

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 26, 1968

JOSEPH FRANCIS MC MAHON, 800 Monroe Street, Berwick, Pa., presently employed at the Berwick Forge and Fabricating Company, Berwick, Pa., advised he was attending St. Meinrad College in St. Meinrad, Ind., last spring and he and other students of the college became active in Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's Presidential campaign in the Indiana, Oregon and California primaries. He advised he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., on the evening of the assassination and heard Senator KENNEDY's talk. He advised he remained in the Embassy Room after Senator KENNEDY and his party departed and a short time later, heard a commotion toward the rear of the room and heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that due to the crowd he was unable to get back to the kitchen area and did not see what happened. He stated he did get back to the area sometime later and saw the person believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN being escorted away. MC MAHON advised he observed nothing during the time he was at the Ambassador Hotel which he thought might have any relation to the assassination. He advised the only person he can recall by name who was in the Embassy Room on that evening was CHARLES WHITE, a student at St. Meinrad College, who lives in Charleston, South Carolina. He stated he believes WHITE is still attending St. Meinrad College.

On 12/16/68 at Berwick, Pa. 47 File # Philadelphia 62-4929
 by SA DELMAR H. MAYFIELD, JR.
SA PHILIP M. MORRIS PMM/pms Date dictated 12/17/68

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RAY O'CONNELL, President, Ray O'Connell Associates,
15 West 44th Street, New York, New York furnished the
following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT
KENNEDY in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California
he was in the area of the Television Cameras and did
not observe the shooting. Prior to the shooting he had
not observed SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel. After the
shooting he observed the Police removing SIRHAN SIRHAN
from the hotel.

On 11/25/68 at Telephonically New York City File# 48 NY 44-1640
by SA O. EUGENE SMITH Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/13/68

DEKKER RAWLINGS, 424 35th Street, Manhattan Beach, California (545-6462), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is employed as a sales representative for Western Airlines, Inc., 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, California (277-3037).

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he and his wife, SHARON RAWLINGS, accompanied DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California, and the latter's girl friend, JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Riding in DAVID HODGES' automobile, they arrived at this location at approximately 7:30 p.m. Shortly after arriving at the hotel, they met ROBERT HODGES and WILLIAM HODGES, brothers of DAVID HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, who arrived at the hotel in a vehicle driven by WILLIAM HODGES.

From approximately 7:30 p.m., until approximately 11:45 p.m., RAWLINGS and the others remained together in the Embassy Room at a point between the television cameras and the entrance to the corridor through which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room.

RAWLINGS and the others left the hotel at approximately 11:45 p.m., before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. RAWLINGS later heard about the shooting on the car radio.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to RAWLINGS and after viewing these photographs RAWLINGS advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, or prior to that date.

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On 12/5/68 at Manhattan Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/kaf Date dictated 12/11/68

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RAWLINGS recalled that on the day after the KENNEDY shooting, WILLIAM HODGES informed him that he observed an unkempt person in the Embassy Room of the hotel who appeared "out of place" because of his casual attire. RAWLINGS did not see this individual and does not believe that HODGES was able to identify him as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Date 12/13/68

SHARON RAWLINGS, 424 35th Street, Manhattan Beach, California (545-6462), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

She and her husband, DEKKER RAWLINGS, arrived at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, at approximately 7:30 p.m., on June 4, 1968. They traveled to this location in an automobile driven by DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California, and were accompanied by JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, who is the girl friend of DAVID HODGES. Shortly after arriving at this location, RAWLINGS and the others met WILLIAM and ROBERT HODGES, brothers of DAVID HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, girl friend of WILLIAM HODGES.

From approximately 7:30 p.m. to approximately 11:30 p.m., she and the others remained together in the Embassy Room of the hotel, a short distance from the entrance to the corridor through which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, she and the others left the hotel and drove back to Manhattan Beach.

RAWLINGS was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and after viewing these photographs advised that she could not recall observing any one resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

RAWLINGS was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 12/5/68 at Manhattan Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/kaf Date dictated 12/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

MARY REISS, who resides at 2055 Center Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey, advised that she was associated with the advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koening in June, 1968, and was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was murdered. REISS stated that she was near the exit door that Senator KENNEDY took when he departed from the Embassy Ballroom. She stated that she heard shots and then was moved away from the area by the crowd. REISS stated that she observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN being taken away later that evening by the police and that she was sure she had not observed him before that time.

