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Press reported June 28 that Sirhan in brief court hearing was granted an additional three weeks delay before entering plea to murder charge. Press coverage of hearing being summarized in June 28 USIA wireless file.

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SUBJECT: SIRHAN CASE

REF: STATE 190034

IN CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL LAWYER ANTON JASIR ON ANOTHER
MATTER JASIR REVEALED HE IS BISHARA SIRHAN'S LAWYER HERE.
HE HAD BUCKLEY LETTER WE DELIVERED TO BISHARA. JASIR STATED
ELDER SIRHAN WILL NOT TRAVEL US AS HE FEARS FOR HIS SAFETY
IN VIEW THREATS MADE ON SON'S LIFE. JASIR WAS DRAFTING REPLY
TO BUCKLEY TO THIS EFFECT.

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SUBJECT: Sirhan Case

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1. Please deliver letter from Buckley to Bishara Salameh Sirhan as soon as possible in accordance with instructions in State reftel. Though Sirhan has acquired private counsel, California Public Defender's Office retains ^{interest} ~~interest~~ in case.

2. For Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. If Bishara Salameh Sirhan has departed Amman for West Bank, you should coordinate with Amman on delivery of letter.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 5439

SUBJ: SIRHAN CASE

REF: STATE 187381, AMMAN 5400

1. ASSUMPTION STATE REFTTEL CORRECT THAT, AS INDICATED PARA 3 AMMAN 5400, EMBASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED GOJ ON SUBJECT SIRHAN DEFENSE.

2. AHMAD KHALIL, ONE OF FOUR LAWYERS, HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED TO AMBASSADOR THAT TALHOUNI PUT ANY PRESSURE ON LAWYERS OR THAT HE TOLD THEM USG HAD PUT ANY PRESSURE ON GOJ IN THIS MATTER.

3. IF ASKED, EMBASSY WILL DENY ANY USG APPROACH OR DISCUSSION WITH GOJ ON MATTER DEFENSE SIRHAN.

4. AMMAN DAILY, AD-DIFA'A, JUNE 20 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH AHMAD KHALIL, IN WHICH KHALIL SAID, VGFWERNING THE MEETING WITH PRIMIN TALHOUNI QUOTE DELEGATION TOLD PRIMIN OF CONTACTS IS HAS MADE WITH LAWYERS IN NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HENRI KATAN (AMMAN 5402), AND THAT IN THEIR OPINION IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR DELEGATION NOT TO GO TO U.S. BUT TO ENTRUST MR. KATAN WITH TASK DUE TO HIS EXPERIENCE IN AMERICAN LAWS AS RESULT HIS HAVING REPRESENTED PALESTINE AT UN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. END QUOTE. ARTICLE ADDED THAT KATAN HAD CONSENTED TO MISSION AND WOULD TRAVEL TO U.S. AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, CALL ON SIRHAN, AND THEREAFTER MAKE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF PAN-ARAB

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LAWYERS FEDERATION AS
A QUALIFIED AMERICAN LAWYER SINCE
AMERICAN LAW DOES NOT PERMIT NON-AMERICAN LAWYERS TO
DEFEND A PERSON ON TRIAL IN AMERICA. DUE TO GREAT EXPENSE
INVOLVED, KHALIL REPORTEDLY SAID, MR. KATAN HAS ASKED
PAN-ARAB LAWYERS FEDERATION TO PAY FEE OF AMERICAN LAWYER
SELECTED. AD-DIFA'S SAID IT HAS LEARNED THAT FEDERATION HAD
AGREED. SYMMES

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 5402

SUBJ: SIRHAN CASE

REF: AMMAN 5400 AND STATE 186741

CONFIRMING STATE 186741, PRESS AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORT
JORDANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT SEND LAWYERS
TO U.S. AND THAT DECISION TAKEN AT URGINGS OF PRIMIN TALHOUNI. HENRI
KATAN, AN ABLE LAWYER AND STRONG NATIONALIST, NORMALLY RESIDING
IN BEIRUT, MAY, HOWEVER, AT OWN EXPENSE ATTEND TRIAL AS SIMPLE
OBSERVER, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE BAR ASSOCIATION.

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DELIVER TO ACTION OFFICER OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 21.

