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Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

June 5, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR. SUITE 1203 27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD CASTAIC, CA 91384

FOIPA Request No.: 1401316-000 Subject: LAWFORD, PETER SYDNEY ERNEST

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 37 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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- (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 enforcement proceedings, (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 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 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 investigations, 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 risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

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- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
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- (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;
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D. C. 20537 いたいで、こことのうなないないないないである REPORT of the **IDENTIFICATION** DIVISION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION YOUR FILE 9-2987 FBI FILE NOS December 24, 1963 9-41654 LATENT CASE NO. 47420 TOI SAC, Los Angeles Ont RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MR. PETER LAWFORD - VICTIM EXTORTION 9 -41654-REFERENCE: Letter 12/12/83 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: LOS Angeles 2 An envelope, Q1 Accompanying one-page letter, Q2 No latent impressions of value developed on the specimens, which are enclosed. Laboratory report separate. Enc. (2) MAILED 25 New York DEC 2 4 1963 Helman Mahr Casper COMM-FBI Cullidan Commit Del .m Evans ima Gala Rosen Sullivito Tavel John Edga ver, Director Ho Trattet Tele, Hoom Holmen MAIL ROOM THE REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY Gandy

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MR. PETER LAWFORD -VICTIM EXTORTION

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FBI, Los Angeles (9-2967) Let 12-12-93

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Result of Examination:

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Specimens submitted for examination

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Examination completed: 12.23



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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/12/63

FBI LABORATORY.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MR. PETER LAWFORD - VICTIM EXTORTION

00: Los Angeles

Re: Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and New York dated 12/11/63.

Attached hereto are the original and one (1) copy of envelope postmarked at Venice, California on 12/10/63, at 11:30 p.m., bearing hand-printed address "Mr. PETER LAWFORD, 625 Pacific Coast Hwy, Santa Monica, California, Special Delivery", and accompanying hand-printed letter beginning "Mr. Sinarta Your Son is allright....."

The FBI Laboratory is requested to (1) determine whether envelope and letter written by same individual; (2) compare with Anonymous Letter File; (3) determine whether indented writing on letter and envelope; (4) process for envelope and letter for latent prints; and (5) ascertain watermark on letter.

One copy of this letter is being forwarded to New York for information, inasmuch as Mr. LAWFORD is presently residing there.

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To: FBI, Los Angoles

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MR. PETER LAWFORD -VICTIM EXTORTION

Specimens received 12/16/63

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "VENICE, CALIF. DC 10 1963 11 30PM" bearing hand printed address "Mr Peter Lawford 625 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica, California Special Delivery"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Mr. Sinarta Your Son is allright..." and ending "...must be with money" and on the reverse side "Mr. Lawfrod Call Mr. Sinatra at..." and ending "...Jr. gets a 45 slug in his head"

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Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without making an identification. Copies of this material have been added to this file for future reference.

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Q1 and Q2 were photographed and are temporarily retained.

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REFERENCES: Los Angeles teletype to Director dated 12/11/63. Los Angeles letter to Director dated 12/12/63. FBI Identification Division report dated 12/24/63. FBI Laboratory report dated 12/31/63.

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AT LOS ANGELES AND SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA: Will display letter to appropriate officials of the Postal Inspector's Office and to Venice, West Los Angeles Divisions of the Los Angeles Police Department in order to illicit possible suspects in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUS FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: Date:

1/30/64

Field Office File No.: 9-2967

Office: Los Angeles,

Bureau File No.: 9-41654

Title:

EXTORTION

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

Mr. PETER LAWFORD - VICTIM

Synopsis:

Character:

On 12/11/63, _________for PETER LAWFORD advised that an envelope was received that morning addressed to victim at his home in Santa Monica, California which contained one sheet of lined paper. Message on one side addressed to "Mr. SINARTA" and stated his son is all right and would be returned If SINATRA cooperated by supplying \$200,000 in \$5's, \$10's, and \$20's to be delivered by LAWFORD at 12 midnight 12/11/63, to lifeguard station, Venice, California. Other side of note addressed to "Mr. LAWFROD" instructing him to telephone SINATRA in Reno, Nevada, and tell him "if he don't cooperate Jr. gets a 45 slug in his head". FRANK SINATRA, JR. released by kidnappers subsequent to posting of letter and widespread publicity concerning return and payment of ransom money ensued subsequent to receipt of letter. Bureau advises no indented writing or watermarks and no latent fingerprints on envelope or letter. ________ advises no similar letters received before or since receipt of demand letter.

