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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COVER SHEET

**SUBJECT: U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.**

FILE: 9-48101

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Bishop

Tolson	_____
DeLoach	_____
Mohr	_____
Bishop	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
Felt	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/19/0 BY [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

[REDACTED] b7C

Justice Abe Fortas called at approximately 1:00 p. m., 6/4/68. He stated that Justice Brennan lived near him in Georgetown and that Justice Brennan had possibly been the victim of an extortion case. He stated that the Justice had a letter which he wished to turn over to the FBI. He asked that I personally call Justice Brennan to discuss this matter. I told him I would do so immediately.

Justice Brennan advised that last Sunday his wife looked out of the second floor bedroom window and noticed a red tag lying in a bank of ivy in their front yard. She went down to remove the tag and, upon pulling it, noted that it was tied to a gun case. She and Justice Brennan opened the gun case and found what the Justice described to be a Browning 12 gauge shotgun. An Eastern Airlines baggage tag was attached to the gun case.

Justice Brennan stated that he lived in a two-family dwelling

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came out and the two of them searched the area. A blanket was found on [REDACTED] side of the yard. [REDACTED] also found one additional 20 gauge shotgun shell. [REDACTED] recommended that Justice Brennan call the police. He did so and about one hour later an officer appeared. Upon taking a look at the shotgun and shells, the officer called for additional help in the investigation.

Justice Brennan stated that [REDACTED] of the Seventh Precinct was handling investigation of this matter. [REDACTED] called on him this morning and indicated that the police have had no luck in ascertaining who owned the shotgun. Justice Brennan stated that he was most anxious that nothing appear in the newspapers concerning this matter, however, admittedly, a female reporter from the Senate Press Gallery had called his office and asked his secretary if the owner of the gun had been found.

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C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson, 6/4/68
Re: Justice William J. Brennan, Jr.

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Justice Brennan stated that the primary source of his concern lay in the fact that yesterday, 6/3/68, he received a letter addressed to him at the White House. The White House forwarded this letter to his Supreme Court Chambers. The letter started out, "It is too bad that the shotgun you found was not used on you and [REDACTED]"

Justice Brennan stated that this might possibly be an extortion violation and that he would appreciate anything the FBI might do to clear this matter up. I told him that we would have an Agent from our Washington Field Office pick up the letter in question and that it would be examined by our Laboratory. I further indicated that an investigation would, of course, have to be based upon the facts as set forth in the letter.

Justice Brennan expressed his appreciation and reiterated that he was hopeful that no publicity would ensue concerning this matter. I told him there would be no publicity from the FBI, however, that I of course could not guarantee this fact from other sources.

After talking to Justice Brennan, I called SAC Purvis of the Washington Field Office with instructions that he take care of this matter immediately.

ACTION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the General Investigative Division for following with the Washington Field Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Walters _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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DATE 6/3/90 BY [redacted]

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - [redacted] b7c
- 1 - [redacted] b7c
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - ALSO
KNOWN AS [redacted]
ASSOCIATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

This is to advise of the current developments concerning the discovery of a shotgun in Justice Brennan's yard and his subsequent receipt of a letter that may be a Federal Extortion violation.

BACKGROUND:

On May 12, 1968, Justice Brennan's wife found a 20 gauge shotgun in the yard of their residence. This discovery was brought to the attention of [redacted]

A search of the yard revealed a child's blanket with about twenty-four 12 gauge shotgun shells on it. The Metropolitan Police Department was notified and they conducted a search that located several 20 gauge shotgun shells. The gun was in a case that had a tag attached that police believed to be an airline baggage check. Efforts by the police to establish the identity of the owner of the weapon were futile and the police impounded the gun as "found property." b7c

On June 3, 1968, Justice Brennan received a typed letter, bearing postmark "Orlando, Florida, 5/29/68" and signed [redacted]. The first paragraph of the letter read, "It is too bad that the guns found on your premises were not used on you and your family." The balance of the letter sets forth [redacted] feelings about outside interference in the South's handling of racial matters. b7c

Justice Abe Fortas contacted Mr. DeLoach on June 4, 1968, and advised the Bureau of Justice Brennan's receipt of the letter. Washington Field Office (WFO) was instructed to institute immediate investigation.

