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SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND (D - MISS.)

In response to his request, John R. Norpel, Jr., who is on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, was contacted 9-29-70 by Inspector Jack E. Herington. Norpel furnished a letter sent to Senator Eastland by one [redacted]

This letter enclosed a page of miscellaneous words which possibly could be a coded message or possibly could be a transcription of someone's notes since it seems to contain a number of unrelated words. Norpel said that he was furnishing this simply for the Bureau's information since there might be a code and since [redacted] had been active in private investigations of the killing of both President Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He said that, of course, if the Bureau determined that there was any significance to the attachment the Senator would be anxious to know of it.

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Bureau files indicate that [redacted] was interviewed by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1969 at which time he was described as [redacted]. He made numerous allegations pertaining to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy indicating a possible conspiracy. It was noted that [redacted] comments were not given much weight since he proposed to write a book at that time regarding the assassination.

[redacted] letter indicated that he thought the coded message had been written by Theodore Charach who had been traveling with Mary Sirhan and had been attempting to prove Sirhan Sirhan did not kill Senator Kennedy.

There appears to be nothing here of immediate interest to us; however, because of the excellent relations we have had with Senator Eastland, perhaps the Laboratory should examine the enclosure to determine if it has any significance whatsoever.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the Laboratory examine the item enclosed in the letter to Senator Eastland to determine whether it has any significance.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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