

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 27, 1969

Date

ROBERT J. COTTER, 10249 Ronald Court, Indianapolis, Indiana, employed during the Summer of 1969 at the Stark Wetzel Company, Inc., Indianapolis, advised he will be a Senior at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana, in September, 1969.

COTTER stated that on May 17, 1968, he left Evansville, Indiana, for the State of Oregon at Portland, where he worked in ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign there. He advised on May 29, 1968, he left Portland, Oregon, for Los Angeles, California, and upon his arrival at Los Angeles, he stayed at the Sky Villa Motel. At about 9:00 P.M. or 10:00 P.M., June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech at the Embassy Room of the hotel. COTTER advised he was not permitted to enter the Embassy Room, so he went to a room one floor under above-named room and watched the speech on a television set. He recalled the program went off the television set and then it came back on and he saw people trying to go everywhere and there was mass confusion. He stated someone yelled for a doctor and it sounded like a number of people had been shot. He advised he did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until they announced it on television.

COTTER stated he walked around the hotel for a while looking for some of his friends, they then went to their car and returned to their motel at about 2:30 A.M., June 5, 1968.

COTTER advised at no time did he have any indication of any conspiracy in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting.

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SA MARK B. MILLEN

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DANIEL P. KING, 4300 Upper Mount Vernon Road,
advised as follows:

He is presently a student at Indiana State University, Evansville Extension, and formerly was a student at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana. During the summer of 1968, he worked as an organizer and field worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, when the Senator was shot. KING stated that he had no indication at the time of any conspiracy and saw or heard nothing in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting indicating conspiracy.

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On 5/12/69 at Evansville, Indiana

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SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER

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Date April 30, 19691

LARRY DAKER, 115 Woodland, furnished the following information:

He is presently a student at the University of Dayton having transferred from St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana. He was with a group of students from St. Meinrad who accompanied Senator ROBERT KENNEDY to Portland, Oregon, and to Los Angeles, California.

He had left the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles just prior to the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. He did not observe the shooting, and at no time did he observe SIRHAN SIRHAN. He has no knowledge of any conspiracy upon the life of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 4/25/69 at Dayton, Ohio File # 175-6

by SA CLAIR W. RITCHEY, JR. / jms Date dictated 4/28/69

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KENNETH F. FUSSELL, 1650 Harvard Street, N.W. advised that during the KENNEDY campaign he assisted as a helper at Evansville, Indiana; Portland, Oregon and Los Angeles, California. He stated in 1968 he was attending St. Meinrad Seminary when the KENNEDY Campaign Organizer requested assistance in Oregon and California. About 40 of their students, including himself, went to Portland to assist in this campaign. Their duties consisted essentially of door-to-door canvassing to solicit votes for ROBERT F. KENNEDY. FUSSELL mentioned that Senator KENNEDY paid for the air travel to and from the west coast, and they more or less paid for their own room and board while in Oregon and California.

At the time of the shooting, FUSSELL stated that he was in the lower ballroom beneath the Embassy ballroom on June 5, 1968. FUSSELL stated he observed nothing of a pertinent nature concerning the shooting and has never observed SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 6/26/69 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA PHILIP E. COGHILLAN:kcb Date dictated 6/27/69

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Date 6/5/691

KATY Cwik, 7042 West 64th Place, Chicago, was interviewed at her residence. She advised she was one of a group of students from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, who worked on Senator KENNEDY's campaign in Indiana and in Missouri. She advised she and RUSS DAVIS also went to Oregon and California to work in the Senator's primaries in those states.

She advised she did not stay in the Ambassador Hotel and was working out of a KENNEDY headquarters located on Wilshire Boulevard.

She stated the night Senator KENNEDY was assassinated, she and RUSS DAVIS had gone to the Ambassador to find B. J. WARREN who was to advance them some money to return to Chicago. She advised she watched the Senator's victory speech in the Senator's suite with RUSS DAVIS and B. J. WARREN and left the apartment before the Senator was shot. She advised she was first aware of what was happening after they got off the elevator and were confronted with all the confusion that followed the shooting.

She advised she did not recall seeing the subject before or after the shooting. She advised RUSS DAVIS was presently in the Marine Corps.

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On 6/3/69 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. ROSE/man Date dictated 6/3/69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 5, 1969

JOHN PUETZ, home address 402 East 6th Street, Fowler, Indiana, Indiana University (IU) Campus address Room 105, Willkie South, stated he had just transferred to IU from St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

PUETZ recalled that he had been with a group of students from St. Meinrad, who accompanied Senator ROBERT KENNEDY to Portland, Oregon, and to Los Angeles, California. At the time of the assault on Senator KENNEDY, PUETZ was in the vestibule at the main entrance to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He stated he did not hear of the assault until he got downstairs to the room, where their group were to meet with Senator KENNEDY. He then heard of the assault from the news media.

He advised he never saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time and advised he had no knowledge of any conspiracy upon the life of Senator KENNEDY.

He stated the only person he knew who had actually been in the Embassy Room prior to the assault was LARRY DAKER, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois, and who transferred from St. Meinrad College to Dayton University, Dayton, Ohio.

He had not seen DAKER subsequent to the tragedy and had no information concerning DAKER's exact location at the time of the assault. He stated he knew DAKER had been in the Embassy Room, because he observed him on one of the television monitors, during the meeting prior to the assault.

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On 2/3/69 at Bloomington, Indiana File # LA 56-156
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by SA GEORGE H. ASDELL -plp Date dictated 2/4/69

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May 2, 1969

Date _____

JOHN PUETZ, Indiana University, campus residence Room 105, Willkie South, residence address Fowler, Indiana, advised he was in the vestibule of the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when he was told that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He recalled that several hours later he was in the Press Room of the Ambassador Hotel, possibly Room 109, with JAMES D. NICO, a student at Saint Meinrad College, Saint Meinrad, Indiana.

He recalled there were two men in the room who said they were KENNEDY aides.

He stated he believed the name of one of these men was GARY (phonetic) and he believed GARY was the one who stated he believed he could have saved the life of Senator KENNEDY if he had jumped between the Senator and the assailant who had a gun.

He stated he believed the other individual who stated he was a KENNEDY aide had the charge number and charged for food and drinks for other individuals in the room, so that these charges were placed on the KENNEDY bill.

He recalled that both of these individuals were white males, however, he could not specifically describe them further.

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On 4/29/69 at Bloomington, Indiana

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SA GEORGE H. ASDELL

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Date June 20, 1969

Second Lt. RUSSELL F. DAVIS, Box 485-TBS10-69, K Company, 2nd Platoon, Marine Corps Base, home of record 3939 West 82nd Street, Chicago, Illinois, present address with wife LINDA, Apartment 120, Box 148-K. Colinade Courts, Rural Route 1, Stafford, Virginia, was interviewed and advised the following information:

He was one of a group of students from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, who worked on Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's Presidential campaign. He advised that he was in the State of California at the time of the KENNEDY assassination for the purpose of assisting in his campaign in that state.

DAVIS advised that while in Los Angeles he was staying at a small motel in the Los Angeles area, the name of which he could not remember, but was working out of the KENNEDY Headquarters located at Wilshire Blvd.

