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1:42PM URGENT 6/8/68 RMB

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES 56-156
FROM KANSAS CITY 62-8651 2P

1:50pm

KENSALT

RE LOS ANGELES TEL JUNE SEVEN LAST REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF SIRHAN SPONSORS.

MRS. HALDOR LILLENAS (LOLA), FIVE TWO THREE TWO ROE AVE., MISSION, KS., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND WERE SPONSORS FOR BISHARA SIRHAN AND FAMILY. TWO OLDEST CHILDREN OF SIRHAN FAMILY REMAINED IN JORDAN BECAUSE LILLENAS REFUSED TO SPONSOR THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE OF LEGAL AGE.

LILLENAS STATED SHE AND HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS AN ORDAINED MINISTER OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, WENT ON A EUROPEAN VACATION IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. WHILE VISITING IN JORDAN, BISHARA SIRHAN CONTACTED LILLENAS AND INQUIRED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF COMING TO THE U.S. LILLENAS DECIDED TO SPONSOR THE SIRHAN FAMILY AS THEIR INQUIRIES REFLECTED THE SIRHAN FAMILY TO BE A WORTHY CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

MR. LILLENAS, WORKING THROUGH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE AND THE FRIENDS ORGANIZATION, BECAME THE SPONSOR OF THE SIRHAN FAMILY, AND IN NOV., FIFTYSEVEN, SIRHAN CAME TO PASADENA, CALIF., AND LIVED IN THE LILLENAS HOME FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS UNTIL SUITABLE HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT COULD BE OBTAINED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6-10-68

Mrs. HALDOR LILLENAS (LOLA), age 74, 5232 Roe Avenue, Mission, Kansas, advised she and her late husband were sponsors for BISHARA SIRHAN and family. Two oldest children of SIRHAN family remained in Jordan because LILLENAS refused to sponsor them as they were of legal age.

LILLENAS stated she and her husband, who was an ordained minister of the Church of the Nazarene, went on a European vacation in 1955. While visiting in Jordan, BISHARA SIRHAN contacted LILLENAS and inquired as to the possibility of coming to the United States. LILLENAS decided to sponsor the SIRHAN family as their inquiries reflected the SIRHAN family to be a worthy christian family.

Mr. LILLENAS, working through Church World Service and the Friends Organization, became the sponsor of the SIRHAN family and in November, 1957, SIRHAN came to Pasadena, California, and lived in the LILLENAS home for about three months until suitable housing and employment could be obtained.

BISHARA SIRHAN left his family in 1958 and returned to Jordan because he felt living in the United States did not allow him to control his family as in the past. BISHARA SIRHAN wrote letters to his wife requesting her to return to Jordan and if she refused he would obtain a divorce. Mrs. SIRHAN refused to return to Jordan and told LILLENAS since she had been married in the Greek Orthodox Church, no divorce would be granted to her husband.

LILLENAS advised her husband had handled all the responsibilities pertaining to the SIRHAN family and after Mr. LILLENAS died in 1959, she has had only one contact with the SIRHAN family which was in about 1963 when [REDACTED] a daughter, died. At this time, LILLENAS saw only Mrs. SIRHAN and she visited for only fifteen minutes. LILLENAS moved from Pasadena, California, to Mission, Kansas, about three years ago and has had no contact with the SIRHAN family since moving to Mission, Kansas.

On 6-8-68 at Mission, Kansas File # KC 62-8651-18
LA 56-156
 by SA PAUL A. VAN SOMEREN *PA* bg Date dictated 6-10-68

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During the time LILLENAS knew SIRHAN, politics were never discussed and they always appeared to be a devout christian family. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was recalled as a well-behaved, industrious, and obedient child.

LILLENAS stated her contact with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was only at the time when they resided for the three month period in her home in Pasadena, California, at which time SIRHAN was a child approximately thirteen years of age.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-8651) P
RE: KENSALT

Re Kansas City teletype to Los Angeles dated 6-8-68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 9 copies of FD-302 reflecting an interview of Mrs. HALDOR LILLENAS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 170-120

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA Homer E. Schwarz

CI SI R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Jesse R. Belvin

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 170-119

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SUBJECT: Ocenus H. Reese

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-40)(P)

DATE: 6-6-68

FROM : SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.

SUBJECT: ORA JOHN COLEMAN, aka
PRI (GHETTO)
OO: KC.