1. Following article appeared late edition New York Times
June 20:

"Jordan Lawyers Won't Help - Special to the New
York Times, Amman, June 19. Four Jordanian lawyers
decided today under government pressure to cancel plans
to fly to Los Angeles to help the defense of Sirhan.

Premier
"Their decision came shortly after they met/Bahjat
al-Talhouni here for more than an hour. The Premier is
understood to have told them that the United States had
told Jordan that their presence at the trial would harm
United States-Jordanian relations."

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2. We assume from AMMAN 5400 that Embassy has not rpt not approached GOJ on subject. Request your further comments soonest.

3. Dept has received one inquiry on NYT article and has described its substance as erroneous.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

June 19, 1968

Participants: Chief Robert A. Houghton
Los Angeles Police Department

L/NEA - Robert H. Neuman *RH*

Subject: Case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan

I spoke with Chief Houghton by telephone this morning regarding a visit made last night to Sirhan by the Jordanian Honorary Consul in Los Angeles, Mr. George Zuraykat. Chief Houghton confirmed that the visit did occur and resulted from a request made by Sirhan through his attorney, Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield. During the visit Sirhan and Zuraykat were required to sit on opposite sides of a glass partition and to speak to each other through a telephone. They were further required to converse in English and were informed that should they attempt to speak in any other language the phone connection would be terminated. Chief Houghton said that these conditions were the customary regulations in the prison in which Sirhan is being held. Mr. Littlefield sat with Zuraykat during the visit and, according to Chief Houghton, no prison official was present in the immediate vicinity where the conversation was carried on. Chief Houghton added that Mr. Littlefield had requested that the above described security precautions be observed during this visit. The Chief also said that Mr. Littlefield had been permitted to visit Sirhan privately on several occasions, an exception to the normal prison regulations, and that no one else, including members of Sirhan's immediate family, was permitted such private visits. According to Chief Houghton Mr. Littlefield has requested that these precautions apply to all persons seeking to visit Sirhan. The Chief suggested that if we wish to discuss visits to Sirhan in further detail we contact Mr. Littlefield directly or the Chief Public Defender, Mr. Richard Buckley.

cc: SCA - Mr. Smith
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: June 19, 1968

SUBJECT: The Case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan

PARTICIPANTS: His Excellency Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Ambassador of Jordan
Mr. Robert B. Houghton, Country Director, NEA/ARN

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L SCA Embassy, London
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H Consulate General, Jerusalem
U Embassy, Tel Aviv

The Jordan Ambassador called on me this morning at his request to discuss the current status of the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan case in California. He was particularly interested in discussing the implications to Sirhan's trial should four Jordanian lawyers come to the United States to either assist the defense of or actually to defend Sirhan in the courts. He said that he was opposed to the lawyers' coming, as it would interject into the case a political element, which we have all been endeavoring to avoid. He mentioned that he had sent a strong message to his Government recommending that if at all possible the lawyers be dissuaded from coming to the U. S. for the above purpose. Now that the Federation of Lawyers in Amman had apparently made a decision to do something about the Sirhan case (he reminded me that the Federation was politically oriented), there was a limit to how much influence the Jordan Government could exert on the lawyers because they were now committed to take some action. He mentioned that he was returning to Jordan for approximately a week in the next few days and that he would do what he could about the situation. The best that could be expected, however, would probably be to persuade the lawyers or the Federation to finance the hiring of a highly qualified American lawyer and to nominate one of their own members to the United States to act as observer during the trial. He was not even sure that this could be arranged.

I told him that we felt strongly that the Jordanian lawyers should not come to the U. S. for the very reason that he had offered. We, however, were to some extent caught on the horns of a dilemma in trying to persuade the lawyers against coming because we also did not want to open ourselves to the charge that we were denying Sirhan the right to request a lawyer of

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his choice, which could include Jordanian lawyers. The Jordan Government could probably state the concern we both shared more effectively than we could. We were both interested in insuring that Sirhan received a fair trial and that no political development enter the picture to prejudice a fair trial. I told him that I hoped that he could state his case as strongly as possible in Amman. He said he would.

He asked me when the trial began. After consulting with Mr. Neuman in L, I informed him by telephone that on June 28 the defendant would have to plead, i.e., guilty, not guilty, etc. According to the law, the trial must begin sixty days after the indictment, which I was informed was around June 6 or 7. This period could be prolonged by agreement between the defense and prosecuting attorneys. I told him that the District Attorney in California ventured the guess that the trial would probably begin one-and-a-half to two months after June 28.