(10) [redacted]
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JUN 10 1968

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED] b7C

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE:

Justice Brennan was interviewed on June 4, 1968, by WFO but could not furnish any reason for the incidents or information of value to our investigation. He furnished the original letter and requested that no publicity be given this matter.

The FBI Laboratory determined the typing on the letter conforms to a style of Royal elite and L. C. Smith elite type, but the typing was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File. Identification Division developed one unidentified latent print on the letter.

WFO has determined the tag on the weapon was not an airline company tag, but was an Air Express Company of Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, claim tag.

The gun was not identified in NCIC.

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION:

We are conducting intensive investigation to identify [REDACTED] b7C at Orlando, Florida, and she will be interviewed concerning her letter to Justice Brennan. We are contacting [REDACTED]

After the pertinent facts are known, this matter will be discussed with the appropriate United States Attorney to determine if a prosecutable Extortion violation exists. Justice Brennan will be appropriately advised of the results. b7D

ACTION:

This investigation is receiving priority attention and you will be kept advised of the results.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUN 6 1968

TELETYPE

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DATE 6/5/90 BY [redacted]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC*

FBI TAMPA

708 PM 6-6-68 URGENT ROB

TO DIRECTOR , WFO 9-2060

FROM TAMPA 9-404

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN JR, U.S.
SUPREME COURT- VICTIM. EXTORTION
REFERENCE Washington Field office
RE WFO AIRTEL JUNE FOUR LAST.

IN MAY TWO SEVEN , NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT EDITION OF ORLANDO
"EVENING STAR" DAILY NEWSPAPER APPEARS ARTICLE DATED
WASHINGTON PARENTHESIS NANA PARENTHESIS CAPTIONED "FOUNDLING
GUN WORRIES POLICE". ARTICLE RELATES THAT BABY BLANKET BUNDLE
WAS RECENTLY FOUND NEAR DOOR STEP OF JUSTICE WILLIAM E. BRENNAN
JR. BUNDLE CONTAINED SHOTGUN AND FORTY SIX LOADED SHELLS.

ARTICLE IS APPROXIMATELY TWELVE PARAGRAPHS AND HAS PHOTO OF
JUSTICE BRENNAN. DESCRIBES HIM AS "LIBERAL" MEMBER OF SUPREME
COURT. THE BRENNANS REPORTEDLY WERE SUFFICIENTLY ALARMED TO
CANCEL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS AND CALL POLICE. ONLY VISIBLE
CLUES WERE TWO AIRLINE TICKETS WHICH COULD NOT BE TRACED.

JUSTICE BRENNAN ALLEGEDLY THEORIZED TO POLICE GUN WAS "HOT"
AND SOMEONE PLANNED TO RETRIEVE IT LATER.

REPORTEDLY THE SOCIAL CIRCUIT IN GEORGETOWN IS BUZZING
OVER INCIDENT.

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IT IS NOTED DATE OF LETTER IS MAY TWO EIGHT AND APPEARS
WRITER HAD OBSERVED ABOVE ARTICLE.

[REDACTED]

b7C b7D

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU
HAGB BY NOON JUNE SEVEN, TAMPA WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERAFTER MATTER WILL BE PRESENTED TO USA TAMPA.

U.S. ATTORNEY

END

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FBI WASH DC*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
DeLoach	_____
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Trotter	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO
 KNOWN AS [REDACTED] b7c
 ASSOCIATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
 WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR. - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

This is to advise that in connection with a possible threatening communication received by Associate Supreme Court Justice Brennan on 6/3/68, one [REDACTED] and the U. S. Attorney Tampa has declined prosecution in this case as the threats do not fall within the purview of the Federal Extortion Statute.

