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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-5481) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: THOMAS DANIEL GOOD

Re Los Angeles telephone call to San Francisco, dated 5/20/69.

A review of San Francisco files revealed the following concerning THOMAS DANIEL GOOD:

It was determined on the afternoon of 6/5/68 that TOM GOOD resided at 22 South 11th Street, San Jose, which is a rooming house for students at San Jose State College. Efforts were made to contact him later in the day of 6/5/68. Fellow students advised that his present whereabouts were unknown, but that this was not unusual. He was frequently away from his room without explanation.

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In the early morning of 6/6/68, it was determined that GOOD had returned to his room sometime during the night, but was not presently there. A note was left on his door stating that he could be reached thru A. GROSSMAN, telephone numbers 647-0428 or 861-2630.

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It was noted at this time that students were taking exams at San Jose State College.

Mrs. GRACE MAC MILLAN, Registrar's Office, San Jose State College advised on 5/6/68 that GOOD is enrolled in a Special Program Project. This course does not meet at regular times and does not require the student to be on campus at any particular time.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
RE: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/69.

RE: WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE FROM  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Attached herewith are two copies of a four page weekly summary of information prepared for the benefit of the news media by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. This release is dated 5/14/69 and is being furnished for information of the Bureau.

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NEWS RELEASE

Office of the District Attorney  
600 Hall of Justice  
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: Jerry Littman  
News Secretary  
626-3888, Ext. 82396

RELEASE: Wed., May 14, 1969  
After 10 a.m.

WEEKLY SUMMARY #49

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1 - Mr. Schutz  
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The Deputy Attorney General

May 29, 1969

Director, FBI

KENSALT

Reference is made to your letter dated February 25, 1969, captioned "Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968," and Bureau memorandum dated April 24, 1969, at Los Angeles, California, captioned "Sirhan Bishara Sirhan," a copy of which has been previously furnished recipients of this letter.

In connection with requests contained in referenced letter of February 25, 1969, the following points not covered in referenced memorandum of April 24, 1969, are set forth for your information.

Copies of all reports of the Los Angeles Police Department pertaining to the Walter Crowe aspect of instant investigation have been furnished your office.

The [redacted] interviewed by Department Attorneys in connection with proposed Subversive Activities Control Board hearings scheduled to be held in the Los Angeles area.

There is no information presently available indicating that Walter Crowe ever traveled outside the continental limits of the United States.

Investigation to date has not disclosed that a communist conspiracy has existed in the relationship between Sirhan Sirhan, Walter Crowe and the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Interviews of members of the Communist Party (CP) Club to which Walter Crowe belonged were not conducted as: [redacted] is a member of this CP Club and is cognizant of pertinent activities occurring within the Club; it is felt that these interviews, if conducted [redacted]

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**The Deputy Attorney General**

[REDACTED] who is scheduled to testify before the Subversive Activities Control Board against one of the members of this club, and, finally, should information concerning interviews of this nature reach representatives of the mass media genesis may be given to a new wave of speculation that a conspiracy may have existed in this matter. If you desire that these interviews be conducted, please advise.

There is no information available indicating that Thomas Good was ever a member of the CP in the Southern California District. He has been reliably reported as being a CP member of a CP Youth Club located in the Northern California District.

Regarding the whereabouts of Thomas Good during the period mentioned in referenced letter of February 25, 1969, unsuccessful efforts were made to contact Good at his place of residence on the afternoon of June 5, 1968. Fellow students advised that his whereabouts at that time was unknown, but added this was not unusual as he was frequently away from his room without explanation. It was later determined that Good had returned to his room sometime during the evening or morning of June 5-6, 1968, but had departed early June 6, 1968, leaving a phone number at which he could be reached during the day. Inquiry at San Jose State College on June 6, 1968, indicated that Good was then enrolled in a course which did not meet at regular times and did not require the student to be on the campus at any particular time.

Pertinent information concerning the travel of Thomas Good to Havana, Cuba, in the Summer of 1968 is contained in San Francisco report of Special Agent Malcolm E. Sample, dated March 5, 1969, concerning Good, a copy of which has been previously furnished recipients of this letter.

If you have any questions concerning the above or the material contained in referenced memorandum of April 24, 1969, please advise.

1 - Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
William S. Lynch

**The Deputy Attorney General**

**NOTE:**

Sirhan B. Sirhan, convicted killer of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was friendly with Crowe and Good, both of whom are included on the Security Index because of CP membership. The Department, in relet for the purpose of resolving whether or not a complicity surrounds the assassination had requested specific investigation be conducted that would tend to confirm or deny such a complicity. The answers to the greater proportion of the Department's request concerning this matter were contained in referenced Los Angeles memorandum. Instant communication answers the remaining Department inquiries concerning the conspiracy aspect of this investigation.

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ReBulet 5/20/69 concerning material furnished by JOHN CHRISTIAN.

Inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reflects they are cognizant of the facts incorporated in the material. The LAPD, in the person of Deputy Chief ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, and the District Attorney advise that all material not already furnished the courts will be kept in a confidential status as to source.

UACB by 5/31/69, the material will be given to local authorities for their information.

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