The following is a physical description of MARY REISS as obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	New York City
Height	5'4"
Weight	135
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school and six months of college.
Arrest	None.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/16/68

Miss MAIDA "MUFF" SINGER, 1400 North Sweetzer, Los Angeles, California, advised that she was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, during the night of June 4, 1968.

Miss SINGER advised that she had worked for the Kennedy campaign and she was working at the celebration at the hotel. Miss SINGER stated that she learned of the shooting from other members of the Kennedy party. She stated that she did not see the Senator again after he left the stage following his victory speech.

Miss SINGER advised that there was no security at the hotel and anyone could come and go anywhere in the hotel without having to show any pass or identification.

Miss SINGER stated that she has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in person, although she has seen his picture in the newspapers.

Miss SINGER stated she had no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 12/16/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/dag ^{XO} Date dictated 12/16/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

SHELLEY TANKEL, who resides at 1480 Thieriot Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised that he was associated with the advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koenig of New York City, and as such he was present in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, in June, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was murdered. TANKEL advised that he was to the front of the podium during the course of the speech and immediately after Senator KENNEDY left the room he proceeded further to the right of the podium and was at that spot at the time of the murder. TANKEL stated that he was in the ballroom for a considerable amount of time that day but had not observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time before he observed him being led away by the police after the murder.

The following is a physical description of SHELLEY TANKEL:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
Height	5'4"
Weight	160
Hair	Brown-balding
Eyes	Green
Education	College graduate
Marital Status	Single
Arrest	None.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File# NY 44-1640
 by SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 29, 1968

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On November 27, 1968, KATHY TAYLOR, 26 S.E. 71st Street, Portland, Oregon, stated that she was with the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign as a "Kennedy Girl," and is now employed by Meier and Frank Company in Portland.

She said she joined the campaign in April of 1968, when the Senator came to Oregon with his campaign, and almost constant companion with her during the campaign was CECI DOUCET, Martha Washington Apartments, 1802 S.W. 10th, Portland, Oregon. She and CECI remained with the campaign until the day after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated, they then returned to Portland, Oregon.

She said she did not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and did not see him at the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. She was not aware of a conspiracy upon the life of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and has not heard of one since the assassination took place.

She said the afternoon before the assassination she was filling balloons with helium in the Embassy Room of the hotel, and placing them around the speaker's podium in preparation for the speech that night. It was during this time that she had occasion to notice any strange activity at all. She said a dark skinned man, not SIRHAN, who was about 5'7" tall, stocky build, dark brown hair, wearing a white hat similar to a chef's hat, and a white waiter's style coat, made several trips into the Embassy Room. She felt this man was employed by the hotel. This man did not say a word while in the room even though she spoke a greeting to him on at least two occasions. Since he did not return her greeting she assumed that he did not speak English. She saw this man only in the afternoon and could not furnish a better description. The man seemed very inquisitive during his trips into the room even though he did not speak.

She said she was in the Embassy Room when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot in the corridor outside. When

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On 11/27/68 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

by SA ROBERT O. WHITE:dav Date dictated 11/29/68

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she heard the shots she first felt they were the balloons popping, and thought very little of it. She fainted when she heard that the Senator had been shot. She heard no talk of conspiracy before or after the shooting.

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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS
REGISTERED AS GUESTS AT AMBASSADOR
HOTEL DURING PERIOD JUNE4-5, 1968

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, the following individual was a registered guest:

JOHN EWART AKASS



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

November 5, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF UNITED STATES
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE 5, 1968

On October 25, 1968 Detective Sergeant MAURICE WENHAM, New Scotland Yard, London, interviewed JOHN EWART AKASS, born [redacted] a representative of "The Sun" Newspaper, London. P11

Mr. AKASS advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting but was only aware of the commotion following the shooting. He did not see the gunman, hear the shots or see Senator KENNEDY after the shooting.

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that the following individuals were guests on June 5, 1968, at the time when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated:

M. AOYAMA
Ace International Company
33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

H. HIRANO
Ace International Company
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

T. MORINAGA
Ace International Tool Company
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D. C.
November 22, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF UNITED STATES
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE 5, 1968

The following individuals were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, at the time when Senator Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated:

M. AOYAMA
Ace International Co.
33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

H. HIRANO
Ace International Co.
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

T. MORINAGA
Ace International Tool Co.
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

It is noted that the Mr. AOYAMA interviewed subsequently has the first name of AKIRA, but since he is obviously the individual referred to above as M. AOYAMA, apparently there was a mistake made by the individual registering him at the hotel initially.

