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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC DALLAS
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 189-751

KENNETH ROOT, HELEN ROOT, NORMAN CHERNISS DASH VICTIM DASH
EXTORTION. *CASE NO. 157-111 OF PRESIDENT*
JOHN F. KENNEDY

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE INSTANT NORMAN CHERNISS, EDITORIAL
WRITER, THE PRESS DASH ENTERPRISE NEWSPAPER COMPANY, RIVERSIDE,
CALIFORNIA, MADE AVAILABLE SIX PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER
ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR OF NEWSPAPER SIGNED [KENNETH ROOT,
FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT EIGHTH STREET, RIVERSIDE,] AND A POSTCARD
SIGNED [MRS. H. ROOT,] RIVERSIDE.

THE LETTER IS GENERALLY A DIATRIBE ON EULOGIES FOR
DECEASED PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND IN ONE PART STATES, QUOTE
MYSELF, I CONSIDER IT A BLESSING TO CLEAR THE CLAN OUT OF
THE WHITE HOUSE, NO MATTER HOW IT IS DONE UNQUOTE. ANOTHER
PART STATES, QUOTE I AM FORCED TO ADMIT, IS RED CHINA. THE
ONLY HONEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THE ONLY ONE NOT BEHAVING
LIKE A CRETIN AT THE LOSS OF A VERY DISPENSABLE MAN UNQUOTE.

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THE POSTCARD IS SET FORTH IN ITS ENTIRETY. QUOTE
EDITOR/ GO SLOW ON THE DRIVE ABOUT THE SHOOTING OF KENNEDY.
BY GOING TO DALLAS, KNOWING HOW THE SOUTH FEELS ABOUT HIS
CIVIL RIGHTS NONSENSE, HE ASKED FOR WHAT HE GOT. MY ONLY
REGRET IS DEAR BOBBY WASN-T WITH HIM. THANK GOD WE ARE RID
OF THIS DYNASTY BEFORE THEY COMPLETELY SOLD US OUT. SIGNED
[MRS. H. ROOT,] RIVERSIDE UNQUOTE.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM BY HOUSTON
OFFICE CAPTIONED [KENNETH ROOT, HELEN ROOT,] IS DASH R, DATED
JUNE TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. IT IS NOTED THERE IS
POSSIBILITY SUBJECTS OF HOUSTON MEMORANDUM MAY BE IDENTICAL
TO WRITERS OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNICATIONS.

RECORDS RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT REFLECT ONE [MRS.
HAZEL ROOT, RESIDING FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT EIGHTH STREET,]
COMPLAINED OCTOBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, OF NOISE IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE INSTANT [MR. AND MRS. RAY QUINN,]
MANAGERS, [MARY-S] APARTMENTS, [FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT EIGHTH STREET,]
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PAGE THREE

ADVISED [MRS. H. ROOT AND SON KENNETH ROOT] MOVED IN
SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ALLEGING TO BE FROM LOS ANGELES.
[KENNETH] CLAIMS EMPLOYMENT [SECURITY TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY]
AND [MRS. ROOT] WITH [LOYAL LAUNDRY], BOTH RIVERSIDE. [QUINNS]
UNABLE TO ESTABLISH [ROOTS] WHEREABOUTS PAST WEEKEND.
[KENNETH] AND [MRS. H. ROOT-S] PRESENCE RIVERSIDE ON
NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST BEING VERIFIED.
FACTS WILL BE PRESENTED USA ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE.

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