He stated that on the evening Senator KENNEDY was assassinated, he was at the Ambassador Hotel with KATHY CWIK. He stated that he and CWIK observed the KENNEDY victory speech and then left the apartment before the Senator was shot. DAVIS said that the first inclination he had concerning the fact that something was wrong occurred when he and KATHY CWIK got off one of the elevators and observed the confusion which was present in the hotel.

DAVIS stated that he did not recall seeing either Senator KENNEDY or SIRHAN B. SIRHAN after the shooting, but stated that he thinks he remembers observing three short, dark, possibly Puerto Rican, individuals being led away by the Los Angeles Police Department.

DAVIS advised that he could offer no further information concerning the assassination.

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On 6/18/69 at Quantico, Virginia File# AX 42-392

by SA OLIVER J. ZINK, Jr./dks Date dictated 6/19/69

1Date 10/11/68

On October 10, 1968, JUSTIN MOORHEAD, Head Resident, Wylie Hall, Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 256-9253, was interviewed at his residence in regards to any information he might possess concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

Mr. MOORHEAD stated that he does not know how his name ever came up as having been a person at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles at the time of the KENNEDY shooting. He stated that he was not registered at the Ambassador Hotel during the time of the California Primary and he was not present at the Ambassador Hotel when the Senator was shot.

Mr. MOORHEAD stated that he had worked at the KENNEDY headquarters in Los Angeles and all of the persons who had worked at the headquarters were invited to attend the celebration scheduled for the Ambassador Hotel with Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. MOORHEAD stated that he did not attend the celebration and was unable to furnish any information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/10/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/rse Date dictated 10/10/68

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3Date 10/4/68

Miss LINDA LOUISE ELLIOTT, Apartment 16, 6632 Abrego Road, Goleta, California, home address 301 Broadway, Alameda, California, advised that on the day of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's assassination she had gone to Los Angeles from Goleta with a group of thirty to forty KENNEDY student supporters and workers from the University of California at Santa Barbara, which she currently attends. The UCSB group took a suite in the Ambassador Hotel for the night because they did not want to drive back to Goleta the same night. At the time of the shooting Miss ELLIOTT was in the UCSB suite watching the victory celebration on television. She had no firsthand information concerning the incident and did not leave the suite until thirty minutes later when she accompanied Miss KAREN WEISSMAN, a UCSB student, to the lobby so that WEISSMAN could telephone her parents in Van Nuys. She and WEISSMAN then drove to the WEISSMAN residence at 5926 Colbath, Van Nuys, where they spent the rest of the night. WEISSMAN would have no firsthand information about the shooting because she, too, was in the suite at the time, according to Miss ELLIOTT.

Another member of the UCSB group was in the Ambassador banquet room at the time of the shooting, was interviewed by the television media shortly after the shooting, and would have more firsthand information regarding it, according to Miss ELLIOTT. This person was Miss VALERIE SCHULTE, home address 466 South Clark, Beverly Hills. She is believed to be re-registered at UCSB this quarter and may be living on Del Playa Road, Goleta. Miss ELLIOTT believed that SCHULTE had already been interviewed by the FBI, however.

Miss ELLIOTT could not remember the number of the suite rented at the Ambassador, but stated that one ROGER ARBUCKLE of the UCSB KENNEDY group, had rented the suite. Neither he nor any other member of the UCSB group would have any firsthand information of the shooting, according to Miss ELLIOTT.

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On 10/3/68 at Goleta, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN/fpd Date dictated 10/4/68

1. With reference to FBI report dated 19 DEC 68, please be informed that the requested investigation was conducted as follows.

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2. Mr. Stanislaw PRUSZYNSKI was interviewed at 21 Crescent, Apt. 4, Montreal, Quebec. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI readily informed that he had followed Senator Robert F. KENNEDY during the American election campaign, along with some twenty other reporters. At the time, he was reporting the events for HARPER & ROW LTD, PUBLISHERS, 35 Great Russell's Street, London, W.C.1., telephone Museum 1343/4. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI explained that he was following Senator KENNEDY inside the Ambassador Hotel from a distance of approximately 10 to 15 yards, with other reporters in the crowd. After leaving the Embassy room, he was a short distance in the hallway leading to the kitchen when the commotion and confusion began over the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He forced his way through the crowd into the kitchen area, and, saw Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN being subdued by several persons a short distance from Senator KENNEDY who laid, wounded, on the floor. During the commotion and confusion that existed while SIRHAN was being apprehended, he saw the assailant who still had the revolver in his hand and it was being pointed aimlessly at the crowd during the struggle. Momentarily, he became anxious to assist; however, the assailant was quickly disarmed and subdued by several persons.

3. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI readily admitted that he had made a tape recording which he produced without hesitation. He explained that the tape contained a recording of the commotion and reaction of the crowd, including interviews with different persons in attempts to obtain precise information on the assassination for assessment and actual reporting.

4. Apart from the above, Mr. PRUSZYNSKI maintained that he had no material of interest on record, taped or written. He had not witnessed the assassination of Senator KENNEDY because he was behind, in the crowd, as previously explained. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI tried to play the tape. Unfortunately, his recorder was not functioning properly and the recording could not be heard for comments. Nevertheless, his full cooperation was extended to the point that this tape can be heard when his recorder is repaired and that the tape can be duplicated, if necessary.

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Stus PRUSZYNSKI
Potential Witness in the
Assassination of Senator Robert K. KENNEDY

5. The presence of reporter PRUSZYNSKI at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was no doubt arranged through proper channels of the press. His occupation and employment is his valid reason for being there at the time of the assassination. His presence was certainly well known at all times to all other reporters and no doubt by the Kennedy Committee. Considering that PRUSZYNSKI did not witness the assassination and his tape recorder is an aftermath of the tragedy, further action appears unwarranted here unless the F.B.I. would be interested in the tape available from this reporter for comparison purposes. Reporter PRUSZYNSKI could not recall seeing any suspect activities in the crowd and could not supply information of particular interest.

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Sgt.
(J.A. Michaud) #19458
Montreal C.I.S.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONCERNING KHAIBER KHAN

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
KHAIBAR KHAN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS
KHAIBAR GOODARZIAN, AND FAMILY

KHAIBAR KHAN and certain members of his family have been previously reported to have done voluntary work at the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Presidential Campaign headquarters in Los Angeles during the first four days of June, 1968.

On January 30, 1969, Mr. JAMES H. BUSSELLE, Investigative Division, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, advised the following concerning KHAIBAR KHAN and family:

KHAIBAR KHAN, according to INS records, is under deportation proceedings as are members of his family. They have applied for suspension of deportation from the United States to Iran under Section 244 (a) (1) under the INS Act. Hearings in connection with these applications are still pending. All were charged with violation of Section 241 (a) (2), overstayed non-immigrant visitors and students. The family are named as follows together with their respective INS, Los Angeles, file numbers:

(GOODARZIAN), KHAIBAR KHAN
INS Number [REDACTED]

(GOODARZIAN), TALAT KHAN
Divorced spouse
also known as
Talat Scandani
INS Number [REDACTED]

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(GOODARZIAN), ROUGHANGIZ ROUHI KHAN
Also known as
Rose Khan
INS Number [REDACTED]

(GOODARZIAN), FARAHANGIESE KHAN
Also known as
Farah Khan
INS Number [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(GOODARZIAN), AMIER BAKHTIAR KHAN
Also known as
Bob Khan
INS Number [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(GOODARZIAN), AMIER KHOSROW KHAN
Also known as
Mike Khan
INS Number [REDACTED]

(GOODARZIAN), AMIER HUSSIN KHAN
Also known as
Todd Khan
INS Number [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(GOODARZIAN), SHIRIN KHAN
Also known as
Sherry Khan
INS Number [REDACTED]

Copies of photographs of KHAIBAR KHAN's family submitted with applications to suspend deportations in August of 1968 were obtained and also a photograph of KHAIBAR KHAN taken in 1965.