DETAILS:

On 5/12/68, Justice Brennan's wife discovered a shotgun in the yard of their Georgetown residence. A search of the yard by local authorities revealed 24, 12 gauge shotgun shells and several 20 gauge shotgun shells. Efforts to determine the owner of the weapon have been unsuccessful.

On 6/3/68, Justice Brennan received a letter bearing an Orlando, Florida postmark. The letter was signed [REDACTED] and states "It is too bad that the guns found on your premises were not used on you and your family." The letter sets forth the writers opinions about outside interference in the South's handling of racial matters. It is noted that an Orlando daily newspaper on 5/27/68, carried a story concerning the discovery of the shotgun in Justice Brennan's yard.

Justice Brennan did not know of any reason for the incident concerning the shotgun, nor the receipt of the letter by him. Our Tampa Office has interviewed [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO KNOWN
AS [REDACTED] b7C

The contents of the letter have been discussed with the U. S. Attorney, Tampa, who advised that the letter does not constitute a threat within the purview of the Federal Extortion Statute and declined prosecution. No further active investigation therefore is being conducted.

ACTION:

Justice Brennan is being advised by the Crime Records Division of the developments in this case and the U. S. Attorney's opinion.

Just. Brennan advised of results per [REDACTED] 6/11/68

R [REDACTED] [REDACTED] P 11/13 [REDACTED]
V b7C

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DATE 9/19/00 BY [REDACTED]

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached concerns the case involving the discovery by Supreme Court Associate Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., of a shotgun in his Georgetown residence yard and the subsequent receipt by him of a letter mailed from Orlando, Florida, indicating that he should have been shot with the gun.

We are conducting investigation under the Federal Extortion Statute. Justice Brennan has been interviewed and had no pertinent information of why the gun was left in his yard or why the communication was sent to him. The letter was type written and contains one latent palm print. We are attempting to trace the gun. Tampa has advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] letter to Brennan was signed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Tampa will interview this individual today and present facts to the appropriate U.S. Attorney for a prosecutive decision. Justice Brennan will be advised of results. [REDACTED]

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Date: 6/11/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (9-1974) (RUC)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7c
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.,
United States Supreme Court - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Tampa ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6/19/90 BY [REDACTED]

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 6/5/68.

Enclosed to Tampa are nine copies of an FD-302
concerning the following.

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] is in lawful custody of the pertinent
record, and is the proper person to whom a subpoena duces
tecum should be directed for its production in court. b7c b7D

Washington Field Office, at Washington, D. C.,
will, starting with the records of [REDACTED]

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 - 2 - Tampa (Encls. 9)
 - 2 - Washington Field (9-2060)
 - 1 - St. Louis
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C. C. Bishop
Approved: 9 JUN 19 1968
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

SL 9-1974

[REDACTED] discreetly trace above shotgun to its present owner, pursuant to referenced airtel. b7D

REPORT
of the

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

June 7, 1968

To: Mr. John B. Layton
Chief of Police
Metropolitan Police Department
Washington, D. C. 20001

Attention:

Criminal Investigation Division

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

Re: **WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.,**
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE,
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT;
POSSIBLE EXTORTION

YOUR NO.
FBI FILE NO. **PC-A6806**
LAB. NO.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Addressee

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/9/0 BY [redacted]

Examination requested by:

Letter 6/5/68

Reference:

Microscopic - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Personally delivered on 6/5/68, by [redacted]

MAILED 19
JUN 7 1968
COMM. - FBI

- 20-gauge Browning shotgun, Serial Number 9z27728, with case
- Five 20-gauge shotgun shells
- One 12-gauge shotgun shell
- Twenty-five 12-gauge Magnum shotgun shells
- Blanket

Results of examination:

Specimen Q7 is a white cotton blanket with multi-colored clown and animal designs printed thereon. No labels, visible or invisible laundry or dry cleaners markings were found on Q7. The specimen exhibits characteristics of numerous washings. Several burn holes were noted in Q7 that have the general appearance of cigarette burns.

