

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BOSTON	DATE 9/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/2 - 9/4/68
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ETHEL KENNEDY ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Boston 8/12/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

No copy of this report is being furnished to the USA, Washington, D.C., inasmuch as LHMs pertaining to the facts were furnished him by WFO.

LEADS:

WFO

At Washington, D. C.

Will recontact Secret Service to determine if they

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

APPROVED [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	1-Secret Service
Request Recd.	[REDACTED] 02-68
Date Fwd.	
How Fwd.	
By	54 OCT 8 - 1968

Notations

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are in possession of the envelope which accompanied Letter No. 1 as set forth in the details of this report.

BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

Will maintain contact with Boston PD, Office of U. S. Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY and AUSA JOSEPH LENA for information in regard to instant matter.

Will attempt to obtain names of suspects and submit handwriting samples and fingerprints for comparison purposes in order to effect an identification of unsub.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Boston, Massachusetts
1 - Secret Service, Boston, Massachusetts

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: BOSTON
Date: 9/17/68 (b)(7)(C)
Field Office File #: 9-1948 Bureau File #: 9-48276

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Five letters containing threats against life of U. S. Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Mass. received through mail in June, 1968. Three were addressed to Senator KENNEDY, Washington, D.C.; one to his sister-in-law ETHEL at McLean, Virginia; and one to ADLAI STEVENSON, State Treasurer of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois. Examination by FBI Laboratory reflects four of above letters, all of which were postmarked, Boston, were written by same person. Latent prints developed from two of the letters. AUSA, Boston, advised that in his opinion the wording in Letter No. 1 contained a threat which would constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter is based on the receipt of five letters, the details of which are set forth as follows:

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Letter No. 1

By communication dated July 10, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised as follows:

On July 2, 1968, the United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., made available an anonymous letter which had been sent to the office of Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY. The anonymous letter reads as follows:

"Your suffering has hardly begun. Teddy is next on the Kennedy 'hit parade.' And we won't rest til he gets his.

"We are sick of the Kennedy's and all the damn Kennedy crap.

"You stole from the church when you managed its affairs then you bought the church in the person of Richard Cardinal Hypocrite.

"You were an unethical business robber and crook. You had a movie actress mistress. Your 'devoted' wife stayed home only long enough to get pregnant. With your stolen money she tried to buy respectability but she is still shanty dirty Irish.

"You thought you could buy the presidency - and did once. America doesn't like or want dynasties. Jack had to die. Bobby had to die. Teddy has to die.

"We hope you live long enough to see total destruction of the Kennedy's and to suffer again and again before you die and go to Hell for all eternity.

On July 2, 1968, the following agencies were advised of the receipt of the anonymous letter at the office of Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY:

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Intelligence Division
Metropolitan Police Department
Washington, D. C.

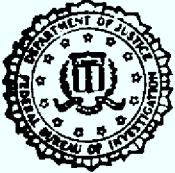
[REDACTED]

United States Capitol Police Department
Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted that the communication from Washington Field Office dated July 10, 1968 reflected that no envelope was forwarded by Secret Service with this letter and it was not known if such was available.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO.

July 16, 1968

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. 94441

TO: SAC, WFO

RE: UNSUB.;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Bureau letter 7/5/68 to WFO and Boston
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Bureau
SPECIMENS: Q1, hand printed letter

Q1 was processed and four latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value were developed. One of the latent fingerprints was made by the lower joint of a finger.

Q1 is being forwarded as an enclosure with this report to WFO.

Laboratory report separate.

Enc.

① - Boston

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Letter No. 2

By communication dated July 8, 1968, Secret Service, Washington, forwarded an anonymous letter received by them from the Office of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C." This letter was postmarked Boston, Mass., A.M., 6/29/68, and contained the following message:

"You will die if you run for Pres. or VP. We hate Kennedy's."

By communication dated July 9, 1968, the Bureau advised that the original of above letter was sent to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison with Letter No. 1.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Boston**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Senator Edward M. Kennedy -
Victim
Extortion**

Date: **July 11, 1968**
FBI File No.
Lab. No. **D-680710005 KY**

Specimens received **7/9/68**

- Q2 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MA 10A AM 29 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Hon. Ted Kennedy U. S. Senate Washington D.C."**
- Q3 Accompanying slip of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "You will die..."**

Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q2 and Q3 were written by the writer of Q1, previously examined in the Laboratory.

The evidence will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT of the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

July 18, 1968

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. 94441

TO: SAC, Boston

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM *est*
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 7/9/68 to Boston and WFO
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Bureau
SPECIMENS: Q2, envelope
Q3, accompanying letter

Q2 and Q3 were processed and one latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q2.

Q2 and Q3 are being forwarded as enclosures with this report to Boston.

Laboratory report separate.

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1 - WFO

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Letter No. 3

By communication dated July 30, 1968 the Washington Field Office advised that Secret Service, Washington, D.C., received from the Office of Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Washington, D.C., the following anonymous letter contained in an envelope addressed to Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY, Hickory Hill, McLean, Virginia, postmarked Boston, Mass., June 26, 1968, and reading as follows:

"If Ted runs for Pres. or VP he will be killed. We hate Kennedy's. Stop him."

(b)(7)(c) [REDACTED] Fairfax, Virginia Police Department, was advised of the contents of above letter on July 24, 1968.

By communication dated July 19, 1968, the Washington Field Office requested the FBI Laboratory to conduct examination of the above letter.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Date:

July 23, 1968

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY - VICTIMS;
EXTORTION

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

D-680719052 KY

Specimens received 7/19/68

- Q4 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MASS 6A AM 26 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Mrs. Ethel Kennedy Hickory Hill McLean, Virginia"
- Q5 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed address beginning "If Ted runs for..."

Result of examination:

It was concluded the questioned material on Q4 and Q5 was prepared by the person preparing Q1 through Q3, previously submitted.

The submitted evidence is forwarded to the Boston Office. Photographs were made.

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(b)(7)(c) On July 22, 1968 and July 26, 1968, [redacted] Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., and [redacted] U. S. Capitol Police Department, Washington, D. C., were advised of the receipt of above letter.

Letter No. 4

By communication dated August 7, 1968, the Springfield Office advised that Secret Service, Washington, D. C., made available an anonymous letter received from the Office of Honorable ADLAI STEVENSON, Illinois State Treasurer. This letter was postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, A.M., June 29, 1968, addressed to "Honorable ADLAI STEVENSON, State Treasurer, State House, Springfield, Illinois", and contained the following message:

"Mr. Stevenson

(b)(7)(c) "You will have Ted Kennedy's blood on your hands. If he accepts the VP nomination he will die. A few of us Americans love our country enough to protect it from all threats and the Kennedy family is a terrible menace to America."

On July 30 and July 31, 1968 respectively, [redacted] Springfield, Illinois Police Department, and [redacted] Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Springfield, Illinois, were advised of above information.

By communication dated July 24, 1968, the Bureau requested the FBI Laboratory and the Identification Division to conduct appropriate examination of above letter.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Date:

July 30, 1968

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

D-680725002 KY

Specimens received 7/24/68

- Q6 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MASS. AM 29 JUN 1968 58,"
addressed to "Hon. Adlai Stevenson State Treasurer
State House Springfield Illinois"
- Q7 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning
"Mr Stevenson You will have..."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing on Q6 and Q7 was prepared by the writer of the questioned writing on Q1 through Q5, previously submitted.

Nothing significant was noted during the examinations of Q6 and Q7 that would assist in determining the source of these specimens.

The evidence will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

August 1, 1968

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 9-48276
LATENT CASE NO. 94441

TO: SAC, Boston

RE: UNSUB.;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY,
ETHEL KENNEDY,
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS,
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Boston 7/24/68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Bureau
SPECIMENS: Q6, envelope
Q7, accompanying letter

No latent prints of value were developed on Q6 or Q7, which are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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1 - WFO

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Letter No. 5

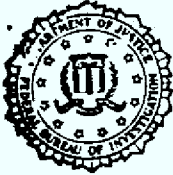
By communication dated August 12, 1968, the Bureau advised that Secret Service, Washington, D.C., made available an anonymous communication postmarked June 7, 1968, P.M. at Boston, Massachusetts, addressed to "EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Senator from Mass., Washington, District of Columbia", and an undated letter which read as follows:

"Don't run for president or vice president
or you will be shot dead too."

By communication dated August 13, 1968, the Bureau requested examination of this communication by the Laboratory and the Identification Division.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

August 21, 1968

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. **95951**

TO: **SAC, Boston**

RE: **UNSUB.;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION**


REFERENCE: **Bureau letter to Boston 8-12-53**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Bureau**
SPECIMENS: **Envelope, Q1
Letter, Q2**

One latent fingerprint of value for comparison was developed on the letter, Q2. No other latent prints of value were developed.

The latent fingerprint was searched in the single fingerprint file, but no identification was effected.

Q1 and Q2 are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate

Enc. (2) 

1 - WFO *(b)(7)(c)*

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Re: UNSUB;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY,
ETHEL KENNEDY,
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

Date: August 16, 1968
FBI File No.
Lab. No. D-680813089 JB

Specimens received 8/13/68

Evidence available in Bureau

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MASS 5B JUN 7 PM 1968," bearing hand printed address "Edward M Kennedy Senator from Mass. Washington District of Columbia"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Don't run for President or Vice President..."

Result of examination:

The hand printing appearing on Q1 and Q2 was not identified with hand printing maintained in the Anonymous Letter File or with hand printing appearing on anonymous communications in which the captioned individuals have been the victims. Appropriate additions have been made to the Anonymous Letter File.

No watermarks or other identifying characteristics were noted which would indicate the possible source of the paper comprising Q1 and Q2. These items were examined for indented writing with negative results. The stamp appearing on the envelope Q1 originated from a sheet of stamps.