Concerning the case of MARYAM KOUCHAN, secretary to KHAIBAR KHAN, who has also been referred to as MARYAM KOUCHAN and MARIAM KUSHAN, she too is in the process of filing an application for suspension of deportation, however no photograph was available for her in her INS file, number [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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KHALBAR KHAN and family were all born in Iran and admitted to the United States August 12, 1955 under "B-2 or F-1" status and have been out of status since at least 1963. They claimed no absences from the United States since their 1955 admission. At the time KHALBAR KHAN's family appeared voluntarily at the Los Angeles INS Office to apply for suspension of deportation, they all denied any arrest or criminal record.

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Date 2/6/69

Mr. KHAIBAR KHAN, who was reached through his Attorney JACK CORINBLIT, 3700 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, phoned SA LESLIE F. WARREN and advised the following:

With respect to the names of some of his children as recorded with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) that differ from names previously identified by, Mr. KHAN said:

AMIER BAKHTIAR GOODARZIAN had been known by that name until 1958 when Mr. KHAN started to use the name of KHAN, a change he made legal in 1959. This son is also known as PHILLIPPE KHAN and BOB KHAN.

AMIER KHOSROW GOODARZIAN is now known as MIKE KHAN and J. C. KHAN.

SALAPOUR GOODARZIAN also known as Sahpour Khan, now age 12 years, was born in the United States.

Mr. KHAN said he had retained the name of GOODARZIAN in the INS records as property owned by him in Teheran, Iran was in the name of GOODARZIAN. He mentioned that the property in Teheran which he formerly rented to the United States State Department was in the name of SAHPOUR GOODARZIAN, and he had been challenged on this by the Internal Revenue Service. They had claimed this property had been a gift to this son and he was subject to a gift tax.

Mr. KHAN related he had been harrassed by various agencies of the U. S. Government and was under deportation proceedings at present. While he could leave the United States, he did not plan to and had applied for a stay of the deportation of himself and family. He intended to stay here and resolve the allegations against him for the benefit not only himself but for his family. To leave now might cast some suspicion on him particularly as a result of the involvement of himself and family in the investigation of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. In the

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interest of justice, he is willing to cooperate with the FBI in their investigation of this matter when in his judgment it is not against the best interest of himself and family. In view of his troubles with other U. S. Government agencies, he will evaluate each situation as it comes up. Meanwhile, he does not desire to disclose where he is living and if it is necessary to contact him, he can be reached through his attorneys, Mr. CORINBLIT or Mr. DAVID CARLINER, 901 Warner Building, Washington, D. C., who represents him in the INS and other proceedings.

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Mrs. ELLENORE SEVERSON, also known as Mrs. Bertol Charles Severson, housewife, 12409 Helena Street, Los Angeles, telephone number GR 6-2909, related the following:

Mrs. SEVERSON was advised that this interview was being conducted to supplement the previous interview of her by the FBI on June 6, 1968 and concerned KHAIBAR KHAN about whom she had furnished information in the previous interview. She having reported that Mr. KHAN had brought in a number of young persons to do voluntary work at the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, between June 1 and 4, 1968. Mrs. SEVERSON stated that she recalled the information which she had furnished and felt that she would have a good recollection of KHAIBAR KHAN and the young persons who had accompanied him to the campaign headquarters.

A number of photographs including the photographs of KHAIBAR KHAN's family including his divorced wife taken in 1968 plus a 1965 photograph of KHAIBAR KHAN, which had been obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service records in Los Angeles, were exhibited to Mrs. SEVERSON.

With respect to the photographs exhibited, Mrs. SEVERSON selected certain photographs of persons she thought she had observed before and made the following comments:

PHOTOCOMMENT

KHAIBAR KHAN

"I can readily identify that this is a photograph of KHAIBAR KHAN who frequented the ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters during the first few days of June 1968. He at that time wore his hair long and had long side burns and his face was not quite as full as it is in the photograph."

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PHOTO

FARAH KHAN

ROUGHANGIZ ROUHI KHAN,
also known as
Rose Khan

SHARIN KHAN

AMIER KHOSROW KHAN
Also known as
Mike Khan

AMIER HUSSIN KHAN,
Also known as
Todd Khan

With respect to photo-
graphs exhibited to Mrs.
SEVERSON, that of TALAT
KHAN, divorced wife of KHAN,
and AMIER BAKHTIAR KHAN, also
known as Bob Khan, Mrs.
SEVERSON stated:

COMMENT

"This photograph appears to be that of a young girl who was with the KHAIBAR KHAN group at the campaign headquarters and who was wearing a blond wig".

"This photograph very closely resembles the young girl who was with the KHAIBAR KHAN group at the campaign headquarters and who was on crutches." "Yes, I'm positive this is the girl."

"This appears to be a photograph of a girl who was a volunteer worker during the early part of June at the campaign headquarters, but I cannot associate her with the KHAIBAR KHAN group."

"This photograph resembles a young man who was observed around the campaign headquarters at about the same time KHAIBAR KHAN's group was there, but I cannot be positive that he was a member of the group."

"This is very definitely a photograph of one of the young men who was with the KHAIBAR KHAN party at the campaign headquarters."

"I do not recall seeing anyone resembling TALAT KHAN or BOB KHAN."

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Mrs. SEVERSON recalled she had, on June 6, 1968, identified a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, as being a photograph of the young man she had observed near the front door of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters in Los Angeles about 2:00 PM June 2, 1968. When asked by volunteer worker, LARRY STRICK, if he could help him, the young man had said "I'm with him", pointing toward KHALBAR KHAN.

Mrs. SEVERSON said she had not changed her mind and still was of the opinion that it was SIRHAN SIRHAN who had been standing near the door of the campaign headquarters in the afternoon of Sunday, June 2, 1968 at about 2:00 PM.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Mrs. SEVERSON and she commented that she had confirmed her opinion that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been in the campaign headquarters standing near the door at about 2:00 PM on June 2, 1968.

It was also related by Mrs. SEVERSON following examination of photographs of SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN, taken by the Pasadena, California Police Department December 18, 1963, that this looked like a photograph of a young man she had seen around the campaign headquarters during the first few days of June 1968, but she could not make a specific identification.

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Mrs. ELLENORE SEVERSON, on January 30, 1969, identified a photograph of ROSE KHAN, Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Number [REDACTED], as being a photograph of the young girl on crutches who had come to the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters in Los Angeles, with KHAIBAR KHAN between June 1-4, 1968.

