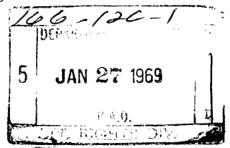
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President Richard M. Nixon The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

426 Springdale Drive, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30305 January 20, 1969



I want to congratulate you on this Inauguration Day and wish you well. Mine and my family's prayers will be with you during the next four years.

Today when you took your oath I wonder what your thoughts were. Mine were that, if an assassin's bullet had not taken away the life of Robert F. Kennedy, he would have stood where you did. I am certain a thought like that must have crossed your mind too.

You have now what you have dreamed about and worked for and, by the grace (???) of God been given. In gratitude for his stepping aside, through no fault of his own, pay a debt to Robert F. Kennedy by doing all in your power to have the monster known as Sirhan Sirhan go to his speedy reward. I am attaching Henry Taylor's column to let you see what I am talking about.

Go on from there then and see that laws are passed to get rid of all trash like that who kill, rape, maim and rob. Never do away with Capitol Punishment - reve it up so that assassinations will stop. When there is no punishment, why keep in the hate. Believe me, mine is as great as anyone's in the loss of the Kennedys - I have never recovered from President Kennedy's death. He and his brother could have saved the world and their deaths have set this country back a century. Now, there is a threat against Edward. If he goes - so do I ---straight out of this country to Switzerland. I was a WAVE in World War II on Admiral King's personal staff, my sister was a Navy Nurse, I have a brother now who is a Major in SAC - last of all, another brother was killed in Germany in April, 1945. As I look at the cavalier attitude of the Courts at murderers, I wonder what in the world my brother died for. It is DEFINITELY not the country I knew and sacrificed for back in 1942.

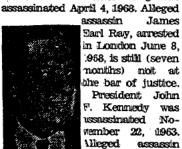
Assuage some of my heartbreak at the loss of the Kennedys and see that Sirhan comes to justice and to HELL as soon as you can.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. a.M. Shinn

#### TAYLOR'S COLUMN

By Henry J. Taylor Bis-Alleged assassin Sirhan hara Sirhan's trial has begun at last. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated June 5, 1968 - -

seven months ago. Dr. Mantin Luther King was



Harvey Os-Lee wald was killed in TAYLOR front of the TV cameras by alleged murderer Jack Ruby who died January 3, 1967, still unconvicted or senitenced more than three yeans latter. Why? Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

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said, "Justice postponed is Jus-tice defeated." William President McKinley was assassinated September 6, 1901, by Leon Czolgosz. Czolgosz was ttried, sentenced and executted by October 29, 1901 - - 53

days latter. President Theodore Roosevelt used to place on a chair at the head of his White House bed a "44" Smith & Wesson double-action revolver, which you can action revolver, which you can see ait his 29 East 20th Street birthplace in New York City. An eyeglass case through which tihe bullet passed saved his life

when John Flanming Schrank atthempited his assassination at Milwaukee in 1912. Insane Schrank was committed in five days. President-elect Franklin Roosevelit was shot at in Miami om February 15, 1933, by Joseph Zangara; a woman seized Zangana's arm and his buillet killed Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak, in the car with Mr. Roosevelt. Zangara was tried, sentenced and executed within 33 days. Did you know that last year

was the first year in the history of the Unitted States that not one single criminal was executed? It was also the year of the highest crime rate in history. A connection? Even in our neution's capital walking after dark mear the Capitol is extremely dangerous. Murders, Kidnappings, assaults and rapes constantly take place. Are the "rights" of the more important moublemakers than the sufferers?

The crime rate has mearly doubted in the past densite. Since 1958 it has increased five times as fast as our population. More

more than 40 percent of all serious crimes now involve boys

and girls under 18. The President's Commission on Law Enforcement estimates there are 1.1 million "full-time oriminals" now operating. Armed robbers took about \$27 million from victims last year. "Highly

specialized" pick-pockets make about \$15,000 a year. Stock demake frauders stole about \$500 million; shoplifiters \$300 million; burglars \$251 million; embezzlers \$200 million. The sales of fake arthritis

remedies allone were \$250 million."
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American cities burst into vio-55,000 lence and more than troops had to be committed to them. A recent national survey of police departments in 425 cities showed that 41 percent of

the cilties exceeding 100,000 population experienced riots, and many attendant murders even though the typical city among tine 425 has now impreased its full-time police force to an

average of one policeman for each 700 residents. The stattistics are incredible, but