Q1 and Q2 have been photographed and will be forwarded to Boston separately.

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(b)(7)(c) On August 15, 1968, the above information was made available to [REDACTED] Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department, and [REDACTED] U. S. Capitol Police, both in Washington, D.C.

On August 27, 1968, [REDACTED] Precinct No. 1, Boston Police Department, and [REDACTED] of Senator KENNEDY's Office, J. F. Kennedy Building, Boston, Massachusetts, were advised of the above facts.

On August 27, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH LENA, Boston, Massachusetts, advised, after a review of the facts in instant matter, that he considered the wording in Letter No. 1 to constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute and he stated that he would prosecute the writer of the letter if this individual could be identified.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

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Date: September 12, 1968

(b)(7)(c)

BY LIAISON [REDACTED]

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent [REDACTED] 9/11 ✓
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Merilli Syndicate

[REDACTED]

Attached is an original letter from the Merilli Syndicate, Labor Council 12, Greater New York, postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 1968, addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy, Hyannisport, Massachusetts (Kennedy Compound).

The letter was received September 6, 1968 at the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy, Washington, D.C.

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Attachments

Letter from Merilli Syndicate

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NOTE CONTINUED:

The pay-off in this case was scheduled for June 20, 1968, however, this letter was received by the Kennedy family during the period immediately following the murder of Robert F. Kennedy. It has been observed in other cases that a huge volume of mail was received by the Kennedy's at that time and it became back logged. Secret Service also points out this delay.

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Merilli Syndicate
Labor Council 12
Greater New York

Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts
(Kennedy Compound)

Mr. Kennedy:

I'm most certain of your knowledge of the anti-Kennedy spree swelling the nation, to which my information will prove interesting indeed.

I represent a left-wing organization which receives bids from Cosa Nostra, Longshoremen's and Teamsters unions respectively to eliminate those detrimental political figureheads. Teamster's president Jimmy Hoffa and Frank Fitzsimmons were unpleasantly disclosed before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee by the counsel directed by Robert Kennedy. A bid authorized by union directors of Council 12 B.S.E.I.U. OF Greater New York and Teamster union officials was brought before our New York Delegation to discontinue his political progress. If the senator had lost the race in California, his elimination from the contingency would have been certain. However, he won and had to be stopped.

Presently, a Bostonian financing corporation wishes to eliminate Sen. Edward M. Kennedy from active contingency so that they may post a prospective candidate. A bid has been received for five hundred thousand dollars which is now under deep consideration by our syndicate. The only method of saving your son is by outbidding the proposed deal. We would like one million dollars which will serve as retroactive cash and will outbid the previous attempt. The money should be placed in a modern briefcase and placed behind a telephone pole across the road from the newly-built home on Pleasant Hill Road in Orange, Connecticut. Our corporation will expect the currency by noon of Thursday, June 20. A guard will be posted to assure of no foul play. The money will most preferably be accepted in fifty dollar bills. Certainly a man with one son left cannot risk or foolishly gamble his life.

Faithfully yours

9-41-11 *J. Merilli*
Merilli Association

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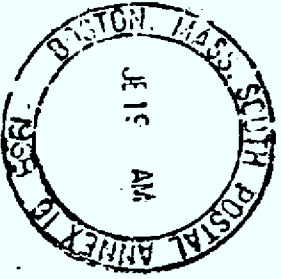
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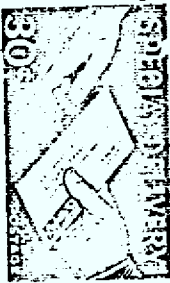
Merilli Syndicate
South Park Av.
(Labor Councils of America)

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Mass
(Kennedy Compound)



SPECIAL DELIVERY



SAC, Boston

9/18/68

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA.
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

(b)(7)(c)

Enclosed herewith for Boston is a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service dated 9/12/68 and Xerox copies of its enclosures.

Boston should immediately conduct appropriate investigation and determine if any additional similar letters have been received.

For the information of Boston, Bureau indices contain no record identifiable with Merilli Syndicate. The original letter to the Kennedys is being examined by the FBI Laboratory and you will be appropriately advised of the results.

Keep Bureau advised of all developments.

Enclosures (3)

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SEP 18 1968
COMM-FBI

NOTE - FBI LABORATORY:

FBI Laboratory will conduct appropriate handwriting examination on letter addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy. FBI Laboratory will attempt to determine location where letter was mailed from the postmark appearing on the envelope noting that it is partially obliterated. Furnish Boston with results.

NOTE:

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

By letter dated 9/12/68, Secret Service forwarded a letter postmarked in June, 1968, addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy, Hyannisport, Massachusetts. Letter contains a threat to do bodily harm and demand for \$1,000,000. Secret Service set forth no reason for the delay but noted that the letter was received 9/6/68 at the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy, Washington, D.C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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a [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

To: FBI, Boston

Date: September 25, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
Re: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

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[REDACTED]
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 9-48276
Lab. No. D-680918069 AT

Examination requested by: Bureau
Reference: Bulet to Boston 9/18/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

You will be advised separately concerning the fingerprint examination of Q1 and Q2.

The detailed physical characteristics of Q1 and Q2 are retained for possible future reference.

Enclosures(2) (2 Lab report)

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- Tolson _____
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MAILED 17
SEP 25 1968
COMM-FBI

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Date: September 25, 1968

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI File No.

9-48276

Lab. No.

D-680918069 AT

Specimens received 9/18/68

Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Joseph P. Kennedy Hyannis Port, Mass (Kennedy Compound)" and the return address "Merilli Syndicate South Park Av. (Labor Councils of America)"

Q2 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning "I'm most certain of your knowledge of. . ." and ending ". . . or foolishly gamble his life."

Result of examination:

The typewriting on Q2 measures 254 millimeters per 100 letters. This typewriting most closely resembles the standard for Halda/Facit and Antares styles of type. Typewriters using Halda/Facit style of type are manufactured in Sweden and typewriters using Antares style of type are manufactured in Italy.

The typewriting on Q2 and the writing on Q1 were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are being added thereto.

The postmark on envelope Q1 is partially obliterated. This postmark appears to be "ORANGE, CT.; JUN 18 PM; 1968; 06477,"

No indented writing was found on Q1 and Q2.

No watermark was found in Q1. Q2 contains the watermark "Hamilton Mimeo" and a triangle design. The watermark "Hamilton Mimeo" is registered for Weyerhaeuser Company Paper Division, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
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A six-cent postage stamp and a 30-cent U.S. Special Delivery stamp, both of which came from sheets of stamps, are attached to Q1.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are being retained at the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded
9/18/68

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EXTORTION

File # 9-48276-24
Lab. # D-680918069 AT

REC-11

Examination requested by: Bureau letter to Boston 9/18/68

(b)(7)(c)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Date received: 9/18/68

Result of Examination:

W/D ALF Disconnected Script
and LK...
N/E VIP Files.

Examination by:

[Redacted] 9/29/68

Q1 - pm partially obliterated. appears to be
"ORANGE, CT.; JUN 18 PM, 1968; 66477

No included writing. See reverse side.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Joseph P. Kennedy Hyannis Port, Mass (Kennedy Compound)" and the return address "Merilli Syndicate South Park Av. (Labor Councils of America)", ~~Special Delivery Stamp and postage.~~
- Q2 Accompanying type-written letter beginning "I'm most certain of your knowledge of...." and ending ".or foolishly gamble his life."*

Return Evidence

Tue 254 mm/100...
HOLDA/FACIT...
INT...
[Redacted]

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Q1 white bond
page 9.51 x 4.10
Thickness .0038
no term mark none

66 us Postage (Recent) and
50c us Special Service stamps
from bleed-through stamps

Q2 white bond
page 8.53 x 10.98
Thickness
watermark

Wells Fargo & Co.
Fitchburg, Mass.



HAMILTON MIMEO

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1968

JUN 18 PM

ORANGE, CT

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SAC, Boston

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9/18/68

Director, FBI

1 - [redacted]
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA.
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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(On 9/19/68 [redacted], requested by [redacted] fingerprint examination)

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NOTE CONTINUED:

The pay-off in this case was scheduled for June 20, 1968, however, this letter was received by the Kennedy family during the period immediately following the murder of Robert F. Kennedy. It has been observed in other cases that a huge volume of mail was received by the Kennedy's at that time and it became back logged. Secret Service also points out this delay.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded
9/18/68

Laboratory Work Sheet

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
MERRILL SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EXTORTION

File # 9-48276
Lab. # 9-680918069 AF

Examination requested by: Bureau A. 9/18/68

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint Date received: 9/18/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: [redacted] (b)(7)(c)

*LFPs will
retain Q1, Q2 in
Bureau files*

Received by LFPS
[Signature]

*Examined Q1 + Q2 in LFPS
Q1 + Q2 returned to Lab files*

LFP report separate 9-26-68 Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Joseph P. Kennedy Hyannis Port, Mass (Kennedy Compound)" and the return address "Merrill Syndicate South Park Av. (Labor Council of America)". Special Delivery Stamp and postage.
- Q2 Accompanying type-written letter beginning "I'm most certain of your knowledge of...." and ending ".er foolishly gamble his life."

Return Evidence

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Merilli Syndicate
Labor Council 12
Greater New York

Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts
(Kennedy Compound)

Mr. Kennedy:

I'm most certain of your knowledge of the anti-Kennedy spree swelling the nation, to which my information will prove interesting indeed.

