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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILES CONTAINED IN THIS PART
Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts

Subject: Joseph P. Kennedy

File Number: Main Files

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dear Requester:

Enclosed is a copy of 1054 pages of material from FBI records regarding Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy which were previously released to other individuals.

Excisions have been made in order to protect information which is exempt from release pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, subsections: (b)(1); (b)(2); (b)(3) specifically Title 26, United States Code, Section 6103; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) and (b)(7)(E). See enclosed Form 4-694a, for an explanation of these exemptions. In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reason or basis for the deletion.

The enclosed material contains information which was furnished by other government agencies. Our consultations with these agencies have been completed and the documents are being released per their instructions.

During the review of material pertinent to this subject, documents were also located which originated with other government agencies.

The enclosed copies represent the best reproduction available. Some of the originals are of poor quality and the duplicating process renders a copy of poorer quality.

You may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, Room 7238 MAIN, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, within 30 days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal". Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.
Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy's name is indexed in additional files relating to other individuals, organizations, activities, or general topics which have not been reviewed to determine if, in fact, they are identifiable with Mr. Kennedy. Our experience has shown that such references are frequently similar to information in the processed main files.

Sincerely yours,

Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Information Resources Division
EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b) (1) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with law enforcement investigations, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to defeat the purpose of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals, except records of arrest;

(k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.
FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

FILE NUMBER: 9-41998

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X NO DUPLICATION FEEX
X FOR THIS PAGE   X
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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Conroy

FROM: W. D. Griffith

DATE: 3/10/64

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject; JOSEPH KENNEDY - Victim; THREATENING LETTER

The items described below were furnished to the Bureau by the U. S. Secret Service. These items were received in the FBI Laboratory on 3/9/64.

Q1 White envelope bearing handwritten address to "Mr. Joseph Kennedy Palm Beach Florida c/o The White House Washington, D. C." postmarked "NEW YORK, N. Y. PM 29 FEB 1964 9B"

Q2 Sheet of white folded paper bearing handwritten letter dated "February 1964," and beginning "Dear Sir: I hope that you are "feeling..." and signed "Good Luck."

The writing on Q1 and Q2 was compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File. No identification was made. Copies are being added to this file for future reference.

No indented writing or watermarks were found in Q1 and Q2. Q1 is a white envelope measuring approximately 6.5 by 3.6 inches. Q2 is a sheet of folded paper. When unfolded Q2 measures approximately 11 by 8.5 inches. Q1 and Q2 are written in script with blue ink.

Q1 and Q2 are attached hereto.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this memorandum, with attached enclosures, be forwarded to the Liaison Section for appropriate handling.
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; JOSEPH KENNEDY - VICTIM
THREATENING LETTER

Examination requested by: Bureau routing slip 3/9/64

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination: $\overline{\text{III}} - A - H + P$ 3/9/64

Examination by: [Redacted]

Date received: 3/9/64

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 White envelope bearing addr. to "Mr. Joseph Kennedy
Palm Beach Florida c/o The White House Washington, D.C." pm "New York, N.Y. - PM 29 Feb 1964 9B"

Q2 Sheet of white folded paper bearing hdw, letter dated "February 1964", and beginning "Dear Sir: I hope that you are feeling...." and signed "Good Luck."
V1 cellulose
Page 6.49-30 x 3.64-5
Thickness .0037
Watermark: "C."

V2 white bond (folded corners, p.e.)
Page 5.52 x 8.52 (folded) 11.04 x 9.52-5
_thickness .0030
Watermark: none

No selected writing Q1, Q2
Specimens submitted for examination

Q1. White envelope bearing addr. hw to "Mr. Joseph Kennedy
Palm Beach Florida o/o The White House Washington, D.C."
pm "New York, N. Y. - PM 29 FEB 1964 9B"

Q2. Sheet of white folded paper bearing hw, letter dated
"February 1964", and beginning "Dear Sir: I hope that you are
feeling..." and signed "Good Luck."
The text on this page is illegible due to the handwriting and quality of the image.
FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

FILE NUMBER: 9-48276
TO: FBI, SA
FROM: JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Unknown Subject - Threat Letter
VICTIM: Senator Ted Kennedy

Attached is a memo by SA [redacted] dtd 7-2-68 and an original letter from an unknown subject threatening the life of Senator Ted Kennedy. This information was furnished to you by telephone on 7-2-68.

Please furnish this Service with copies of any reports that might result from an investigation into this matter.

(b)(7)(C)

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Attachments
XEROX
JUL 10 1968
TO: SAIC Towns - ID
FROM: SA Liaison

DATE: 7-2-68

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject

This date, the attached letter was received via "Riding Page" from the office of Senator Edward Kennedy. I have initialed and dated the letter and it is marked with a red number "16" their office code. An envelope was not with the letter.

The office was contacted this date and stated that the letter did not have an envelope. However he had just discovered another letter similar in writing to this one with an envelope F/A Boston, Mass. and said that their office had retained a copy of the letter.

He requests results of any investigation.

Special Agent
Reference Bureau telephone call 7/2/68.

