department, advised as follows:

An individual by the name of JIM FLUG, reportedly a former member of the ROBERT F. KENNEDY official family, was in charge of threatening mail by KENNEDY. Following the assassination of KENNEDY, FLUG, whose offices were then in Washington, D.C., was contacted by agents of the U.S. Secret Service and the FBI. On that occasion, a Secret Service Agent by the name of RADFORD JONES and an unidentified agent of the FBI were given all information then in FLUG's possession concerning threatening mail received by KENNEDY.

Lieutenant HIGBIE requested, if possible, all information made available to the U.S. Secret Service and FBI pertaining to threatening mail received by KENNEDY be made available to his department.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: Will attempt to identify and locate JIM FLUG and interview him concerning the names and/or identities of individuals sending threatening mail to the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, UACB.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 9-3-68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (175-11) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of LHM, copy of which is being furnished to Secret Service, Columbia, S. C.

The files of the Columbia Division do not reflect any further information pertaining to this individual.

This matter is being disseminated by LHM under the above caption inasmuch as RYAN STURGEON KIRBY, SR., was interviewed in connection with captioned case whereby information contained in LHM was thereby developed concerning his possible tendency for violence.

CO T-1 is Dr. JAMES R. MORRIS, VA Hospital.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8) **ENCLOSURE**
- 1 - Columbia

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Columbia, South Carolina  
September 3, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available  
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Very truly yours,

  
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Kirby is described as a white male, age 44 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, brown hair and eyes, married, and is retired from the military.

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| Mr. DeLoach  | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. Bishop   | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper   | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. Conrad   | ✓ |
| Mr. Felt     | ✓ |
| Mr. Gale     | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen    | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel    | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
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| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)  
 SUBJECT: KENSALT **ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR  
 ROBERT F. KENNEDY**

Re: Interview of Out-of-Town Guests Registered at Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, 6/4-5/68

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a letter dated 9/5/68 from Deputy Chief ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), wherein it is requested that the FBI interview some 259 persons who were registered as guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, 6/4-5/68, who reside out of the Los Angeles area.

This request has been discussed with Deputy Chief HOUGHTON, who advised that the LAPD, in connection with its investigation of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, desires that every possible investigative lead be explored. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON advised that the LAPD has no positive information that any of the guests possess any knowledge of the assassination, but that they feel that some possible criticism could arise in later years if this step were not taken at this time. The LAPD is currently locating and interviewing 119 persons who were guests at the hotel and who are readily locatable in the Los Angeles area.

The LAPD has been informed that in view of the substantial number of interviews involved and the nature of the request, it would be referred to our Washington headquarters for consideration.

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cc. Mr. Sullivan

C. C. Bishop

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The Bureau is requested to advise as to whether or not Los Angeles should proceed with the setting out of leads to conduct the interviews requested by the LAPD.

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
THOMAS REDDIN



SAM YORTY  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF  
POLICE  
150 N. LOS ANGELES ST.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90012  
PHONE: 624-5211

IN REPLYING PLEASE GIVE  
OUR REF. NO. 6.24

September 5, 1968

Wesley Grapp  
Special Agent In Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Los Angeles Office  
1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles, California

During the Robert F. Kennedy assassination investigation it has been established that 378 guests were registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4/5, 1968. Of this figure 259 reside in 104 various cities throughout the United States. In addition six reside in foreign countries.

On August 20, 1968, an oral request was made to the FBI Los Angeles Office that the above 259 interviews be conducted by the FBI. Special Agent Roger J. LaJeunesse Jr., was furnished the names, addresses and interview forms of the persons to be interviewed.

On September 3, 1968, this department was telephonically notified that a formal request would be required before any decision could be rendered regarding this matter.

It is requested that agents of the FBI conduct these 259 interviews.

Your early response to this request would be appreciated.

THOMAS REDDIN  
Chief of Police

  
ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, Deputy Chief  
Commander, Detective Bureau

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

From: Director, FBI REC 824 (62-587) - 952

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Reurairtel 9/9/68 and attached thereto a letter from the Los Angeles Police Department requesting certain investigation relative to captioned matter.

Authority is granted to immediately set forth leads to pertinent field offices requesting that interviews be conducted with the 259 individuals registered as guests at the Ambassador Hotel during period 6/4-5/68. Investigation should be requested through appropriate Legal Attaches with those individuals now abroad.

