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David M. Hardy
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Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)
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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 9-NEW

SUB: MR. PETER LAWFORD VICTIM, EXTORTION,

Office of Origin

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA,

ADVISED TODAY OF RECEIPT OF ENVELOPE POSTMARKED DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM, VENICE, CALIFORNIA, ADDRESSED "MR. PETER LAWFORD, SIX TWO FIVE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, SPECIAL DELIVERY," WHICH BORE A SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP AND TWO THREE CENT STAMPS. IT WAS RECEIVED AT APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY AM, DECEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, AT SANTA MONICA POST OFFICE.

PICKED UP LETTER AT LAWFORD'S RESIDENCE APPROXIMATELY TEN AM THIS DATE AND RETURNED TO OFFICE AT ONE FIVE ONE EL CAMINO, BEVERLY HILLS. SHE AND ARE ONLY PERSONS TO HANDLE LETTER WHICH IS UNDATED AND HANDWRITTEN.

END PAGE ONE

4 DEC 1963

11 DEC 16 1963
PAGE TWO

PRINTED IN INK ADDRESSED TO MR. SINARTA AND ADVISED HIM HIS SON IS ALL RIGHT AND WOULD BE RETURNED IF SINATRA COOPERATED BY SUPPLYING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FIVES, TENS AND TWENTIES TO BE DELIVERED BY LAWFORD AT TWELVE O-CLOCK MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, TO THE LIFEGUARD STATION IN VENICE, CALIFORNIA, WHICH ADJOIN SANTA MONICA. PART OF THE NOTE WAS ADDRESSED TO LAWFORD INSTRUCTING HIM TO TELEPHONE SINATRA IN RENO, NEVADA, AND TO TELL HIM, "IF HE DON'T COOPERATE, JR. GETS A FORTY FIVE SLUG IN HIS HEAD." IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY RE PAYMENT OF RANSOM MONEY AND RETURN OF VICTIM SUBSEQUENT TO POSTING OF LETTER, COVERAGE OF PAYOFF SPOT NOT BEING EFFECTED AND THIS CASE BEING HANDLED AS EXTORTION MATTER. LAWFORD IS PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK CITY AND HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN ARE AT SANTA MONICA RESIDENCE. SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

LETTER OBTAINED AND WILL BE FORWARD ED FBI LAB.

HOLD FOR ANOTHER MSG
To: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
MR. PETER LAW FORD - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Letter 12/12/63
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS:
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)
RECORDED
12-16-63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 12-23-63/11:00AM Received 12-23-63/dab

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

RECORD OF LABORATORY WORK

Date received: 12-16-63

Examination requested by:
Examination requested:
Result of Examination:

FBI, Los Angeles (9-2967) Let 12-12-63
Document-Fingerprint

Date received: 12-16-63
Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

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" hand printed

Q2 Accompanying one-page 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"

Examination completed: 1/20 12:30

Dictated: 12-23-63
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2967) (P)

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

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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. Sinatra 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.

3 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED) 1 - New York
1 - Los Angeles
JJO: gcw
(4)
To: FBI, Los Angeles (9-2967)  
Date: December 31, 1963

From: Unknown Subject; Mr. Peter Lawford - Victim Extortion

CO: Los Angeles

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 12/12/63, Teletype 12/11/63

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks: You will be advised separately regarding the latent fingerprint examination requested at which time the evidence will be returned.

The physical characteristics of the paper comprising Q1 and Q2 have been recorded and have been retained in the Laboratory for future reference.
REPORT of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Los Angeles
From: FBI
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. Sinatra Your Son is allright..." and ending "...must
be with money" and on the reverse side "Mr. Lawford Call
Mr. Sinatra at..." and ending "...Jr. gets a 45 slug in his head"

Result of examination:

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.

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

Q1 and Q2 were photographed and are temporarily retained.

AEH: kw (4)
RECORDED 12-16-63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

 oo: Los Angeles

- L A T E N T -

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-2967) Let 12-12-63

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint Date received: 12-16-63

Result of Examination:
1) No latent 815412 on A LF. Added.
2) No eraser. No indicated-writing. Stamps Q1 from sheet.

Examination by: 12-18-63

Specimens submitted for examination

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" hand printed.