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DETAILS: AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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for PETER LAWFORD, , California, advised December 11, 1963, of receipt of an envelope postmarked December 10, 1963, at 11:30 p.m., Venice, California, addressed "Mr. PETER LAWFORD b6 b7С

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"625 Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica, California, Special Delivery" which bore a special delivery stamp and two three centes It was received at approximately 6:30 a.m., December 11b7c 1963, at the Santa Monica Post Office. to Mr. LAWFORD, L California, telephone/ LAWFORD's residence at approximately 10:00 a.m., December 11, 1963, and returned to the office at 151 El Camino, Beverly Hills. She and ______ were the only persons to handle the letter which is undated and handprinted in ink addressed "Mr. SINARTA" and reads as follows: "Mr. SINARTA_ "Your Son is all right You will get him back if you cooperate. "The price is \$200,000 in 5, 10, 20's. "Mr. LAWFORD is to delivere the money. "Tonight he must be at Venice Blvd. in Venice, Calif. at the end of it parked next to p one booth. In front of Lifeguard or Coast Guard Sta. at 12.00 P.M. Dec. 11 at nite and has money with him. he will "This Note Must be with money." The other side of the note is addressed "Mr. LAWFROD and reads as follows: "Mr. L.WFROD "Call Mr. SINATRA at Mapas Hotel in Reno. him to call you back on untaped phone. Tell "Tell him to play it cool because we have a in spy. So if he don t cooperate Jr. gets a 45 slug in his 8. - 41684

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It is to be noted that the demand letter was posted prior to the release of FRANK SINATRA, JR. by the kidnappers, and received subsequent to his return and widespread publicity concerning the ransom money. In view of this, no surveillance was maintained of the payoff spot, and this matter was handled separately from the kidnapping case. The Santa Monica, Californi Police Department was advised of receipt of the demand letter.

On December 12, 1963, the letter and envelope were forwarded to the Bureau. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised on December 24, 1963, that no latent impressions of value were developed on the letter and envelope.

On December 31, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised that the letter and envelope were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without making an identification and copies were added to the file for future reference. Further, no watermarks or other identifying characteristics were noted in the paper comprising the envelope and letter which would indicate the possible source of the paper. The letter and envelope were examined for indented writing with negative results. The stamps appearing on the envelope originated from a sheet of stamps.

, Venice, California Post Office, advised on December 31, 1963, that he could furnish no information concerning the letter. b6

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California,

On January 23, 1964,

advised no letters similar to the one described have been received before or since receipt of the threatening letter. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to contact PETER LAW-FORD who was interviewed January 23, 1964.

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PETER LAWFORD was interviewed at 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, California on January 23, 1964, and stated that he had been advised by his _______ of the receipt of the letter concerning the FRANK SINATRA, JR. kidnapping and the demand for money. LAWFORD was in New York City at the time and said he was not particularly concerned in view of all the publicity concerning the return of young SINATRA and the payment of the ransom. LAWFORD said he had not received any similar letters previously and has not received any since. He could offer no reason why anyone should write such a letter to him except that it is well known he and SINATRA are friendly, and could offer no suspects. Following is a description of LAWFORD:

> Name PETER LAWFORD Sex Male White Race Date of Birth September 7, 1923 London, England Place of Birth 519" Height 160 Weight Parents Sir SIDNEY and Lady LAWFORD Residence 625 Palisades Beach Road Santa Monica, California Actor Occupation Marital Status Married

On 1/23/64 of Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 9-2967

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Report of: Date:

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Tille: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Mr. PETER LAWFORD - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: No information developed as to identity of writer of demand letter. No additional similar letters received.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On February 17, 1964, Post Office Inspector , Room 701, Federal Building, advised SA there is no information in the files of the Post Office Inspectors, Los Angeles, which is in anyway similar to the letter received by victim, PETER LAWFORD. He added there is no information in the files of the Post Office, Los Angeles, regarding FRANK SINATRA either threatening or construed as injuring one's reputation.