Enclosed herewith for VFO and Boston is a Xerox copy of a letter furnished to Secret Service by Senator Edward Kennedy's Office and relayed by them to the Bureau. It is to be noted that no envelope was forwarded by Secret Service with this letter and it is not known if such is available.

The letter is being examined by the FBI Laboratory and you will be appropriately advised of results.

VFO should discuss this matter with the U. S. Attorney and take appropriate action.

Boston should insure local authorities are aware of the threat.

Enclosure

1 - Boston (Enclosure)

NOTE:
The original threatening letter was forwarded by Secret Service through Liaison. WFO was telephonically instructed to notify appropriate local authorities concerning the threat.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 10, 1968

SAC, Washington Field Office

Re: UNSUB;
Senator Edward M. Kennedy - Victim Extortion

Reference Bulet to Washington Field Office 7/5/68

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: Anonymous Letter File

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.
The submitted material is temporarily retained.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

Q1 Hand printed letter beginning "Your suffering has hardly begun. Teddy is next on the Kennedy..." 9-48276-2

Remarks:

Q1 will be treated for latent fingerprints. The result of that examination and the disposition of this evidence will be furnished by a separate report.
Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Hand printed letter beginning "Your suffering has hardly begun. Teddy is next on the Kennedy..."
Your suffering has hardly begun.
Teddy is next on the Kennedy "hit parade."
And we won't rest till 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 Hypocrisy.
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 goto Hell for all eternity.
FBI
Date: 7/10/68

Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via                  AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2101) (C)

UNSUB:
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM EXTORTION (CO: WFO)

rebute 7/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
3 copies of a letterhead memo in form suitable for
dissemination. One information copy is being sent to
Boston in view of its leads in this case.

Inasmuch as the AUSA, Washington, D.C., declined
prosecution, no further investigation being conducted by
WFO.

The Intelligence Division, MPD, and U.S. Capitol
Police, Washington, D.C., were advised of the information
contained in the enclosure and dissemination of the enclosure
was made locally by WFO to these agencies.

Approved: 7/22/1968
Special Agent in Charge
UNIVERSAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535
July 10, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

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 till 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.

ENCLOSURE:

1/18/74
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM

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

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas S. Nunzio. He declined prosecution stating that the letter is vague and as such does not constitute violation of the Federal Extortion Statute. In view of this opinion, no further investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

* Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.;*

* United States Capitol Police Department, Washington, D.C.*
REPORT OF THE
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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

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

TO: SAC, WFO

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

Ql 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.

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

Laboratory report separate.

MAILED Z
JUL 16 1968
COMM-FBI

Enc.

EX-103

1 - Boston

John Edgar Hoover, Director

REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED: 7/10/68 2:20 P.M. RECEIVED: 7/10/68

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: H.C.T.,

Subject: Oswald M. Kennedy -

Examination: Latent

Examination requested by: Boston Retail Liquor 7/13/68 and Boston

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 7/15/68

Result of Examination:

G1 processed (I and N) 7/13/68 Fingerprint Lab (N) 7/15/68

4 lat. figs. and 1 lat. type of val. dev. (N) on back of G1

One of the latent figs. was made by a lighter point of a pen.

G1 was processed (SN) No add. lat. figs. of val. were dev.

Lat. figs. are not O figs. "Top 10"

G1 being forwarded to WFC

Lab Rep Inst

Specimens submitted for examination

G1 Hand printed letter beginning "Your suffering has hardly been..." Teddy is next on the Kennedy..."

NOTED

1 - Boston

Examination completed 8:30 PM 7/15/68

Time Date

Dictated 7/15/68

Date
SAC, WFO

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENIOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Reference Bureau telephone call 7/3/68.

Enclosed herewith for WFO and Boston is a Xerox copy of a letter furnished to Secret Service by Senator Edward Kennedy's Office and relayed by them to the Bureau. It is to be noted that no envelope was forwarded by Secret Service with this letter and it is not known if such is available.

The letter is being examined by the FBI Laboratory and you will be appropriately advised of results.

WFO should discuss this matter with the U.S. Attorney and take appropriate action.

Boston should insure local authorities are aware of the threat.

Enclosure

1 - Boston (Enclosure)

NOTE: The original threatening letter was forwarded by Secret Service through Liaison. WFO was telephonically instructed to notify appropriate local authorities concerning the threat.

PHOTOGRAPHED JUL 8, 1968  and 7-16

q-48776-1
TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN: Special Agent  
FROM: JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: Unknown Subject  
Threat Letter - Victim, Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy

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

Attached is an original letter from an unknown subject addressed to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Hickory Hill, McLean, Virginia, postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 26, 1968 a.m., wherein the unknown subject threatens the life of Senator Edward Kennedy. This letter was received from Senator Edward Kennedy's Office on June 14, 1968.

Attachments
Original letter from unknown subject to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy
SAC, Boston

7/18/68

Title marked changed to include Ethel Kennedy as a victim.

ReBulets to WPO and Boston dated July 5 and July 9, 1968

Enclosed herewith for Boston, Richmond and WPO are xeroxed copies of a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service and copies of the enclosures to this letter.

It is to be noted that Secret Service believes the anonymous sender of the enclosure to their letter to be identical with the writer of the threatening communications forwarded with referenced Bureau letter.