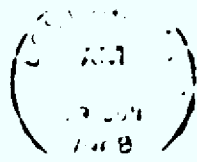
I represent a left-wing organization which receives bids from Cosa Nostra, Longshoremen's and Teamsters unions respectively to eliminate those detrimental political figureheads. Teamster's president Jimmy Hoffa and Frank Fitzsimmons were unpleasantly disclosed before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee by the counsel directed by Robert Kennedy. A bid authorized by union directors of Council 12 B.S.E.I.U. OF Greater New York and Teamster union officials was brought before our New York Delegation to discontinue his political progress. If the senator had lost the race in California, his elimination from the contingency would have been certain. However, he won and had to be stopped.

Presently, a Bostonian financing corporation wishes to eliminate Sen. Edward M. Kennedy from active contingency so that they may post a prospective candidate. A bid has been received for five hundred thousand dollars which is now under deep consideration by our syndicate. The only method of saving your son is by outbidding the proposed deal. We would like one million dollars which will serve as retroactive cash and will outbid the previous attempt. The money should be placed in a modern briefcase and placed behind a telephone pole across the road from the newly-built home on Pleasant Hill Road in Orange, Connecticut. Our corporation will expect the currency by noon of Thursday, June 20. A guard will be posted to assure of no foul play. The money will most preferably be accepted in fifty dollar bills. Certainly a man with one son left cannot risk or foolishly gamble his life.

Faithfully yours

J. Merrill
Merilli Association

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Hon. Ted Kennedy
U S Senate
Washington D. C. (b)(7)

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Hon. Adlai Stevenson
State Treasurer
State House
Springfield
Illinois

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(b)(7)(c)

You will die if
you run for Pres or
VP. We hate
Kennedys.

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(b)(7)(C)

11/12/68

Mr Sterenson

You will have Ted Kennedy's blood on your hands. If he accepts the YP nomination he will die. A few of us Americans love our country enough to protect it from all threats and the Kennedy family is a terrible menace to America.

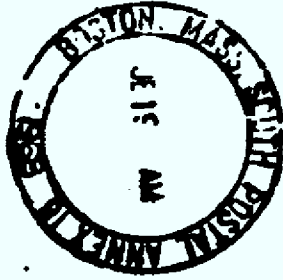
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STATE TREASURER
SPRINGFIELD

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Merill Syndicate
South Park Av.
(Labor Councils of America)

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Mass
(Kennedy Compound)



SPECIAL DELIVERY



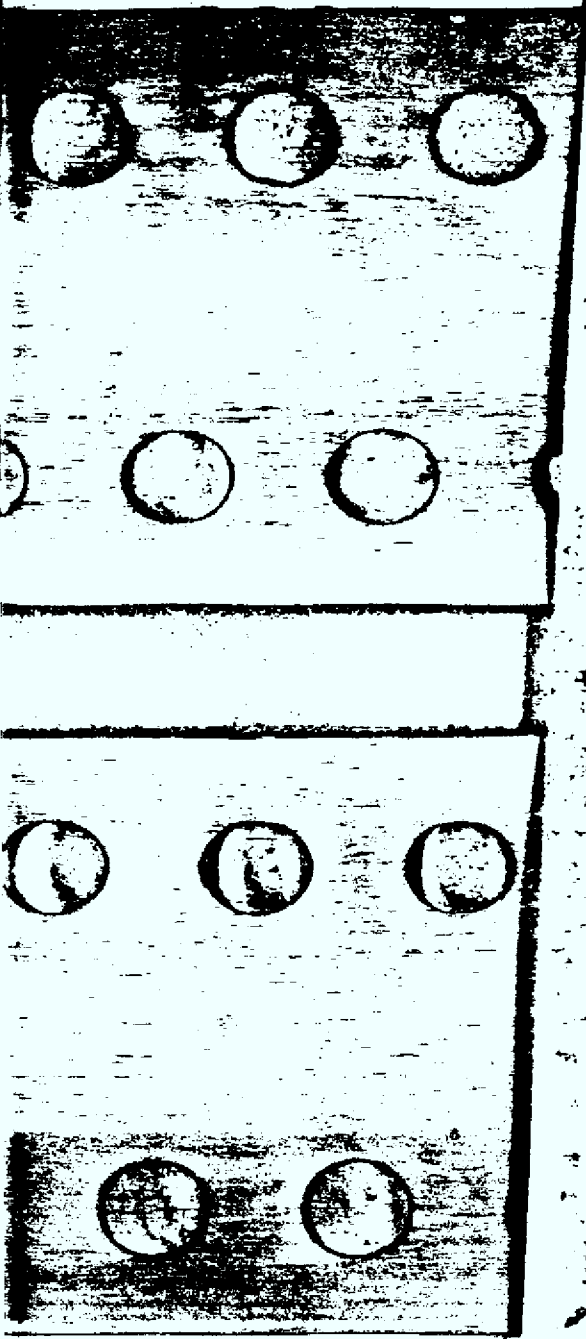
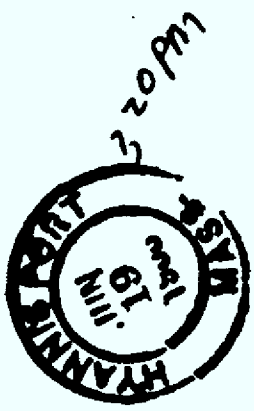
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SPECIAL DELIVERY

SPECIAL DELIVERY





TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

CO-2-51,617

Date: September 11, 1968

(b)(7)(c)

BY LIAISON [REDACTED]

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent [REDACTED]
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Unknown Subject;
Victim - Senator Edward Kennedy

Reference is made to my previous referrals in this matter, dated July 3, 8, 16, 18, and August 5, 1968, furnishing the original anonymous letters believed to be associated with the attached subject letter.

Attached is an original letter from an unknown subject to Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, Kennedy Compound, Hyannisport, Massachusetts, June 29, 1968, wherein the unknown subject threatens the life of Senator Edward Kennedy. The letter was received from Senator Edward Kennedy's Office on September 10, 1968.

Please furnish this Service with any reports that may result from an investigation in this matter.

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FBI
RECORDED

Attachments

Original letter from unknown subject.

P. 735 9/27/68
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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If Ted runs for
Pres. or VP he will
be killed. We hate
Kennedys.

Stop him.

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Cash.

Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy
Kennedy Compound
Hyannisport, Mass.

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SAC, Boston (9-1948)

September 27, 1968

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Director, FBI (9-48276) - 25

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: BOSTON

Enclosed herewith for Boston is a copy of a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service dated 9/11/68 with its original enclosure.

This is furnished Boston for inclusion in captioned matter.

Enclosures (3)

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 62-109276-

MAILED 5
SEP 27 1968
COMM-FBI

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

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XEROX
OCT 1 1968

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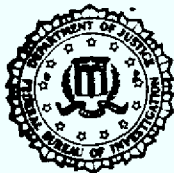
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO.

**9-48276
94441**

September 30, 1968

TO: **SAC, Boston**

RE: **UNSUB., AKA
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

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(b)(7)(c)

REFERENCE: **Bureau letter to Boston, 9-18-68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Bureau**
SPECIMENS: **One envelope, Q1
One letter, Q2**

No latent impressions of value developed on submitted specimens.

Specimens being retained in Bureau files.

Laboratory report separate.

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9-48276-26

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MAILED 5
SEP 30 1968
COMM-FBI

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

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 9/18/68 [redacted] RECORDED: 9/25/68 1:25 P.M. RECEIVED: 9/25/68 [redacted]
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EXTORTION

File # 9-18276-26
Lab. # 9-680918069 AT
LC #94441

Examination requested by: Bureau letter to Boston 9/18/68

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Date received: 9/18/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] (D)lc

Examined Q1 & Q2 9-25-68 [redacted]
No latents of value dev on Q1 or Q2
Q1 & Q2 returned to lab files.
Lab report separate.

Specimens submitted for examination

Received from U.S. Secret Service 9/12/68

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Joseph P. Kennedy Hyannis Port, Mass (Kennedy Compound)" and the return address "Merilli Syndicate South Park Av. (Labor Councils of America)". ~~Special Delivery Stamp and postage.~~
- Q2 Accompanying type-written letter beginning "I'm most certain of your knowledge of...." and ending ".or foolishly gamble his life."*

Return Evidence

Examination completed 8:00 A 9-26-68
Time Date

Dictated 9-26-68
Date 150

SAC, Boston

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA.
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Enclosed herewith for Boston is a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service dated 9/12/68 and Xerox copies of its enclosures.

Boston should immediately conduct appropriate investigation and determine if any additional similar letters have been received.

For the information of Boston, Bureau indices contain no record identifiable with Merrilli Syndicate. The original letter to the Kennedys is being examined by the FBI Laboratory and you will be appropriately advised of the results.

Keep Bureau advised of all developments.

Enclosures (3)

[Redacted]

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(b)(7)(c) (on 9/19 [Redacted] requested by [Redacted] fingerprint examination)

NOTE - FBI LABORATORY:

FBI Laboratory will conduct appropriate handwriting examination on letter addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy. FBI Laboratory will attempt to determine location where letter was mailed from the postmark appearing on the envelope noting that it is partially obliterated. Furnish Boston with results.

NOTE:

By letter dated 9/12/68, Secret Service forwarded a letter postmarked in June, 1968, addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy, Hyannisport, Massachusetts. Letter contains a threat to do bodily harm and demand for \$1,000,000. Secret Service set forth no reason for the delay but noted that the letter was received 5/8/68 at the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy, Washington, D. C.

and 9-30-68
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NOTE CONTINUED:

The pay-off in this case was scheduled for June 20, 1968, however, this letter was received by the Kennedy family during the period immediately following the murder of Robert F. Kennedy. It has been observed in other cases that a huge volume of mail was received by the Kennedy's at that time and it became back logged. Secret Service also points out this delay.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

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Date: September 12, 1968

BY LIAISON [REDACTED]

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent [REDACTED]
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Merilli Syndicate

(b)(7)(c)

Attached is an original letter from the Merilli Syndicate, Labor Council 12, Greater New York, postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 1968, addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy, Hyannisport, Massachusetts (Kennedy Compound).