they, too, are only part of the picture. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has told me that of 539 offenders involved in police killings, 77 percent had been pre-viously arrested and 67 percent previously convicted. He said that two-thirds of the police killers had been granited parole or probattion and that three out of 10 were actively on parole or pro-battion when they killed the of-flicer. In one appealed case, he

told me, on the 23rd day after a convicted man should have been jailed he murdered a police officer. Many who scan the crime facts seem to ignore the most shocking fact of all. Allthough 1968 serious crimes increased 16 pencent over 1967, arrests increased only four percent and convictions actually decreased eight percent. The in-escapable conclusion is that the

counts are not properly disposing of criminal offenders and the police officers lack confidence that the courts are supporting police diligence. The new Congress and very able incoming Aittorney General John N Mittchell are faced with tible roaming need to overcome by new legislation, and then new enforcement support, the present

Supreme Count majority's rulings that have leaned over backward in behalf of criminals and shown more concern for the felons than for them who have . -

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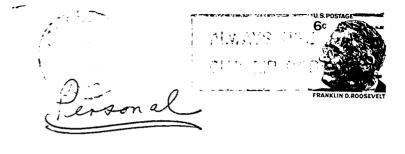
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Mr. Ronald Nappier c/o SFC Robert L. Nappier RA 15436224 Hg. 2nd Msl. Bn. 61st Arty. APO San Francisco, California 96331

Dear Ronald:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter of January 19, 1969. Please excuse our delay in responding.

It would be inapporpriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the case since the trial is still in progress. If you wish to question the matter further, may we suggest that you write to the Los Angeles County officials who are handling the proceedings.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEGNARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

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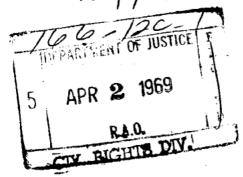
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Thankryou, Ronald Nappier

P.S. Please write back



Ronald L. Nappier To SFC Robert L. Nappier 19.2 nd mol. Bn. 61 starty. APO San. Francico CORREO AEREO The White House I. 1600, Pennsylvania ave. Washington D. C.

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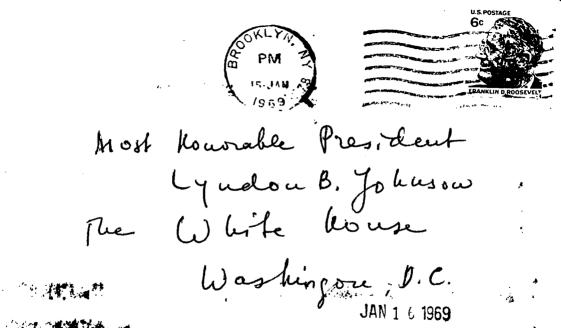
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Miss Marjorie Schechner 9 Woodhill Drive Maplewood, New Jersey

Dear Marjorie:

President Nixon has asked me to thank you for your recent letter.

I am sure you can appreciate, however, that it would not be appropriate for an officer of the Federal Government to comment on the manner in which criminal matters are conducted in the courts of California.

Sincerely,

WILL WILSON
Assistant Attorney General

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Dear Pres. Nixon My name is I am 10 years I would like you to tell me what takes so long for some one to be brought to trial. Take Sithan Sirhan. I wanted Bobby Kennedy for president before he got shet. But I what to know why it took so long for him to be brought to trial? Please answerme. 766-12c- / Thank you. 5 FEB Woodhill Drive Maplewood, N.J. 07040

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MAY 20 1968

Miss Nanette Roberts 803 6th Court Lorain, Ohio 44052

Dear Miss Roberts:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your recent correspondence concerning Sirhan Sirhan. Please excuse our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write.

Please be advised that it would be inappropriate for the Department of Justice to comment on the status of the case since it is currently on appeal.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Director Federal Bureau of Investigation T 1/8/69
January 8, 1969
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Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

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The United States Attorney for the Control District of California, William Matthew Byrne, Jr., and hes Angeles Police Department Chief of Detectives Robert Houghton are coming to Washington, D. C. to confer with Deputy Attorney General Marren Christopher and myself on Jammry 14, 1969, concerning the assessmation of the late Seastor Robert F. Homsely. Since Special Agent William J. Holan of your has Angeles effice is more familiar than anyone else with the facts relating to your investigation of this matter, it is requested that he come to Mashington, Dr. C. to participate in the conference on Jamesy 14.