A single red head hair, 9 3/8" in length, and a single medium brown head hair, 7 1/2" in length, as well as

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fragments and shippings of red and brown head hairs, all of Caucasian origin were found on Q7. A few fragments of black head hairs of Negroid origin were also found on Q7. These hairs and hair fragments have been mounted on glass slides for possible future comparison purposes.

The foreign textile fibers of various types and colors removed from Q7 have been placed in pillboxes for possible future comparisons.

You will be advised of the results of the fingerprint examination of specimens Q3 through Q6 by a separate report.

The information concerning the origin of specimen Q3 will be furnished you by the Washington Field Office of the FBI.

The submitted evidence is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory until called for by a representative of your department.

Re:

WILLIAM J. BRENNAN,
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, UNITED STATES
SUPREME COURT; POSSIBLE EXTORTION

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DATE 4/90 BY [REDACTED]

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6/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

b7c
LATENTS

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: *WBI Field Office*

File # *9-42101-6*
Lab. # PC-A6806

OCCURRENCE INVOLVING
~~JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.,~~
~~ON 5/12/68~~

EXPEDITE

Examination requested by: Mr. John B. Layton (CID FILE 72000)
Chief of Police (Let. 6/5/68)
Metro. Police Dept.
Washington, D. C. 20001

Examination requested:

Date received: 6/5/68 per de

Result of Examination:

Micro. (Fibers) - Fingerprint

Examination by: [Redacted] b7c

Attn: [Redacted] b7c

Criminal Investigation Division

Per. del. on 6/5/68, by [Redacted] and [Redacted]

CC TO: 2 - WFO

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q3 20-gauge Browning ~~semi-automatic~~ shotgun, Serial Number ~~92~~ 9z27728, with case
- Q4 Five 20-gauge shotgun shells
- Q5 One 12-gauge shotgun shell
- Q6 Twenty-five 12-gauge Magnum shotgun shells
- Q7 ~~Microscopic~~ Blanket

*Q3-6 to LFPS for exam & ret to Lab.
Sep rpts - disp. 6/4/68 [Redacted] b7c*

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[Redacted] b7c

PCA 6806 [REDACTED] b7c

Q1 WHITE BLANKET WITH MULTICOLORED ANIMALS & CLOUDS, BLANKET MEASURES APPROX. 77" BY 69," STAINS, NO LABELS. SEVERAL BURNT HOLES. NO VISIBLE OR INVISIBLE LAUNDRY OR CLEANERS MARKINGS.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6/19/90 BY [REDACTED]

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PC A6806

Q1 - 1 - red hd. to Cam - 9 3/8"

1 - metal hoo. hd. to Cam - 7 1/2"

sev. red to hoo. hd. hoo. frag.

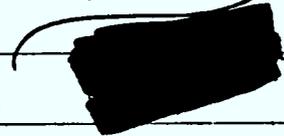
- black hd. to + clips - N.Y.

- hoo. part hoo. Cam - (N.Y.)

mounted

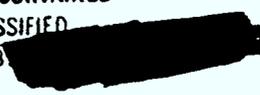
Ly. # best. film varin type 7 color - o.c.

6/6/68



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DATE 6/8/90 BY [redacted]



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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



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DATE 6/9/90 BY [redacted]

VIC

6/5
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

June 5th, 1968

CID FILE 72000

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Re: Occurrence involving Justice
William W. Brennan of 3037 Dumbarton
Ave., N.W., on 5-12-68.

JPS

Dear Sir:

We are submitting herewith the following articles for
examination and analyses enumerated below.

- Item #1 a Browning, #20 gauge semi-automatic shotgun, serial #9z
27728 in a black vinyl slipper type carrying case.
- Item #2 Five (5) #20 gauge shotgun shells.
- Item #3 One (1) #12 gauge shotgun shell.
- Item #4 Twenty five (25) #12 gauge magnum shotgun shells
- Item #5 a medium size multi-color blanket.