KHAIBAR KHAN during interview, June 11, 1968, referred to MARYAM KOUSHAN (INS Number [REDACTED]), as MARYAM KOUSHAN, his half sister. He said MARYAM had used the name of ROSE KHAN when booked into the Los Angeles County General Hospital, about six months previous, following being thrown from a horse. MARYAM KOUSHAN was on crutches June 11, 1968 at the time of this interview with KHAIBAR KHAN, which was conducted in her presence. MARYAM KOUSHAN, during interview, June 18, 1969, said she had used the spelling of MARYAM KOUSHAN when registering as a volunteer worker at the Senator KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters. She had been booked into the Los Angeles County General Hospital following her recent injury by KHAIBAR KHAN as ROSE KHAN for security reasons as Mr. KHAN was the leader of the opposition to the Shah of Iran, among Iranians in the United States and was apprehensive of political and possibly physical reprisals.

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Date 2/17/69

LAURENCE DAVID STRICK, Phelan Hall, University of San Francisco, was shown photographs of the following individuals:

KHAIBAR GOODARZIAN, aka Khaibar Khan
AMIER BAKTIAR GOUDARZIAN, aka Amier Baktiar Khan,
Phillipe Khan, Bob Khan
AMIER HUSSIN GOODARZIAN, aka Amier Hussin Khan, Todd Kahn
TALAT GOODARZIAN, aka Mrs. Khaibar Goodarzian, Mrs. Khaibar
Khan, Mrs. Talat Khan, Mrs. Talat Scandani
SHIRIN GOODARZIAN, aka Shirin Khan, Sherry Khan
FARANGIESE GOODARZIAN, aka Khan, Fara Khan
ROUHANGIZ ROUHI GOODARZIAN, aka Khan, Rose Khan

After viewing the above photographs, STRICK stated that he recognized the photograph of KHAIBAR KHAN as definitely being the individual who was doing voluntary work at the KENNEDY headquarters in Los Angeles. He stated that the only other photograph he recognized is that of ROUHANGIZ ROUHI GOODARZIAN, also known as Rose Khan. He stated that the photographs of the sons of KHAIBAR KHAN are definitely not the individuals whom he believes to be SIRHAN. He said their features are somewhat similar, but in his own mind he still believes that it was SIRHAN who was with KHAIBAR KHAN on June 2, 1968.

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by H. ERNEST WOODBY / ER Date dictated 2/17/69

INTERVIEWS

FILE # 1-59

Person(s) Interviewed: Sweeney, Margaret (Mrs)

Date June 25, 1968

Time- 7:30PM

Business Address & Phone None

Residence Address & Phone 20055 Wells Dr, Woodland Hills, Phone DL 79910

Re Case 5:7 165 DOB May 3, 1917, Lt Brown Hair, Brown eyes.

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)
 Interviewed at informant's home at the abv date and time.

Informant was in charge of the volunteer workers at the Kennedy Hqs. On the eve of June 4th, 1968 she went to the Ambassador Hotel as a visitor only, she had no official tasks or functions. She arrived at the hotel at approx 7PM, and went to the Embassy Room shortly thereafter. At approx 9:00PM she began looking for her nephew, Robert Dolson, by walking through the Embassy Room and the Lobby, finally arriving at the Press Room. She was at this location prior to, during the shooting and after it. She also observed Sirhan Sirhan, when he was led out of the hotel by the Uniformed Officers. Mrs Sweeney did not see Sirhan prior to that time, nor did she see any girl in a "Polkadot Dress". Mrs Sweeney stated she heard the shots and recognized them as shots. She originated from an area of much hunting. She saw no private people taking pictures.

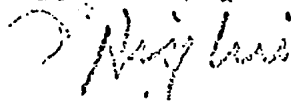
Persons in Hotel:

Mrs Robert Goodman, unk add (in Press Room) —
 Mrs. phone 2685211. Ext 1078 (Press Room) —
 J Hardy, unk add (at stage and in hallway) —
 Robert Dolson, 7676 Bella Vista, L.A. #6707982 —
 Mrs Evans, 2115 W Judith Av, Anaheim, #PR 23072 (Press Room) —
 Mrs Esquith, unk add. Obtainable through Kennedy Hqs (door next to anchor desk) —
 Perry J. Beck, 100 Gibbs St, Rochester N.Y. (in L.A. through R. Farri, 2360 Canyon Dr, Hollywood) —
 Perry Taylor, 231 1st St, Huntington Beach, unk phone. (Embassy Room) —
 Barbara Severson, phone GR62909 —
 Perry Stich, unk add. Reached through Mrs Severson. —
 John Smith, unk add or phone. (Embassy Room) —
 William Honabry, 12000 Lemanda, L.A. #3903020 (Embassy Room) —
 Robert Cooper, 6257 Coldwater Canyon, L.A. #7623391 —
 Foster, unk add. He is Asst Director L.A. Philharmonic. (unk loc at hotel) —
 Peter Harvey, 2206 Moray Av, San Pedro, unk phone. (unk loc at hotel) —
 Robert Moretti, Assemblyman 47th Dist, phone 9850910 (Embassy Room) —
 John Hubson, unk add, works Firemans Fund Insurance Co, Claims Supervisor. —
 Edward Murray, unk add Mayor Yorty's Office. —
 Dave Smith, unk add. Bus 9511. 4th St, Inglewood, # 7551313. —
 Ed Soliz, 5532 N. Citrus, Covina, # ED90250. —
 Ida & Grudi Owens, 3832 Palos Verdes Dr, North Palos Verdes Estates, #PR 5570 —
 & Ned Harvey Schechter, 1435 Longridge, Sherman Oaks, #7889320 —
 Percy Gordon, 115 S Croft, L.A. #938604 —
 Mary Jonas, 914 N Beverly Glen, L.A. 24, #GR5-5206. —

Investigators making interview

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Approved by:



PERSON INTERVIEWED: STRICK, LARRY

DATE/TIME 7-29-68 345p

SEX M RACE Cauc HAIR Brn EYES Hzl HT 5-8 WT 145 DOB

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 11930 Iredell, Studio City

PHONE TR7-6151

BUSINESS ADDRESS

PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Larry Strick a volunteer worker for the Kennedy Campaign was interviewed in person at his home address. Larry stated that he worked at the headquarters almost every day that it was open. Larry normally left school at 2pm and would go directly to the campaign headquarters. Larry normally worked at the reception desk with Elly (Eleanor) Severson I#295.

On 6-2-68 Larry arrived at the headquarters at approx 10:30AM. Larry was assigned to work the reception desk with Elly. While working that day (6-2-68) at approx 2:30PM a man known as Khaibar Khan (I-216) walked in with two other males. Larry positively identified one of these two males as Sirhan B. Sirhan. This person ID by Larry did not walk up to the reception desk with Khaibar Khan and the other person, but stayed back by the main entrance. Larry asked this person (that Larry ID'd as Sirhan) if he (Larry) could help him and this person pointed to Khaibar Khan and stated, "No, I'm with him." Larry did not pay anymore attention to this person (that Larry ID'd as Sirhan). Larry did take Khaibar Khan and the person that came up to the reception desk, back into the telephone bank area. When Larry left the reception desk with Khaibar Khan and the other person, the person Larry ID'd as Sirhan was still standing by the main entrance doors. Larry described the person by the door as a male, olive complexion, longnose, bushy eyebrows, middle 20's, wearing dark colored pants, dark shoes, white button down shirt, light olive green button sweater. When Larry returned from the phone banks the person by the door was gone. Approx 5 minutes after Larry returned Elly Severson asked where Kennedy's itinerary was. Larry stated that just prior to leaving with Khaibar Khan that the itinerary was on the reception desk, but when Elly Severson asked where it was he couldn't find it, so he went and got another one. Larry was shown a packet of mugs and removed all three photos stating that he is positive that the person he saw on 6-2-68 at the headquarters and the mugs he had removed are the same person. Larry also removed the mug of Saidallah Sirhan stating that it looked familiar, but he was unable to remember where he had seen him.