The original Secret Service enclosure is being examined by the FBI Laboratory, and you will be advised of the results.

For information Richmond, Secret Service, by letters dated 7/3 and 7/8/68, forwarded letters received by Senator Kennedy. AUSA Washington, D.C. declined prosecution.

Richmond and WPO insure that appropriate local authorities are aware of the letter received by Senator Kennedy.

Boston promptly discuss this matter with the appropriate U.S. Attorney and take appropriate action. Each receiving office submit results of investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

Enclosures (2)

2 - Richmond Enclosures (2)
2 - WFO Enclosures (2)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO
NOTE: By letter dated 7/3/68 Secret Service forwarded an anonymous communication received by Senator Edward Kennedy's Office which contained a possible threat. Copies of this communication were forwarded to Boston and WFO for appropriate action. By letter dated 7/8/68 Secret Service furnished an additional letter received by Senator Kennedy's Office that Secret Service believes to be written by the same person who wrote the original threatening communication. These two letters were discussed with AUSA Washington, D.C., who declined prosecution stating that letter is vague and as such does not constitute violation of Federal Extortion Statute. By letter dated July 16, 1968, Secret Service furnished letter received by Ethel Kennedy, which they believe was written by the same person who wrote the other two letters.

The FBI Laboratory will compare the two letters received by Senator Kennedy's Office with the letter received by Ethel Kennedy and advise Boston, Richmond and WFO of results.
TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent (b)(7)(C)
FROM: JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject
Threat Letter - Victim, Senator Edward Kennedy

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

Attached is an original letter from an unknown subject addressed to Hon. Adlai Stevenson, State Treasurer, State House, Springfield, Illinois, postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 29, 1968 a.m., wherein the unknown subject threatens the life of Senator Edward Kennedy. This letter was received from our Springfield, Illinois Office.

Attachments
Original letter from unknown subject to Hon. Adlai Stevenson
Mr. Stevenson

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.
Hon. Adlai Stevenson
State Treasurer
State House
Springfield
Illinois
July 24, 1968

Director, FBI

CHANGED
UNKNOWN SUBJECT:

SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIM
EXTENSION

Title marked changed to include Adlai Stevenson as a victim.

Memorandum to Boston, Richmond and Washington Field dated 7/18/68. 9-48276-5

Enclosed herewith for Boston, Springfield and Washington Field are Xerox copies of a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service dated 7/18/68 and Xerox and true copies of the enclosure to this letter.

It is to be noted that Secret Service believes the anonymous sender of the enclosure to their letter to be identical with the writer of the threatening communications Secret Service forwarded to the Bureau by letters dated 7/3, 7/8 and 7/16/68.

The original Secret Service enclosure is being examined by the FBI Laboratory and you will be advised of the results.

For information of Springfield, Secret Service by letters dated 7/3 and 7/8/68 forwarded communications received by Senator Kennedy, Assistant United States Attorney, Washington, D. C. declined prosecution. Secret Service by letter dated 7/16/68 forwarded communication received by Ethel Kennedy which contained a possible threat regarding Senator Kennedy. In Boston Office discussing the letter of 7/16/68 with appropriate United States Attorney.

Enclosures (4)

2 - Springfield (Enclosures - 4)
2 - Washington Field (Enclosures -

see note page two
Letter to Boston

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

Springfield and Washington Field insure that appropriate local authorities are aware of the letter received by Adlai Stevenson.

Boston immediately discuss this matter with United States Attorney and take appropriate action. Each receiving office submit results of investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE
By letters dated 7/3/68 and 7/8/68 Secret Service forwarded to Bureau anonymous communications received by Senator Edward Kennedy's Office which contained possible threats. These two letters were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., who declined prosecution stating that letters are vague and as such does not constitute violation of Federal Extortion Statute. By letter dated 7/16/68 Secret Service furnished communication received by Ethel Kennedy which contained a possible threat regarding Senator Kennedy. Secret Service believes letter received by Ethel Kennedy was written by same person who wrote the other two letters to Senator Kennedy. The FBI Laboratory will compare the two letters received by Senator Kennedy's Office with the letter received by Ethel Kennedy and the letter received by Adlai Stevenson and advise Boston, Springfield and Washington Field of results.
FBI
Date: 7/24/68

Transmit the following in
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2101) (RUC)

SUB: SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(00:BS)

Re WFO airtel to the Director 7/10/68. Bulet to Boston 7/9/68. Bulet to WFO 7/5/68 and Lab report to Boston 7/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a LHM in form suitable for dissemination. One copy of same is being forwarded to Boston.

It is noted in re WFO airtel that AUSA, WDC, declined prosecution in case concerning original letter received from the Bureau via Bulet 7/5/68.

Inasmuch as envelope containing second letter to victim was postmarked Boston and Lab report indicates the writer was the same in both letters, Boston should assume origin in this case and present to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion, UACB.

On 7/15/68, the U.S. Capitol Police, WDC and Intelligence Division, MPD, WDC, were advised of the information contained in the enclosure and dissemination of same was made locally to them by WFO.