Lieutenant Venice Division, Los Angeles Police Department, advised March 9, 1964, that information concerning the threatening letter had been disseminated to both the Patrol and Detective Divisions, but no information concerning the identity of the writer developed, and no information concerning similar letters has come to their attention.

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM: FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE 72.437 DATE 02-06-2017 BY: E28T51R51 January 28, 1954 10 AN KY -CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON DESIRE YOU ASCERTAIN WITH UTMOST DISCRETION ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM YOUR CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES PERTAINING TO PETER LAWFORD, MOTION PICTURE ACTOR, BORN IN LONDON 1923, SON OF SIR SIDNEY AND LADY LAWFORD. NO OBJECTION TO MAKING DISCREET CONTACT BRITISH AUTHORITIES IF YOU FEEL IT ADVISABLE CABLE REPLY. HOOVER Foreign Service Deskletynk ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED CC: HERELETS UNCLASSIFIED EICEPT HERE SHOWN OTHERWISE LBN:MP NR. Interes 1 for Queston ENC.0305-0325-BY per mis CK. 0335-0 APPROVED BY CLASSIFI TYPED BY . FILED BY FEB 62 - 100760SA FEB 11 1954 Tolsos Ladd Nichola Betmo Clegg RECORDED-89 Glavid Harbo Resce Tracy fx-102 earty Tete. Roo 1 4 3 Halloman Viss Gandy 58 FEB 15 105 198 71



THE DIRECTOR January 29, 1954 MR. D. M. LADD. (0). PETER LANFORD, ALSO Known as PETER VANEST SYDNEY LAWFORD, PFTER AYLEN, PETER ERNEST SYDNEY AYLEN

Fursuant to your request of January 28, 1954, Bureau files have been reviewed for information concerning Peter Lawford, moving picture actor.

Vir An Identification Record was located concerning Lawford under the name of Peter Ernest Sydney Aylen. In 1940 he was fingerprinted under Alten Registration. In 1941 he was finger-10:11 printed by the Police Department of Palm Beach, Florida, as an applicant. This latter card reflects his description and indicates he was born September 7, 1923, at London, England, and was a citizen of Great Britain. His residence in 1941 was furnished as 510 Hermosa Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. His occupation was given as "parking lot attendant" at Peruvian and Coconut, Palm Beach, Florida. Previous employment in 1940 was listed as Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Hollywood, California. The person to be notified in case of accident was listed as Mr. Lydney Lawford, West Palm : " Beach, Florida. the is

The Bureau has not conducted an investigation of white Slave Nichter activities in Los Angeles, California, Lawford, on December 17, 1946, had contacted [

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On October 10, 1947, the Los Angeles office forwarded a letter which Peter Lawford had received from George Pepper, · 6.2 = 100

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Memo to the Director from Mr. D. M. Ladd

Executive Director of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council of the Progressive Citizens of America. Lawford turned this letter over to the Bureau, writing on the communication "Oh so Red" and decorating the outside of the envelope with "a hammer and sickle - and howi" with the arrow pointing to the return address of George Pepper. (100-338892-222)

Gossip columnists have recently linked Lawford romantically with Pat Kennedy, the daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy.

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None. For your information.