A United States intelligence agency which conducts investigations abroad advised that on October 10, 1968, AKIRA AOYAMA, Chief, Planning Division, Misshin Hodo KK, #3, 2-chome, Nihonbashi-Kaomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, was interviewed and stated that he, along with MORINAGA and HIRANO, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 2340 hours on June 4, 1968. They checked in at the front desk and went directly to their separate rooms. He (AOYAMA) stayed in his room for only a few minutes and went to HIRANO's room where the three (HIRANO, MORINAGA and AOYAMA)

met to discuss their plans for the following day. After that discussion, interviewee returned to his room where he stayed for a few minutes, then went downstairs to the lobby. There he found everything in a state of confusion. He did not understand what was taking place because he did not understand English. The next day Mr. MORINAGA, who understands English, told him what had happened, and said that he (MORINAGA) had watched television in his room after the aforementioned meeting had been completed and the others had departed.

AOYAMA was unable to provide any information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. AOYAMA denied that he had ever seen SIRHAN and said he knew nothing about him. AOYAMA advised that Mr. HIRANO recently had an eye operation and was recovering in the Hagiwara Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

The source advised that on October 14, 1968, HIROSHI HIRANO, Vice President, Nisshin Hodo KK, was interviewed and related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA. HIRANO said he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. He was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The source advised that on October 24, 1968, TAMETAKA MORINAGA, Chief, President's Office Staff, Nisshin-seito KK, was interviewed and related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA and HIRANO. He said that he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. MORINAGA was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1968

Mrs. Pearl Baggs, 1114 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York, stated that in June, 1968 she was on a train tour of the West and that on the night of June 4-5, 1968 she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Her room was in a cottage in back of the hotel.

On the night of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy, Mrs. Baggs went to bed prior to the shooting and knew nothing of it until the next morning when she went to breakfast.

Mrs. Baggs does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 12/2/68 at Brooklyn, New York (telephonically) NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 12/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

CHARLES BALLARD, American Airlines, 36 Book Tower Building, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He advised that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Detroit, Michigan File# Detroit 62-4177

by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/15/68

STEWART BLOCK was interviewed at his office at United Methodist Church, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and stated the following information:

He was present in the Embassy Ballroom June 5, 1968, at the time of KENNEDY'S assassination, in connection with the United Methodist Church's Vietnam Education Project. Standing in the anteroom watching the television monitor, he heard three gun shots which sounded like breaking glass. Soon after hearing the shots he was approached by a heavy-set, middle-aged male who told him that KENNEDY had been shot. BLOCK thought this was peculiar since the man appeared to be calm and had a smile on his face, while others in the ballroom were confused or hysterical. The man quickly departed the ballroom through the back door which led into a lot containing television equipment. He described the heavy-set man as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	Early 30's
Height:	5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	210 to 225
Build:	Stout-heavy
Hair:	Curly; sand brown
Dress:	Open collar brown plaid shirt not entirely stuffed into his trousers
Employment:	Appeared to be blue collar worker

It was opined that the above individual could have had time to personally witness the assassination before confronting BLOCK with the news.

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On 10/14/68 at Washington, D. C. File# 157C-173-155
 by SA's LEN. S. BURTON and
MICHAEL N. CONNER LSB:can Date dictated 10/14/68

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He furnished no information concerning a conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY, and did not know or see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN on or about the hotel prior to the assassination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/21/68

Dr. PHILLIP D. BONNET, Professor in the School of Hygiene and Health, Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, advised that on June 4, 1968 at approximately 8:30 P.M., Los Angeles time, he registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He stated that this reservation was made by the American College of Hospital Administration, San Francisco, California and that he had gone to Los Angeles to attend a seminar on a hospital administration which began on June 3, 1968 and continued through June 6, 1968. Upon arrival at the Ambassador Hotel, he discovered that in addition to the seminar on hospital administration there were several other conventions and political meetings being held.