ENCLOSURE
- Bureau (Enc. 4)
- Boston (Enc. 1)
- WFO

C. C. -

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4 JUL 26 1968

Approved 7/6 Special Agent in Charge
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Sent Per
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D.C. 20535
July 24, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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. This letter was
contained in an envelope postmarked Boston, Massachusetts,
and dated June 29, 1968. The anonymous letter reads as
follows:

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

On July 15, 1968, the following agencies were
advised of the above information:

Intelligence Division,
Metropolitan Police Department
Washington, D.C.

United States Capitol Police,
Washington, D.C.

This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is in the custody of
the FBI and is not to be
altered and contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE
To: FBI, Boston

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

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: Bulletin to Boston 7/24/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks: Q6 and Q7 will be forwarded to the Boston Office by the Latent Fingerprint Section.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Springfield Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Washington Field Office Enclosure (Lab report)

EX 110

4 JUL 30 1968
REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

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.
Recorded
7/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

(b)(7)(C)  NO LAB FILE

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

LATENT

Examination requested by:  Boston dated 7/24/68
Examination requested:  Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination:

1. On Q6 & Q7 ident on 4 Q1 - Q5, P. S.
2. Nothing sig noted Q6 & Q7 would assist determining
   course Q6 & Q7.

T.F. Q6 & Q7 to Boston
by LPI.

Specimens submitted for examination

✓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..."

✓  Springfield
✓  Washington Field Office
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: 
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY 
ETHEL KENNEDY 
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS 
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Boston 7/24/68 
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint 
Result of Examination: LFP forwarded 7/29/68 to Boston

Specimens submitted for examination

Q6 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MASS. AM 29 JUN 1968 53," addressed to "Hon. Adlai Stevenson State Treasurer State House Springfield Illinois"

Q7 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Mr Stevenson You will have..."

Q6 and Q7 examined by LFPS. Q6 and Q7 forwarded to Boston with LFPS report dated 8/1/68

Jul 26 1968

1 - Springfield 
1 - Washington Field Office

ENG
Title marked changed to include Joseph P. Kennedy as a victim. Reurl 7/29/68.

Boston promptly advise appropriate local authorities and Secret Service of the communication addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy. Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., on 7/30/68, was advised of the letter addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy. Boston, by return communication, submit results of investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

Miami immediately advise Secret Service, Miami of the letter addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy.

Anonymous letter addressed to Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy bearing postmark 6/17/68, West Palm Beach, Florida, was referred to our Boston Office. Letter states 'Do you propose 'Tedd' to be the next victim?' AUSA, Boston on 7/5/68, advised letter does not constitute a violation within the element of the Federal Extortion Statute. Special Agent [REDACTED] J. S. Secret Service Headquarters, advised by SA [REDACTED] at 12:15 p.m., 7/30/68, of the letter addressed to Joseph P. Kennedy.
To: FBI, Boston (9-1944)  
Date: August 8, 1968

Re: UNSUB;  
Senator Edward M. Kennedy - VICTIM 
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Boston
Reference: Letter 7/29/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

In view of the AUSA declination in this case, no additional examinations were made on the submitted evidence.

Enclosures (4) (Q1, Q2, 2 Lab report)
REPORT of the
FBI LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston (9-1944)  
Re: UNSUB;  
Senator Edward M. Kennedy - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  

Specimen received 7/29/68

Q1 U.S. Post Office Department envelope postmarked "WEST PALM BEACH, FL. AM 17 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy Brookline, Mass."

Q2 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Do you..."

Result of examination:

The submitted evidence was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Appropriate photographs will be added to the file for future reference.

No watermarks, indented writing of value or other marks were noted on the submitted evidence which would indicate the source of this material.

The submitted evidence is returned herewith.

Photographs are retained.
Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope postmarked "WEST PALM BEACH, FL. AM 17 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy Brookline Mass."

Q2 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Do you..."
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: BOSTON (9-1944) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB: Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM

EXTORTION

DATE: 7/29/68

Enclosed herewith are envelope and letter addressed to "Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, Brookline, Mass." postmarked 6/17/68, West Palm Beach, Florida. The anonymous letter contained the handprinted message in ink:

"Do you propose 'Tedd' to be the next victim?"

Facts discussed 7/5/68 with Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE SHEEHY, Boston who stated above does not constitute a violation within the elements of the Federal Extortion statute.

The letter and envelope are submitted herewith to the FBI laboratory for search through and addition to the anonymous letter file.

Copy of instant communication and photostat of envelope and letter being sent to Miami for information.

No further investigation will be conducted at Boston. Confirming letter being sent USA, Boston.

2 - Bureau (Encls. ENCLOSURE
1 - Miami (Info) (Encls. 2)
1 - Boston (9-1944) (4)
Laboratory Work Sheet

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: ENSUB;
Senator Edward M. Kennedy - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Boston (9-1944) L. 7-29-68
Examination requested: Date received: 7-29-68
Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Signature]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope postmarked "WEST PALM BEACH, FL. AM 17 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy Brookline, Mass."

Q2 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Do you..."
Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy
Brookline,
Mass.