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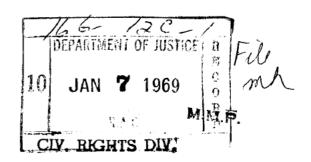
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Mr. Richard S. Aubry
54 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90011

Dear Mr. Aubry:

The Freeident has asked that we reply to your letter postmarked January 6, 1969.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your concern and your taking the time to write him about your views.

Sincerely,

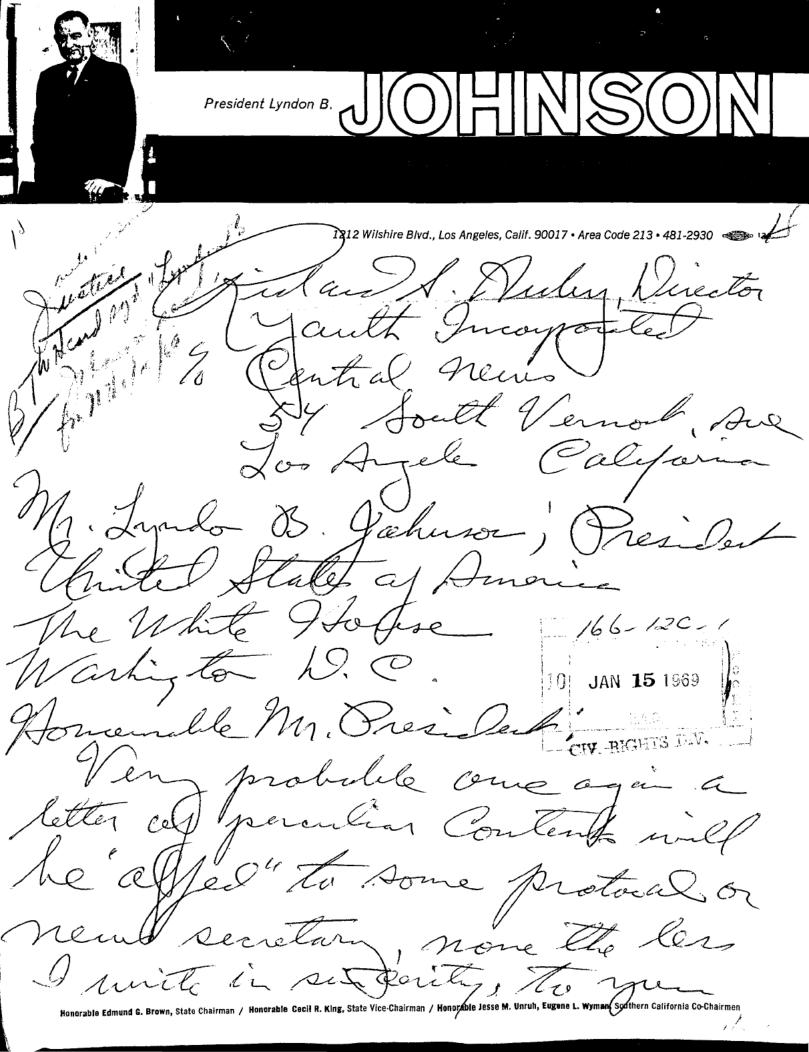
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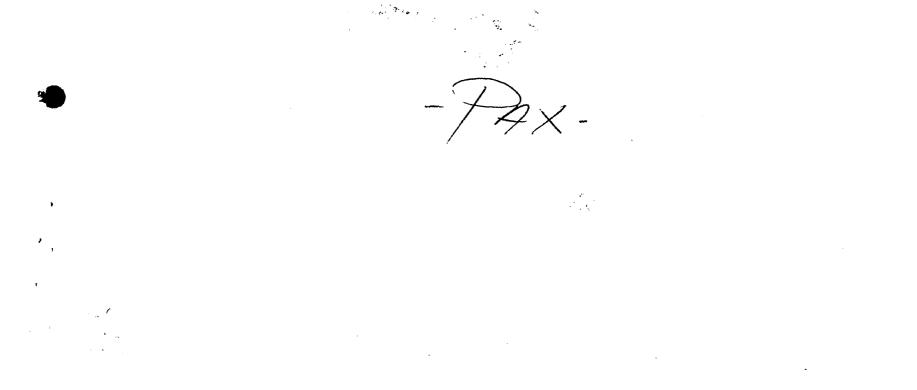
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January 1 6, 1969

Honorable Len B. Jordan United States Senete Vashington. D. C.

Deer Senator:

This is in response to your communication of Dacember 30, 1968 transmitting a letter from Mr. Lafe K. Shumway of Boise, Ideho who expresses concern over the delays encountered in bringing to trial the accused assessins of Rev. Hertin Luther King and Senetor Robert Kennedy.