Instruct all field divisions to submit results of investigation by appropriate FD-302.

Expedite.

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FBI

Date: 9/13/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
RE: KENSALT

Enclosed herewith is a newspaper clipping from the Santa Monica, California "Evening Outlook" newspaper publication entitled "Student Tells Theft of RFK Death Film".

The enclosed newspaper article appeared in the 9/9/68 issue of the above newspaper publication.

Lieutenant MANUEL PENA, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), SUS Unit, advised on 9/12/68, as follows:  
8 HORIZON AVE. LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Approximately ten days subsequent to the activation of the special investigative unit of the LAPD being organized to investigate the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, ALVIN TOKUNOW contacted the LAPD. TOKUNOW, according to PENA, is a graduate student at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), majoring in art. He is working on his Masters degree and the University had assigned to the students in the class the task of covering the various Presidential candidates during their respective campaigns. The Art Department of the University is preparing a film entitled "Making of a President", and instructed the students to obtain photographs and other information regarding the candidates assigned to them.

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In that capacity, TOKUNOW, who was assigned to the late ROBERT F. KENNEDY, followed KENNEDY's campaign and various public appearance, including KENNEDY's appearance at the Ambassador Hotel on 6/5/68. TOKUNOW claimed to have

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taken moving pictures of the activities at the hotel, which included a photograph of an individual he claimed bore a strong resemblance to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. According to TOKUNOW, the moving film also depicts another dark complected male individual and a female individual in the film presumably with the person he claimed resembled SIRHAN.

TOKUNOW made available the film to the LAPD and a copy of the film was reproduced. Examination of the film by LAPD personnel reflects, according to PENA, it is "cheap Japanese film". A detailed examination of the film, which is not clear, failed to reflect a photograph or picture of anyone resembling SIRHAN. It is to be noted that TOKUNOW contacted the LAPD subsequent to extensive news media stories concerning a female in a polka dot dress having been observed at the Embassy Room of the hotel.

Although TOKUNOW made available his film to the LAPD for examination, he was reluctant at first to do so, claiming he had contacted an attorney. However, subsequently he did make the film available and later was contacted by or he himself contacted a Canadian writer by the name of Mr. CHARACK.

Upon examining the film, Sergeant VARNEY of the LAPD advised TOKUNOW that the film was of no value in their investigation.

Sometime in early August 1968, TOKUNOW again contacted the LAPD to advise that the film in question had been removed from his locker on the UCLA campus. He stated there was no evidence of forcible entry to the locker and expressed the opinion someone was able to pick the lock, which was a simple padlock. He was advised to make a police report of the alleged theft.

TOKUNOW further claimed to have a copy of the original film in his possession which he subsequently took to the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper in Los Angeles, apparently seeking publicity and the "Los Angeles Times"

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reporter, JERRY COHEN, who is personally acquainted with Lieutenant PENA, contacted PENA. PENA advised COHEN that the film was of no value to the investigation. Personnel, "Los Angeles Times", likewise unable to locate anyone appearing in the film who resembled SIRHAN. After talking with PENA, COHEN refused to write a story involving TOKUNOW. TOKUNOW then apparently contacted a representative of the "Evening Outlook" newspaper in Santa Monica which resulted in the newspaper article which is enclosed.

Lieutenant PENA explained the LAPD will undertake no further investigation regarding this phase of activities.

This newspaper article and the foregoing information is being furnished for completion of Bureau files.

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to go with Los Angeles report, letter airtel  
dated 9/12/68 described as:  
Newspaper article Santa Monica  
"Evening Outlook" 9/19/68  
re: Kensalt  
Los Angeles file number 56-156  
Bureau file number 62-587

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ENCLOSURE

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## Student Tells Theft Of RFK Death Film

About 800 feet of film covering the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has been reported stolen from the college locker of a 24-year-old Venice graduate student at UCLA.

Alvin Tokunow, of 8 Horizon Ave., said the film was apparently stolen from his locker early in August. The thief apparently picked the simple padlock and then re-locked it.

No other items in the locker were disturbed.

Though Tokunow has two copies of the original negative which was stolen, their quality is fuzzy and generally inferior. It was originally to have been part of a 20,000-foot movie thesis covering the Democratic nominating process.

The motion picture major said a man resembling accused assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan appeared to be talking with another dark man and a woman nearby. The figure was seen in movies shot at the assassination June 5 and at a rally June 2.

