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Dear Gary,

If you caught Sirhan on "First Tuesday" last night, because of your special training I'd be interested in any impressions you formed. I was not able to concentrate as I'd have liked to, have not been able to think of it since (it is before sunup and I must leave shortly). I did tape it, did have a few impressions, found a few of his formulations provocative.

I noticed no sign of remorse, none of tears, for example, until the very last thing. To me, for some of the things he said and pretended to believe, this is inconsistent. I found his semi-smile, perpetual as it was, not what I expected, not in accord with the things he was saying. His eyes struck me as strange.

Of course, I cannot reconcile his pretended wish RFK was here to be president with his murder and its long premeditation or the reason he gave for that murder. In your science, can he both kill and have such a genuine desire, such a liking and respect as is required to have a positive desire for his victim to have been chosen for so high an office?

As I remember it, it is when he got to the plight of the refugees that he broke.

These are some of the formulations that struck me as odd.

"The whole thing was unreal".

Approx-"If I were rich I wouldn't be here", if this is genuine, it might have some special meaning. I am reluctant to attribute an obvious one.

He said he didn't know anything from the time he got a cup of coffee until he was aware of being choked yet didn't for a long while know what he had done, didn't know what he was accused of, not having been told. It would seem to be he would know or he would not, but not a convenient bit of each.

Told, after quotation of his notebook, "You were planning to kill Senator Kennedy" he responded, immediately, "Only in my mind", as though there were any other way, as though it meant he really didn't and hadn't.

"To me he is still alive".

"To me, reality stopped June 5".

"I was the only one responsible-not my family": Now, even with a strong family bond, why, when the question of conspiracy came up, should this be his articulation? Why should he not have made reference to any co-conspirator or motivator outside of his family, and why should he have presumed that anyone even conceived that his family might have been in any way involved, of which, to the best of my knowledge, there has never been any hint?

If his reference to not being there were he not poor is sincere, is it not inconsistent with his claim of sincerity about the Arab situation? Would he not, without the \$12,000 payment, have been anxious for such an audience to hear his views and opinions? And, regardless, once he had the opportunity, would he not have used it throughout rather than uttering nothing on this until the very end? I found his appearance not what I'd expect of a zealot, and this is his pretense. My feeling is that this is either a put on or he may, indeed, be mentally sick.