ADDENDUM:

The Notion Picture Production Encyclopedia reflects that Peter Lawford played in the following movies:

- 1945 The Picture of Dorian Gray, MCM Son of Lassie. MGM
- Son of Lassie, MGM 1946 - Cluny Brown, 20th Century Two Sisters from Boston, MGM
- Two Sisters from Boston, MCM 1947 - It Happened in Brooklyn, MGM My Brother Talks to Horses, MGM Good News, MGM
- 1948 Easter Parade, MGM Onaan Island With You, MGM Julia Wisbehaves, MGM
- 1949 Little Women, MGM The Red Danube

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By BOB MacMILLIN Bears Readine Service Special to N. Lourab American HOLLYWOOD IS Peter Lawford, the President's brother-in-law, being forced to break off diplomatic relations with Frank Sinatra's Clan, sometimes dubbed the Rat. Pack? And, If-so does that mean the whole Pack will abandon the big cheese? That's te word you hea raround Hollywood these days. And the word is supposed to come from on high-from John F. Kennedy himself.

Lawford, designated by the in-group as "liaison man with the other Government of the country," is an old, old friend of Sinatra, from the days before The Clan was incubated in the luxurious precincts of Holmby Hills. In fact, he's a charter member of The Clan along with Dean. "The Admiral" Martin, Sammy , "Tumler" Davis Jr. and Shirly "Mascot" MacLaine. President Kennedy is indehted to Sinatra for the show which The Clan put on at the Inaugural Ball, and for the money raised thereby for Democratic Party coffers. But he is said to feel that his gratitude is now

being somewhat strained. Wen Sinatra and Martin chartered a Texas playboy's yacht last month, for a Mediterranean cruise, the word filtered down to Lawford which, in effect, went something like this: "STAY AWAY FROM DADS-PLACE"

" Mr. Lawford, of course, passed, it along.

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to Sinatra-and Immediately came uno distavor. Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, vacationing at his Riviera villa, has been told that he Clan might drop in for a 10day visit. Alveys the idiplomat. the ider Kennedy replied. The very happy to see them, but I just don't have any room at 5 my place to put them up." Lawford went on the carpet and the cruise was canceled. Two fringe area Rat Packers. Mrs. Dean Martin and Jane; (Den Mother) Leigh she's married to the scoutmaster. Tony Curtis—were stranded in southern France without a yacht. And all this on top of the London airport bit in which Lawford sat it out as a by stander while swashbucklers Sinatra and Martin kept 103 Paris-bound airline, passengers waiting, while they downed their drinks. Some chroniclers have suggested that the British-born actor has become aware of the dignity attached to his brotherin-law's office. 'Others say the Clan won't stand for such nonsense. -RIFT IS BEGUN. Lawford at any rate has begun the rift which is ex-bected to break up the clan. Miss MacLaine, without actually tendering her resignation, has given informal notice of her withdrawal from The Clan by announcing she and husband, producer Steve Parker, soon wil live in Tokyo Joey Bishop and Toots Shor, members in absentia, are Easterners and hardly eligible for Rat Pack proper memberthip." Tony Curtis and Jane Leigh, for a long time en grossed with their newest inerest-a Palm Springs resort hotel-are leaving today for Argentina. Still hitting it off are Martin and Sinatra. Dino won't frequent his own place Dino's on the Sunset Strip pecause of some lega trouble with the management but prefers Sinatra's hideaway in Beveriy Hills, the swank eatery operated by another clansman. Prince Michael Romanoff (court social arbiter). The question now is: Wilhere be a court?