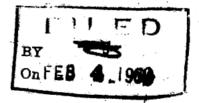
As you know, the criminal prosecutions undertaken in these satters are being conducted by the states of Tennessee and California respectively. There is no direct Faderal involvement. I am sure your constituent can appreciate that it would be most inappropriate for a Faderal officer or agency to comment on the conduct of criminal proceedings by State authorities.

As always, it is a pleasure to be of assistance. Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

FRED H. VINSON, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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December 30, 1968

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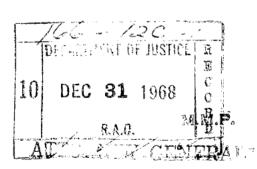
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6019 Elmer Street Boise, Idaho 83703

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Dear Senator Jordan:

The subject of my letter is the two apparent assassins of Dr. King and Senator Kennedy. We naturally assume that in "due" time and by "due" process of law that they will be tried. But I, for one, feel that the undue amount of time that is permitted and the legal maneuvering involved is far greater than necessary. I do not find in my mind an acceptance of the common explanation that such is necessary for the protection of innocent people who may be charged with murder.

I realize that this is only very indirectly my problem. Perhaps it is more directly yours. I do feel that such outrageous assassinations, these in particular, should be more speedily dealt with.

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LEN B. JORDAN

Sincerely,

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Honorable Ed Reinecke U. S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Reinecke:

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You have asked us to consider the attached letter of Mr. Kenneth Hahn, Supervisor for the Second District of the County of Los Angeles, California, concerning the costs incident to the assassination of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It appears that virtually all these costs stem from the apprehension, incarceration, and prospective trial of Mr. Sirhan B. Sirhan. Mr. Sirhan is not charged with the violation of any federal law. The murder of a candidate for the Presidency is not now a federal crime, nor was it at the time of the assassination of Senator Kennedy. 18 U.S.C. 1751 (Supp. III, 1965-67). Moreover, at the time of the assassination there was no provision for federal protection of Presidential candidates. The absence of such provisions presumably reflected the policy judgment of Congress that protection of candidates for federal office should be a matter of local control and responsibility. Since the assassination of Senator Kennedy, Congress has authorized federal protection for candidates, P.L. 90-331, 82 Stat. 170.

We are not aware of any precedent for the federal government reimbursing localities for the costs of prosecuting defendants charged with violations of state law in connection with the murder of federal officials. Whether or not Congress should reimburse the County of Los Angeles for the costs of prosecuting the alleged murderer of Senator Kennedy is a matter of legislative judgment for Congress.

I hope this information is of interest to Mr. Hahn.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel

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## Congress of the United States

#### House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

December 17, 196 8
Chief, Legislative & Legal Sec.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

#### Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Ed Reinecke

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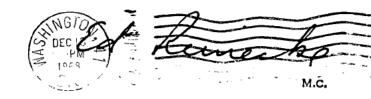


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CONTEMPLATED LIST OF WITNESSES FOR THE CASE IN CHIEF IN THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Reference Los Angeles letterhead memorandum, dated December 3, 1968, entitled, "Contemplated List of Witnesses for the Trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan."

As of December 10, 1968, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is contemplating using the following individuals in their case in behalf in the forthcoming trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Witnesses Relating to the Custody of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan

Jess Buckley Donald Day Guadalupe De La Garza John Dill Martin Dismukes L. R. Edelman Louis Estrella James Evans Frank Foster Merton Howe Kenneth E. Jones E. N. Kamidoi Willie Nunley Marion Pearse Arthur Placentia W. A. Strickle Travis White Fred Willoughby



CONTEMPLATED LIST OF WITNESSES FOR THE CASE IN CHIEF IN THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Witnesses Who Observed Sirhan Bishara Sirhan At the Pasadena City College Cafeteria On The Evening of June 4, 1968

> Marouf Badran Abdo Malki Gaymoard Mistri Anwar Sayegh

Witnesses Who Observed Sirhan Bishara Sirhan At The Fish Canyon Firing Range, Monrovia, California On June 4, 1968

> Everett Buckner Henry Carreon David Montellano Mike Saccoman Claudia Williams Ronald Williams

Witnesses Present At the Ambassador Hotel On The Night of June 4, 1968, and/or Early Morning Of June 5, 1968

William Barry Harold Burba Frank Burns Vincent Di Pierro Angelo Di Pierro