The Ambassador called me subsequently and said that the Jordan Honorary Consul George Zuraykat had contacted Sirhan on June 19. He said the authorities treated the Honorary Consul very well, but the interview resulted in little more than the Consul's finding out that Sirhan was in good health and was being treated well. A satisfactory conversation between the two was prevented because, according to the Jordan Ambassador, there was a glass partition between the Honorary Consul and Sirhan and the Consul had to talk to him by telephone. The Honorary Consul was enjoined that he had to speak in English or the conversation would be cut. The Ambassador wondered if this were normal procedure and if it would have made a difference if a member of his Embassy had tried to talk with Sirhan rather than the Honorary Consul. I told him I was not certain of what the law permitted, although I was somewhat surprised by the restrictions imposed. I told him that I would consult with our Legal Adviser's Office and would call him back.

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1. Four or five Jordanian lawyers have reportedly been requested by Jordanian Lawyers Association and Arab Lawyers Federation to come to the United States to defend Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Press has reported that lawyers already in touch with California Public Defenders' office.
2. Department has no knowledge of any visa applications by these lawyers. Regarding their standing in the California courts, we have referred press queries to California authorities.
3. FYI In order for Jordanian lawyers to represent Sirhan they would have to be admitted to practice by Superior Court of California. Action on application for admission to practice

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before that court in this case would lie in discretion of trial judge. Judge could admit them as defense counsel or as associate counsel. END FYI.

4. Should lawyers decide come to US, we would be confronted by a dilemma. On the one hand we fear injection undesirable political element into case were Jordanian lawyers to defend Sirhan. Jordanian and Arab cause could suffer badly by over-zealous efforts of Arab lawyers, however well motivated. On the other hand, it is within Sirhan's constitutional right to request lawyer of his choice, which could include Jordanian lawyers as counsel and consequently would put USG and California court in awkward situation if refused.

5. In circumstances, there would seem be three courses we could follow. We could let nature take its course. Alternatively Embassy could approach appropriate GOJ officials and point out unfortunate political ramifications which could result if Jordanian lawyers were to represent Sirhan. Embassy could suggest that GOJ attempt in its own interest to dissuade these lawyers from pursuing their efforts on behalf Sirhan. Finally, or if lawyers persist, GOJ might attempt to persuade them to

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choose one of their number, perhaps with assistance Jordanian Lawyers Association, to come to United States and attend trial as observer in order to assure that trial being conducted fairly or as associate counsel.

6. Department requests your views and suggestions soonest.

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REF: STATE 185891 and AMMAN 5400

1. Dept has noted June 19 FBIS report attributed Amman radio that Prime Minister Talhouni met June 19 with lawyers Atallah, Khalil, Baradii and Hawwa to discuss their intention to come to U.S. to assist Sirhan. According to FBIS report, result of meeting was cancellation of lawyers' proposed trip and entrusting of possible further action to Arab Lawyers' Federation whose Secgen may travel to U.S. on matter.

2. Jordanian Ambassador Sharaf called on Dept Officer June 19 to review various aspects of Sirhan case including proposed travel of Jordanian lawyers to U.S. Sharaf (^{protect}~~masked~~/source) confided that he had strongly advised GOJ to dissuade lawyers

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from coming here. Sharaf shares our concern that Arab lawyers initiative on behalf of Sirhan could inject unfavorable political aspect into case. Talhouni's action noted above may have been prompted by Sharaf's recommendation.

3. Dept also informed that Lebanese (BEIRUT's 10225) and Libyan lawyers have indicated interest in participation in Sirhan's defense. We view these gestures as most probably publicity stunts.

4. Comment: Talhouni's apparent intervention in matter appears for the time being to have partially circumscribed efforts of Jordanian lawyers to inject themselves into Sirhan case.

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June 19, 1968

Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Re: Sirhan B. Sirhan

Dear Mr. Secretary;

→ As attorney who formerly represented Jack Ruby, I see many parallels between Oswald's assassination of President Kennedy and Sirhan's assassination of Senator Kennedy.

One of these similarities is the hate and prejudice of Anti-Semitism that led to each of these outrageous murders. (For a few factual details see specific references to Anti-Semitism in written Opinion of Texas Court of Appeals for reversing Ruby conviction and "Trial of Jack Ruby" by Kaplan & Waltz").