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٠. OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MP. Tolson Balmont UNITED STATES GOVERMIENT emorandum Mr. Callahan Conrad inach TO DIRECTOR, FBI Jul Mr. Mr. FROM Mr. Tavel SAC. LOS ANGELES (94-914) ATTENTION: ASSIS DR Mr. Trotter. COURT Tele. Room. wRard Miss Holmes. SUBJECT LADY MAY SUMERVILLE TAWFORD Miss Gandy. INFORMATION CONCERNING By letter dated 7/26/63, PETER LAWFORD, motion picture actor and head of Chrislaw Productions, Inc., 151 El Camino, Beverly Hills, California, forwarded copies of the enclosed to SAC WILLIAM G. SIMON and SA **b6** of this office. b7C LAWFORD's assertion that letters of the type Mr. submitted by have been thoroughly b6 b7C investigated, by this office is in error. No comments have been made to Mr. LAWFORD concerning any correspondence which may have been referred to this office in the past. A copy of this correspondence is being retained by this affice, and Mr. LAWFORD's letter is not being acknowledged, UACE 17-0 Bureau (Encs. 2) Los Angeles (94-914) JMC HMS (3)** ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8/2/85 BY 85 BY State 11: 31 11. 8 88 11 81 1963 11 31 2 30 54 2 ENOL9 AUG 1 6 1963

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July 19, 1963

Mr. Peter Lawford 625 Palisades Beach Road Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Lawford:

It is my presumption, based on certain information, that you are responsible for Mrs. May Lawford while she remains in this country.

Therefore, this letter is to inform you and hereby notify you as to the following:

It has come to my attention that Mrs. May Lawford has embarked on a campaign of libel and slander against me. The most dastardly of her attacks is the one in which she states that I am a "communist".

As I am a professional playright, composer, author and publisher, you can imagine what that vicious lie could do to my career, especially in the theatrical field.

You may thank that because this statement by Mrs. Lawford is untrue, that I have nothing to worry about, but I wish to state, here and now, that malicious slander is a deadly weapon. Once a bell is rung it cannot be unrung. I am sure that you read the story of "The Piece of String" by Guy de Maupassant. Innocence did not do that poor man any good!

What is surprising about the whole thing is that I never did anything to warrant her malice. She has been so slanderous and vituperous against so many people that it is my opinion that she is not the kind of person who deserves to be in the United States and that she is taking advantage of our hospitality.

As an example: She is circulating a "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN" letter in which she states many grievances

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b6 b7С she claims to have suffered at the hands of the Kennedy family.

She is particularly vindictive towards Mr. & Mrs. Jospeh P. Kennedy. In this letter she intimates that her grandchildren have been taken away from her and her son has deserted her and now her transportation is being taken away. She has threatened to ride down Wilshire Boulevard on a Honda in a protest move against you and to inform the press so they can take pictures. She has been telling people that you are "giving money to dirty, filthy niggers" while she doesn't even have enough to eat, and she has to sacrifice some of her food so she can feed her cats. She claims that while she is as poor as a church mouse you just gave Martin Luther King \$26,000 so that he could keep up the rioting. She states that the Kennedys are keeping her a virtual prisioner and that her telephone conversations are being taped and that her life is in danger. In my presence she told all this and a lot more to some very important people who were MY friends and who are KENNEDY FANS!

The only reason I am telling you these things (and I could tell you a lot more) is so that you will understand when I say that she is wielding a dangerous weapon.

Imagine how many people who would believe her stories, especially right now, when there are those who are politically-minded and are looking for things to believe!

Politically, this is a time when any moves of the kind she has threatened towards the Kennedys could ruin their careers. IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH AT THIS TIME TO UPSET THE APPLE CART!

I am writing all this as I could only see a vague possibility that I could talk with you to tell you these things. This will explain the <u>long</u> letter.

It is most probable that you will become very angry with me because it is natural to come to your mother's defense. I regret it if you are angry but I don't want you to lose sight of the fact that this is meant as a letter of notice to you concerning her actions.

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She constantly criticizes this country and the American people and is always comparing them with England. The natural question is "why doesn't she go back?" I, for one, would like for her to leave as I don't appreciate having my country run down and belittled, especially when I know and she knows, this is the very best country in the whole world. (The fact that we put up with this sort of thing is proof of it!)

I do not intend for her to ruin my career because she has an idle, vicious, vindicative tongue. I want an end to her malicious gossip which has already cost me.

I will not sit still any longer.

I regret that I must write a letter of this kind to you and, as a friendly gesture (because I do like you and I adore the Kennedys). I want to warn you that some one in your organization is telling her a tremendous lot of inside information which she should not have.