Because of a court order prohibiting comment on all matters pertaining to the assassination, investigating police were silent about the incident.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

7 Evening Outlook  
Santa Monica, Calif.

Date: 9/9/68

Edition:

Author:

Editor: Robert McClure

Title:

KENSALT

Character:

or

Classification: LA 56-156

Submitting Office: Los Angeles

Being Investigated

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# Relief From Press Ban in Sirhan Trial Sought by Younger

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger sought relief Tuesday from a sweeping court order which he said bars him from disclosing to the public pertinent information in the Sirhan-Bishara Sirhan case.

The information, according to Younger, would not interfere with Sirhan's right to a fair trial on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and feloniously assaulting five other persons.

The district attorney sought reversal of the order in a petition for a writ of mandate and prohibition from the State Court of Appeal.

"Never before in the history of American judicial relations with the public has the voice of responsible law enforcement been more effectively muted than in this case," Younger said.

## First Ordered June 7

He charged that the court "acted illegally and in excess of its jurisdiction" in making the order because, he said, the order "in its entirety violates the laws and constitutions of both California and the United States."

The restrictions on publicity first were ordered by Superior Judge Arthur Alarcon on June 7, the date of Sirhan's indictment.

Superior Judge Richard Schauer later, after some minor alterations, denied Younger's motion to substantially modify or vacate the order.

Younger said his information includes facts pertinent to what he called "unfounded rumors relating to the claimed existence of witnesses or evidence purportedly affecting the prosecution" of Sirhan, but which, he added, would not affect such prosecution.

Judge Alarcon's order, Younger said, also "has substantially ham-

pered (his office) in making any disclosure whatsoever relating to the investigation and prosecution."

The order prohibits any attorney connected with the case, court attache, public official, grand juror or law enforcement officer from publicly disseminating any information concerning the investigation and prosecution of Sirhan.

The same restriction also applies to all witnesses who testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury and to any persons subpoenaed to testify at the trial.

Sirhan, who has pleaded not guilty, is scheduled to face trial Nov. 1. His next appearance in court will be Oct. 4 when the jurist who will preside over the trial is to be named by Judge Schauer.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

II-1 Los Angeles Times  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 9/11/68  
Edition: Home  
Author:  
Editor: Nick B. Williams  
Title: KENSALT

Character:  
or  
Classification: LA 56-156  
Submitting Office: Los Angeles  
 Being Investigated

September 15, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached pertains to a request by the Los Angeles Police Department by letter September 5, 1968, that the FBI interview 259 out-of-state guests registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 - 5, 1968, the night of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Los Angeles Police Department is interviewing 119 additional guests who can be readily located in the Los Angeles area. Los Angeles Police Department points out interviews necessary to avoid possible further criticism re thoroughness of investigation.

Los Angeles recognizes this is shotgun-type lead but points out under circumstances, FBI has no alternative and recommends investigation be conducted. In view of the above and in order that record may show investigation was thorough in all respects, Los Angeles is being instructed to comply with this request.

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Date: 9/9/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: THOMAS GOOD

Re Dallas airtel to Director captioned "Students for a Democratic Society; IS - SDS; SEDITION", dated 9/6/68, Bufile 100-439048.

Referenced airtel and letterhead memorandum from Dallas indicate the gathering and departure from Dallas of some 34 persons associated with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) en route to Mexico City aboard American Airlines Flight 53 on 8/26/68. The group, according to information available, was en route to Cuba. Included in the group was THOMAS GOOD of San Jose, California.

THOMAS DANIEL GOOD, of 22 South Eleventh Street, San Jose, California, was one of the individuals who was located and interviewed in connection with the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY assassination on 6/5/68, inasmuch as he had been a long-time acquaintance of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, who is currently being held for trial in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY. GOOD is also acquainted with WALTER CROWE, a member of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP), who has also been in contact with SIRHAN as a school acquaintance.