Do you "Ted" propose the next victim?
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-48296)  
FROM: SAC, WPO (9-2101) (RUC) 

UNSUB; 
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY; 
ETHEL KENNEDY; 
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS 
EXTORTION 
(CO:BOSTON) 

Re Bureau letters to Boston 7/9/68, 7/18/68, and 7/24/68. 

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM in form suitable for dissemination. One copy of same is enclosed for Boston, Springfield, and Richmond. 

The U. S. Capitol Police and the Intelligence Division, MPD, Washington, D. C. were advised of the information contained in the enclosure and dissemination of same was made locally to them by WPO. 

ENCL. 4 
3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) 
1 - Boston (Enc. 1) 
1 - Richmond (Enc. 1) 
1 - Springfield (Enc. 1) 
1 - WPO 

57 AUG 8 - 1968 
Approved: 
Sent 
M Per 
Special Agent in Charge
UNIVERS STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
July 30, 1968

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

The United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C., made available two anonymous letters which it received from the office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Washington, D.C. The first anonymous letter was contained in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Hickory Hill, McLean, Virginia, and was postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 26, 1968. This anonymous letter reads as follows:

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

Stop him."

The second anonymous letter was contained in a white envelope addressed to Hon. Adlai Stevenson, State Treasurer, State House, Springfield, Illinois, and was postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 29, 1968. This anonymous letter reads as follows:

"Mr. Stevenson

"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."

A similar threatening type letter had been received previously by the office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Washington, D.C.
Assistant United States Attorney William E. Collins declined prosecution in that case stating that the letter was vague and as such lacked prosecutive merit.

On July 22, 1968, and July 26, 1968, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., and U. S. Capitol Police Department, Washington, D. C., were advised of the above information.
August 1, 1968

RE: UNSUB.
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY,
ETHEL KENNEDY,
/DR./O. 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.

Enc. (2)

l - Springfield
1 - WFO

John Edgar Hoover, Director

MAIL ROOM [ ] TELETYPING UNIT [ ]
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED
7/25/68
وظيفة

FINGERPRINT
LABORATORY WORK SHEET

NO LAB FILE
RECEIVED: 7-30-68 SC

FILE: 9-48278-9-48276

LAB. #: D-680725002 KY

LC #: 94441

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

LATENT

Examination requested by: Boston Bureau 7/24/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination: 7-31 LW
Specimen forwarded to Boston with LFRS report
Lab reg. 90

Date received: 7/24/68
Examination by: (X)

Specimens submitted for examination

Q6 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MASS. AM 23 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..."

1 - Springfield
1 - Washington Field Office

Examination completed 9:00 AM 7/31/68
Dictated 7/31/68
SAC, Boston

Director, FBI

July 24, 1968

CHANGED
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Title marked changed to include Adlai Stevenson as a victim.

Redact to Boston, Richmond and Washington Field dated 7/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Boston, Springfield and Washington Field are Xerox copies of a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service dated 7/18/68 and Xerox and true copies of the enclosure to this letter.

It is to be noted that Secret Service believes the anonymous sender of the enclosure to their letter to be identical with the writer of the threatening communications Secret Service forwarded to the Bureau by letters dated 7/3, 7/8 and 7/16/68.

The original Secret Service enclosure is being examined by the FBI laboratory and you will be advised of the results.

For Information of Springfield, Secret Service by letters dated 7/3 and 7/8/68 forwarded communications received by Senator Kennedy, Assistant United States Attorney, Washington, D.C., declined prosecution. Secret Service by letter dated 7/16/68 forwarded communication received by Ethel Kennedy which contained a possible threat regarding Senator Kennedy. Boston Office discussing the letter of 7/16/68 with appropriate United States Attorney.

Enclosures (4)

2 - Springfield (Enclosures - 4)
2 - Washington Field (Enclosures - 4)

(1) see note page two

9-48276
Letter to Boston

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

Springfield and Washington Field insure that appropriate local authorities are aware of the letter received by Adlai Stevenson.

Boston immediately discuss this matter with United States Attorney and take appropriate action. Each receiving office submit results of investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE

By letters dated 7/3/68 and 7/8/68 Secret Service forwarded to Bureau anonymous communications received by Senator Edward Kennedy's Office which contained possible threats. These two letters were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., who declined prosecution stating that letters are vague and as such do not constitute violation of Federal Extortion Statute. By letter dated 7/15/68 Secret Service furnished communication received by Ethel Kennedy which contained a possible threat regarding Senator Kennedy. Secret Service believes letter received by Ethel Kennedy was written by same person who wrote the other two letters to Senator Kennedy. The FBI Laboratory will compare the two letters received by Senator Kennedy's Office with the letter received by Ethel Kennedy and the letter received by Adlai Stevenson and advise Boston, Springfield and Washington Field of results.
Mr. Stevenson

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.
To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Boston (9-1944) (C)

Re: UNSUB;
Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - Victims
EXTORTION

ReBulet to Boston, 7/30/68

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. One copy is also being sent to Miami in view of its interest in this matter.

C. C. - ENCLOSURE
3 - Bureau (Encs. 4)
1 - Miami (Enc. 1)
1 - Boston

(5)

57 AUG 9-1968 A71
Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per
On June 25, 1968, the office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Boston, Massachusetts, made available the following-described items:

1. Envelope postmarked June 17, 1968, AM, at West Palm Beach, Florida, bearing handprinted address: "MR. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY BROOKLINE, MASS."