The letter was received September 6, 1968 at the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy, Washington, D.C.

Attachments

Letter from Merilli Syndicate

~~SIX~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-48276)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

DATE: 10/28/68

FROM : [REDACTED] BOSTON (9-1948)

(b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY;
ETHEL KENNEDY;
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

F81030003

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/17/68 at Boston and Bureau letter to Boston dated 9/27/68.

Enclosed herewith for examination and comparison by the FBI Laboratory is a letter and envelope postmarked Boston, Mass., 6/29/68, addressed to "Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, Kennedy Compound, Hyannisport, Mass."

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting to determine if it is the same as contained in four of the five letters in instant matter previously identified as having been written by the same person.

It is noted that the message in this letter is identical in wording with letter #3 as set forth in referenced report.

- ② - Bureau (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Boston

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[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 [redacted]
(b)(7)(c)

To: **FBI, Boston (9-1948)**

Date: **November 4, 1968**

Re: **UNSUB;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY;
ETHEL KENNEDY;
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover [redacted]

FBI File No. **9-48276**
Lab. No. **D-681030003 KY**

Examination requested by: **Boston**
Reference: **Letter 10/28/68**
Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

For your investigative information, nothing significant was noted that would assist in determining the source of specimens Q8 and Q9.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
ENCLOSURE

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MAILED 10
NOV 4 - 1968
COMM-FBI

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19 NOV 5 1968

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

Enclosures (4) (Q8, Q9 2 Lab report)

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① [redacted] 5/18
② [redacted] 155

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Boston (9-1948)**

Re: **UNSUB;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY;
ETHEL KENNEDY;
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION**

Date: **November 4, 1968**
FBI File No. **9-48276**
Lab. No. **D-681030003 KY**

Specimens received **10/29/68**

- Q8 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, -A 11A AM 29 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Ambassador Joseph P Kennedy Kennedy Compound Hyannisport, Mass."**
- Q9 Accompanying letter bearing hand printed message beginning "If Ted runs..., " ending "...Stop Him."**

Result of examination:

It was concluded the questioned writing on Q8 and Q9 was prepared by the person preparing the questioned writing on Q1 through Q7, previously submitted.

The evidence is returned. Photographs were made.

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

[Redacted] (4) (b) (7) (c)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE No Lab F1

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB; ✓
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ✓
ETHEL KENNEDY; ✓
ADLAI STEVENSON- VICTIMS ✓
EXTORTION ✓

File # 9-48276-28
Lab. # D-681030003KY ✓

Examination requested by: BOSTON(9-1948) ✓

Letter dated 10/28/68 ✓

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 10/29/68 ✓

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] 10-31-68

- 1. Conc. gw Q8, Q9 ident Q1 → Q7 p. 8. (b)(7)(c)
- 2. Void net. Photos

T.F. Nothing sig. that
would assist determine
source.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q8 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, -A 11A AM 29 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Ambassador Joseph P Kennedy Kennedy Compound Hyannisport, Mass."
- Q9 Accompanying letter bearing hand printed message beginning "If Ted runs ...", and ending "Stop him."

Return Evidence

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

No Lab File

Laboratory Work Sheet

UNSUB;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY;
ADLAI STEVENSON- VICTIMS
EXTORTION

File # 9-48276 28
Lab. # D-681030003KY

Examination requested by: BOSTON(9-1948)

Letter dated 10/28/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 10/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by [redacted]

(b)(7)(c)

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q8 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, -A 11A AM 29 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Ambassador Joseph P Kennedy Kennedy Compound Hyannisport, Mass."
- Q9 Accompanying letter bearing hand printed message beginning "If Ted runs ...", and ending "Stop him."

PHOTOGRAPHED
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Return Evidence

If Ted runs for
Pres. or VP he will
be killed. We hate
Kennedys.

Stop him.

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Q9 9-1,8276 KY

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Crush.
Ambassador Joseph P Kennedy
Kennedy Compound
Hyannisport, Mass.

Q8 9-48276 KY



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BOSTON	DATE 12/23/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/11/68 - 12/4/68
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ETHEL KENNEDY ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	(b)(7)(c)

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 9/17/68 at Boston.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

An extra copy of instant report is being furnished to the Bureau in the event dissemination of same is desired.

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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: **[Signature]** SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- 2 Bureau (9-48275)
- 1 USA, Boston
- 1 Secret Service, Boston
- 1 Boston (9-1948)

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	100 - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
Request Recd.	1/3/68
Date Fwd.	1/2/69
How Fwd.	
By	50 JAN 2 1969

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TO

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Boston, Massachusetts
1 - Secret Service, Boston, Massachusetts

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 12/23/68

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 9-1948

Bureau File #: 9-48276

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
APLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Additional letter addressed to Ambassador JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Hyannisport, Mass., postmarked Boston, Mass., 6/29/68, with message, "If Ted runs for President or VP he will be killed. Stop him." Message identical to that in letter No. 3 addressed to Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY. FBI Laboratory examination reflected the additional letter (letter No. 6) was prepared by person responsible for previous letters. Contact with Senator KENNEDY's office, Boston, Mass. [REDACTED] reflect no known suspects. No additional letters received since 6/68.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated September 27, 1968, the Bureau advised that Secret Service, Washington, D. C., furnished a letter on September 11, 1968, received by that agency from the Washington Office of U. S. Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY.

The envelope was addressed to "Ambassador JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Kennedy Compound, Hyannisport, Mass.," was postmarked a.m. June 29, 1968, at Boston, Massachusetts, and contained the following handprinted message: "If TED runs for Pres. or VP he will be killed. We hate KENNEDYS. Stop him."

It was noted that the above message is identical to that in letter No. 3 addressed to Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY, McLean, Virginia, postmarked June 26, 1968, in Boston, Massachusetts.

BS 9-1948

By communication dated October 28, 1968, the above envelope and letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination and the results are as follows:

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston (9-194B)

Date: November 4, 1968

FBI File No. 9-10870

Re: MURKIN;
SENATOR EDWARD M. TRENKLE;
MRS. L. HARRIS;
ADOLF SIEVERSON - VICTIMS
MURKIN

Lab. No. D-331023002 NY

Specimens received 10/29/68

- Q8 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, -A 11A AM 29 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Ambassador Joseph P Kennedy Kennedy Compound Hyannisport, Mass."
- Q9 Accompanying letter bearing hand printed message beginning "If Ted runs..." ending "...Stop Lin."

Result of examination:

It was concluded the questioned writing on Q8 and Q9 was prepared by the person preparing the questioned writing on Q1 through Q7, previously submitted.

The evidence is returned. Photographs were made.

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(b)(7)(c)

By communication dated October 8, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that contact with Assistant Special Agent in Charge LOUIS SIMS, Intelligence Division, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C., by SA [REDACTED] reflected that no envelope was received by Secret Service from the Office of Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY with Letter No. 1. His office was advised by the Senator's Office that the envelope could not be located.

(b)(7)(c)
(b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED] Contacts during October and November, 1968, with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Office of Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY in the John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, failed to reflect that any similar additional letters had been received. [REDACTED]

In view of the fact that no suspects have been developed for comparison with available latents obtained from letters and with the handwriting on the letters, this case will be closed upon the authority of the SAC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BOSTON	DATE 1/2/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/19/68 - 12/13/68
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED UNSUB, aka Merilli Syndicate, Merilli Association, F. Merilli; JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM; EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	(b)(7)(c)

Title is marked "CHANGED" to advise Bureau of additional names for unsub of Merilli Association and F. MERILLI.

REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Boston dated 9/18/68.
Boston letter to New York dated 10/22/68. (IO)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

An extra copy of this report is furnished to the Bureau in the event dissemination to Secret Service is desired.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:		
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE					DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW			
COPIES MADE:	[REDACTED]					9-48276	30	MCT-24	
2-Bureau (9-48276)						16 JAN 8 1969		REC-108	
1-USA, Boston									
1-Secret Service, Boston									
1-Boston (9-1969)									
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations			
Agency	[REDACTED]					[REDACTED]			
Request Recd.	[REDACTED] 1/29/69								
Date Fwd.									
How Fwd.									
By	61 JAN 30 1969								

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
1-SECRET SERVICE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/2/69

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 9-1969

Bureau File #: 9-48276

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as
Merilli Syndicate,
Merilli Association,
F. Merilli;

Character: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Secret Service made available to FBI on 9/12/68 a letter and envelope received by Secret Service on 9/6/68, from office of U. S. Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, Washington, D.C. Envelope was addressed to Sen. KENNEDY's father at Hyannisport, Mass., post-marked Orange, Conn., 6/18/68. Letter, with return address of Merilli Syndicate, Labor Council 12, New York, N.Y., reflected above organization received an offer to eliminate Senator KENNEDY for \$500,000. Letter reflected organization would not perform above deed if Senator's father furnished \$1,000,000. Requested money to be left at certain spot in Orange, Conn. on 6/20/68. Investigation in Boston, NYC, and vicinity of Orange, Conn. negative as to identity of sender of letter.

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Details:

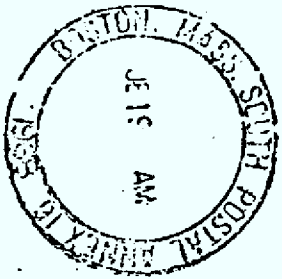
Investigation is predicated upon a letter from the Bureau dated September 18, 1968, reflecting that Secret Service forwarded, by communication dated September 12, 1968, the following envelope and letter which Secret Service had received, on September 6, 1968, from the office of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, Washington, D.C.