After checking into the hotel, Dr. BONNET had his dinner in the hotel and went to his room where he retired at approximately 10:30 P.M. Around 12:30 or 1 A.M. on June 5, 1968 he was awakened by someone knocking at his door and upon checking, found out that it was someone who had the wrong room. He stated that he then went back to sleep and when he awakened the next morning, he heard over his television that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been assassinated in the hotel. He stated that he did not see Senator KENNEDY upon his arrival at the hotel and upon viewing the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN he stated that he did not see anyone who resembled this picture.

Dr. BONNET stated that he has no information regarding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and that it was quite a shock to him when he heard of it on the morning of June 5, 1968. He further stated that he had no information concerning any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/20/68 at Baltimore, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA ARTHUR S. BENNETT:jtk Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

A. K. BOUGHNER, Ford Motor Company, Auto Lite Division, Dearborn, Michigan, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He said that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Dearborn, Michigan File# Detroit 62-4177

by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 19681

ROBERT BRADFORD, 8047 South Constance, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he and his family were in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968.

BRADFORD advised that he and his wife were in the Embassy Room when Senator KENNEDY held his victory rally. He advised that after Senator KENNEDY had made his comments, he left the room, at which time shortly thereafter, he heard a commotion in the direction that KENNEDY had left. Mr. BRADFORD advised he did not realize what had happened until people began coming back into the room from the kitchen area screaming that the Senator had been shot.

BRADFORD advised that he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel at any time. He advised he had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy to kill the Senator while in the hotel. BRADFORD advised that he and his family had come to California on a vacation, and this was his first time in the State.

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On 11/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE/rmk Date dictated 11/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/17/68

HENRY BRANDON, Correspondent London Sunday Times, 1523 L Street, N. W., furnished the following information:

Mr. BRANDON accompanied Senator KENNEDY in his campaign in Oregon and California. However, he left California on the Sunday prior to the assassination and flew back to Washington, D. C. Therefore, he was not in Los Angeles at the time of the assassination.

BRANDON remembered seeing no one resembling a picture of SIRHAN during the campaign.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File# WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:mam Date dictated 10/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

Miss FRANCES BURNSIDE, 460 East Breckenridge, Ferndale, Michigan, advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. She advised that she does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Ferndale, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177

by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/681

Mr. ROBERT J. BUSH, also known as Bob Bush, 2900 Colanthe, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised he is the head cashier at the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, on the 7:30 PM to 4:00 AM shift.

Mr. BUSH said he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. He said at the time ROBERT KENNEDY was shot, he, BUSH, was in his room at the hotel. He said SIRHAN SIRHAN is unknown to him and he has no information concerning a possible conspiracy in this matter. He said he did not see SIRHAN in the hotel on June 4, 1968, to his knowledge.

Mr. BUSH said he had previously discussed this matter with a representative from the Los Angeles Police Department. He was unable to recall the name of the individual from that department who contacted him.

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On 12/4/68 at Las Vegas, NevadaFile # LV 62-610
LA 56-156by SA DONALD M. HOLLAND /jmcDate dictated 12/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/68

JAMES E. CHAPMAN, interviewed at International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), 11 South Broadway, White Plains, New York, advised that he is employed by this company as an Airlines Program Administrator and resides at 43 Old Wagon Road, Wilton, Connecticut. He furnished the information set forth below.

He was in Los Angeles, California, on IBM company business in June, 1968, and stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When returning to the hotel by car after midnight, June 5, 1968, via Wilshire Boulevard, he was stopped by police of the Los Angeles Police Department as he drove into the hotel parking lot. While he was waiting to enter the parking lot, an ambulance left, and he later learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot and was being taken to the hospital in that ambulance. This was his first knowledge of the shooting. He observed nothing unusual on his way back to the hotel or in the vicinity of the hotel before or after the shooting.

He never heard the name, SIRHAN SIRHAN, until it was mentioned by news media after the shooting as the name of the person suspected of shooting Senator KENNEDY.

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On 12/4/68 at White Plains, New York File# NY 44-1640

by SAA FRANCIS P. GREALY/fg Date dictated 12/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mrs. IRVING CHERRY, 729 Sheridan Road, advised she was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4-5, 1968. She stated she was in her room all evening and did not attend any functions that evening at the hotel. She stated she was with her sister, Mrs. NORMAN YERETSKY, Hinsdale, Illinois, and PHYLISS MYERS, Sunnyvale, California.