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter beginning "Mr. Sinatra Your Son is alright..." and ending "must be with money" and on the reverse side "Mr. Lawfrod Call Mr. Sinatra at..." and ending: "Mr. gets a 45 slug in his head" 9 - 41654 - 3

No Report 12-18-63 c.m.
White bird...
Laboratory Work Sheet

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

- L A T E N T -

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-2967) Let 12-12-63
Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint Date received: 12-16-63
Result of Examination:

Returnoved to LA-084 12-20-63
Q1 #42 to LFRS 11-63 12/23/63 9449
Q3 returned 8-17 by LFRS

Specimens submitted for examination

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" hand printed

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PHOTOGRAPHED
DEC 17 1963
SPECIAL DELIVERY
SPECIAL DELIVERY
SPECIAL DELIVERY

MR. PETER LAW FORD
625 PACIFIC COAST HWY
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA
Mr. Siong Ta

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
deliver the money.

Tonight he must

be at Venice Blvd. at

the end of it parked

next to phone booth, in

front of Life Guard or Coast

Guard station

at 12:00 P.M. Dec. 11 at night.

And he has money with him.

He will be instructed

from there.

The note

must be

key

Q2 D-437997 JB
Mr. Law Prod.

Call Mr. Law For

Call Mr. Sinatra at Mapusa
in Reno. Tell him to call you back on un taped phone.
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
head.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: LOS ANGELES
DATE: 1/30/64
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 12/11/63 - 1/23/64

REPORT MADE BY: [Blank]
TYPOED BY: [Blank]

CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION

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.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

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

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Copy to:

Report of: __________________________
Date: 1/30/64
Field Office File No.: 9-2967
Bureau File No.: 9-41654

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Mr. PETER LAWSEND - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: On 12/11/63, for PETER LAWSEND 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 SINARTA cooperated by supplying $200,000 in $5's, $10's, and $20's to be delivered by LAWSEND at 12 midnight 12/11/63, to lifeguard station, Venice, California. Other side of note addressed to "Mr. LAWSEND" instructing him to telephone SINARTA in Reno, Nevada, and tell him "if he don't cooperate Jr. gets a 45 slug in his head". FRANK SINARTA, 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.

DETAILS: AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

for PETER LAWSEND, 1963, of receipt of an envelope postmarked December 10, 1963, at 11:30 p.m., Venice, California, addressed "Mr. PETER LAWSEND"
"625 Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica, California, Special Delivery" which bore a special delivery stamp and two three cent stamps. It was received at approximately 6:30 a.m., December 11th, 1963, at the Santa Monica Post Office.

Mr. LAWFORD, California, telephone [redacted], picked up the letter at 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 [redacted] 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 deliver the money.

"Tonight he must be at Venice Blvd. in Venice, Calif. at the end of it parked next to a police booth. In front of Lifeguard or Coast Guard Sta. at 1:00 P.M. Dec. 11 at nite and has money with him. He will be instructed from there.

"This Note Must be with money."

The other side of the note is addressed "Mr. LAWFORD" and reads as follows:

"Mr. LAWFORD

"Call Mr. SINATRA at Mapas Hotel in Reno. Tell him to call you back on untaped phone.

"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 head."
LA 9-2967

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, California 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.

On January 23, 1964, California, 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 LAWFORD who was interviewed January 23, 1964.
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
Race: White
Date of Birth: September 7, 1923
Place of Birth: London, England
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160
Parents: Sir SIDNEY and Lady LAWFORD
Residence: 625 Palisades Beach Road
Santa Monica, California
Occupation: Actor
Marital Status: Married

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

by SA: [Signature]

Date: 1/30/64
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 1/30/64.

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**APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE**

- Bureau (9-41654)
- Los Angeles (9-2967)

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**NOTATIONS**

- MAR 12 1964
- STAT. SHOW
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: 3/11/64
Field Office File No.: 9-2967
Bureau File No.: 9-41654
Title: 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.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On February 17, 1964, Post Office Inspector [redacted], Room 701, Federal Building, advised SA [redacted] 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 [redacted], 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.
CONFIDENTIAL

LEGAL ATTACHE
LONDON

January 28, 1954

Cable

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CONFIDENTIAL

DESPRE DESIRE YOU ASCERTAIN WITH UTMOST DISCREETION 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

cc: Foreign Service Desk

LBN: MP

[Handwritten notes and markings present on the document.]
CABLE NUMBER 24 DATED JANUARY 30, 1954

