

Mr. Hypnotic Telephone Call

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SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES

The Theosophical Society has four branches known to be operating in the Los Angeles and Pasadena areas. Each of these organizations functions independently of each other under separate directors. They are the following:

1. United Lodge of Theosophists
245 West 33rd Street
Los Angeles, California
Phone 748-7244
2. Adyar Lodge
Theosophical Society
30 Raymond Street
Pasadena, California
Phone 355-0243
3. Espana Lodge
Theosophical Society
1125 West 31st Street
Los Angeles, California.
4. Theosophical Society
International Headquarters
643 East Mariposa Street,
Altadena, California
Phone 797-1411

Lawrence Merkel, who is the manager of the "University Press" which prints the literature and other publications for the International Theosophical Society at 634 East Mariposa Street, Altadena California, was interviewed on January 15, 1969. Merkel denied having any personal knowledge of Sirhan Sirhan; and after checking the records of registered members, he stated that there were no registration cards or anything to indicate that Sirhan had ever belonged or applied for membership in his particular branch of the Theosophical Society. He stated that he did not have complete knowledge of his organization's membership and suggested that investigator talk with James A. Long,

** Mary Sirhan & I rec. a telephone call before the trial that Sirhan was first introduced to hypnotism @ above location*

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Long stated that on June 10, 1968, he had received information that Sirhan had attended a meeting at the Pasadena Lodge. John Van Mater, a member of Long's society, received a telephone call on June the 10th from Willem Wills, President of the Pasadena Lodge (Adyar). Wills informed Van Mater that he had talked with Sirhan Sirhan during one of the meetings of his lodge. Long continued to say that the Theosophical Society was very concerned about the fact that Sirhan had requested the aforementioned books. Long stated that the Birch Society in Fresno and Bakersfield was accumulating much data about the Theosophical Society. He believes that various groups will try and give the impression that his society teaches revolutionary philosophies and that this is not true. When questioned concerning members of the Theosophical Society in Napa, California, Long appeared to be concerned. He stated that he knew a man (B. A. Endersby) in Napa. Endersby had written to Long and related to him that there was a man in Napa who had been in communication with Sirhan prior to the assassination and that this man had told various people in Napa that Sirhan had told him that he was studying occultism and that Sirhan may have heard of Madame Blavatsky's works through this course that he was taking. According to Long's information, the person who was communicating with Sirhan from Napa is an individual with the first name "Tom." S.U.S. has received a letter bearing the postmark of Utrecht, Holland. This letter indicates the writer knows Sirhan and that Sirhan had explained some action that he was contemplating prior to May, 1968. Due to the existence of this letter and the fact that Grabbendam had arrived two days prior from Holland, investigator asked Long whether