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On 10/2/68 at Evanston, Illinois File# CG 89-61

by SA GIRARD M. ANHINO:pmh Date dictated 10/7/68

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, the following individual was a registered guest:

P. A. CLEVA

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JOS/kaf

Mrs. C. CLEVA, 10 Avenue Georges Mandel, Paris 16, France, advised on January 12, 1969, that P. A. CLEVA was her son.

P. A. CLEVA advised on January 12, 1969, that he and his wife had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4-5, 1968. CLEVA further advised that both he and his wife were not at the Ambassador Hotel at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he and his wife had returned to the hotel some 15 to 20 minutes after the shooting had occurred. CLEVA further stated that neither he nor his wife had any information of value to furnish regarding the assassination.

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Date November 22, 1968

RICHARD ALLEN COHEN advised that he resides with his family at #3 Oak Park Court in Creve Coeur, St. Louis County, Missouri. He is a 19 year old white, male, and a junior student at the Washington University in St. Louis.

Mr. COHEN recalled his activities on June 4 and June 5, 1968, while in Los Angeles, California. He had accompanied his sister-in-law to San Diego, California, for the purpose of visiting his brother, who is in the military service and who was stationed there. Upon arriving at San Diego, California, on June 4, 1968, he decided to go on to Los Angeles because he had learned that former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was going to make a speech there. COHEN had previously been active in campaigning for Mr. KENNEDY in St. Louis. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, and registered for a room there at about 8:00 a.m. He remained at the hotel until 6:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968, when he returned to San Diego, California, by air and continued his visit with his brother and sister-in-law until June 10, 1968, when he returned to St. Louis, Missouri. He had remained at the Ambassador Hotel alone and his decision to go to Los Angeles had not been the result of any pre-arranged plan. Upon arriving in Los Angeles he contacted the headquarters of Senator KENNEDY and volunteered to work campaigning or doing anything else that he could assist in. He was given assignments to work in the Los Angeles community campaigning for KENNEDY which he did until about 1:00 on June 4, 1968. Thereafter, he reported to the Ambassador Hotel where he assisted in arranging and decorating two ballrooms at which Mr. KENNEDY was to appear. The main ballroom was located on the second floor of the hotel which also houses the main hotel lobby. A second ballroom was located on the next lower floor. During the course of the afternoon Mr. COHEN had several occasions to go into the kitchen area adjoining the ballroom for the purpose of obtaining streamers and other supplies. On these occasions he has a recollection of having seen a number of the hotel employees, who he described as "Italian-Americans" and whom he believed to be kitchen help, waiters and busboys.

COHEN has no reason to believe that any of these individuals were SIRHAN SIRHAN. He does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN

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On 11/21/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-782

by SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON SJP/lep Date dictated 11/22/68

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and had never heard of him prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He has no reason to believe that SIREAN SIRHAN may have been in the kitchen or ballroom area any time during the afternoon of June 4, 1968.

After completing the arrangements and decorating of the ballroom COHEN returned to his room where he freshened up and went to the coffee shop in the hotel and had his dinner. Thereafter, he returned to the second floor ballroom at about 7:00 p.m. and waited there until Mr. KENNEDY appeared and made his speech. He recalled seeing Senator KENNEDY leave the ballroom by exiting through a door at the back of the stage area. Having worked in the ballroom during the afternoon COHEN realized that this door would probably lead through a rear exit way and down to the ballroom one flight below where Mr. KENNEDY was supposed to appear and speak to the young people and students who were working for him. Immediately after Mr. KENNEDY left the room Mr. COHEN along with the crowd exited from the ballroom through the main door into the lobby and just as he stepped through the door two men rushed out of a double swinging door to his left leading into the kitchen area and shouted "no one is allowed in here, no one is allowed in here." They immediately took positions guarding the doors to keep anyone from entering. Mr. COHEN thought nothing about this except that he believed that Mr. KENNEDY was passing through that area of the hotel and did not want to be delayed by a crowd of people rushing in there. COHEN proceeded down the steps to the first floor ballroom and just about the time he reached the foot of the steps he heard tremendous screaming and commotion on the floor above and immediately returned to the area of the main ballroom. Upon arriving back to this area he observed considerable confusion and heard some people say that Mr. KENNEDY had been shot. He does not recall who said this to him but it was a general discussion going about through the crowd. He remained in the main lobby outside the ballroom for a short while, he does not recall how long, and realizing that there was nothing that he could do he returned to his room in the hotel. He was accompanied to the room by four young ladies and their chaperone who had been working in connection with Senator KENNEDY's campaign. The chaperone had asked COHEN if the girls could stay at his room. They were as far as he knows local residents of the Los Angeles area and were not guests at the hotel.