On 6-5-68 at approx 5pm, he was watching a TV news cast when he first saw Sirhan's picture, and remembered that he had seen Sirhan 6-2-68 at the headquarters. Larry immediately tried to call Elly Severson, but her phone was busy. Larry had just hung up when Elly Severson

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APPROVED BY:

called him. Elly stated, "Did you see the News?" Larry stated, "Yeah, he's the same guy that came in with Khaibar Khan Sunday." Elly then told Larry that she had called the FBI and wanted him to call the FBI and verify her story. Larry called the FBI and was subsequently interviewed by S.A. Warren. (No interview listed. Mentioned in July 1st sect#III, Page 675) Larry stated that Elly Severson has asked him to keep her posted on what's happening.

Larry arrived at the Ambassador at 830pm 6-4-68. Larry went directly to the Embassy Room, but couldn't get in so he went down to the Ambassador Ballroom until approx 930pm. Larry then went back to the Embassy Room and had David Robinson IF323 get him into the Embassy Room. Larry stayed in the Embassy Room until approx 1130pm. At this time he went into the lobby and watched a TV monitor until Kennedy started his speech. Larry then went into the kitchen via the hallway past the men's room on a hunch that Kennedy would leave that way after the speech. Larry stated that he was at the west end of the ice machine (in the kitchen) when Kennedy came through the double swinging doors. Kennedy paused a moment and at this time Roosevelt Grier passed by Kennedy and continued walking east through the kitchen. Kennedy began moving forward again and Larry heard one shot and then four or five more shots in quick succession. Larry then saw somebody run by in front of him eastbound directly into Roosevelt Grier and Geo Plimpton. Larry believes this person was Sirhan, but never saw his face. Larry described the clothing as light colored pants, sweat shirt light in color possibly yellow, white or light shirt collar sticking up in back. Larry was in kitchen until after Sirhan was taken out, but didn't see him taken out. Larry stated that there was too big of a commotion to tell what was happening around Kennedy and Sirhan. Larry stated that Kennedy was just inside the double swinging doors when he was shot. Larry states that Sirhan was between he (Larry) and Kennedy. Larry also stated he left the Ambassador at approx 330am on 6-5-68.

Opinion & conclusion:

Larry was obviously not in the kitchen when Kennedy was shot because of the incorrect locations he gave for Roosevelt Grier, Sirhan B. Sirhan and Robert Kennedy. Larry stated that he was very familiar with the Embassy Room because he helped decorate it on 6-3-68. Larry was also in the Embassy Room and the kitchen area on 6-5-25-68 when Kennedy gave his speech in the Palm Court.

Larry seemed to have information that has been released by the news and no other details. At the time of the interview Larry acted as if he was prepared for a third degree. Apparently Elly Severson told him to be prepared. Larry's mother left the room during the interview, but could be seen standing by the doorway of the room where the interview was taking place. As Larry described the person he saw on 6-2-68 he continually looked at the mug lying on the table as if he was using it for the facial description. See attached Ambassador Hotel map with marking put on by Larry Strick.

On 8-2-68 At approx. 11pm, Larry Strick was contacted by telephone. During the conversation Larry stated he has now decided to submit to a polygraph examination. Larry stated that he will be out of town until 8-16-68. Larry stated that any day after 8-16-68 would be fine with him for taking the polygraph exam. Larry stated he will call as soon as he returns.

PERSON INTERVIEWED: STRICK, Larry David DATE/TIME 8-19-68 6:45 PMSEX M RACE C HAIR Brown EYES Brown HT 5-8 WT 145 DOB [REDACTED]RESIDENCE ADDRESS 11930 Iradell. Studio City PHONE TR 76151BUSINESS ADDRESS None PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Larry STRICK was re-interviewed concerning his statements made on 7-29-68 wherein he related that on 6-2-68 he observed Sirhan Sirhan in company with Khaibar Khan at Kennedy Campaign Headquarters, 5912 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. and further interviewed as to his observations in the kitchen area at the time Senator Kennedy was assassinated.

When re-interviewed on 8-19-68 Mr. STRICK without hesitation retracted his former statement and explained that he is not positive the person he saw in the Campaign Headquarters on 6-2-68 was Sirhan Sirhan. In fact when shown several mug shots, he was unable to identify Sirhan's new mug shot, stating that he did not look familiar at all.

Mr. STRICK again was questioned regarding his observations of the kitchen area at the time of the shooting. From his interpretations of the incident, investigating officers could only conclude that he was either not in the kitchen at the time of the shooting or his recollections of the incident is so vague and inconsistent with known, established facts, that he would be of no value as a witness.

INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-295

Person(s) interviewed: Severson, Eleanor (Mrs)

Date June 27, 1968

Time- 8:15PM

Business Address & Phone None

Residence Address & Phone 12409 Helena St. Brentwood, Calif. Phone #4762909

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why & How)

This interview was conducted at the home of the informant and on the abv date and time.

Description of informant: Fe Gaur 5'3 180 DOB [REDACTED], black hair haz eye

On June 19, 1968, at approx 2:15PM an interview of an Estelle Sterns (I-25) was conducted, in which Sterns alleges that she on June 4, 1968 at approx 9:00 AM obs Sirhan Sirhan, in company of two (2) additional males and one (1) Fe at the Kennedy election Hqs, 5615 Wilshire Bl. Sirhan and one other male, according to Sterns were carrying guns in shoulder holsters. Sterns description of the susp is as follows:

#1, Sirhan B. Sirhan, M-Jord 24, 5'3 med built, blk hair and drk eyes.

#2. M-Jord 25, 5'5 med built, blk bushy hair, brn eyes, wearing blu windbreaker jacket, wht shirt, somewhat ruffled and worn appearing, drk slacks or levis.

#3. M-Jord 40/45, 5'6 stocky built, blk hair, graying at temples, extremely handsome looking, wearing a drk suit and tie.

Sterns further stated that these susps entered the Hqs and came to her desk, wh susps 1 and 2 took chairs and sat opposite of her, while susp 3 addressed her. Susp 3 first asked Sterns for her name and the Senator's itinerary. Then Susp and Sterns talked about sports, golf, tennis and horses. Susp 3 then asked abt the Bus schedule and if he could walk through the Hqs. He then left. Sirhan then began talking to Sterns, first asking if there was any coffee in the Hqs. Sterns confirmed and offered to get him a cup, whereupon Sirhan asked her (Sterns) to go out with him and offered to buy her a cup of coffee or a drink she so desired. Sirhan also asked about the Kennedy itinerary. It was during conversation with Sirhan that Sterns states she observed the guns, carried by Sirhan and the #2 susp.

Officer learned from Mrs Sweeney, File I-59 that on June 4, 1968, Mrs Severson the abv informant, worked the desk with Sterns.