Sirhan is not the only Arab guilty of murder. Guilt is not restricted to the one who pulled the trigger. Guilt includes all those who triggered Sirhan's mind to act and caused him to suffer from irrational impulses, irresistible pressures and mental disturbances that culminated into an act of violence. Those Arab mis-leaders like Nasser who poisoned and polluted Sirhan's mind by filling him with the vicious hate and prejudice of Anti-Semitism (Anti-Zionism) are no less guilty than Sirhan.

Many Arabs like Sirhan have been misled to believe that Israel is their enemy and the cause of their enslavement and poverty; that the mere existence of an Israel in the Middle East, regardless of its size or boundaries, prevents Nasser from establishing the entire Middle East into a United Arab Republic that he claims would solve all Arab problems. This Nazi-type of propaganda has led to many irrational acts of violence and tragic murders similar to the recent Kennedy assassination.

① Not unlike Hitler, these Nassers have exploited and converted a natural brotherly love and friendship that previously existed between Jews and Arabs into enmity, hate and murder; contrary to the Golden Era; contrary to Kind Feisal's letter to Frankfurter and his agreement with Weitzman; contrary to the very teachings of Mohammed and his Holy Koran; and contrary to the Arabs own best interests.

The Sirhans were converted 'Christian-Arabs' living among Moslems in Israel and constantly subjected to and blinded by Nasser's false vicious propaganda. What could be more confusing and frustrating?

Sol A. DANN

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Sirhan is so mixed up about his Arab Nationalism that he doesn't even know that his ancestors were not Jordanians. Jordan was only recently artificially created after his father was born. Jordan was carved out of the area for the proposed Re-establishment of the Jewish State.

Sirhan's Anti-Zionism was merely another form of Anti-Semitism. Limited space here prevents a detailed discussion of Sirhan's political paranoic Anti-Semitic Anti-Zionism. Suffice to say that the recent re-establishment of Israel could not be, and is not, responsible for the slavery and poverty suffered by the Arabs during the last 2000 years. Some Arab States are over 1000 miles away from Israel.

Sirhan didn't stop to realize that Israel (Palestine) was a Jewish state over 3000 years ago and that it was never at any time in all history, an Arab National Homeland. Nor that there is no 'conflict of interest' between Little Israel and the many vast Arab countries. But there are definite 'conflicts of interest' between the different Arab Leaders and the intrigues of various Foreign powers competing with each other to exploit, missionize and dominate the Arabs (vis a vis Russian, Vatican and Oil Barons).

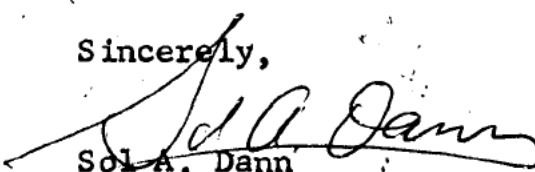
It is impossible to compare "on one foot" the respective rights and plight of the hundreds of thousands of Jewish Refugees from Arab countries, as against the claims of the Fugitives that Sirhan prefers to call "Arab Refugees" except to say that "War is Hell" and creates problems that only Peace can solve.

The Sirhans twisted the Arab proverb: "He who befriends my friend is also my friend" into "He who supports my enemy is also my enemy." Therefore, Nasser-propagandized Arabs believe they must murder every Israeli, or any American like Senator Kennedy who supported Israel.

If there were no Jews in the United States, it would still ^{Be our DUTY AND} behoove our Government to support a Democratic state like Israel to help establish World peace and freedom, and to protect our own American interests in the Middle East.