2. Note contained therein with the following handprinted message in ink: "Do you propose 'TEDD' to be the next victim?"

On July 5, 1968, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney George Sheehy, Boston, Massachusetts, who stated the above letter does not constitute a violation within the elements of the Federal Extortion Statute. In view of this opinion, no further investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On July 31, 1968, the following agencies were advised of the receipt of the anonymous letter:

Edward F. Sweeney, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Boston, Massachusetts

Barnstable Police Department, Hyannis, Massachusetts (summer residence of Joseph P. Kennedy)

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

Via AIRTTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-48296)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (9-1417) -RUC-

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

(OC: BOSTON)

ReBulet to Boston dated 7-24-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three (3) copies of an LHM in form suitable for dissemination. One (1) copy of above-mentioned LHM is enclosed for Boston, Richmond and WFO.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

August 7, 1968

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

U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., made available an anonymous letter which was received from the office of Honorable ADLAI STEVENSON, State Treasurer, State House, Springfield, Illinois. This letter was postmarked June 29, 1968, at Boston, Massachusetts. The anonymous letter reads as follows:

"Mr Stevenson

"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, 1968, Springfield Police Department, Springfield, Illinois, was advised of the above information.

On July 31, 1968, Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Springfield, Illinois, and Crime Section, Illinois State Police, Springfield, Illinois, were each advised of the same information.

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9-48-76-13
ENCLOSURE
TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Threatening Letter
Victim – Senator Edward Kennedy

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

Attached is an original letter from the unknown subject addressed to Edward M. Kennedy, Senator from Mass., Washington, District of Columbia, postmarked Boston, Mass. June 7, 1968, P.M., wherein the unknown subject threatens the life of Senator Edward Kennedy. This letter was received in Senator Kennedy’s office on July 31, 1968.

Please furnish us with any reports that may result from an investigation into this matter.

Attachments
Original letter postmarked June 7, 1968.
TRUE COPY

Don't run for President or Vice President or you will be shot

dead too.

TRUE COPY
SAC, Boston

Director, FBI

UNSUB:

SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

Enclosed for each office are Xerox and true copies of an undated letter and the envelope used to mail this letter bearing a postmark of Boston, Massachusetts, 6/7/68.

This communication was made available by United States Secret Service who referred the previous communications in this case. United States Secret Service believes this letter to be associated with the previous threatening correspondence in this case.

Boston advise the appropriate United States Attorney of the receipt of the communication by Senator Kennedy and obtain a prosecutorial opinion. WFO alert appropriate local authorities. Advise Bureau results in form suitable for dissemination. The original is being examined in the Laboratory and you will be advised of the results.

Enclosures - 3

1 - WFO (Enclosures - 3)

NOTE:

By letter 8/5/68 United States Secret Service furnished a communication containing threats to the victim. United States Secret Service has previously furnished communications threatening to Senator Kennedy, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and Adlai Stevenson, apparently prepared by the same individual. Boston is being instructed to bring to the attention of the appropriate U. S. Attorney for a prosecutive decision under the Federal Extortion Statute. U. S. Secret Service received the latest communication in this case from Senator Kennedy's Office.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FBI, Boston

Date: August 16, 1968

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

Examination requested by: Bureau
Reference:

Bulet to Boston 8/12/68
Examination requested:
Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:
Specimens Q1 and Q2 are being treated for latent fingerprints and will be forwarded to Boston with the result of this examination.

The hand printing appearing on Q1 and Q2 could not be definitely identified with other anonymous communications threatening Senator Kennedy, Ethel Kennedy, or Adlai Stevenson previously received from the U.S. Secret Service.
REPORT
of the

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston
Re: UNSUB:
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY,
ETHEL KENNEDY,
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

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.
Laboratory Work Sheet

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

LATENT

Examination requested by: Bureau
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination:

Up 01802 indelit in ADF or E by an anonymous comm., in which dup. individual victims added to ADF. Victims, indelit comintg stamps from their latent card to be forwarded to BS

Specimens submitted for examination

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...."

IF Up 01802 could not be def. identified to other comm. threatening victims read from USSR

(by c)
\( q_1 \, 6.5 \times 3.6 \times 0.0049 \) stamp from sheet

\( q_2 \, 8 \times 5 \times 0.0043 \) paper linen
Specimens submitted for examination


Q2 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Don't run for President or Vice President...."
Don't run for President
or Vice President or you
will be shot dead too.
District of Columbia
Washington
Senator from Mass.
Edward M. Kennedy
Don't run for President or Vice President or you will be shot dead too.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2101) (RUC)

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

DATE: 8/16/68

Re Bureau letter to Boston, 8/12/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy of same LHM is designated for Boston.

U.S. Capitol Police and Metropolitan Police Department, WDC, being furnished copies of LHM.

No further investigation being conducted by WFO.

1 - Boston (Enc. 1)
2 - WFO
   (1 - 66-3029)

ENCLOSURE

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
August 15, 1968

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

Attached is a copy of a letter and envelope addressed to Edward M. Kennedy, postmarked at Boston, Massachusetts, on June 7, 1968. This communication was made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the United States Secret Service.