On 6-5-68, ORA JOHN COLEMAN advised there was no change in the racial situation in St. Joseph, Missouri. He stated that no militant activity or demonstrations were being planned to his knowledge.

COLEMAN said he had no information of any unrest due to the assassination of ~~XXXX~~ ROBERT KENNEDY, but would be alert for this and report such unrest or planned activity in connection with the event.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (62-810) (P)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Kansas City tel, 6/8/68.

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KNIGHT said there is no "B side" to the Town Palm and that term has never been used in connection with the hotel. KNIGHT stated she recalls no one having lived at the hotel who even remotely resembled SIRHAN SIRHAN. No one using that or similar names has ever been registered into the hotel.

No further inquiry is being made into the matter reported by ELLEN BLASOR.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-742)(P)

DATE: 6-7-68

FROM : SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.

SUBJECT: KELSEY BESHEARS
LIAISON SOURCE
RM

On 6-7-68, KELSEY BESHEARS contacted and advised she had returned to St. Joseph from Las Vegas, Nevada late on 6-6-68.

BESHEARS said she had spent three days in Las Vegas with her daughter.

She said there was no change in the racial situation in St. Joseph and she was aware of no militant activity on the part of negro groups. She said no demonstrations were being planned at this time.

She said she knew of no possible racial repercussions or demonstrations in St. Joseph which might result from the shooting of Sen. R.F. KENNEDY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-741)(P)

DATE: 6-6-68

FROM : SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.

SUBJECT: IONA M. HEDGE
LIASON SOURCE
RM

IONA M. HEDGE contacted 6-6-68, advised there is no change in the racial situation in St. Joseph, Missouri. She said there is no militant activity or planned demonstrations. She said she had detected no unrest.

HEDGE said she had learned of nothing which would indicate racial repercussions as a result of the shooting of Sen. R.F. KENNEDY.

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June 5, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have a theory on Robert Kennedy's shooting that I would like you to know about. I grew up in Kansas City; I was only vaguely aware of Mafia activities until I roomed with an Italian girl from Kansas City while we were in college. She was at that time dating an Italian boy who was definitely a member of the Mafia. (To my knowledge, she no longer dates him; she was even somewhat afraid to tell him she no longer cared to see him.)

However, one night my roommate and I were intimately talking, and the subject of current events came up. As you know, murderers names are very well-known by all of the Mafia, but never spoken to anyone outside of the Mafia. She said this boy knew the name of Sam Palma's killer, as did many Mafia members. (He didn't tell her so she could truthfully say she didn't know. Also, she didn't want to know.) In addition, my roommate mentioned that it was Mafia knowledge that they had arranged John F. Kennedy's death through Lee Harvey Oswald.

According to my roommate, J.F.K. had made some rather large promises to labor, and had failed to keep them. Also, Robert Kennedy had been too powerful an adversary for organized crime to feel comfortable with. So, the Mafia decided to take action against Robert Kennedy by killing someone very close to him-----John F. Kennedy. This, they felt, would serve as a warning to Robert Kennedy not to meddle further with organized crime.

Upon hearing about Robert Kennedy's attempted assassination, it suddenly occurred to me that perhaps organized crime had begun to fear Kennedy's ascension to power. They waited until after the crucial California primary to see if Kennedy would be a formidable contender for the Presidency. Another idea that suddenly came to mind was the similar "dead end" backgrounds of Lee Harvey Oswald and the would-be assassin of Robert Kennedy. My roommate had said Oswald had been picked because his background misleadingly pointed to Communism. Surhan's, or whatever his actual name is, background could be misleadingly pointing to the Middle East. It would be convenient for the Mafia to choose a killer who had no criminal record, and therefore no fingerprints on file with the F.B.I.

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In conclusion, I feel you should check Surhan's possible connection with any Mafia Member. Thank you for your time. This theory could be perfectly worthless; on the other hand, if it has shed any light upon this string of senseless assassinations, I am glad to have helped my country in a small way in this time of turmoil.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Jane Isernhagen

Mrs. Jane Isernhagen
3435 Laura
Wichita, Kansas 67216

June 11, 1968

Mrs. Jane Isernhagen
3435 Laura
Wichita, Kansas 67216

Dear Mrs. Isernhagen:

I have received your letter of June 5th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in making your views known to me on the matter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,
L. Edgar Hoover

① - Kansas City - Enclosure

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JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
(WRITE ON THIS SIDE OF SHEET ONLY)

DATE

Warden Swenson

Glen A. Duncan

TO

FROM

14553

STREET AND NUMBER

REGISTER NO

CITY

STATE

BOX 900, JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI 65102

B-Unit

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RELATIONSHIP

HALL

CELL NO

Dear Sir:

Monday June 10, 1968 A man from the FBI came to see me about my brother that is in the Marines & I would like to talk to you about it & about my people at home & things.