Meritt Syndicate
South Park Av.
Labor Councils of America

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Mass
Kennedy Compound

SPECIAL DELIVERY



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Merilli Syndicate
Labor Council 12
Greater New York

Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts
(Kennedy Compound)

Mr. Kennedy:

I'm most certain of your knowledge of the anti-Kennedy spree swelling the nation, to which my information will prove interesting indeed.

I represent a left-wing organization which receives bids from Cosa Nostra, Longshoremen's and Teamsters unions respectively to eliminate those detrimental political figureheads. Teamster's president Jimmy Hoffa and Frank Fitzsimmons were unpleasently disclosed before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee by the counsel directed by Robert Kennedy. A bid authorized by union directors of Council 12 B.S.E.I.U. OF Greater New York and Teamster union officials was brought before our New York Delegation to discontinue his political progress. If the senator had lost the race in California, his elimination from the contingency would have been certain. However, he won and had to be stopped.

Presently, a Bostonian financing corporation wishes to eliminate Sen. Edward M. Kennedy from active contingency so that they may post a prospective candidate. A bid has been received for five hundred thousand dollars which is now under deep consideration by our syndicate. The only method of saving your son is by outbidding the proposed deal. We would like one million dollars which will serve as retroactive cash and will outbid the previous attempt. The money should be placed in a modern briefcase and placed behind a telephone pole across the road from the newly-built home on Pleasant Hill Road in Orange, Connecticut. Our corporation will expect the currency by noon of Thursday, June 20. A guard will be posted to assure of no foul play. The money will most preferably be accepted in fifty dollar bills. Certainly a man with one son left cannot risk or foolishly gamble his life.

Faithfully yours

Merilli Association

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Indices of the Bureau contained no reference to the Merilli Syndicate.

The originals of the above two items were submitted to the FBI Identification Division and the FBI Laboratory for examination, the results of which are as follows:



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D. C. 20535

REPORT
of the
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 9-48276
LATENT CASE NO. 94441

September 30, 1968

TO: SAC, Boston

RE: UNSUB., AKA
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Boston, 9-18-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Bureau
SPECIMENS: One envelope, Q1
One letter, Q2

No latent impressions of value developed
on submitted specimens.

Specimens being retained in Bureau files.

Laboratory report separate.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Date: September 25, 1968

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
MERILLI SYNDICATE;
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI File No. 9-48276

Lab. No. D-680918069 AT

Specimens received 9/18/68

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Joseph P. Kennedy Hyannis Port, Mass (Kennedy Compound)" and the return address "Merilli Syndicate South Park Av. (Labor Councils of America)"
- Q2 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning "I'm most certain of your knowledge of. . ." and ending ". . . or foolishly gamble his life."

Result of examination:

The typewriting on Q2 measures 254 millimeters per 100 letters. This typewriting most closely resembles the standard for Halda/Facit and Antares styles of type. Typewriters using Halda/Facit style of type are manufactured in Sweden and typewriters using Antares style of type are manufactured in Italy

The typewriting on Q2 and the writing on Q1 were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are being added thereto.

The postmark on envelope Q1 is partially obliterated. This postmark appears to be "ORANGE, CT.; JUN 18 PM; 1968; 06477,"

No indented writing was found on Q1 and Q2.

No watermark was found in Q1. Q2 contains the watermark "Hamilton Mimeo" and a triangle design. The watermark "Hamilton Mimeo" is registered for Weyerhaeuser Company Paper Division, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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A six-cent postage stamp and a 30-cent U.S. Special Delivery stamp, both of which came from sheets of stamps, are attached to Q1.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are being retained at the Bureau.

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Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH A. LENA, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on October 3, 1968, that the contents of the letter constituted a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute and he would prosecute if the unknown subject could be identified.

Boston indices and appropriate directories contain no information identifiable with Merilli Syndicate, Merilli Association, F. MERILLI, Labor Counsels of America, Labor Counsel 12, or B.S.E.I.U.

The staff of Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY's Office, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on October 3, 1968, that the above names were unknown to them.

(b)(7)(c) [REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at New York, New York:

On November 6, 1968, a review of New York Office indices and New York Telephone Company directories for the boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, was negative under the names Merilli Syndicate, Merilli Association, F. MERILLI, Labor Counsels of America, Labor Councils of America, Labor Counsel 12 and Labor Council 12. Indices contained two non-pertinent references to Building Service Employees International Union (BSEIU), and the above-listed telephone directories contained numerous listings for various BSEIU locals. It is noted that there was no Local 12 or Council 12 listed for BSEIU.

NH 9-722
[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c)

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] in New Haven, Connecticut.

On November 18, 1968, the New Haven city directories and directories of surrounding towns were reviewed with no identifiable information located for Merilli Syndicate, Merilli Association, F. Merilli, Labor Counsels of America, Labor Counsel 12 or B.S.E.I.U.

(b)(7)(c)

On November 22, 1968, [REDACTED] Secret Service, New Haven, advised that their office had conducted no investigation in this matter as they were unaware of the extortion letter. Their office had not been advised of the threat or of the payoff that was to have taken place in Orange, Connecticut.

On November 22, 1968, a city directory was reviewed to determine if a Pleasant Hill Road was located in Orange, Connecticut. The directory revealed that a Pleasant View Road was located in Orange but no Pleasant Hill Road. A Pleasant Hill Road was located in Woodbridge, Connecticut which is approximately three quarters of a mile long, and one mile from the town line of Orange. This road was driven on November 22, 1968, and the exact house mentioned in the extortion letter could not be located. Although this is a new residential area, no homes appear to be recently built. No mail boxes on this road revealed any name resembling that of Merilli.

On December 6, 1968, the Pleasant View Road in Orange, Connecticut, was driven and it revealed the road sign Pleasant Hill Road rather than Pleasant View Road. This road, which is approximately one mile long, is also located in a new residential area however nohomes appear to be recently built and exact location mentioned in extortion letter could not be determined. No names on mail boxes resembled the name of Merilli.

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(b)(7)(c)

On December 9, 1968, [REDACTED] Office of U. S. Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that no additional correspondence similar to instant communication had come to the attention of her office.

On December 13, 1968, [REDACTED] Barnstable Police Department, Hyannis, Massachusetts, was advised of instant matter.

In view of the fact that all logical investigative leads in this matter have been covered, this case is being closed on the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

FILE NUMBER: 77-70555

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X FOR THIS PAGE X
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FEBRUARY 6, 1956

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ATLANTA
ST. LOUIS
MIAMI
INDIANAPOLIS
BALTIMORE
WASHINGTON FIELD (BCS)

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JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI. WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD OF CONSULTANTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. KENNEDY BORN SEPTEMBER SIX, EIGHTYEIGHT AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN FIFTYFOUR DASH FIFTYFIVE ISSUE OF QUOTE WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA UNQUOTE. CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AS TO CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND ABILITY OF APPOINTEE, ACCOUNTING FOR ENTIRE ADULT LIFE INCLUDING EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND ANY PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. ASCERTAIN AND REPORT IDENTITY AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF ALL IMMEDIATE RELATIVES AND MAKE APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS CONCERNING EACH. SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS BY TELETYPE AND BUREAU MUST BE ADVISED BY TELETYPE OF SAME. ASSIGN CASE IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SUREP TO REACH BUREAU NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY FIFTEEN NEXT.

M. P.

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- Tolson _____
- Boardman _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Sizoo _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

NOTE: Request for information received from White House through Bureau Liaison 2/8/56. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 6/1956

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FBI WASH DC 2-6-56 7-53 PM NRB

SACS, BOSTON ATLANTA ST. LOUIS MIAMI INDIANAPOLIS BALTIMORE WFO
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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WOULD U PLS REPEAT THE SECOND WORD IN LINE ONE THIS MESSAGE

SORRY SHD BE "PATRICK"

OK FBI IP HH -TWO MESSAGES-

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 2/17/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File 77-21786)

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY
SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/15/56.

Reason for the delinquency: Difficulty in locating records at RKO Pictures verifying appointee's association with RKO & its subsidiaries.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 2/21/56

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE: 3-14-56

FROM : SAC, WFO

(File 77-55753)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPI

Re WFO report 2-24-56
This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2-15-56

Reason for the delinquency: CIA and Passport checks outstanding. These checks have been expedited & report will be submitted at earliest possible date.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: No administrative action recommended. About 3-21-56

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE: *March 21, 1956*

FROM : SAC, WFO

(File *77-55753*)

SUBJECT: *JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY*
SPI

Re WFO FD 205 2-14-56
This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: *2-15-56*

Reason for the delinquency: *Passport and CIA checks outstanding. These have been expedited and report will be submitted at earliest possible date. No administrative action recommended.*

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: *about 3-28-56*

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 38-R001.6
(Expires Sept. 30, 1955)

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS.—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space is not adequate for complete answers, use the additional space provided under Item No. 27. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle)
MURPHY, Joseph Patrick

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)
None WA 101916

3. PRESENT ADDRESS DATE
1025 North Main Boulevard 3/15/56

4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS DATE

1025 North Main Boulevard
Boston, Mass.

1105 North Main Boulevard
Boston, Mass.

1105 North Main Boulevard
Boston, Mass.

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Boston, Mass.

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Boston, Mass.

5. DESCRIPTION: (Check which) MALE FEMALE

RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
White	6'	175	Blue	Grey

6. (Check which) SINGLE DIVORCED MARRIED WIDOW(ER)

7. BIRTH DATE
MONTH DAY YEAR
6 6 1922

8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country)
West Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

9. CITIZENSHIP: U. S. ALIEN

IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:

(A) BY BIRTH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(C) BY NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/>
(B) DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>	PETITION NO.
DATE	DATE
CERTIFICATE NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.
PLACE	PLACE

IF ALIEN, INDICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.