It is noted that this letter bears resemblance to an anonymous letter addressed to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and postmarked at Boston, on June 26, 1968, one addressed to Adlai Stevenson in Springfield, Illinois, and postmarked on June 29, 1968, at Boston, and one received by Senator Edward M. Kennedy's office in late June, 1968.

Copies of this communication are being made available to Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department, and United States Capitol Police, both in Washington, D.C.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is not to be distributed outside your agency.

ATTACHMENT - 1
ENCLOSURE

1. 4/14/67-16

80
Don't run for President or Vice President or you will be shot dead too.
August 21, 1968

Bureau Letter to Boston 8-12-68
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)

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FINGERPRINTS OF VALUE FOR COMPARISON WERE DEVELOPED ON THE LETTER, Q2.
THE LATENT FINGERPRINT WAS SEARCHED IN THE SINGLE FINGERPRINT FILE, BUT NO IDENTIFICATION WAS EFFECTED.
Q1 AND Q2 ARE ENCLOSED.
LABORATORY REPORT SEPARATE.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Eyesight of John Edgar Hoover, Director

Fingerprint is furnished for official use only
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

LATENT

Examination requested by: Bureau
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

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Examination completed 9:20 AM 8/21

Dictated 8/21
SAC, Boston

Director, FBI

UNSUB:
SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY
ADLAI STEVENSON - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

Enclosed for each office are Xerox and true copies of an undated letter and the envelope used to mail this letter bearing a postmark of Boston, Massachusetts, 6/7/68.

This communication was made available by United States Secret Service who referred the previous communications in this case. United States Secret Service believes this letter to be associated with the previous threatening correspondence in this case.

Boston advise the appropriate United States Attorney of the receipt of the communication by Senator Kennedy and obtain a prosecutive opinion. WFO alert appropriate local authorities. Advise Bureau results in form suitable for dissemination. The original is being examined in the Laboratory and you will be advised of the results.

Enclosures - 3

1 - WFO (Enclosures - 3)

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NOTE:
By letter 8/5/68 United States Secret Service furnished a communication containing threats to the victim. United States Secret Service has previously furnished communications threatening to Senator Kennedy, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and Adai Stevenson, apparently prepared by the same individual. Boston is being instructed to bring this to the attention of the appropriate U. S. Attorney for a prosecutive decision under the Federal Extortion Statute. U. S. Secret Service received the latest communication in this case from Senator Kennedy's Office.
TRUE COPY

Don't run for President or Vice President or you will be shot dead too.

TRUE COPY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Date: July 23, 1968

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

Examination requested by: Bureau
Reference: Bulletin to Boston 7/18/68
Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (4) (Q4, Q5, 2 Lab report)
1 - Richmond Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Washington Field Office Enclosure (Lab report)

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. D-680719052 KY
REPORT
of the
FBI
LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ETHEL KENNEDY - VICTIMS;
EXTORTION

July 23, 1968

Specimen 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.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED
7/20/68

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

Examination requested by: Boston L 7/18/68
Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

1. Qtr & Qs ident G1>G3, P.S.
2. Sent forwarded to Boston, Photos.

Specimens submitted for examination

04 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MA MASS 6/1 AM 26 JUN 1968", bearing hand printed address-"Mrs. Ethel Kennedy Hickory Hill McLean, Virginia"

05 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed address beginning "If Ted runs for..."

Return evidence

1. Richmond
2. WFO
Title marked changed to include Ethel Kennedy as a victim.

Re: Reports to UFO and Boston dated July 5 and July 9, 1968.

Enclosed herewith for Boston, Richmond and UFO are xeroxed copies of a self-explanatory letter from Secret Service and copies of the enclosures to this letter.

It is to be noted that Secret Service believes the anonymous sender of the enclosure to their letter to be identical with the writer of the threatening communications forwarded with referenced Bureau letter.

The original Secret Service enclosure is being examined by the FBI Laboratory, and you will be advised of the results.

For information Richmond, Secret Service, by letters dated 7/3 and 7/5/68, forwarded letters received by Senator Kennedy. NASA Washington, D.C. declined prosecution.

Richmond and UFO insure that appropriate local authorities are aware of the letter received by Senator Kennedy.

Boston promptly discuss this matter with the appropriate U.S. Attorney and take appropriate action. Each receiving office submit results of investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

Enclosures (2)

2 - Richmond Enclosures (2)
2 - UFO Enclosures (2)
NOTE: By letter dated 7/3/58 Secret Service forwarded an anonymous communication received by Senator Edward Kennedy's Office which contained a possible threat. Copies of this communication were forwarded to Boston and WFO for appropriate action. By letter dated 7/8/58 Secret Service furnished an additional letter received by Senator Kennedy's Office that Secret Service believes to be written by the same person who wrote the original threatening communication. These two letters were discussed with AUSA Washington, D.C., who declined prosecution stating that letter is vague and as such does not constitute violation of Federal Extortion Statute. By letter dated July 16, 1958, Secret Service furnished letter received by Ethel Kennedy, which they believe was written by the same person who wrote the other two letters.