Genocide that has caused the murder of millions of innocent people feeds on fanatic national and religious hates and prejudices. Therefore, anyone who teaches or encourages Anti-Semitism (Anti-Zionism), be it nation, Church, or individual, aided, abetted and are no less guilty than Sirhan in the malicious premeditated murder of United States Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,


Sol A. Dann

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- Mr. Coates

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CONDEMNS ASSASSINATION" AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND
FOR HUMAN REASONS", BUT "AS LONG AS CRIME HAS BEEN
COMMITTED AND AS LONG AS ALLEGED MURDERER IS AN
ARAB AND BECAUSE THERE IS NO PROOF OF ANY
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SUBJECT: SIRHAN TRIAL

1. JUNE 13 LEBANESE ATTORNEYS MOUSSA PRINCE AND ABDUL HAMID EL-AHDAB CALLED AT EMBASSY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS RE BACKGROUND OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. THEY BELIEVE MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL SITUATION MAY WELL HAVE BEEN A FACTOR MOTIVATING SIRHAN AND THEY BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE SIRHAN HAVE BENEFIT ARAB ATTORNEYS TO INSURE PROPOER DEFENSE. THEY WISH AUTHORITY TALK TO SIRHAN IN ORDER DETERMINEWHETHER THEY COULD PARTICIPATE HIS DEFENSE. THEY LEFT AT EMBASSY WRITTEN MEMO TO AMBASSADOR REQUESTING EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN FOREGOING.

2. EMBOFF TOLD PRINCE EMBASSY COULD NOT BE OF ASSISTANCE THIS MATTER AND SUGGESTED HE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH WILBUR LITILEFIELD, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HE SUBSEQUENTLY DID.

3. JUNE 17 EMBASSY LEARNED THAT PRINCE AND EL-AHDAB GAVE COPIES THEIR MEMO TO REPS MAJOR WIMQ SEGMLCES. FURTHERMORE THEY INTERVIEWED BY LA TIMES ANDCHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPS AND TAPED SHORT INTERVIEW FOR ABC.

4. PRINCE REGARDED LOCALLY AS ONE OF BETTER LEBANESE CRIMINAL LAWYERS. BOTH HE AND EL-AHDAD ALSO ACTIVE IN LEBANESE YOUNG LAWYERS LEAGUE. EMBASSY ASSUMES THEIR MOVE ESSENTIALLY STUNT TO SEEK PUBLICITY.
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SUBJECT: Sirhan Case

REF: STATE 182633; JERUSALEM 1399

1. If Bishara Sirhan is otherwise eligible, you should grant visa.
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3. FYI. Dept of Justice is informing Sirhan's lawyer in California of possibility ~~that possibly~~ Sirhan's father may apply for visa to the United States and that if he is otherwise eligible we will grant visa. Lawyer also being ~~been~~ told that if he would like send message to Sirhan's father, we would be willing transmit ~~message~~ it. END FYI.
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UPI'S TEL AVIV CORRESPONDENT SIMON TELLS US HE HAS JUST
FILED STORY ON TALK WITH SIRHAN'S FATHER WHICH EFFECTIVELY
SHOOTS DOWN KIMCHE STORY (LONDON REFTEL). BOTH SIRHAN'S
FATHER AND A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER OF HIS DENY SIRHAN EVER
MARRIED AND STATE OTHER DETAILS VERY IMPROBABLE. SIMON
SPECULATES KIMCHE MAY HAVE GOTTEN HIS STORY FROM BEIRUT
SOURCES AND POINTS OUT THERE VERY WELL MAY BE ANOTHER
SIRHAN WHO HAS PERSONAL HISTORY ALONG LINES REPORTED BY
KIMCHE.

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SUBJ: REUTERS ARTICLE ON SIRHAN TRAVELS

REF: STATE 182627

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EMB CONTACTED LOCAL REUTERS CORRESPONDENT WHO SUPPLIED FRENCH
TEXT OF DISPATCH, BUT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON SOURCE OF STORY
OR ARAB GOVERNMENT SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED. GP-3. RUSSELL

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Reuters item datelined London June 13 reported unidentified Arab government developed startling information on Senator Kennedy assassination and giving details to FBI. Report ASAP any information available on origin and veracity this story.

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Press stories indicate Bishara Sirhan, father of Sirhan Sirhan, may visit U.S. connection trial his son. If Bishara Sirhan applies for visa, notify Department immediately. You may proceed with normal processing application but take no final action pending instructions from Department.

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SUDAN TV EVENING NEWSCAST JUNE 7 ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. REPORTAGE INCLUDED: REPEAT OF STATEMENT BY GOS SPOKESMAN HASSABU CARRIED PREVIOUS DAY BY PRESS, RADIO AND TV; TV CLIPS OF KENNEDY CAREER, CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN, VICTORY STATEMENT, SHOOTING IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL, AND CAPTURE OF ACCUSED; AND STILL PHOTOS OF SIRHAN BUSHARA SIRHAN. ALL NEWSCASTS RADIO OMDURMAN JUNE 7 CARRIED REUTER REPORTS ON ASSASSINATION INCLUDING FULL BACKGROUND SIRHAN BUSHARA SIRHAN.