LONDON, ENGLAND. RECEIVED VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

URGENT

PETER LAWFORD, INFORMATION CONCERNING. [REBUCABLE JANUARY 28]
LAST, LAWFORD BORN LONDON/SEPTEMBER 7, 1923. PROFESSION,
ACTOR. FIRST APPEARED ON SCREEN IN ENGLAND AS CHILD ACTOR
1930. LATER WENT TO UNITED STATES WITH PARENTS AND MADE
AMERICAN SCREEN DEBUT IN 1938 IN PICTURE ENTITLED QUOTE LORD
JEFF UNQUOTE. SINCE THEN HAS APPEARED IN NUMEROUS AMERICAN
FILMS. RETURNED TO ENGLAND IN 1951 TO APPEAR IN FILM QUOTE
HOUR OF 13 UNQUOTE. HAS NOT COME TO SECURITY NOTICE IN THIS
COUNTRY. CURRENT ADDRESS IS MGM STUDIOS, CALIFORNIA.

JOHN A. CIMPERMAN

RECEIVED: 1-30-54 8:26 AM

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

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CONFIDENTIAL

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated
outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in
order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.
THE DIRECTOR

MR. D. M. LADD

PETER LAWFORD, also known as
PETER ERNEST SYDNEY LAWFORD,
PETER AYLEN, PETER ERNEST SYDNEY AYLEN

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

An Identification Record was located concerning Lawford under the name of Peter Ernest Sydney Aylen. In 1940 he was fingerprinted under Alien Registration. In 1941 he was fingerprinted 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. Sydney Lawford, West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Bureau has not conducted an investigation of Lawford. However, our files reflect that in the investigation of White Slave activities in Los Angeles, California, Lawford, on December 17, 1946, had contacted [redacted], in an effort to talk to one [redacted] one of [redacted] was not in at the time and Lawford requested that she call him at the Mocombo Night Club. On another occasion, in 1950, information was developed that a call house girl known as [redacted] a former call girl with [redacted] was "reportedly a frequent trick for movie actor Peter Lawford." Another Los Angeles prostitute, [redacted] in 1950 reportedly " bragged" to a hotel manager that she knew the movie star, Peter Lawford, and on several occasions the hotel manager had overheard her attempting to reach Lawford by phone. (31-76774-1; 72-472-378 p. 93; 31-72859-56 p. 16)

On October 10, 1947, the Los Angeles office forwarded a letter which Peter Lawford had received from George Pepper.
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 bow!" 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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

1945 - The Picture of Dorian Gray, MGM
    Son of Lassie, MGM
1946 - Cluny Brown, 20th Century
    Two Sisters from Boston, MGM
1947 - It Happened in Brooklyn, MGM
    My Brother Talks to Horses, MGM
    Good News, MGM
1948 - Easter Parade, MGM
    Onaon Island With You, MGM
    Julia Misbehaves, MGM
1949 - Little Women, MGM
    The Red Danube
White House Recalls Rat Pack 'Envoy'  

By BOB MACMILLAN  

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 the word you hear around 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 Shirley "Mascot" MacLaine. 

President Kennedy is indebted 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 Mediterranean cruise, the word filtered down to Lawford, which, in effect, went something like this: "STAY AWAY FROM DAD’S PLACE."  

Mr. Lawford, of course, passed it along.

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to Sinatra—and immediately come to Paris.

- Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, vacationing at his Riviera villa, has been told that he Clan might drop in for a 16-day visit.

Albert, the diplomat, the elder Kennedy replied: "I'll be very happy to see them, but I just don't have any room, or any place to put them up." Lawford went on the carpet and then the cruise was canceled. Two large areas that PARKS, Mrs. Dean Martin, and Janet (Den Mother) Leish—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 hit in which Lawford sat it out, as a bystander, while swashbucklers Sinata and Martin (kept 185 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 brother-in-law's office; "Others say the Clan won't stand for such nonsense.

[RIFT IS BEGIN]

Lawford, at any rate, has begun the rift, which is expected to break up the clan.

Lila MacLaury, without actually tendering her resignation, has given informal notice of her withdrawal from the Clan by announcing she and husband, producer Steve Parker, soon will live in Tokyo.

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-Tony Curtis and Janet Leish, for a long time on top with their newest interest—a Palm Springs resort hotel—are leaving today for Argentina.