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COHEN related that he remained in his room until about 2:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968, and by this time some of the girls who were quite tired were becoming hysterical and the chamberone asked Mr. COHEN if he would mind turning over his room to them which he did. He then went to the lobby of the hotel where he remained until 6:00 a.m. when he checked out of the hotel, took a cab to the airport and returned to San Diego, California.

Mr. COHEN stated that at no time while he was at the hotel did he ever see SIRHAN SIRHAN in the coffeeshop, corridors, in the lobby of the hotel, or in the ballrooms. He stated that he had no information concerning this individual and has no reason to believe that SIRHAN SIRHAN was part of a conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY.

Date 11/26/681

Mrs. LESTER H. CRAVENS was contacted at her residence, 4335 North Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri. At that time, Mrs. CRAVENS advised her mother, Mrs. SIDNEY V. GLOVER, who is a widow, is residing with her. During the summer of 1968, she and her mother took a two-week vacation to California and stated that while in the Los Angeles, California, area they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. She recalled that while staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was allegedly shot by SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in this hotel while they were guests of this hotel. She has seen several photographs in the news media of Mr. SIRHAN, but she does not recall ever seeing anyone resembling this individual in the hotel. She also stated that she was never in the area of the Ambassador Hotel where Mr. KENNEDY allegedly was shot.

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On 11/20/68 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 62-8651
LA 56-156

by SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.:rmb Date dictated 11/20/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/15/68

CHARLES U. DALY, 1220 East 56th Street, Chicago, Vice-President for Division of Public Affairs, University of Chicago, 5801 Ellis, was contacted at the University of Chicago.

DALY advised he had previously been contacted by the Los Angeles Police Department as he had been in the hall behind the Podium of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, when Senator Kennedy was shot on June 5, 1968.

DALY advised he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in or around the Hotel prior to the shooting. He stated he had heard nothing specific regarding a conspiracy on the Senator's life.

DALY stated he and his wife had spent a great deal of their time answering phones in the temporary press room, located off the kitchen. DALY stated he has furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department information regarding his observations, identities of persons present, etc. He stated his wife would be unable to furnish any additional information.

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On 10/14/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE:kmb Date dictated 10/14/68

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CHARLES DALY

CHARLES DALY was interviewed by representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department on August 20, 1968. Following are results of this interview:

PERSON INTERVIEWED: DALEY, Charles DATE/TIME 8-20-68 10 AMSEX M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-10 WT 160 DOB PIIRESIDENCE ADDRESS 1222 E. 56th St., Chicago, Illinois PHONE (312) 643-1752BUSINESS ADDRESS Univ. of Chicago PHONE (312) 643-6262

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

Charles DALEY was contacted by telephone. Charles was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel arriving on 6-4-68. Charles was with his wife (Mary Daley already interviewed). Charles went to the Embassy Room at 8 PM. At the time Kennedy was shot, Charles was in the hallway behind the stage that runs between the anteroom & the kitchen. After Kennedy had been shot, Charles ran into the kitchen and knelt down beside Kennedy. Charles did not have an opportunity to observe Sirhan while in the kitchen area. Charles did not observe Sirhan at anytime at the Ambassador Hotel on 6-4-68. Charles has not been contacted by the FBI or any newspaper regarding Kennedy's death. Charles stated he would compile a list of people he saw at the Ambassador and forward them to LAPD.

Charles DALEY is the director of Public Affairs at the University of Chicago. Charles was contacted at 408 724-5582, but stated he was leaving that location on 8-20-68 and can then be contacted at the Chicago address.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/18/68

Dr. JAMES L. DENNIS, Dean of Medical Services, University of Oklahoma Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised he attended a seminar on hospital administration held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 3-6, 1968. He was a guest speaker at the seminar and upon checking into the hotel became aware for the first time that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was at the hotel in connection with his campaign for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. He stated he became aware due to the large number of people, mostly youth, in the lobby of the Hotel when he checked in. Dr. DENNIS said after dinner on the evening of June 4, 1968, he went to the lobby to watch the enthusiastic activities of those connected with Senator KENNEDY's camp. About 11 PM he retired to his room and turned on the television to watch the results of the primary voting in California and there, for the first time, learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

The next day they were informed that they would not be permitted to leave the hotel until information had been obtained from them by the Los Angeles Police Department. Since the seminar was continuing, this necessitated no change in his plans, and a day or two later when the seminar was over, he checked out of the hotel, leaving his forwarding address.