I will await an early reply.

My best wishes to you and yours for your continued success.

Very truly yours,

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July 25, 1963



Thank you for your letter of July 19, 1963, which has been duly noted.

I have received a few letters of this nature from time to time since the campaign of 1950. The aforementioned letters have been thoroughly investigated by FBI Special Agent in Charge. H. B. Simon, and Special Agent

To this point neither the FBI nor the Justice Department has given any credence or validity to this form of epistle. However, as per usual, I an forwarding your letter to the aforesaid agents, W. B. Simon and for their perusal.

To quote your last phrase, "My best wishes to you and yours for your continued success".

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D-36 (Rev. 12-13-56) Mr. Tolson. Mr. Belmont. Mr. Mohr Mr. Casper_ FBI. Los Angeles Mr. Cellahan. Coarad. Mr. Doloac Date: 8/1/63 Transmit the following in . (Type in plain text or code) . Tavel Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL fr. Tretter. (Priority of Method of Mailing) Tele. Room. Tiss Holmes Miss Gandy EVANS TO: DIRECTOR. FBI Att'n: Assistant Director COURTNE SAC. LOS ANGELES FILIF FROM: LADY MAY SUMERVILLE LAWFORD RE: INFORMATION CONCERNING Remylet 7/29/63. On 7/31/63 called at this office and stated she had received a letter from PETER LAWFORD to the effect 6ь6 b7C that she had forwarded to me a copy of her letter to PETER LAW-FORD dated 7/19/63. the jurisdiction of the FBI **b6** I explained to with respect to the extortion statutes and I informed her that her b7C controversy with LADY MAY LAWFORD did not appear to be within the jurisdiction of the FBI. She stated she wished her personal call to be made a matter of record and I assured her that this would be done. CALLE is well known to the Los Angeles Office **b6** and also the subject of an ITSP investigation within recent years. b7C She claims that various persons have threatened her and have tried to blackmail her and I explained to her the jurisdiction of the Federal Extortion Statute as it pertains to the Postal Inspectors and the FBI and requested that she promptly advise in the event that she receives any threat to injure person or property through the mail or by interstate telephone call. For information. 62 12 12112-60-6 (AIR MAIL) Bureau - Los Angeles WGS:gmw ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED (4) HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED Ino: Approved: Sent Per . M 5 5 AUGSpecial Abant in Charge



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

August 3, 1965

UNKNOWN SUBJACT: Character Aspassingtion Plot Against United States Sometors Roward Kennedy and Robert Kennedy and Peter Lawford

On July 29, 1965, a confidential source in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is acquainted with scee of the Italian Hoodius element in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, area advised as follows:

This source recently learned the Italian outfit (La Cosa Nostra) in this country wants to and allegedly are making plans to attack the characters of United States Senators Edward Kennedy b7D and Robert Kennedy and their brother-in-lew Peter Lawford. The confidential source who furnished this information was not in a position to evaluate its Thb7D reliability or to approximate times, places, and details of how this alleged character assassingtion sight be carried out. The confidential source did state that

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MAY 1962 EDITION GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum Callaban Conrod Felt. Gale Rosen TO DATE: MR. TROTTER 1 - 10 - 67Sullive avel Trotte Tele, Room FROM J. G. Creighton --Holmes 162-10076-PETER SIDNEY LAWFORD SUBJECT: **IDENTIFICATION MATTER** On 1-9-67, a wire request was received from the Los Angeles Police Department asking for any record on Peter Sidney Lawford. Basis for request not given. From the descriptive data it appears that the Los Angeles Police Department is referring to Peter Lawford, brother-in-law of Senator Robert Kennedy. Ident files contain several civil prints on Lawford but no arrest record. Los Angeles Police Department has been advised that on the basis of information furnished, subject has no arrest record. eter For information. W JGC:de ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED (2) HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATES BY SOZTA bee 100760-6 1 JAN 18 1967 2 1 1 1. OFF 57 JAN 30