EXCERPTS FROM "FOREIGN DIRARY" COLUMN OF RAI EL AMH JUNE 8 FOLLOW: "HE WHO BENEFITTED FROM DEATH OF JOHN KENNEDY WAS JOHNSON; AND HE WHO BENEFITTED FROM DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS HUBERT HUMPHREY, DEPUTY TO JOHNSON...IT MAY BE THAT BUSHARA SHOT KENNEDY BUT WHO PUT WEAPON IN HIS HAND AND PROVOKED, THREATENED AND PRESSURED HIM? SIRHAN IS AN ARAB AND AMERICANS ARE READY TO BELIEVE ANYTHING BAD ABOUT AN ARAB...THE SELECTION OF AN ARAB YOUNG MAN TO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE NEW OSWALD DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING KNOWN BY WORLD TODAY, WHICH IS THAT AMERICA IS GOVERNED BY CCMIME..." NOEL

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SUBJECT: BISHARA SIRHAN

REF: STATE 178228

1. VICE CONSUL INTERVIEWED BISHARA SIRHAN BRIEFLY AT HIS TAYBEH HOME AFTERNOON JUNE 7. SIRHAN SAID HE LAST DEPARTED US BY AIR FROM NEW YORK MARCH 11, 1966. LEBANESE ENTRY STAMP IN HIS JORDANIAN PASSPORT DATED MARCH 12, 1966 TENDS CONFIRM STATEMENT. ON PRIOR TRIP HE DEPARTED US ABOUT MAY 27, 1963 RETURNING THERE FROM JORDAN VIA NYC MAY 5, 1964, ENTERING ON ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD RATHER THAN VISA.

2. SIRHAN MADE ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO HIS FAMILY SAYING ALL MEMBERS INCLUDING WIFE WERE NOW IN US.

3. ISRAELI SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE STATIONED AT SIRHAN HOME.

4. FYI--JERUSALEM POST JUNE 7 CARRIED EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW BY MEMBERS THEIR STAFF (AND OTHER REPORTERS) WITH SENIOR SIRHAN
EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 6. FATHER, LPE VILLAGE MUKHTARI AND A

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FORMER SCHOOLMASTER SAID YOUNG SIRHAN "GENTLE, POLITE, QUIET AND HUMBLE BOY INTERESTED MAINLY IN BOOKS. IT'S BEYOND COMPREHENSION HOW HE COULD HAVE COMMITTED SUCH TERRIBLE ACT AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE WITHOUT HAVING BEEN PUT UP TO THIS BY SOME OTHER PEOPLE." ZDSHARA SIRHAN QUOTED AS SAYING SON WAS "A GOOD CHRISTIAN. HE COULD NOT HAVE DONE SUCH A THING ON HIS OWN. SOMEONE MUST HAVE PUSHED HIM TO IT."

5. FYI--ABOUT HOUR AFTER INTERVIEW MUKHTAR PHONED NYTIMES CORRESPONDENT AND SAID ELDER SIRHAN WAS "PROBLEM." BASED ON STORIES FROM MUKHTAR AND FORMER NEIGHBORS, NYTIMES MAN TOLD US HE FORMS PICTURE OF FATHER WHO WAS OFTEN JOBLESS, GENERALLY SHIFTLESS, BRUTAL TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND IN TURN DISLIKED AND EVENTUALLY REJECTED BY THEM. ACCORDING NEWSMAN'S SOURCES, FLIGHT OF MOTHER AND CHILDREN TO US AS REFUGEES WAS ARRANGED BY LOCAL CHURCH FRIENDS TO ESCAPE FATHER. ALTHOUGH HE EVENTUALLY REJOINED THEM IN US, FAMILY STRIFE CONTINUED RESULTING IN HIS RETURN TO PALESTINE AND LIVING ALONE IN TAYSEH NOW. END FYI.

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EMB may respond if queried that visa was issued on September 24, 1956 in Amman to Sirhan, together with his parents and three other children.