The FBI Laboratory will compare the two letters received by Senator Kennedy's Office with the letter received by Ethel Kennedy and advise Boston, Richmond and WFO of results.
If Ted runs for Pres. or VP he will be killed. We hate Kennedys.

Stop him.
TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN: Special Agent  
FROM: JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR  

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject  
Threat Letter - Victim, Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy

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

Attached is an original letter from an unknown subject addressed to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Hickory Hill, McLean, Virginia, postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, June 26, 1968 a.m., wherein the unknown subject threatens the life of Senator Edward Kennedy. This letter was received from Senator Edward Kennedy's Office on June 14, 1968.

Attachments
Original letter from unknown subject to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED
7/20/68

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

Examination requested by: Boston
Examination requested: Document
Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

Q4 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MA 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..."

Return evidence
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Boston

Date: July 11, 1968

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

Examination requested by: FBI
Reference: Bulletin to Boston 7/9/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

The Latent Fingerprint Section will forward Q2 and Q3 to the Boston Office for ultimate disposition.

MAILED BY
JUL 11 1968

REG: 9-4 176-19
4 SEP 3 1968

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Washington Field Office Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

TO: FBI, Boston

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

Specimens received 7/9/68

Date: July 11, 1968

FBI File No.
D-680710005 KY

Lab. No.

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.
RECORDED 7/10/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

LATENT

Examination requested by: Boston Bulet to BS 7/9/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 7/9/68
Result of Examination:

1. Qw Qr Q3 idem. Q1 P.S.
2. Einag. Photos

T.F. CFFP forward to Boston

Specimens submitted for examination

Q2 Envelope postmarked "BOSTON, MA 10A AM 29 JUN 1968," bearing hand printed address "Hon. Ted Kennedy U. S. Senate Washington D.C."

Q3 Strip of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "You will die..."
LATENT

Examination requested by: Bureau of Investigation
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination: Treat for latent prints and submit evidence to Boston 7/10/68

Specimens submitted for examination

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cc: WDD

Q2 and Q3 examined by LFPS qtr;
Q2 and Q3 forwarded to BS with LFPS report dated 7/18/68.
TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN:  
FROM: JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: Unknown Subject - Threat Letter  
VICTIM: Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy

Reference is made to my referral under the captioned subject dated July 3, 1968 bearing file number CO-2-39,788/DOC. 4918.

Attached is an anonymous letter received from the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy on July 3, 1968 addressed to the Honorable Ted Kennedy, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. postmarked Boston, Massachusetts, A.June 29, 1968, wherein the subject threatens the life of Senator Ted Kennedy.

This letter is believed to be associated with the anonymous letter previously furnished to you on July 3, 1968, a copy of which is attached.

2 ENCLOSED

Attachments
1 copy of ltr. furnished 7/3/68 under file no. CO-2-39,788/DOC. 4918
1 copy of ltr. postmarked Boston, Mass. 6/29/68
Hon. Ted Kennedy
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.
9-48276-28

To

You will die if you run for President.
We hate Kennedy.
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.

9-48276-20

ENCLOSURE
EX-103

SAC, Boston 9-48276-20

Director, FBI REC 17

UNKNOWN SUBJECT: SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM EXTORTION

Be Bureau letter to WFO dated 7/5/68.

Enclosed for Boston and WFO are self-explanatory copies of a letter from Secret Service and copies of the enclosure to this letter.

It is noted Secret Service believes the anonymous sender of the enclosure to their letter to be identical with the writer of the threatening communication forwarded with referenced Bureau letter.

The original Secret Service enclosure is being examined in the FBI Laboratory and you will be advised of the results.

Enclosures - 2

1 - WFO (Enclosures - 2)

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TO: SAC, Boston

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; 0
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Bureau letter dated 7/9/68 to Boston and WFO
Q2, envelope
Q3, accompanying letter

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

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

Laboratory report separate.

John Edgar Hoover, Director
RECORDED
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
7/10/68
DATE RECORDED: 9:20 a.m. 7-12-68 DATE
Laboratory Work Sheet

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

LATENT

Examination requested by: BUREAU
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination: Spec. proc. Q2 to F.B.I. Lab (N) G3 processed (SN) No add. Lat. prints of val were dev. 7/12 am
G2 processed (SN) No add. Lat. prints of val were dev. 7/15 am
1 lat. print of val dev. (N) On outside of env. G2
G2 and G3 processed (SN) No add. Lat. prints of val were dev.
Lat. print not of type "Top 10"
G2 and G3 being forwarded to Boston Lab rep rep

Specimens submitted for examination

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Examination completed 8:45 PM 7/15/68
Dictated 7/15/68 105
SAC, Boston

July 9, 1968

Director, FBI

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NOT RECORDED

1 SEP II 1968

No administrative action necessary.

This applies only to 112 cases.

ACF zone destination: 6, OR, CH, etc.

Date of Bureau deadline: 9-9-68

This case will be delinked.

File, post and destroy (Records Branch) SOC ACTION

EXTRACTION 

DIRECTOR, FBI

Memorandum
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
PD 101 (R101-10-68)