The Bureau is requested to have Legat, Mexico, furnish all possible information concerning THOMAS DANIEL GOOD's trip to Mexico City and possibly Cuba. Bureau sources concerning Cuba should also be alerted.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Dallas (Info.) (AM)
- 1 - San Francisco (62-5481) (Info.) (AM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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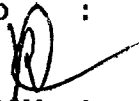
Special Agent in Charge

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The interview of THOMAS GOOD appears on page 550 of Los Angeles report of 8/7/68 and page 499 of Los Angeles report of 7/1/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :  DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-994) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 9/5/68

ALLEGATIONS BY EDWARD HUGH POLE  
CONCERNING JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA

Re Bureau airtel, 7/17/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 22 copies of FD-302 regarding interview with DONALD L. GEORGE, Lafayette, La., concerning captioned matter. In this interview, GEORGE denied any knowledge of the statement attributed to HOFFA.

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

DATE: September 12, 1968

TO: The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: Chief, Division of Investigations  
Office of Security

SUBJECT: Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

*R.W. Smith*

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KENSALT

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 14, 1968, requesting information regarding the above-captioned matter.

Attached is one copy of a report of response dated August 27, 1968, by the Belgian Embassy, Baghdad, USINT Section, regarding this matter.

It should be noted that the United States does not maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of Iraq. The American Embassy in Baghdad was closed June 7, 1968, following the breaking of relations by the Government of Iraq. The Government of Belgium currently serves as the protective power for the United States in Iraq.

This case remains pending.

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**AMBASSADE  
DE  
BELGIQUE**

**Service of Protection of the Interests  
of the United States of America in Iraq**

Baghdad, August 27, 1968

MEMORANDUM

**TO : AMEMBASSY, BRUSSELS - Leslie D. Polk.**  
**FROM : BELGIAN EMBASSY, BAGHDAD, USINT Section - I. van Steenberge**  
**SUBJECT : Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy**  
**REF : 1) Brussels' TPC No. 342 of August 9, 1968**  
**2) Embassy Brussels' Memorandum FM-264 of August 3, 1968.**

The facts and circumstances mentioned in the American Embassy, Brussels' Memorandum under reference (Ref. No. 2) would have been tremendously important if the question about the radio broadcast on May 17th proved to be true.

Although at this stage no official statement was solicited, having examined elements that may throw some light on the matter, a wide range of considerations forces good sense not to give credit to the reported waiter's assertion.

First, had this rumor really been announced, even only once and supposedly without committing the appropriate information services, it would have had such an enormous impact on the public -- as unfortunately was proved true some weeks later -- and could not have been ignored by millions. No one, out of the many people of all levels approached, even heard of it personally or otherwise. Not a single person felt rise to the slightest doubt and all were quite positive.

Second, no echoes could be traced in the local press on the days following the waiter's assertion.

Third, had the Government broadcasting system spread the news (apparently without success except for the waiter), when it appeared to be false the days after, and later on when it tragically occurred, something would have had to be broadcasted first, to contradict the rumor or later to refer to it in some way, unless to suspect a conspiracy of silence, a point to be left out at that level, so far.

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Fourth, an Iraqi News Agency reporter professionally going through all government and agency bulletins on the records, never met a piece on that item.

Once the conclusion not to give credit to this rumor is admitted, one can still raise other questions as to whether this American customer and his Iraqi 'reporter' had this conversation on May 17th, or was it understood correctly - from personal experience it may be said that some people's knowledge of English here is often misleading.

Furthermore, the Memorandum received on this subject expressed that appropriate officials be contacted, while it also states that the information be gathered on a confidential basis. USINT has prepared a draft Note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (In fact a rumor broadcast by radio is unlikely to remain a confidential information). This Note may be handed over to an appropriate suitable government official after having explained the matter orally, unless it proves rather important to keep up tracing on a written procedure.

Being very sceptical on the rumor and given the considerations set forth above, USINT thinks an official approach if not spontaneous, is rather undesirable.

Should the Department of State recommend that no further steps be taken, USINT is prepared to do so on further explicit instructions.

FBI

Date: 9/13/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 8/23/68.

Enclosed herewith are six copies to the Bureau and one to Los Angeles of an LHM concerning interview of JOSEPH STRONG, Raytheon Company, Burlington, Mass., relative to his knowledge of a rumor on 5/18/68 in Lebanon concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Interview conducted by SA JAMES E. HARVEY.

LHM, suitable for dissemination, is furnished to Bureau for whatever leads the Bureau deems advisable to set forth.

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*No dissemination - will be incorporated in next L.A. report*  
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*[Signature]*

*C. C. Bishop*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Boston, Massachusetts

September 13, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
JUNE 5, 1968

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Residence: Post Office Box 1117

Telephone: 27057

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Boston, Massachusetts

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