FOR JERUSALEM: INS requests you ascertain from

Bishara Sirhan date he left US. END

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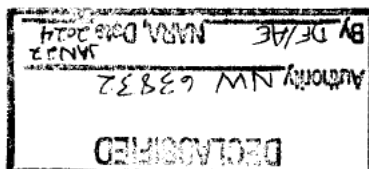
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1. CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE WAS INFORMED JUNE 6 BY FELLOW MEMBER HIS CHRISTIAN SECT THAT HE KNOWS FAMILY OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (REFTEL). SAID THEY ARE CHRISTIANS FROM TAYBEH AND FATHER AND MOTHER BOTH IN US.

2. CALL FROM SWISS NEWSMAN SUGGESTED PRESS BELIEVES CONGEN TRYING CONTACT SIRHAN RELATIVES HERE. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT SOUGHT CONTACT TAYBEH AMCIT REGISTRANTS (NOR DO WE KNOW IF THEY STILL RESIDENT THERE) SO AS TO AVOID BRINGING ATTENTION TO THEM. IF THEY CONTACT CONGEN FOR PROTECTION OR ASSISTANCE, WE PLAN DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN LIGHT OF THEN EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCE.

3. FYI--CAS SOURCE HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT RAMALLAH MILGOV AND PRESS HAVE DISCOVERED TAYBEH CONNECTION AND INTERVIEWED "SIRHAN'S FATHER." WE SEEKING CONFIRM.

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father of Sirhan Sirhan

According USG records Bishara Sirhan/is not ~~RET~~ not Amcit. END.

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT

REF: JERUSALEM 1363

1. BBC AND KOL ISRAEL NEWS BROADCASTS AFTERNOON JUNE 6
STATE PRESS HAS INTERVIEWED "FATHER OF SIRHAN SIRHAN" AT TAYBEH.
BBC SAID FATHER WAS QUOTED THAT IF SON GUILTY THIS CRIME,
HE SHOULD BE HANGED.

2. IS BISHARA SIRHAN AMCIT?

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REF: STATE 176785

1. SEARCH OF PERTINENT CONGEN RECORDS (UNDER VARIOUS COMBINATIONS THREE NAMES KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT REFTEL) SHOWS ONLY FOLLOWING MEMBERS SIRHAN FAMILY. ALL WERE AMCITS WHEN REGISTERED AT CONGEN.

A. SALIM SIRHAN, DOB FEB 10, 1900 AT TAYBEH, NEAR RAMALLAH. NATURALIZED PITTSBURG 1926. US PASSPORT [REDACTED] ISSUED WASHINGTON MAY 26, 1960. REGISTERED HERE AUG 15, 1960. SALESMAN. EMERGENCY ADDRESS MRS. MIRIAM S. SIRHAN (WIFE), 1211 HUBBARD ST., DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

B. NIMEH SALEM SIRHAN, BORN AMCIT JAN 23, 1948, TAHBEH NEAR RAMALLAH. REGISTERED AT CONGEN JUNE 11, 1962. STUDENT. FATHER IS AYED SALEM SARHAN OF TAYBEH.

C. AID SALIM SIRHAN, BORN TAYBEH, DOB UNKNOWN TO CONGEN. APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION DEC 8, 1964. COMMENT: AID SALIM MAY BE VARIANT SPELLING OF AYED SALEM. FATHER OF (B) ABOVE.

2. CONGEN ISSUED NO RPT NO VISAS PRIOR SEPT. 1917.

3. CONGEN HAD HAD PRESS INQUIRIES FROM MICHAEL ELKINS (BBC AND CBS) AND TERENCE SMITH (NYTIMES), PLUS LOCAL JOURNALIST RAJA A. ISSA (FORMER EDITOR JORDANIAN AL FALASTINI). ALL WERE INFORMED CONGEN WAS NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE SIRHAN SIRHAN. AL ISSA WAS ASKED IF HE KNEW ANY OF FAMILY AND HE REPLIED NEGATIVE.

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4. LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF CONGEN IS RESIDENT OF SILWAN VILLAGE, WHICH RADIO REPORTS INDICATE WAS ORIGINAL HOME OF SUSPECT IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. WE HAVE QUERIED HIM, SINCE HE CONSIDERED VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LOCAL RESIDENTS. FAMILY NAME FAMILIAR BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW ANY FIRST NAMES GIVEN REFTEL FOR SUSPECT OR BROTHERS.

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