Assoc
J.
BRENNAN

We respectfully request that Item #1 be examined for latent
fingerprints upon the interior parts, including the case.
We respectfully request that item #1 be checked back to it's
manufacturer and it's subsequent itinerary to the retail sale.
We respectfully request that items #2, #3 and #4 be examined
for the presence of latent fingerprints.
We respectfully request that item #5 be examined for foreign
fibers and a sample of the fibers composing item #5 be taken for future
comparisons.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.
Your attention is directed to the fact that Special Agent
[redacted] of the Washington Field Office is investigating another
countenance of this occurrence.

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Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

Criminal
Investigation Division.

b7c

CID #7)

CC: 2 - WFO

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. **9-48101-**
LATENT CASE NO. **93176**

June 10, 1968

TO: **SAC, WFO**

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE **10/5/90** BY **[REDACTED]**

RE: **[REDACTED]** **b7c**

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 6/4/68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **WFO**
SPECIMENS:

- Q1, envelope**
- Q2, accompanying letter**

One latent palm print of value for identification purposes was developed on Q2. No latent impressions of value were developed on Q1.

Laboratory furnishing separate report giving result of its examination and disposition of submitted items.

2 - Tampa

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 6-5-68 8:35 a.m.

Received 6-5-68

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **Assoc. Justice William J. Brennan, Jr.,
United States Supreme Court - Victim,
Extortion**

File # **D - 94810-7** **EX**
Lab. #

LC# 93176

(OO:TP)

WFO airtel 6/4/68

Examination requested by:

Doc - **Fpt**

6/4

Examination requested:

Date received:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

b7c

*Evidence personally delivered to LFIS
by [redacted] - Return evidence
Doc Lab # 111 6-5-68 per [redacted]*

Noted-

2 cc Tampa.

Envelope

Q 1 Typwrtn ~~let~~ ^{Specimen} addressed to Justice William E. Brennan, Jr.
White House Washington, D.C. postmarked Orlando, Fla
AM May 29, 1968

b7c

Q 2 Enclosed one page typewritten letter signed [redacted]

*Specs examined Iodine - no lats dev 6-4
Specs examined Ninhydrin + Q2 to photo
1 P.P. dev Ninhydrin Q2 - 6-4 (on back) 6-4
no lats dev SN on specs. 6-4
Distained w/ acid to Lab. 6-5
Returned to [redacted]*

Lab rep rep.

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Examination completed

11:30 PM

6-4-68

Dictated

6-5-68

Time

Date

Date

5/4/68

b7c

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-NEW) (P)

8-08
C# 93176

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, Jr.,
United States Supreme Court - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO:TP)**

b7c

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of envelope postmarked 5/29/68, at Orlando, Florida, addressed to Justice WILLIAM E. BRENNAN, Jr., White House, Washington, D.C. Also enclosed are the original and one copy of a one-page typewritten letter dated 5/28/68, addressed to Justice WILLIAM E. BRENNAN, Jr., White House, Washington, D.C., signed [redacted], and bearing a return address of Winter Park, Florida.

Enclosed for the investigative assistance of Tampa are two copies each of above-described envelope and letter.

WFO indices contain no information identifiable with [redacted] in instant matter.

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- ④ - Bureau (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Tampa (Encs. 4) (PERSONAL ATTN: SAC SANTOYANA)
- 1 - WFO

AIRTEL

ans'd 6/10/68

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WFO 9-NEW

The above-described letter and envelope were received by Justice BRENNAN on 4/3/68, via the White House, Washington, D.C. On 6/4/68, Justice BRENNAN interviewed and advised the letter obviously refers to a .20 gauge Browning shotgun discovered on the lawn of his residence at Washington, D.C., on 5/12/68. Justice BRENNAN stated that he knows no one identifiable with the writer of the letter.

Discovery of the shotgun and shells at Justice BRENNAN's residence on 5/12/68, was handled by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., as lost property case. No dissemination of information re shotgun was made at Washington, D.C.

For the information of Tampa, instant matter should be brought to the personal attention of the SAC and handled with the utmost dispatch.