My Brother & I were very close & we were together every since we were about 13 or 14 & I am missing so much about him that I can't stand it very much longer.

So I would like to talk to you about it.

Sincerely Yours
Glen A. Duncan

Wants to see F.B.I.

Claims a man offered him a lot of money to kill Robert Kennedy. He can get a picture of this man for the F.B.I.

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WARDEN'S OFFICE
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MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

Regulations on Visits, Correspondence, Funds, and Packages (Revised November 10, 1966)

VISITS

1. Inmates must request visiting passes — not the visitors.
2. Visits are not permitted until inmates are assigned to one of the institutions from the Reception-Diagnostic Center (a period of about one month).
3. Visitors must have passes and valid identification. Passes are not transferable.
4. Visits are permitted daily, except Monday, from 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. Each inmate is permitted four visits per month.
5. No more than two adults and one minor, or one adult and two minors, may visit an inmate at one time. Minors must be supervised properly.
6. Visitors may visit only one inmate, except in cases of full brothers or father-and-son relationships.
7. When the visiting room is crowded, the number of visitors may be limited, according to the degree of relationship.
8. Visits in the hospital are limited to two close, adult relatives, and shall not exceed one hour.
9. Proposed visitors with criminal records must include this information on the visitors' questionnaire. Decisions will be based on individual cases.
10. Visitors shall not bring packages or other articles into the institution.
11. Family lunches may be taken to the farms or Fordland, but are subject to inspection.
12. Visits to the Fordland Honor Camp are limited to Saturdays and Sundays, from 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
13. Any visit may be denied on the basis of conduct, use of alcohol, language, improper dress, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. (a) Mail to inmates at the Penitentiary and the farms must be addressed to the inmate by name and number, Box 900, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.
(b) Mail to Fordland Honor Camp must be by name and number, Box 146, Fordland, Missouri 65652.
2. Inmates may write two letters per week to approved correspondents.
3. Letters to inmates shall contain no more than two pages of regular size, written on only one side of each page. The envelope must carry full name and return address.
4. Only approved correspondents may write to inmates.

FUNDS

Do Not send personal checks or cash to inmates. Send only Postal Money Orders, express or cashiers' checks, made payable to: "Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary". Address the envelope to the inmate and carry your complete return address on it.

PACKAGES, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES

1. Packages may not be mailed to inmates, except on special occasions. You will be informed by the inmates when these special occasions occur.
2. Magazines and newspapers must be mailed directly from the publishers to the inmates.

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622PM URGENT 6/18/68 CAB

TO DIRECTOR (62-587) LOS ANGELES (56-156) PHILADELPHIA BALTIMORE,
BOSTON, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK, PORTLAND, SAN DIEGO,
AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 173-135 2P.

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HUGH MC DONALD, SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S OFFICE, NEW
SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, ADVISED INSTANT FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENTS
WERE WITH OFFICIAL KENNEDY PARTY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION.

ALL SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED EXPEDIOUSLY AND RESULTS, IRF OR
FD THREE ZERO TWO, IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO LOS ANGELES. PLACE
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WHY SENATOR CHANGED ORIGINAL PLANS TO GO TO
AMBASSADOR ROOM INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO COLONIAL ROOM. INQUIRE
IF SIRHAN OBSERVED PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION.

LOS ANGELES - ED GUTHMAN AND CREW, LOS ANGELES TIMES; ART
KAVIN, RKO GENERAL; FNU WEST, MUTUAL BROADCASTING COMPANY; CARL
FLEMMING, NEWSWEEK; CORRESPONDENT, LOS ANGELES EXAMINER.