Mrs Severson gave the following statement:

"On June 4, 1968 I arrived at the Kennedy Hqs at approx 8:30AM, and was assigned to work the information desk with Mrs Sterns. I never left the desk till late the afternoon. At no time did Mrs Sterns talk to two (2) young arabian men, or was she asked to go out for either coffee or a drink, nor was there anybody w guns at the desk. In my opinion Mrs Sterns is a feather brain, know it all, capable lady, who could not find enough reasons to make herself important to the other workers. She probably is making up this story to gain publicity. This 3 man (susp #3) of whom Mrs Sterns spoke is a Mr Khan, known as "Goody", who was in the Hqs. Mr Khan spoke to Mrs Sterns on Monday, June 3, 1968, and there conversation was about golf, and some other sports, as far as I can recall."

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-25

PERSON INTERVIEWED: STERNS, Estelle (Mrs.) DATE/TIME 6-19-68 2:15 PM

F RACE C HAIR Blond EYES Blue HT 5' WT 95 DOB [REDACTED] Canada PII

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1136 S. Wooster #207, L.A. PHONE 271-8504

BUSINESS ADDRESS 816 S. Robertson Blvd., L.A. PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Interview conducted at the home of the informant, at the above date & time.

Informant stated that she was a volunteer worker at the Kennedy Hdqts., 5615 Wilshire Blvd. L.A. She was a fund raiser and as such, occupied the 1st desk next to the front door.

On 6-4-68, at approx. 9 AM, she observed four (4) persons approach the front door to the Hdqts. Three (3) of these were males, and one (1) female. Mrs. STERNS describes them as follows:

- #1, Sirhan B. Sirhan, M-Jord 24, 5-3 med build with black, curly hair and dark eyes.
- #2, M-Jord 25, med build, black, bushy hair and brown eyes, wearing a blue windbreaker jacket, a white, somewhat ruffled and worn appearing shirt, and dark slacks or levis.
- #3, M-Jord 40/45, 5-6 stocky build, black hair, graying at the temples, extremely handsome looking, wearing a dark suit & tie
- #4, Fe-Jord, early twenties, dark skinned as if suntanned, dark hair, worn shoulder length, wearing a white cloth coat or dress.

Mrs. STERNS stated that susp. 1, 2, and 3 entered the Hdqts., while #4 remained on the street, near the front door. Susps. 1 and 2 sat at her desk and spoke in a foreign language. Susp. 3 asked her for her name and the Senator's itinerary, also about the bus schedule. He made a \$3.00 contribution and asked permission to walk through the Hdqts. and left.

Sirhan and Susp. 3 then conversed with the informant, first asking if there was any coffee in the Hqs. Mrs. STERNS confirmed and offered to get some. Sirhan at this time, informant alleges, asked her to go out with him and offered to buy her a cup of coffee or a drink, if she so desired. She politely declined, and their conversation turned to the Kennedy itinerary, and his stand on civil rights.

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Mrs. STERNS further alledges that during her conversation with Sirhan and Susp. 2, she observed that both were carrying guns in shoulder holsters, underneath their left armpits. When she commented to them regarding the guns, Sirhan replied "Oh, that is just for self protection, what with all this racial trouble in and around Watts".

When Mrs. STERNS answered that the Hqs. was far from Watts, Sirhan, she alledges, replied "Well, we have them and anyway, we have permits for the guns".

Susps. remained at her desk a short while longer, then walked into the interior of the Hqs., and she lost sight of them.

Mrs. STERNS further states that she received an anonymous phone call, female voice, on June 5, 1968 at approx. 12:30 AM, stating "It's all over with".

After this phone call, she turned on the T.V. and for the first time learned of the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

On 6-6-68, at approx. 5-5:30 PM, she again received an anonymous call, this time a male voice, which sounded muffled, as if spoken through a towel, and with an accent of the middle east. The caller stated "Under no circumstances give out any information to anybody as to the number of people, or their activities at your desk on Tuesday (6-4-68)".

On 6-24-68, approx. 7:15 PM, Mrs. STERNS was re-interviewed at her home. She insisted on the correctness of her first statements, adding only some additional conversation, she claims to have had with Susp. 3, regarding a race horse, "My Beauty", and the training of horses. She also alledges that Susp. 3 showed her a picture, depicting him dressed in a white Arabian outfit, minus the turban, riding this horse.

Due to the enormousness of her statements, and after explaining to her the function of the polygraph, she was asked to submit to such an examination, to which she readily agreed. On 6-26-68, Mrs. STERNS, however, refused to come to the Police Dept. for a polygraph examination, stating "she was too busy working in a political campaign to come".

On 7-15-68, at approx. 9 PM, Mrs. STERNS was again re-interviewed by telephone. She still insisted that she saw Sirhan at the Kennedy Hqs. on June 4, 1968. When she was told that that was almost impossible due to Sirhan's other activities on that date, she suddenly changed her tone of voice, and very nastily answered "So you have all this information, and I made a mistake. What do I care". Mrs. STERNS then was asked if she now admits making a mistake regarding her observations at the Kennedy Hqs., to which she replied "No, I'm not going to admit anything. If I made a mistake, I'm not going to admit it now".

Mrs. STERNS has been described by fellow campaign workers as follows: She appears to be suffering from a persecution complex and a feeling of lack of importance; stupid, liable to say anything to focus attention to herself, and extremely excitable, and not to be taken too serious.

Mrs. STERNS gave the following named persons, present at the Kennedy Hqs. on 6-4-68, to verify her statements:

BERG, Larry (1)
"Myda" (2)
"Woody" (3)

Officer identified the above persons as follows:

(1) BECK, Larry Joe, Interviewed I-35
(2) FOOTE, Magdalena, Interviewed I-812
(3) KHAN, Khaibar, Interviewed I-216

The following persons were also at the Kennedy Hqs. on 6-4-68, and worked with and/or around Mrs. STERNS during the time, she alledges seeing Sirhan.

SWEENEY, Margarete, Interviewed I-59
LEOPOLD, Adele, Interviewed I-628
SEVERSON, Eleanor, Interviewed I-295

SWEENEY, FOOTE, BECK, LEOPOLD AND SEVERSON state that they observed the four (4) persons of whom Mrs. STERNS speaks, and identified them as Khaibar KHAN, his "lady friend" and some Arabian volunteer workers, neither of whom was Sirhan B. Sirhan.

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On May 13, 1969, Sergeant MIKE NIELSON, Los Angeles Police Department, SUS Unit, made available the results of a supplemental investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department relative to previously conducted investigation concerning KHAIBAR KHAN.

SUPPLEMENTAL TO KHAIBAR KHAN INVESTIGATION

Twenty-four names appeared on the volunteer worker cards submitted by Khaibar Khan at Kennedy Headquarters. The names were acquired by Khan through personal and telephonic interviews. Khan also used names of members of his family. Khan did not request identification or addresses from the volunteers he interviewed. He used his former wife's (Talat Khan) residential address, 10455½ Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, on all the cards he submitted. These names were checked through the telephone directory with negative results.

Khan also used the names of members of an organization known as the "United Patrons for Justice," of which he is the chairman. Khan stated that the organization is comprised of a group of men striving for a better Iran. These men were allegedly in Iran at the time the cards were submitted, but they were to be in the U.S. during the November election. He volunteered the services of his members without contacting them.