Details re discovery of shotgun and interview with Justice BRENNAN to follow in LHM.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search the above-described letter and envelope through the anonymous letter file. The Laboratory is further requested to process the letter and envelope for latent fingerprints and preserve any latents developed for comparison with future submissions in this case.

The Laboratory is also requested to preserve the above letter and envelope for possible comparison with future typewriter samples submitted in this case.

LEADS

TAMPA

AT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA. Conduct very discreet and limited inquiry to identify and locate subject.

WFO 9-NEW

(2) Present facts of this matter to USA and advise the Bureau and WFO of USA's opinion.

(3) Report results in form suitable for dissemination.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Maintain contact with office of Associate Justice BRENNAN and report additional communications from subject.

(2) If required, submit elimination fingerprints to FBI Laboratory.

FBI

Date: 6/5/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2060) (P)

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United States Supreme Court - VICTIM
EXTORTION
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ReWFOairtel to the Bureau dated 6/4/68.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM re captioned subject. Enclosed for the investigative assistance of Tampa are two copies of the LHM. Enclosed for the assistance of Knoxville and St. Louis are two copies each of reairtel and two copies each of the LHM.

Investigation reflected in the enclosed LHM was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

For the information of Tampa and Knoxville and St. Louis, Associate Justice BRENNAN has requested that no publicity be given this incident. No dissemination of information is to be made in instant matter without Bureau approval.

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WFO 9-2060

It is noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are not aware of the receipt of a threatening letter by Justice BRENNAN on 5/3/68. Request to interview [REDACTED] and investigation to identify and interview [REDACTED] will be held in abeyance pending results of investigation at Tampa, Knoxville and St. Louis, UACB. b7c

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

June 5, 1968

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ENCLOSURE

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"I understand that in Washington the White people moved to the suburbs so their children could

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could go to white schools, therefore the negroes took over the white school buildings. Now down here in the South many of our new schools which have been built are the Negro Schools. Children used to enjoy their social life in their schools and could have parties in their homes or their classes. Now since you idiots up there have forced the schools to mix you have taken away lots of the school life for our children.

"A negro I am sure would really like it best to have their schools. On school grounds children will have little fracasas. Well when two white boys or girls have some trouble it is not made a big issue, but let a white person and a negro have some trouble and a big stink is made. The white boy generally gets the worst of the trouble. My maid which I had 8 years told me recently that she wished things were back like they were before all this civil rights stuff took over.

"You take Martin Luther King was saying he was for non-violence but he was nothing but a liar, for everywhere he went he caused riots and trouble. He was told to stay out of Memphis but no he paid no heed and on TV it showed him with a group of people and when he got them all riled up and he could not handle them he jumped in a car and like a coward he got away. Any man who was arrested as many times as he was for lawlessness also his co-worker Abernathy they should be put in prison for life. King taught more hatred in our country to the negro, instead of him telling them they should be thankful for what we had done for them he put hatred in their minds. Recently saw a graph which stated that over 85% of the negroes lived in 17 states including California and across the South and up the East Coast. Now if these states had not fed clothed, give them jobs and medical aid they would not have multiplied as they have.

[redacted] b7c

"Down in Florida so many of the people are from the North and very few will hire a maid for they say they do not want a negro in their kitchens, but the Southern women likes to have a maid help them with their housework. My maids used to tell me that certain women in the neighborhood would ask her about sending them maids, but she told me you know negroes lie and steal and some are so good for nothing that I do not ever send them any help. You take King's wife is saying that he only left her about \$25,000. and no will. With all the money that has been given him I expect if the truth was known he is a millionaire plus. He made no will for he does not want a will probated and know his worth.

"/s/ [redacted] b7c

Justice Brown stated that to his knowledge he has received no similar communication previously and knows no one identifiable with the writer of the letter.