During the time he was in the hotel, Dr. DENNIS said he did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and had no previous acquaintance with him. He said he had absolutely no information of any sort of any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and had no more connection with the tragic event than he would have had, had he been home in Oklahoma watching the proceedings on television.

He stated he had no further information concerning the event.

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On 12/9/68 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 89-64

by SA DONALD H. SLOAT:pwm Date dictated 12/12/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/25/68

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Date

Mrs. SAM DIEMER, 815 Walnut Street, Fairmont, W. Va., advised that it is possible that she and her husband were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, however, she and her husband did not arrive at that hotel on that date.

Mrs. DIEMER explained that she and her husband were on a tour conducted by the Berry Tour Service, which originated in Chicago, Illinois, approximately a week prior to that date. They departed Chicago via train and visited a number of places en route to San Francisco, California, where they arrived on June 1, 1968. While en route across to Arizona, some difficulty arose in the air conditioning system which allowed a considerable amount of dust to enter the train. Mr. DIEMER is an asthmatic and this affected him considerably. He required the attention of a doctor while on the train and was attended by a physician for the three days that he was in a hotel in San Francisco. Because of his condition, the remainder of the tour was cancelled and Mrs. DIEMER advised that she and her husband departed from San Francisco, California, on June 3, 1968, flying to Pittsburgh, Pa., and then returned to their home in Fairmont, W. Va.

Mrs. DIEMER advised that she and her husband knew nothing about the happenings at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, except what they have read in the newspapers and heard on television.

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On 11/15/68 at Fairmont, W. Va. File# Los Angeles 56-156
Pittsburgh 44-583
 by SA EUGENE C. JONES /psa Date dictated 11/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 26, 1968

Mr. Richard Evans, reporter, London Evening News, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York stated that he was in New York, New York at the time Senator Robert Kennedy was shot on June 5, 1968. Evans stated that he did go to Los Angeles, California on June 5, 1968 but he arrived there about ten hours after the shooting.

On 11/26/68 at New York, New York ⁸⁴ File # NY 44-1640

by SA William J. Roemer/fc Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/17/68

ROWLAND EVANS, Syndicated Columnist, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., furnished the following information:

EVANS was in Portland, Oregon, at the time of Senator KENNEDY's assassination, and flew to Los Angeles the next day. EVANS observed part of the campaign in California and observed none of the campaign in Oregon.

EVANS remembered seeing no one resembling the picture of SIRHAN in California.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File# WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:mam Date dictated 10/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/26/68

Date

TOM FARRELL, Attorney, 575 Madison Avenue,
New York City furnished the following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY he was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Approximately 30 minutes prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he returned to his room to take a nap. About 30 minutes after the shooting he awakened and turned on television at which time he found out that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He has no knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN being in the hotel prior to the shooting.

On 11/21/68 at New York City 86 File# NY 44-1640

by SA O. EUGENE SMITH Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/7/68

JOHN FRIEND, Alladin Hotel, 5559 West 63rd, Chicago, advised he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968.

FRIEND advised he was part of a tour that stayed at the hotel for three nights. He stated the evening of June 4, 1968, the tour returned to the hotel late and he ate dinner in a restaurant in the lobby. FRIEND stated the lobby was very crowded with people and he returned to his room and retired.

FRIEND advised he learned of Senator KENNEDY's situation the next morning.

He advised he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel at anytime. He advised he had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy involving Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/6/68 at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS File # CG 89-61
by SA NELSON E. ROSE/mbw Date dictated 11/6/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/22/681

Mr. JOSEPH GAVAN, 789 Astor Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10467, advised telephonically that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, when ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot and killed. Mr. GAVAN said that he has no information regarding the killing and that he does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and has never seen him. Mr. GAVAN said that his wife was with him and she also is unable to furnish any information.