These names were checked through immigration for dates of entry and present whereabouts. Records show that none of these persons entered the U.S. between the period of June 1968 through December 1968. A total of 34 names were submitted by Khan, of which only members of his family could be located. Those interviewed were Rose, Shirin and Farah Khan (daughters), Philippe Menomm (son), Amir Khan (son) and Talat Khan (former wife). The subjects could offer no information regarding the investigation.

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RADIO BROADCAST REGARDING ASSASSINATION
OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

It has previously been reported that various individuals traveling, particularly in the Middle East, alleged that they heard radio broadcasts concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY prior to the time that the actual event occurred. Investigation was conducted in foreign countries in an attempt to substantiate these reports. Through the Department of State, information was received that the Press and Cultural Attache at the Embassy at Prague queried individuals working for the State Radio station in Prague. Station officials denied ever having transmitted a bulletin suggesting that Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated on May 15, 1968.

One Embassy Officer did report hearing a newscast on approximately May 15, 1968, originating from Deutschland, "Funk". The station released the bulletin based on information received from a common news service. Several minutes later, a retraction was made, claiming the original report was not accurate reporting of an incident in which the Senator flinched from the glare of nearby flash bulbs. The possible report heard via broadcasting channels in Prague originating outside of "CSSA". The report reflects that the Embassy at Prague was unable to obtain further information on the origin of the report or facts which might shed additional information on the subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 5, 1969

Mrs. JEANETTE BRYANS, 5698 Dugan Avenue, La Mesa, California, personally appeared at the San Diego Office of the FBI on March 4, 1969, to furnish information relative to the current trial of SIRHAN SIRHAN at Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. BRYANS stated that at about the time of the Arab-Israeli six-day war in 1967, while watching the Joe Pyne TV Show from Los Angeles, California, she observed a group of about five or six Arabs or Jordanians on this program who spoke about the Arab-Israeli war and, according to the recollection of Mrs. BRYANS, made some comment about the possibility of ROBERT KENNEDY being assassinated. Mrs. BRYANS said she could not positively identify any of the participants on this show in connection with this interview, but believed one had a double name similar to SIRHAN SIRHAN and had the impression that this name when translated meant "wolf." Inasmuch as she could not give a specific date for this program, she indicated it was well appointed in her mind because another participant on this same program but speaking on a different subject was Mr. ARTHUR A. BUCKEL, with whom she is well acquainted due to Mr. BUCKEL's friendship with Mrs. BRYANS' brother.

Mrs. BRYANS stated she did not remember specifically any comments made during the interview of the Arabs or Jordanians but did recall that there was general conversation about the conflict in the Middle East. She indicated this information may be of value if it could be used to prove that SIRHAN SIRHAN had, in fact, been one of the participants on the Joe Pyne TV Show and if the statement was actually made on that show that the life of ROBERT KENNEDY was in danger.

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On 3/4/69 at San Diego, California File # SD 44-384

by SA J. JORDAN HAYLOO / Date dictated 3/4/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 5, 1969

Mr. ARTHUR A. BUCKEL, 3452 Bayonne Drive, San Diego, California, advised that during March, 1967, he and his wife were in the Los Angeles, California, area on business and pleasure. He stated that he was a participant on the Joe Pyne TV Show during this visit and remembered that he participated as a member of the audience when some unidentified individual made comments regarding the support all Negroes should give Senator ADAM CLAYTON POWELL regardless of his moral or personal standards. Mr. BUCKEL said he felt strongly that some of the statements made should be refuted and volunteered to participate in the rebuttal of statements made on the program.

Mr. BUCKEL said he could not recall specifically other parts of the program but did remember that there were some young men believed to be either Arabs or Jordanians who made comments relative to the conflict, in the Middle East. He could not recall any specific mention being made regarding ROBERT KENNEDY but indicated that due to the period of time which has elapsed it was only natural that anything said might be forgotten.

Mr. BUCKEL contacted his wife and after checking some personal records determined that this trip had occurred on the weekend of March 10-13, 1967, and indicated he had located a cancelled check dated March 13, 1967, with which he paid his hotel bill before returning to San Diego from Los Angeles. He said that to the best of his recollection he and his wife attended the JOE PYNE TV Show about 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 1967, following which they returned to San Diego. He stated the show was recorded at that time and he subsequently viewed this show at San Diego over the Los Angeles station on March 13, 1967.

BUCKEL said he could not recall any of the program participants specifically and could not state whether or not SIRHAN SIRHAN was present at the broadcast.

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On 3/4/69 at San Diego, California File # SD 44-204

by SA C. JORDAN HAYLER /ikw Date dictated 3/4/69

LA 56-156

Information was previously reported that Mr. FRANCIS DE BUDA, who was previously interviewed in connection with this investigation, reported that he had an employee by the name of DONALD CLARK who resided at 8464 Kirkwood, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. DE BUDA had advised that upon hearing of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in early June of 1968, he recalled that this employee, CLARK, on two occasions asked him whether or not he knew SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. DE BUDA also stated that shortly thereafter he heard CLARK talking to someone on the telephone and mentioning the assassination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/69

DONALD COLE AUGUSTINE CLARK, a male Negro, 3932 Stevely, Apartment 11, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed and provided the following information:

He is a pharmacist intern and is presently unemployed, having been terminated on April 7, 1969, from the Santa Glen Drugstore in West Los Angeles due to a reduction in force.

CLARK stated that he has no knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of the facts concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY other than what he has read in the papers or heard on the radio or TV. He further advised that he has no personal knowledge concerning any black nationalist or black nationalist activity.

CLARK provided the following background information concerning himself:

Height	6'
Weight	165 pounds
Birth Data	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>
Parents	New Orleans, Louisiana
	Father: GEORGE CLARK
	present address
	1222 South Rocheblave
	New Orleans, Louisiana
	Mother: (Divorced from father,
	now remarried)
	ELECTA JONES
	present address
	8791 Strolitz
	New Orleans, Louisiana
Education	High school, Xavier Prep, Holy
	Rosary Institute,
	New Orleans, Louisiana;
	St. Agnes
	Los Angeles, California
	(graduated June 1959);

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On 4/8/69 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA G. J. MOOREHEAD and
SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR./GJM/lmt Date dictated 4/9/69

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Xavier University
New Orleans, Louisiana
Fall 1959 - Spring 1960

Marital Status

Common-law marriage to KRISTEL MERILL,
Russian citizen, who is a Caucasian
and is employed at Office Supplies
Unlimited on Santa Monica Boulevard,
West Los Angeles, California;

Claims two previous marriages
ending in divorce;

One small daughter presently living
in the San Francisco area

Arrest Record

Arrested by the Los Angeles
Police Department February 2,
1966, practicing pharmacy without a
license

Selective Service
Status

3-A, registered at draft board
located 411 Broadway, Los Angeles

Social Security No

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LA 56-156

Information has previously been reported that ROY DONALD MURRAY of Route 1, Box 3, Earlimart, California, had made a statement that he had pledged money which was to be utilized for a "contract" to kill Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the event that KENNEDY was nominated for the Presidency of the United States.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 10, 19681

ROY DONALD MURRAY, Route 1, Box 3, Earlimart, California, was shown a statement of his rights which he read but declined to sign. He then furnished the following information:

He recalled making a statement about six weeks ago to the effect he had pledged two thousand dollars towards a total of 500 to 750 thousand dollars which was to be utilized to pay off a "contract" to kill Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the event it appeared he could receive the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States. He stated he had no factual basis for this statement or for saying that La Cosa Nostra was behind this "contract".