-Still hittin' it off are Martin and Sinatra.

-Dino won't frequent his own place—Dino's—on the Sunset Strip because of some legal trouble with the management but prefers Sinatra's hideaway in Beverly Hills, the swank facility operated by another clanman, Prince Michael Romanoff, court social arbiter.

-The question now is: Will there be a court?
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-914) ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COURT
SUBJECT: LADY MAY SUNERVILLE-LAWFORD 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

Mr. LAWFORD's assertion that letters of the type submitted by [enclosed] have been thoroughly 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 office, and Mr. LAWFORD's letter is not being acknowledged, UACB.

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Collie Music, Beverly Hills, California

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 playwright, 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.
she claims to have suffered at the hands of the Kennedy family.

She is particularly vindictive towards Mr. & Mrs. Joseph 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 prisoner 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 long 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.
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 someone 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,

S/
July 25, 1963

Los Angeles, California

Dear [Name]:

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 1960. The aforementioned letters have been thoroughly investigated by FBI Special Agent in Charge, W. B. Simon, and Special Agent [Name].

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 am forwarding your letter to the aforesaid agents, W. B. Simon and [Name] for their perusal.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Lawford
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
Att'�: Assistant Director COURTNEY EVANS  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES  
RE: LADY MAY SUMERVILLE/LAWFORD  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
Remleyet 7/29/63.  

On 7/31/63 caller at this office and stated she had received a letter from PETER LAWFORD to the effect that she had forwarded to me a copy of her letter to PETER LAWFORD dated 7/19/63.  

I explained to the jurisdiction of the FBI with respect to the extortion statutes and I informed her that her 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.  

It is well known to the Los Angeles Office and also the subject of an ITSP investigation within recent years. 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.

Bureau (AIR MAIL)  
Los Angeles  
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Approved: Special Agent In Charge  
Sent M Per
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE
SUBJECT: CHARACTER ASSASSINATION OF EDWARD KENNEDY AND ROBERT KENNEDY AND PETER LAMFORD
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed are eight copies of letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory. The confidential source who furnished his information to the Milwaukee Office is [blank]. This information is being furnished to the Bureau for information and any appropriate action deemed advisable.

It is noted that this information is nebulous and vague and it is not anticipated that [blank] will logically be receiving information regarding any future details of the alleged plot. It may be that some information has been received by the Bureau from other divisions similar. There is no indication that this plot is something which would develop locally in the Milwaukee Division; and talk of such a plot among the Italian hoodlum element would not be an unusual expectation in view of the former Attorney General's attacks on organized crime in this country.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the Milwaukee Division. The Bureau will be advised on the event the informant obtains any further information concerning this matter.

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It was reported that Mrs. JACQUELINE HAMMOND, age 40, has considerable information concerning sex parties which took place at the Hotel Carlyle in NYC, and in which a number of persons participated at different times. Among those mentioned were the following individuals:

ROBERT F. KENNEDY
JOHN F. KENNEDY
TEDDY KENNEDY
SAMMY DAVIS, JR.
MR. AND MRS. PETER LAWFORD
FRANK SINATRA
MARILYN MONROE

Mrs. HAMMOND, the former JACQUELINE LIVINGSTON, is reportedly very wealthy to the extent of several million dollars. She maintains a room at the Hotel Carlyle, an apartment at the Stanhope Hotel, on 5th Avenue, and another large apartment in the Yorkville Section, all NYC. She is divorced from her husband, OGDEN HAMMOND, who resides at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

OGDEN HAMMOND was reported as having been at one time Ambassador to Spain and to have been separated from the State Department because of some serious reasons.

Mrs. HAMMOND has two children, one a daughter who resides with the father, the other, a son who resides with her but is boarding in a school in New England. She spends some time each year in Switzerland.
In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 3, 1965

UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Character Assassination Plot Against United States Senators Edward 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 some of the Italian Hoodlum 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 and Robert Kennedy and their brother-in-law Peter Lawford.

The confidential source who furnished this information was not in a position to evaluate its reliability or to approximate times, places, and details of how this alleged character assassination might be carried out. The confidential source did state that

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Memorandum

TO: MR. TROTTER

FROM: J. G. Creighton

DATE: 1-10-67

SUBJECT: PETER SIDNEY LAWFORD 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.

For information.