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On 11/18/68 at (telephonically)
New York, New York File# NY 44-1640

by HERBERT W. KILGORE (A):hk Date dictated 11/22/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 11/7/68

Mr. FRANCIS J. GILLAN, Teller, State Treasurer's Office, State Office Building, Boston, Massachusetts, with residence at 100 South Florence Street, South Attleboro, Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

GILLAN stated that on June 5, 1968, he was in Los Angeles and attended a victory rally in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he did not witness the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and to the best of his knowledge did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the vicinity of the Embassy Ballroom prior to the shooting.

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On 11/4/68 at Attleboro, Massachusetts File# Boston 46-646

by SA DONALD B. PALMER/gb Date dictated 11/6/68

Date 11/26/681

Mrs. SIDNEY V. GLOVER was contacted at her daughter's residence, Mrs. LESTER H. CRAVENS, 4335 North Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, where she is presently residing.

According to Mrs. GLOVER, she and her daughter, Mrs. DOROTHY CRAVENS, took a two-week vacation during the summer of 1968. This vacation was in the Los Angeles, California, area, and she stated that they traveled to and from the Los Angeles area by train. She did not recall the exact dates they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, but advised they were there the day before and at least the day following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which occurred in this hotel.

Mrs. GLOVER advised she read several reports concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY, and she also has seen several photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, who has been charged with the shooting of Mr. KENNEDY. She advised she does not recall ever actually seeing Mr. SIRHAN or anyone resembling him in the Ambassador Hotel nor was she ever in the area of this hotel where Mr. KENNEDY was shot.

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On 11/20/68 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 62-8651
LA 56-156
 by SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.:rmb Date dictated 11/20/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

November 29, 1968

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Date

ATTILIO GRANITO, 60 Edgewood Street, Tenafly, New Jersey, furnished the following information:

He and his wife were registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, from June 3 through June 6, 1968. They were returning to this hotel just after ROBERT KENNEDY was shot. They saw people running out of the hotel and shouting that KENNEDY had been shot. He saw a Sheriff come out of the front entrance and he had who appeared to be SIRHAN in a hammerlock. Other Sheriff's officers were carrying rifles. A group of people were gathered around and some were shouting, "Let's get him," meaning SIRHAN. Some persons knocked down the Sheriff holding SIRHAN and he landed at GRANITO's feet. The Sheriff's men then pushed SIRHAN into a car and drove off. GRANITO advised that he knows of no information involving a possible conspiracy and does not know SIRHAN.

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On 11/26/68 at Tenafly, New Jersey File # Newark 44-372

by SA RICHARD L. BIGLER /eag Date dictated 11/29/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

JERRY GREENE, reporter, New York Daily News, furnished the following information:

GREENE covered the California primary for the New York Daily News. He covered both the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns. While in California, GREENE stayed in a room at the Ambassador Hotel. The night of KENNEDY's assassination, GREENE was at the NBC studios at Burbank, California. He was dictating to his New York Office at the actual moment of the assassination.

GREENE does not remember ever having seen SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel or at any time during the campaign. He could furnish no other information regarding the assassination.

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On 11/15/68 at Washington, D.C. File# WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:blj Date dictated 11/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/2/68

MICHAEL HARRINGTON, LEAGUE for INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, 112 East 19 Street, New York, New York advised that he had been in Los Angeles, California working for Senator Robert F. Kennedy prior to the murder of the Senator.

He stated he had left Los Angeles on or about May 31, 1968 and was in New York City at the time of the shooting.

He said he did not know nor had he ever heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 12/2/68 at New York, New York File# NY 44-1640

by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER /wjr Date dictated 12/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 15, 1968

Miss GRACE JORDAN, 1583 Wadsworth Street, Wheaton, Illinois, employed by Arnold Johnson Associates, Chicago, Illinois, advised that it is necessary for her to do considerable traveling in her work and on June 4, 1968, she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, and had a room on the 2nd floor, the number of which she can not recall.

She advised that approximately 11:15, on June 4, she returned to her room, watched television for a short time, and fell asleep. Early in the morning on June 5, 1968, Miss JORDAN heard considerable commotion in the hotel; however, she thought it was just celebrating and went back to sleep since the hotel had been quite noisy and full of activity all night.

She did not learn of the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY until she arose the next morning.

She never saw SIRHAN and she was unable to furnish any information concerning the shooting or the circumstances surrounding it.

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On 10/10/68 at Wheaton, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA ROBERT C. ROBINSON/prk Date dictated 10/11/68