He added he was actually sorry he had uttered this. He described Senator KENNEDY as a brilliant young man, and added although he disagreed with Senator KENNEDY's policy in the Delano, California, area growers versus the Mexican farming laborers dispute and Senator KENNEDY's repeated endorsement of CESAR CHAVEZ, the head of the Mexican Farm Workers Association, he certainly had no desire to see Senator KENNEDY harmed.

MURRAY is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	250 pounds
Hair	Black - gray
Eyes	Blue

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On 6/7/68 at Earlimart, California File# SC 62-76

by SA ROBERT L. HAMILTON/lah Date dictated 6/10/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 1/14/69

MARVIN E. PAPPAN, 3228 Northwest 14th Street, advised he is a barber in a two-man shop located at Northwest 11th Street and Harvey in Oklahoma City.

PAPPAN stated prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, some time last summer, he recalled an individual who came into the shop with another man believed to be a chauffeur, and indicated he had a violent dislike for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, and would give a large sum of money to have KENNEDY killed.

PAPPAN advised this man was driving a light green Lincoln Continental, which he parked in front of the barber shop, and made comments about his "Lincolns".

PAPPAN stated the other barber had apparently cut this man's hair before, as after he had left, the barber identified him as "BIG BOY" RYAN, and stated he was reportedly a wealthy rancher from Ardmore, Oklahoma, or vicinity, and owned most of the land where the Arbuckle Mountains are located.

PAPPAN described RYAN as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	60s
Height	6' or more
Build	Large
Hair	Brown, turning white
Occupation	Retired oil man

PAPPAN stated he saw RYAN one other time during the rioting in the summer of 1968, at which time RYAN came into the shop and stated he was not afraid of rioters as he had several machine guns and carried one at all times in the back of his Lincoln.

PAPPAN advised he does not recall if the other barber, A. B. BREAKBILL, who owns the shop, was in the shop

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at the time RYAN made the statement about Senator KENNEDY, and he believes the individual who came in with RYAN was his chauffeur.

He stated in discussing RYAN with BREAKBILL, that BREAKBILL indicated RYAN "sure did blow a lot", but PAPPAN did not interpret this statement to mean that RYAN had no dangerous propensities.

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The following information was received from the
Oklahoma City Office:

It has been determined that "BIG BOY" RYAN is
identical to IRL RHYNES.

RHYNES was interviewed at his ranch, East Jesse, Oklahoma. RHYNES was given a copy of "Your Rights" form, as well as a waiver of rights form and was explained certain rights as outlined. When asked to waive his rights and execute the form by affixing the signature thereto, he stated he would not sign the form at this time, based upon the advice of his attorney, but that he would answer any questions that may be asked. RHYNES stated further he understood all his rights as outlined on the form and had nothing to hide.

RHYNES was explained the basic organization and aims of the Minutemen organization, how they obtain funds and members and asked whether he had ever donated funds to an organization by that name or whether he had ever been a member of that organization. In answer to both questions RHYNES stated emphatically he had never been approached by them for any reason whatsoever and that he was not now or had he ever been a member of the Minutemen organization. In addition, RHYNES stated he knows he is considered a radical in his community and in the business world, not only in his politics but in the management of his business affairs, but that the only radicalism that he knows is "being radical for his country and for his farm". RHYNES stated further that based on the original aims of the Minutemen organization, that had they approached him during the early period of their development, he may have furnished them some funds; however, now, because of the stated aims of their leader, ROBERT DE PUGH, and other leaders, he would not give them a dime.

RHYNES was then made aware of the aims and objectives as well as the people who are backing the "Patriotic Party". RHYNES stated emphatically again that he had never been approached and that he was not now or had ever been a member of this

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political party and had never contributed any funds to them. RHYNES was appreciative of being made aware of the aims of this party and the names of some of the members backing this party and stated that since their aims were not the same as his, he would not in any way allow himself to become affiliated with them.

At this point, RHYNES was made aware of Federal statutes concerning the possession of illegal automatic weapons and other machine guns. RHYNES stated he had never purchased machine guns or other automatic weapons, but that he had many weapons in his possession. Most of these weapons were shotguns and .22s utilized by his grandson and him, as well as friends who visit the ranch.

At this point, RHYNES took the interviewing agents on a tour of the house, displaying his vast collection of shotguns and shotgun ammunition utilized by hunting parties on his ranch. When asked specifically if he owned any M16 automatic rifles, RHYNES stated he did not own any M16 rifles but that he did have some AR 15's and would be happy to display them to the interviewing agents. These AR 15 rifles were then produced from under the bed in his bedroom, two in number, and were examined by the interviewing agents and found not to be of the automatic type. The fire control levers on both weapons had positions for safe and fire, but no positions for automatic firing. Both weapons were checked to see if they had been internally tampered with so they could be fired automatically and they were both found to be set up as delivered from the factory. RHYNES stated he possesses these weapons for protection of his household only and that any stories that might have accrued about him were probably as a result of his boasting at various times that he had some automatic weapons and that he would shoot people who trespassed onto his property. He knew this to be a falsehood, but he stated, "My mouth has got me in trouble before."

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RHYNES was displayed Identification Orders 4176 on ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH and 4181 on WALTER PATRICK PEYSON. RHYNES stated he had never met either of these individuals and that under other assumed names or any other circumstances he was sure he had not seen either of these men. RHYNES stated further that he would notify the FBI immediately if he should hear anything concerning either of these individuals.

On March 11, 1969, BURL GRIFFIN, Sheriff, Pontotoc County, Ada, Oklahoma, who is personally acquainted with RHYNES, advised SA J. ROBINSON FIELD that RHYNES is generally considered to be a big talker, is very boastful and is not taken seriously by those who know him. It should be noted that when RHYNES was interviewed above, he admitted having firearms at his home but none of these firearms are considered illegal.

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DON WISE, Bristow, Oklahoma, was interviewed at his place of employment in the presence of Sheriff BRICE COLEMAN and furnished the following information:

Mr. WISE advised that on either May 31 or June 1, 1968, he was traveling from St. Louis Missouri, to Bristow, Oklahoma, along with his wife, his daughter, cousin, and brother-in-law. He stated that his brother-in-law was driving a pickup pulling a trailer and he was following along behind. At about 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. near Rolla, Missouri, on U. S. Highway 66, he picked up a hitchhiker who was dressed in Army fatigues, a field jacket, and combat boots and carrying an Army duffel bag.

This individual told WISE that he was going to Los Angeles and that he had just come from Chicago. This individual also asked WISE the route to Kansas City and indicated that he had to go to Kansas City also.

This individual in talking to WISE stated that he had to be in Los Angeles on Monday night. It is noted WISE believes the day was a Saturday. The individual told WISE that he had to meet "a woman and two men" in Los Angeles on Monday night and if he did not get there in time, he would have to return to Kansas City.

WISE stated that he asked the individual if he had ever been in the Army in view of his clothing, but the individual said he had not and explained that he was an Arab or from another foreign country, WISE could not recall exactly what was said. WISE stated that he asked to see some identification and the individual produced a union card for some labor union on which was written the name SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. WISE stated this was handwritten but was very legible. WISE states he believes the local number of the union was 1714.

In conversation this individual seemed to dwell

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