DATE OF ENTRY
PORT OF ENTRY

10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED
None

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
None

12. PERMANENT STATION, RANK, AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE
None

12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)

SERIAL NOS.	BRANCH	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)

13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES
Boston Latin School	73 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, Mass.	1922	1928	
Harvard University	Cambridge, Massachusetts	1928	1932	B.S.

14. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
France	1937	1937	Assignment from 1937 to 1937

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15. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including clearance ("Q"), indicate the company or organization)

employment and ALL dates and addresses when unemployed and the clearance. Give name or names under which employed.

Employments required AEC security clearance (if from name now used.)

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (If here employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
1912-14	Bank Examiner for Mass.	Examiner	Boston, Mass.	
1914-17	Windsor Trust Company	President	Boston, Mass.	
1917-19	Windsor Shipbuilding Corp	Asst. Manager		
1919-21	Windsor Shipbuilding Co.	Manager	Boston, Mass.	
1921-23	Windsor Shipbuilding Offices of America	President and Gen. Mgr.		
1923-25	Windsor Shipbuilding, Inc.			
1925-27	Windsor Shipbuilding, Inc. Board of Directors	Member Board of Directors		
1927-29	Securities Exchange Comm.	Chairman		
1929-31	U.S. Maritime Comm.	Chairman		
1931-33	Windsor Shipbuilding, Inc. Board of Directors	Member Board of Directors		
1933-35	Windsor Shipbuilding, Inc. Board of Directors	Member by Board appointment		
1935-37	Windsor Shipbuilding, Inc. Board of Directors	Member by Board appointment		

16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all present membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in all organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations not covered by Question 17 below.)

NAME ADDRESS TYPE FROM TO OFFICE HELD

17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)

Answer "Yes" or "No"

18. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

Answer "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

Answer "Yes" or "No"

20. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF SEEKING TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

Answer "Yes" or "No"

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22. RELATIVES (Parents, stepparents, foster parents, spouse, divorced spouse or spouses, children, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, halfbrothers, halfsisters, father-in-law, and mother-in-law, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. In the event of marriage subsequent to the execution of this Questionnaire, it will be necessary that data concerning the new spouse be furnished on Form AEC-354.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP

23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Rev. John J. Cavanaugh	University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.	16
William A. Brickley	75 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts	33
W. J. Ford	251 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts	10

24. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED, OR SUMMONED INTO COURT AS A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, OR CONVICTED, FINED OR IMPRISONED OR PLACED ON PROBATION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A PROCEEDING, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT BAIL OR COLLATERAL FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, POLICE REGULATION OR ORDINANCE (EXCLUDING MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES" LIST ALL SUCH CASES IN ITEM 25. IN EACH CASE GIVE: (1) THE CHARGE OR NATURE OF THE OFFENSE; (2) THE DATE; (3) THE PLACE WHERE ARRESTED; (4) DISPOSITION OR PENALTY IMPOSED, IF ANY.

25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION
None			

26. PREVIOUS SECURITY CLEARANCE

A. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

B. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED CLEARANCE BY ANY BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

IF YOUR ANSWER TO EITHER QUESTION A. OR B. IS YES, PLEASE FURNISH DETAILS.

Answer "Yes" or "No"

Answer "Yes" or "No"

CERTIFICATION

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND REVIEWED THE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A HEREOF. I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF MY ELIGIBILITY FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

7/15/56

(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE) (Sign original only)

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	(Check the one block applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> I-C ATTACHED

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7. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN ITEMS 1 TO 26: (Indicate item numbers to which answers apply).

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Relatives:

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Father	Patrick Joseph Kennedy	Deceased
Mother	Mary A. Hickey	"
Wife	Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy	1095 North Ocean Blvd. Palm Beach
Father-in-law	John F. Fitzgerald	Deceased
Mother-in-law	Mary Josephine Hannon	464 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.
Children:		
John Fitzgerald Kennedy	38	Hickory Hill, McLean, Va.
Joseph Patrick Kennedy, Jr.	40	Deceased
Rosemary Kennedy	37	1095 No. Ocean Blvd. Palm Beach, Fla.
Kathleen Kennedy	36	Deceased
Eunice Kennedy Shriver	34	2430 No. Lakeview, Chicago, Ill.
Patricia Kennedy Lawford	31	443 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, Cal.
Jean Kennedy	28	277 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.
Edward Moore Kennedy	24	Harvard Univ. Cambridge, Mass.
Robert Kennedy	30	3331 O Street, Washington, D. C.
Sister	Loretta Kennedy Connolly	80 Inlet Drive, St. Augustine, Fla.
Sister	Margaret Kennedy Burke	295 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

All born in United States.

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APPENDIX A

Set forth below is a list of the organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, as Totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or Subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or which seek to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

- Abraham Lincoln Brigade
 Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Ill.
 Action Committee To Free Spain Now
 Alabama People's Educational Association (See Communist Political Association)
 American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
 American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions
 American Christian Nationalist Party
 American Committee for European Workers' Relief (See Socialist Workers Party)
 American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
 American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan, Inc.
 American Committee for Spanish Freedom
 American Committee To Survey Labor Conditions in Europe
 American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
 American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity
 American Council on Soviet Relations
 American Croatian Congress
 American Jewish Labor Council
 American League Against War and Fascism
 American League for Peace and Democracy
 American Lithuanian Workers' Literary Association (Also known as Amerikos Lietuviu Darbininku Literaturos Draugija)
 American National Labor Party
 American National Socialist League
 American National Socialist Party
 American Nationalist Party
 American Patriots, Inc.
 American Peace Crusade
 American Peace Mobilization
 American Poles for Peace
 American Polish Labor Council
 American Polish League
 American Rescue Ship Mission (A project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee)
 American-Russian Fraternal Society
 American Russian Institute, New York, also known as the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union
 American Russian Institute, Philadelphia
 American Russian Institute of San Francisco
 American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles
 American Slav Congress
 American Women for Peace
 American Youth Congress
 American Youth for Democracy
 American Progressive League of America
 Associated Klans of America
 Association of Georgia Klans
 Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung)
 Association of Lithuanian Workers (Also known as Lietuviu Darbininku Susivienijimas)
 Band-Organization der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party
 Baltimore Forum
 Black Dragon Society
 Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Mass.
 Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt Defense Committee
 Canadian American People's League of the United States of America
 California Emergency Defense Committee
 California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, Calif.
 Catho-Russian People's Society
 Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent, also known as Central Council of American Croatian Women, National Council of Croatian Women
 Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)
 Central Japanese Association of Southern California
 Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront)
 Central Fraternal Society
 Welfare Appeal, Inc.
 Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder
 Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges
 Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (New York City)
 Citizens Emergency Defense Conference
 Citizens Protective League
 Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including:
 Civil Rights Congress for Texas
 Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York
 Civil Rights Congress of Texas (See Civil Rights Congress)
 Columbians
 Comite Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola
 Committee To Aid the Fighting South
 Committee for Constitutional and Political Freedom
 Committee To Defend Marie Richardson
 Committee for the Defense of the Pittsburgh Six
 Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
 Committee for Nationalist Action
 Committee for the Negro in the Arts
 Committee for Peace and Brotherhood Festival in Philadelphia
 Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights
 Committee To Uphold the Bill of Rights
 Committee for World Youth Friendship and Cultural Exchange
 Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark.
 Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries, and affiliates
 Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries, and affiliates, including:
 Alabama People's Educational Association
 Florida Press and Educational League
 Oklahoma League for Political Education
 People's Educational and Press Association of Texas
 Virginia League for People's Education
 Congress of American Revolutionary Writers
 Congress of American Women
 Connecticut Committee To Aid Victims of the Smith Act
 Connecticut State Youth Conference
 Council on African Affairs
 Council of Greek Americans
 Council for Jobs, Relief, and Housing
 Council for Pan-American Democracy
 Croatian Benevolent Fraternity
 Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan)
 Daily Worker Press Club
 Daniels Defense Committee
 Dante Alighieri Society (Between 1935 and 1940)
 Dennis Defense Committee
 Detroit Youth Assembly
 Emergency Conference To Save Spanish Refugees (Founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee)
 Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims
 Families of the Smith Act Victims
 Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A., Inc. (Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America)
 Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society
 Florida Press and Educational League (See Communist Political Association)
 Frederick Douglass Educational Center
 Freedom Stage, Inc.
 Friends of the New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands)
 Friends of the Soviet Union
 Garibaldi American Fraternal Society
 George Washington Carver School, New York City
 German-American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)
 German-American Republican League
 German-American Vocational League (Deutsche-Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft)
 Harlem Trade Union Council
 Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee
 Heimsuka Kai, also known as Nokuhei Heihei Committee
 Zuihei Nihonjin, Heimsuka Kai

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 3, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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At 4:00 P.M. on 2-3-56 Miss Lorraine Baier in the office of Mr. J. William Barba of the White House contacted the Liaison Section and requested an expeditious full-field investigation on the captioned individual who is being considered for appointment to the Presidential Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government.

Biographical information concerning Kennedy, born September 6, 1888, at Boston, Massachusetts, is contained in "Who's Who in America," 1954-1955.

This request will be confirmed by letter from the White House.

ACTION:

The above request was referred to the Investigative Division for appropriate handling.

Refer to 2/6/56

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Innes
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1956

Personal and Confidential

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will confirm a telephone request today from my office for rush full-field investigations on the following individuals:

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy

Please also bring the investigation up to date on [redacted]. Biographical material is attached for each.

The above were appointed by the President to a Board of Consultants to review foreign intelligence activities of the Government.

When the reports are ready, they may be forwarded directly to the Honorable Sherman Adams with a notation in the cover letter that they were requested by the writer.

Sincerely,

s/J. William Barba

J. William Barba
Assistant to the
Special Counsel to the President

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS CHARLOTTE AND SAVANNAH.

JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI. REBUTEL FEBRUARY SIX LAST. WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD OF CONSULTANTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE U. S. GOVT. BORN SEPTEMBER SIX, EIGHTYEIGHT AT BOSTON, MASS.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO IS CONTAINED IN FIFTYFOUR DASH FIFTYFIVE ISSUE OF WHOS WHO IN AMERICA. CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AS TO CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND ABILITY OF APPOINTEE. SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS BY TELETYPE. BUREAU MUST BE ADVISED BY TELETYPE OF SAME. ASSIGN CASE IMMEDIATELY AND SUPER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY FIFTEEN NEXT. STATE DEPT. RECORDS REFLECT ASSOCIATES OF KENNEDY AT LONDON, ENG., WHERE HE WAS AMBASSADOR, ARE [REDACTED] AND RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

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AND SERVED UNDER KENNEDY. [REDACTED]

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TITLE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked without locating any record of the ~~applicant~~ appointee.

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Baltimore dated February 6, 1956.

DETAILS:

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked through the Commanding Officer, [REDACTED] on February 9, 1956, by SE [REDACTED] without locating any record of the ~~applicant~~ appointee.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

DATE: February 10, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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W. J. ...
William Callan

Ingram

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated February 3, 1956, setting forth a request from the White House for an expeditious full-field investigation on the captioned individual who is being considered for membership on the Presidential Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government.

On February 10, 1956, Miss Lorraine Baier in the office of Mr. J. William Barba of the White House contacted the Liaison Section and requested an expeditious name check on the captioned individual.

Biographical information concerning Kennedy is contained in "Who's Who in America," 1954-1955. This request will be confirmed by letter from the White House.

ACTION:

Bureau files are being reviewed and an appropriate reply will be submitted to the White House as soon as possible. This is being handled by the Special Inquiry Section of the Investigative Division.

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- 1 - Mr. Innes
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett


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TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by 	Typed By: gsj
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY, WHITE HOUSE	

Synopsis:
Records Oglethorpe University, reflect JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY received honorary LLD Degree in 1937. He never attended this school.

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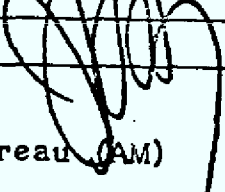

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Atlanta, dated 2/6/56.

DETAILS: AT OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

, Oglethorpe University, Peachtree Road, Oglethorpe University, Georgia, on February 7, 1956, made available a program for the eighteenth annual commencement of this University, on May 30, 1937, which program reflected that JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY received an honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.  stated Mr. KENNEDY did not attend this school.

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FROM BOSTON 10

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS URGENT

JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI. REBUTEL FEBRUARY SIX LAST. SUREP TO REACH BUREAU NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY FIFTEEN NEXT. FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD OF CONSULTANTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. KENNEDY, BORN SEPTEMBER SIX, EIGHTEEN EIGHTY EIGHT AT BOSTON, MASS. APPOINTEE-S CHILDREN ARE

(1) U.S. SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY, WASHINGTON, D.C., EUNICE KENNEDY, D.O. B. JULY TEN, NINETEEN TWENTY ONE, AKA MRS. SARGENT SHRIVER, TWO FOUR THREE NAUGHT LAKE VIEW DRIVE, CHICAGO ILL., PATRICIA KENNEDY, D.O. B. MAY SIX NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR, AKA MRS. PETER LAWFORD, FOUR FOUR THREE OCEAN FRONT SANTA MONICA, CALIF., ROBERT KENNEDY, D.O. B. NOVEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE, THREE THREE THREE ONE O STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C., JEAN KENNEDY, D.O. B. FEBRUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT, 529 SEVEN SEVEN PARK AVE., NY, NY, APPOINTEE IN NINETEEN TWENTY SIX BECAME PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FILM BOOKING OFFICES OF AMERICA, WHICH IN NINETEEN TWENTY NINE WAS BOUGHT BY RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA, NOW KNOWN AS RKO PICTURES. IN NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT HE WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KEITH ALBEE-OPHEUM THEATERS CORPRATION.

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TITLE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No criminal record for appointee's daughter and son-in-law, PATRICIA KENNEDY LAWFORD and PETER LAWFORD; satisfactory credit.

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REFERENCE: Boston teletype to Chicago and Los Angeles, February 10, 1956.

DETAILS:

Investigation at Santa Monica, California conducted by SA [REDACTED]; records of the [REDACTED] Credit Association at [REDACTED] checked at the request of SE [REDACTED]

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

There was no record identifiable with the appointee's daughter, PATRICIA KENNEDY LAWFORD, or her husband, PETER LAWFORD, located in the files of the [REDACTED]

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Sheriff's Office, [REDACTED] Police Department, or [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], California Police Department; all checked on
February 13, 1956.

The records of the [REDACTED] Credit Association
at [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] Credit Association at
[REDACTED], California were checked on February 13, 1956,
and both agencies contain reports reflecting that the
appointee's daughter and son-in-law have satisfactory credit
ratings. The appointee's son-in-law is identified as a well
known motion picture actor.

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Reporting Office SAVANNAH	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 2/13/56	Investigative Period 2/10/56
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: ARF
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	


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Synopsis:

[REDACTED], advised he knew KENNEDY in London in 1937-1939 but has had no association with him since that time. [REDACTED] stated he is of opinion KENNEDY's loyalty is unquestionable and he is of excellent character, reputation and associates. [REDACTED] further advised he considered KENNEDY to be a very capable man.

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REFERENCE: WFO teletype to Bureau, Charlotte and Savannah dated February 9, 1956.

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DETAILS:

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

JW [REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1956, that he was acquainted with KENNEDY in London in 1937-1939, at which time he was [REDACTED] and KENNEDY was Ambassador to England. [REDACTED] stated that he believes that KENNEDY's loyalty to this country is unquestionable and feels that KENNEDY is a man of excellent character, reputation and associates. As regards his ability, [REDACTED] advised that he considers KENNEDY to be a very able man and stated that he knows of no one more able or better qualified to fill the position for which KENNEDY is being considered for appointment than KENNEDY.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has had no association with KENNEDY since 1939.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI. REBUTEL FEB. SIX LAST. WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD OF CONSULTANTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. KENNEDY BORN SEPT. SIX, EIGHTY EIGHT, AT BOSTON, MASS., AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR DASH FIFTYFIVE ISSUE OF QUOTE WHO-S WHO IN AMERICA. UNQUOTE. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF KENNEDY, PRESENTLY STAYING [REDACTED], UNTIL FEB. NINETEEN NEXT.

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REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE	DATE WHEN MADE 2/14/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/10/56	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED], who was closely associated with KENNEDY during time KENNEDY was Ambassador to England from March 1938 to Nov. 1940, describes him as a man of very dynamic personality, brilliant, of extraordinary ability, sober, loyal and a person who has a shrewd conception of the interests of the United States. [REDACTED] has seen KENNEDY only once since Nov. 1940, but has corresponded with him on occasion.

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REFERENCE: WFO teletype to Charlotte 2/9/56.

DETAILS: AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On February 10, 1956 [REDACTED], advised that he was formerly employed with the State Department of the United States in various capacities for [REDACTED] years, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] in London, England, in March of 1938, at which time KENNEDY came to England as Ambassador and [REDACTED] KENNEDY left England in November of 1940. [REDACTED] states he was very closely associated with KENNEDY during this period and described him as a man of very dynamic personality, brilliant, of extraordinary ability, sober, loyal, and a man who has a shrewd conception of the interests of the United States.

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[REDACTED] stated he feels there is not a more patriotic man in the United States than KENNEDY and that KENNEDY is a very sober man and could not be called a drinker at all. He stated that he would value KENNEDY's opinion highly since he has a very shrewd conception of the interests of the United States and has the faculty for understanding affairs and men. In addition, he added that KENNEDY has the ability to get things done and has a very constructive imagination.

[REDACTED] added that KENNEDY is a man whose temperament is such that he is easily excited to anger and during a period of anger does not care what he says, but added that he does not believe, even during a period of anger, that KENNEDY is the type of man who would reveal information, classified or otherwise, which would be to the detriment of the United States.

[REDACTED] stated he had always regarded KENNEDY very highly and had no personal knowledge of anything derogatory concerning him. He added that he has seen KENNEDY only once since November of 1940 but has corresponded with him on occasion since that time.

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Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 2/14/56	Investigative Period 2/8,9,10,11,13/56
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: fha
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Appointee's attendance at Harvard College verified and favorable. His employment record was verified. Associates describe Appointee's loyalty to the United States above question and as a financial genius whose charities are very great. Neighborhood investigation was entirely favorable. Appointee has excellent credit rating and criminal checks on Appointee were negative.

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Boston dated February 6, 1956

DETAILS: Investigation at Waterville and Augusta, Maine was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at the Office of the Bank Commissioner, State of Massachusetts and the office of Hayden, Stone Company, Boston, Mass. by SA [REDACTED]; at Quincy, Mass., by SA [REDACTED] at Hyannis, Hyannisport and Barnstable, Mass., by SA [REDACTED]. Birth, credit and criminal checks at Boston, Mass. were made at the request of Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

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BIRTH

On February 13, 1956, personnel at the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, advised the records showed that JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY was born on September 6, 1888 at Boston, Massachusetts and that his parents were PATRICK JOSEPH and MARY A. (Hickey) KENNEDY, both of whom were born at Boston, Massachusetts.

EDUCATION

On February 8, 1956, [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts advised the records showed the Appointee was admitted to the College from Boston Latin School, Boston, Massachusetts, in September 1908 and was thereafter in attendance until June, 1912, when he received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

On February 9, 1956, [REDACTED], Harvard College, advised a review of the Appointee's personal folder showed it contained entirely favorable information in every respect. He said that due to elapsed time there would be no faculty member presently at the College who would recall him as a student.