BALTIMORE - PAT FERGUSON, BALTIMORE SUN

BOSTON- BOB HEALY, BOSTON GLOBE; AND BILL MC CARTHY, BOSTON
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MINNEAPOLIS- CHUCK BAILY, MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

NEW YORK - IAN BRODY, LONDON DAILY EXPRESS; SYLVIA WRIGHT, LIFE
MAGAZINE; LESTER BERSTEIN, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE; JEWELS WITCOVER, NEW
HOUSE MAGAZINE; PAUL HEALY, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS; WARREN WEAVER, NEW
YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIS - WALTER DOMBROW, AREA CODE TWO ONE FIVE-LA FIVE-
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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-8651) (P)
RE: KENSALT

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AND SAN FRANCISCO
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LOS ANGELES - ED GUTHMAN AND CREW, LOS ANGELES TIMES; ART
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : *see* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSAIT

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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LA 56-156
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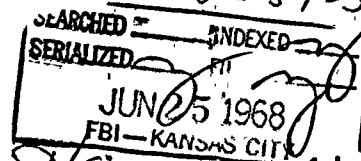
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FROM : SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

An anonymous letter received by the Boston Office on 6-22-68, contained a color photograph taken from page 30 of the 3-29-68, edition of Life Magazine. The photograph which is being forwarded herewith to Los Angeles is that of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressing a group of students at Kansas University, date and exact location not given, but possibly at Lawrence, Kansas, in the week prior to the date of the magazine.

The letter advised that an individual in the photo bore a strong resemblance to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. This individual is located in the photo 2½ inches directly to the right of Senator KENNEDY's left hand. He is wearing a blue shirt and has dark curly hair.

The above data is being set forth for information. No leads are being set forth for the Kansas City Office inasmuch as this is being left to the discretion of Los Angeles which office may have information relative to recent activities and travel of SIRHAN, thereby positively eliminating the possibility of his presence in Kansas during the pertinent period.

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Miss CAROLINE MARY PETTINATO, Room 208, Hope Hotel, 700 Hope Street, Los Angeles, furnished the following information:

She was a volunteer campaign worker for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY; and, to help publicize his campaign, she rode a bicycle from San Antonio, Texas, to Los Angeles, arriving in Los Angeles on May 26, 1968. She was present at Senator KENNEDY's victory celebration on the night of June 4, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel. She heard about four pops in quick succession shortly after Senator KENNEDY left the Embassy Room; but she did not realize at the time that they were shots. She was at the Ambassador Hotel from around 8:00 PM on June 4, 1968, until the time of the shooting, but at no time did she see the man who has been identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On June 9, 1968, Mr. HOLDER, the Desk Clerk at the Hope Hotel, told her that a man by the name of JOHN WRIGHT had said that he was a witness to the shooting and that he knew something about it. She told HOLDER that she would like to talk to WRIGHT; and HOLDER called WRIGHT at the Milner Hotel and had him come to the Hope Hotel. Throughout the course of the afternoon and evening, WRIGHT told PETTINATO the following story:

He was employed as a "kitchen reporter" at the Ambassador Hotel; and he was on duty from 10:00 PM on June 4, 1968, to 8:00 AM on June 5, 1968. He first noticed the man identified in the newspaper as SIRHAN SIRHAN at about 11:00 PM on June 4, 1968. SIRHAN came into the kitchen at that time, and he hung around in there drinking coffee. He noticed SIRHAN because he was dressed differently from the kitchen employees. He saw somebody shake KENNEDY's hand in the kitchen. He saw SIRHAN facing KENNEDY and pointing the gun at him; and he saw KENNEDY fall, but he was watching SIRHAN and he never saw SIRHAN pull the trigger of the gun. WRIGHT observed this from the main kitchen by the refrigerator, and he saw SIRHAN standing directly behind the steam table.

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by SA DAVID R. PENDER and
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The statements PETTINATO recalled WRIGHT as making are as follows:

He is using an alias now;

He used to be in the Black Muslims;

He used to be a supervisor on construction work in Vietnam;

He had a Playboy Club key;

He was leaving for Penasacola, Florida, on June 10, 1968, to go into construction work for two weeks and then go to Hawaii;

He told police his story;

His name once was DANNY;

A couple of men in the Ambassador Hotel kitchen said they were offered one million dollars to do the assassination of Senator KENNEDY;

Seven men were involved.

PETTINATO advised that WRIGHT seemed to know the cashier at Jerry's Restaurant, Seventh and Hope, who was on duty at 5:30 PM on June 9, 1968.

PETTINATO described WRIGHT as follows:

Name	JOHN DAVIS WRIGHT
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Birth Data	July 30, 1930 Stillwater, Oklahoma
Height	5'6"
Build	Medium
Hair	Black, short
Other	Unshaven; coarse skin; Southern accent