On June 4, 1968, [redacted] Associate Justice Brennan, advised that approximately May 15, 1968, or May 16, 1968, a female who represented herself as [redacted] a reporter for [redacted] newspaper, called Justice Brennan's office and asked "Are there any clues as to where the guns found on Justice Brennan's lawn might have come from?" When advised [redacted] had no information on the incident, [redacted] stated that she would call back at a later date. [redacted] to date [redacted] has not recontacted the office. b7c

On June 5, 1968, [redacted] Seventh Precinct, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., advised that he was the officer in charge of an investigation concerning the discovery of a shotgun on the premises of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., [redacted] Washington, D.C., on May 22, 1968. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] stated that the shotgun, a Browning .20 gauge semi-automatic, bearing Serial Number 9227728, was discovered by Mrs. Brennan and at the time of discovery was contained in a black vinyl zipper case bearing what appeared to be an Eastern Airlines baggage ticket, bearing number EA72-04-21. [REDACTED] stated that the following was written on the tag: "Delta, Atlanta." b7c

[REDACTED] advised that a search of the premises resulted in the location of several .20 gauge shotgun shells found in the yard of [REDACTED]. In addition, approximately 25 .12 gauge magnum shells had previously been located by Justice Brennan and [REDACTED] wrapped in a multi-colored blanket which was found on Justice Brennan's premises. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that the shotgun had been handled by Justice Brennan and [REDACTED] and had been wiped clean by one of them to prevent the weapon from rusting. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that the shotgun, case, shells and blanket were furnished to the Metropolitan Police Department by Justice Brennan and that the items are presently in the custody of the Metropolitan Police Department, property clerk at police headquarters, Washington, D.C. b7c

[REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] stated that Justice Brennan requested that no publicity be given the incident and that the location of the weapon and shells was treated as a Found Property Case and that only a discreet inquiry was made to police precincts regarding the possibly inquiry by anyone concerning the loss of the weapon. [REDACTED] advised that to date no inquiry has been received concerning the weapon. b7c

[REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] stated that the case is currently being investigated by [REDACTED] and that the shotgun will be furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for examination on June 5, 1968. b7C

On June 5, 1968, the National Crime Information Center advised that their files contained no record of instant shotgun.

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI TAMPA URGENT
733 TO DIRECTOR, WFO
FROM TAMPA 9-404

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN JR.

US SUPREME COURT - VICTIM EXTORTION OO:TP
RE TP TEL TO BUREAU SIX - SIX - SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] NO [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED. USA EDWARD
F. BOARDMAN, TAMPA ADVISED WOULD DECLINE PROSECUTION AS LETTER DID
NOT CONSTITUTE EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT AND THEREFORE NOT
WITHIN PERVIEW OF EXTORTION STATUTE. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
BY TAMPA UACB.

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FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (9-1037) (RUC)

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UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT - VICTIM
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(OO: TAMPA)

Re WFO airtel to Bureau 6/5/68.

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(Sample Copy envelope) enc. sent WFO 6-14-68

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will recontact [REDACTED] 7th Precinct,
MPD, and re-examine the "Baggage Ticket", bearing number
"EA 72-04-21" and "Delta, Atlanta" [REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE TAMPA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN WFO	DATE 6-13-68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6-4-68 - 6-7-68
TITLE OF CASE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR., UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY MS
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	
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REFERENCES:

WFO airtel to Bureau dated 6-4-68.
 Bureau telephone call to Tampa, 6-5-68.
 WFO airtel to Bureau dated 6-5-68.
 Tampa teletype to Bureau dated 6-6-68.
 Tampa airtel to Bureau dated 6-13-68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being furnished to Knoxville and St. Louis Divs. in view of investigation pending in those divisions.

Investigation conducted at Washington was by

SA [REDACTED] b7C

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Tampa

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: June 13, 1968

Office: TAMPA

Field Office File #: 9-404

Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] b7C
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE,
WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.,
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

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[REDACTED] On 6-7-68 U.S. Attorney EDWARD F. BOARDMAN, Tampa advised he would decline prosecution in this matter as the letter did not constitute an expressed or implied threat and therefore not within the purview of the extortion statute.

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DETAILS:

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