On February 9, 1956, [REDACTED] Colby College, Waterville, Maine, checked college records and advised that Mr. KENNEDY received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Colby on June 17, 1946. [REDACTED] said the degree was given in recognition of Mr. KENNEDY's outstanding contributions to the United States through his public service. [REDACTED] said that he is not personally acquainted with Mr. KENNEDY beyond having met him on two occasions. He said that in all Mr. KENNEDY spent a total of four hours on the Colby campus and the only other individuals at Colby who had contact with him would be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He said both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were out of the city and said their acquaintance with Mr. KENNEDY is no more extensive than his.

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EMPLOYMENT

On February 10, 1956, [REDACTED] Office of the Bank Commissioner, State of Massachusetts, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, advised the records showed the Appointee had been employed as a bank examiner from September 12, 1912 to November 14, 1913. He also

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said that the records contained no further information concerning the Appointee and that there was no person presently in the office who would recall the Appointee during the period of his employment.

It is noted that in the twenty fifth anniversary issue of the Class of 1912 at Harvard College the appointee set forth that from 1914 to 1916 he was President of the Columbia Trust Company, East Boston, Mass.

3) On February 10, 1956, [redacted], advised the records showed that on January 21, 1946 the Columbia Trust Company, East Boston, Massachusetts was merged with the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Massachusetts and is presently being operated as a branch of the National Shawmut Bank. [redacted] said the files contained a news-clipping from the Boston News Bureau in which it was reported that the stock of the Columbia Trust Company owned by JOSEPH P. KENNEDY and family had been sold to the National Shawmut Bank. The clipping was dated January 8, 1946. It should be noted that the Boston News Bureau is no longer in existence.

[redacted] said that from personal knowledge he knew the Columbia Trust Company had been very well operated and was in excellent financial condition when its stock was purchased by the National Shawmut Bank. (b)(7)(c)

5) [redacted], Quincy Yard, Shipbuilding Division, Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, Mass., on February 13, 1956, advised he knew of the fact that JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY was Assistant General Manager of the Quincy Yard of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation about 1915 to 1919 but he, [redacted], was not connected with the Company at that time and could give no information of his personal knowledge concerning him. He said he had never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. KENNEDY's connection with the Bethlehem Steel Co. (b)(2)(d)

10) [redacted] Quincy Yard, Shipbuilding Division, Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, Mass., on February 13, 1956, advised he was employed at the Yard in the capacity of [redacted] during the period 1915 - 1919. During that time JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY was Assistant to the General Manager of the Yard. [redacted] had known him well and knew that he was regarded very highly by the officials of the Company. [redacted] said that Mr. KENNEDY was a very high type man, of excellent personal and business ethics, completely loyal to the United States and of great business acumen. (b)(2)(d)

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[redacted] said that the only person who was an official superior to Mr. KENNEDY at the Yard was SAMUEL WAKEMAN, Sr. Mr. WAKEMAN died several years ago.

On February 10, 1956, [redacted] Hayden Stone Company, 8 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts, advised the records showed the Appointee had been an employee of the company from July 1, 1919 to December 30, 1922, when he voluntarily resigned from the company. He said the Appointee had been hired as a customer's broker and on July 1, 1920 had been appointed Manager of the Stock Exchange Department of the Company. He said he held this position until he resigned. [redacted] said he recalled the Appointee very well and that his record with the company was very satisfactory. He said he had not seen the Appointee since 1922 but that he had even at that time been noted for being a very capable individual in the field of banking. He said he knew the Appointee to be a very loyal citizen.

On February 11, 1956, [redacted] advised he had been closely associated with the Appointee since 1917, as his [redacted] in many business enterprises in which the Appointee had financial interest. He said that in his opinion the Appointee was the finest man he had ever known. He said the Appointee was a financial genius whose success was based on his ability to study and analyze business situations and then develop their possibilities successfully. He said that the Appointee was very understanding and kind to those associated with him and that his personal contributions to deserving charities could only be described as fabulous. [redacted] said the Appointee was a devoted citizen whose loyalty to the United States was above question. He said he would recommend him without reservation for any position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

On February 13, 1956, [redacted] said he had been personally acquainted with the Appointee since the days when they attended [redacted] and [redacted] together. He said the Appointee was one of the most intellectually honest men he had ever known. He said his powers of perception were very great and that once he had a problem thoroughly thought out he would act with decisiveness on it. [redacted] said he had always much admired the fine manner in which the Appointee had raised his

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children. He said he was personally acquainted with all members of the Appointee's family and that they were persons of fine character. He said the Appointee was certainly a most loyal individual and that he felt the latter would acquit himself in excellent manner in any position of great responsibility in the United States Government.

On February 13, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted], advised he had been the Appointee's [redacted] over forty years. He said he admired and respected him as a person whose genius had established him as one of the great figures in American finance and further that he had the greatest devotion to him as his closest and finest personal friend. He said he believed he had complete knowledge of practically all of the Appointee's business affairs and that he had never known the Appointee to have engaged in a dishonest business practice. He said the Appointee was a very sympathetic, understanding person whose publicized charities represented only a small part of his generosity. [redacted] said the Appointee's love of country was very deep and also militant. He said he could think of no finer choice for a person to serve the United States in a position of great responsibility.

NEIGHBORHOOD

[redacted], Hyannisport, Mass., on February 10, 1956, said he has known the Appointee and the latter's family for approximately 27 years as summer neighbors and friends at Hyannisport, Mass. He considers Mr. KENNEDY an intelligent, personable man of great business acumen and wealth who has never lost the common touch. He said Mr. KENNEDY is very generous and a loyal American. [redacted] said all members of the KENNEDY family are also intelligent, honorable and of firm loyalty to the United States.

On February 10, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted], Hyannisport, Mass., said she was Mr. KENNEDY's [redacted], when she [redacted] resigned her position. She said Mr. KENNEDY is a very sincere, intelligent, magnanimous man of unquestionable loyalty to the United States.

[redacted], Hyannis, Mass., on February 10, 1956, said he has known Mr. KENNEDY and his family for approximately twenty years and considers all members loyal Americans of good reputation and associates. He said Appointee is a wealthy, self-made man, very democratic and generous and one of the outstanding citizens in the country.

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[REDACTED], St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, Hyannis, Mass., on February 10, 1956, said Mr. KENNEDY and his family are members of the above parish and he considers them devout Catholics of great charity and sincerity. He said Appointee is a very brilliant and well informed man who does not drink liquor, loves to ride and swim and enjoy the simple pleasures of the world. [REDACTED] said all of the KENNEDYS are loyal Americans of good reputation.

CREDIT

There is no credit bureau in the town of Barnstable, Mass., where the village of Hyannisport is situated; however, [REDACTED] of the Barnstable County National Bank, Hyannis, Mass., on February 13, 1956, said Mr. KENNEDY has an excellent credit rating in the town of Barnstable where he has resided summers for approximately thirty-five years.

On February 13, 1956, personnel at the Credit Bureau of [REDACTED], advised the files showed the Appointee was described as very wealthy and should be afforded any credit he might desire. The personnel further advised the records contained no credit information concerning JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT KENNEDY or EDWARD KENNEDY.

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CRIMINAL

On February 9, 1956, [REDACTED], Police Department, [REDACTED] advised the records contained no reference to JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT KENNEDY or EDWARD KENNEDY, also known as TEDDY KENNEDY.

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On February 13, 1956, sm personnel at the Massachusetts Board of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the State advised the records contained no reference to the following individuals:

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(2) JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, ROSE KENNEDY, nee Fitzgerald;
JOHN F. KENNEDY, Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY, also known as Jacqueline Kennedy;
ROBERT KENNEDY, Mrs. ROBERT KENNEDY, also known as Ethel Kennedy;
EDWARD KENNEDY, also known as "Teddy" KENNEDY;
EUNICE SHRIVER, nee Kennedy, also known as Mrs. SARGENT SHRIVER;
PATRICIA LAWFORD nee Kennedy, also known as Mrs. PETER LAWFORD;
JEAN KENNEDY.

On February 9, 1956, [REDACTED]

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██████████ Police Department, ██████████, which covers Hyannis, Massachusetts, advised the records contained no reference to the following persons: (b)(7)(D)

- App 11* — JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
- wife* — ROSE FITZGERALD KENNEDY, aka Mrs. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
- son* — JOHN F. KENNEDY or Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY, aka "Jackie" Kennedy
- " — ROBERT KENNEDY or Mrs. Robert Kennedy, aka Ethel Kennedy
- " — EDWARD KENNEDY, aka "Teddy" Kennedy
- daughter* — EUNICE SHRIVER aka Mrs. SARGENT SHRIVER, Eunice Kennedy
- daughter* — PATRICIA LAWFORD, aka Mrs. Peter Lawford, Patricia Kennedy
- daughter* — JEAN KENNEDY.

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TITLE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

One EUNICE KENNEDY has favorable credit record. No arrest record for EUNICE KENNEDY.

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REFERENCE: Boston teletype to Chicago, dated 2/10/56.

DETAILS:

Credit and Criminal

[REDACTED] Clerk, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau, [REDACTED] advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on February 13, 1956, from records that one EUNICE KENNEDY, Ambassador East Hotel, has a favorable credit record, dated April 17, 1952.

[REDACTED], Clerk, [REDACTED] Chicago, advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on February 13, 1956, that there was no record for EUNICE KENNEDY, also known as Mrs. SARGENT SHRIVER, 2430 Lake View Drive, Chicago, the applicant's daughter.

[REDACTED] Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on February 13, 1956, that this bureau's files showed no record for the above listed applicant's relative.

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